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#### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties. See instructions in Guide nes for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box of by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property			
historic name The Rock House; Th	e Rock Saloon; The Pines	: Pinehurst Estate	es
other names/site number			······································
2. Location			
street & number Pine Tree Lane			not for publication
city, town Groom Creek		_XJ	vicinity
state Arizona code A	Z county Yavapai	code <b>9</b> 25	zip code 86301
3. Classification			
	Category of Property	Number of Resource	s within Property
	X building(s)		oncontributing
public-local	district	વ	1 buildings
public-State	site		1 sites
public-Federal	structure		structures
	object	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	objects
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Name of related multiple property listing:		Number of contribution	ng resources previously
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4. State/Federal Agency Certification	ดก		
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Signature of commenting or other official			Date
State or Federal agency and bureau			
5. National Park Service Certification	on		
, hereby, certify that this property is:			
entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  determined not eligible for the	Cutamort of Geo		ાચાવાવ પ
National Register.  removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)			
	Signature of the	e Keeper	Date of Action

6. Function or Use		
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)	
Commercial Trade: Saloon & Stage Stop	Domestic: Single dwelling	
Domestic: Single dwelling		
7. Description		
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)	
	foundation Stone: Granite	
No Style: Vernacular	walls <u>Stone: Granite</u>	
	roof <u>Composition shingle</u>	
	other	

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

#### SUMMARY:

The Rock House is a single dwelling constructed circa 1901 with three enlargement of the original structure about 1935, addition of about 1940 and addition of a second garage in 1979. structure, known as "The Rock Saloon" and "The Rock House" is constructed of uncoursed native granite fieldstone probably collected from the immediate This structure is constructed in a rustic vernacular style. end-gable structure, "T" shaped in plan and symmetrical in massing, the main being 58 feet by 18 feet. There is a cross-gable ell, 13 feet by (See Building Sketch, Exhibit A). The structure faces west feet north, away from the current street alignment but facing slightly old the Senator Road, a major north/south transportation alignment The lintel over the door of the original 1939. portion structure The former garage (shown as the guest house dated 1901. A), also constructed of uncoursed fieldstone, forms an ell Exhibit the of the structure but is separated from the residence bу breezeway. is now used as living space. This An additional in 1979 to the north end of the structure but is also separated was added from structure by a breezeway. All three roofs intersect. and condition of the structures based on the additions completed integrity prior to 1940 are excellent.

of the Rock House is composition shingle laid over at least two The original roofing material on the 1901 structure was other layers. wood There is very little overhang and the eaves are boxed. There five dormers (4 gabled and 1 shed) on the west (front) facade, one of appears in an undated historic photo of the structure before additions which in the 1930s (See Photo #1). There are 2 dormers on the one on each side of the ell. east and The roof structure of the ell intersects long gabled roof at right angles. The garage, which was added the (front) facade about 1940 is also constructed of uncoursed stone the forms an ell, 18 feet by 20 feet, and although it is separated from the main structure by a breezeway, the roof structures intersect at right

8. Statement of Significance		
Certifying official has considered the significance of this pro-	operty in relation to other properties:  statewide X locally	
Applicable National Register Criteria XA B C		
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	D DE DF DG	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  Commerce	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Transportation	1874-1939	1939
Exploration/Settlement	1901–1944	1935
	Cultural Affiliation	
Significant Person	Architect/Builder	
Marie Vance Ryan		

#### State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

#### SUMMARY:

The Rock House is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion "A". Originally a stage stop and saloon on the Prescott and Lynx Creek Toll Road, the Rock House is located in a rural area approximately 4 miles south of Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona. The community of Groom Creek has traditionally been isolated due to its location and elevation of 7,000 feet. A public house in a rural community, particularly an isolated one, has traditionally been the location of many events. Although this use was apparently abandoned before 1921, after which time the Rock House became a private dwelling, it is still known in Groom Creek by many long-time residents as the "Rock Saloon".

The community of Groom Creek originated around 1864 as a settlement for miners, who were mining the placer gold in the area along Groom and Link (later, Lynx) creeks. It was named for Colonel Bob Groom (b. Kentucky, August 24, 1824; d. January 21, 1899) who came to Arizona in 1862 and was one of the earliest anglo settlers in the Prescott area. Though he lived primarily by mining and prospecting, he was also a surveyor and surveyed the townsite of Prescott. He was also a member of the Territorial Legislature.

Groom Creek, nicknamed "the flower garden of Arizona" by early prospectors who admired the poppy-lined creek, was populated in the late 1880s and early 1890s by families who made their livings ranching, mining, operating flour and saw mills and raising cattle. There were approximately five hundred men working mines from the top of Spruce Mountain down to the junction of Groom Creek and the Hassayampa River. Roads were primitive at best, and all supplies had be hauled by wagon or pack horse.

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Desired Assessment (NDO)	See continuation sheet
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preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested	Primary location of additional data:  X State historic preservation office
previously listed in the National Register	Other State agency
previously determined eligible by the National Register	Federal agency
designated a National Historic Landmark	Local government
recorded by Historic American Buildings	University
Survey #	X Other
recorded by Historic American Engineering	Specify repository:
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Verbal Boundary Description	•
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The boundaries of the nominated proper	erty are shown on the attached map
entitled "Sketch Map" and conform to Assessor's Parcel number 104-11-22J.	the boundaries of Yavapai County
ASSESSOT S Faiter number 104-11-223.	See continuation sheet
Boundary Justification	
Boundary Sustification	
The first document specifying boundaries	for the area of the Book House in
the "Notice of Mining Location for the	S for the area of the Rock House is
Catherine Bennett. This Notice is dated	July 1 1921 Prior to that data
	X See continuation sheet
11. Form Prepared By	
name/title Nancy L. Burgess	
organization Preservation Consultant	date 44945+ 28, 1994
street & number P. O. Box 42	telephone (602) 445-8765
city or town Prescott,	state AZ zip code 86302

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The detached garage added to the north end of the structure in 1979 is also an end gable structure which is offset to the west and is also separated from the main structure by a breezeway. The main roof of the Rock House is intersected by a stone chimney which serves a fireplace in the dining room and a wood stove flue in the kitchen. This was constructed during the 1935 remodeling.

There are two main entrances to the structure, both on the west (front) The single entry door to the south is the original opening to the structure as it existed prior to 1935 and now opens into the living room. lintel above this door bears the inscribed date "1901". The The north single entry door, which is located opposite the guest house and underneath the breezeway separating the guest house from the main structure, now opens into the dining room, which is part of the 1935 addition. A door which once existed at the north end of the original structure, but which was probably original to that structure, is now a window. A large ponderosa pine tree which appears at the southwest corner of the structure in the undated historic photograph is still there. There was a second entry door west facade of the original structure which appears in the historic photograph. This opening is now a window.

Windows all date from the 1930s remodeling. They are primarily six and eight pane steel casements set in pairs, with some three panel casements with a fixed six or eight pane panel in the middle. Several windows have stained glass inserts.

The interior of the Rock House includes hardwood floors, plastered walls with rounded corners and pine paneled walls. There are seven rooms: living room (1901), dining room, bedroom and 1/2 bath and kitchen downstairs and three bedrooms and one bath upstairs. The second floor is open to the dining room with a loft area. Total living space is 2,286 square feet. The former garage was converted to living space by enclosing the south-facing garage door opening with a large multipane window.

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The original 1901 structure was rectangular in plan and symmetrical in massing and probably contained only two rooms. Though the lintel date is confirmed by written documentation of the existence of this structure at this location, it may be older as it is referred to as "Rock House" in a list of stage stops as early as 1874. However, due to the extensive remodeling done in approximately 1935 by the then owner, the context for the dwelling and the guest house, both of which are contributors, is circa 1935. The newer garage, constructed in 1979, is a non-contributor.

The Rock House is located in the unincorporated community of Groom Creek, on Pine Tree Lane, off Schoolhouse Gulch Road, which is accessed by the Senator Highway, 4.0 miles south of the intersection of East Gurley Street and South in the City of Prescott, County, Vernon Street Yavapai Originally the Good Year No. 2 Mining Claim (Patent Number 995387, 4, 1927, see Exhibit B, Plat of Mineral Survey) containing approximately the claim has been subdivided into several parcels (see Exhibit portion of Subdivision plat of Pinehurst Estates). The setting of the The realignment of the Senator Highway, original. House is subsequent construction of Pine Tree Lane and other area residential streets the mining claim was subdivided, resulted in the current front of the structure facing away from the public street being the main facade facing Pine Tree Lane. The old roadbed clearly visible in front (west) of the Rock House. The site is situated setting of high desert ponderosa/juniper forest at the northwestern of Spruce Mountain (elevation, 7,693) at an elevation of approximately 6,200 Native Granite outcroppings are common in the area. The landscaping primarily native and natural. Native plants include ponderosa the predominate tree at this elevation, Utah Juniper mountain mahogany, three-leaf sumac and several types of Oak. oak. including Emory and White Oak. There is a canopy of tall ponderosa with a lower story of low trees (Gambel Oak and Utah Juniper) and a medium cover of low shrubs and wildflowers. At an elevation of 6,200 the climate is four-season, with harsh winters and substantial snow cover in the winter months. Winter lows may occasionally go below -20 degrees F. and summer highs occasionally break 80 degrees F. in July. Rain averages approximately 20 inches per year.

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The Prescott and Lynx Creek Toll Road was incorporated by an Act of Territorial Legislature December 30, 1865. The road was to be constructed from Prescott to Bower's and Co.'s quartz mill on Lynx Creek and was to completed by May 1, 1867. The tolls were \$1.50 for each wagon and \$.25 each horse and rider. Those on military duty were exempt form The first stage and teamster stop along this road was at Rock Saloon, whiskey was served to dusty teamsters freighting to the mines and water drivers and stock was available as required by the incorporation act. 1875 a five mile extension was cut to the Senator Mine. At that the road acquired a name: The Senator Highway. By 1878 the road was extended to Alexandra, 32 miles south of Prescott. Though the summer population of Groom Creek area was increasing in the late nineteenth century, few around due to the severity of the winters and the In 1899 the Senator Highway was established as Yavapai obtaining supplies. County Road District No. 1, and in 1939 was realigned to the much of it follows the original alignment of the wagon road, passing century-old mining camps and passing through the community A remnant of the old alignment remains visible on the property but does not retain integrity (see Exhibit B for location of road).

By 1901 there were enough full-time residents in Groom Creek to justify a post office. Established July 1, 1901, the name selected was Oakdale, due to the location in the community of a large grove of oaks. However, this name lasted only approximately six weeks, and the name was changed officially to Groom Creek on August 19, 1901. Though never incorporated, the Townsite for Groom Creek City was recorded in Yavapai County records in 1903. The post office was discontinued January 31, 1942.

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The property on which the Rock House is located was established as the Good No. 2 mining claim by Catherine Healy Bennett (Mrs. Grant Bennett) though it had been mined before. The Bennetts were a pioneer family who had filed on a homestead nearby in 1899. interview. Mrs. Bennett, who came to Groom Creek in 1905 with parents, stated that when she took the claim on the mine the Rock House the stage had not run there in a long time. abandoned sold the Good Year No. 2 to Marie Vance Ryland, who moved into House with her daughter. Mrs. Ryland then patented the mining In approximately 1927, Mrs. Ryland married Exhibit They kept the Rock House as a part-time residence. Ridgway Ryan. Mrs. Bennett lived at the Rock House and helped the Ryans with the house and The Ryans also constructed a log cabin on the property Bennetts lived while the remodeling was underway. This log cabin stands but is located on another parcel and is under separate ownership from the Rock House. It is therefore not included in this nomination. point in time, two wood-frame wings were added to the east and west sides of Α stone well structure with a gabled roof was constructed during this period and remains on the property. The location of this well is indicated by a box marked "well" on Exhibit C. The wings removed and a major remodeling of the Rock House commenced The remodeling consisted of doubling the size of the original early 1930s. an ell on the east facade and adding a adding partial All new construction was uncoursed native stone which matches the original construction. The pattern of the stones can be matched the historic photograph to ascertain the relationship of the original structure to the current structure. The Ryans named their Groom Creek property "The Pines".

The Ryan family lived at The Pines part time for a number of years, keeping the property defined by the boundaries of the Good Year No. 2 mining claim intact. Mrs. Ryan taught piano lessons and children from Prescott would be brought to Groom Creek for lessons and recitals. Mrs. Bennett described Mrs. Ryan as "an artist with her music". By 1944, the Ryans were divorced and Mrs. Ryan sold the property on July 11, 1944.

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In 1961 the Good Year No. 2 mining claim was subdivided and became "Pinehurst Estates" subdivision. A large tract of land ("Tract A" shown on Exhibit C) which included the Rock House was not subdivided. This parcel has now been split into three parcels. The remaining parcel on which the Rock House is located contains approximately 2.22 acres.

Historic photographs and home movies obtained from the Ryan family clearly show that the remodeling of the Rock House was completed by 1935, based on shown in the photographs. It is also known that the vehicles constructed other structures on the property, including the log previously mentioned, a stone stable, which is also located on another and is under separate ownership, and a playhouse. Based information, plus the construction techniques and windows used in the former can be assumed that the garage was built during the Ryans the No records as to the year  $\mathbf{of}$ property. the garage constructed can be found. For these reasons, the period of significance the Rock House is prior to 1874 (the date of the first written reference Rock House) to 1901 for its relationship to commerce; 1874 to 1939 its relationship to transportation; and 1901 to 1944 for its relationship to exploration and settlement. Significant dates include 1901 (lintel 1935, the year by which the remodeling had been completed and 1939, the year the Senator Highway was realigned. Context of the structures is circa 1935.

Groom Creek area remains to this day a small, tight-knit of both year-around and summer residents. A popular recreation area with Goldwater Lake nearby and many hiking trails, it has remained a rural community. Population figures for the area are not and though growth has occurred considerably in the last scarcity of private land and the harsh winters have resulted much slower growth pattern than nearby Prescott, which in population from 5,000 in 1970 to more than 24,000 in 1990. has historically been only one store in Groom Creek, which closed recently after fifty years, and no other commercial development. among the hills and gullies, roads are unpaved except for the Senator Highway and the atmosphere and attitude of the community are, as the past, traditionally rural.

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land was in the ownership of the United States, and though others the immediate area, no one had proven a legal claim. The Rock mined House certainly there in 1901 and may have been there as early as 1874. defines the size of the claim as being located in the Hassayampa Mining District and being 1500 feet in length and 600 feet in width. Vance Ryland patented the claim in 1924, the Plat of Marie the Mineral Survey shows the exact location of the claim in the NE1/4 of Sec. 22 and the Sec. 23, T13N, R2W, Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian Since the Good Year No. 2 was subdivided Exhibit B). and the remaining which is outside the boundaries specified property in the description is in other ownership and includes numerous other structures. boundaries of the property included this nomination conform with the current boundaries of Yavapai County Assessor's Tax Parcel 104-11-22J, which has been owned by Janice and James Simmons since 1978.

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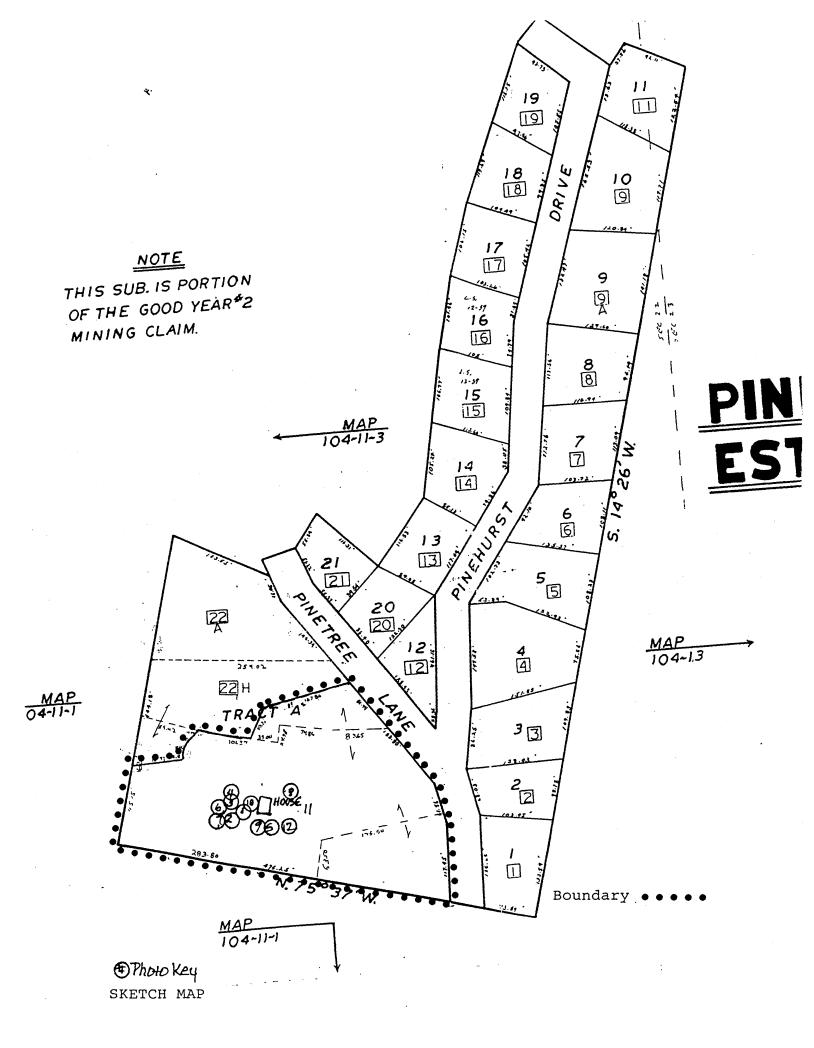
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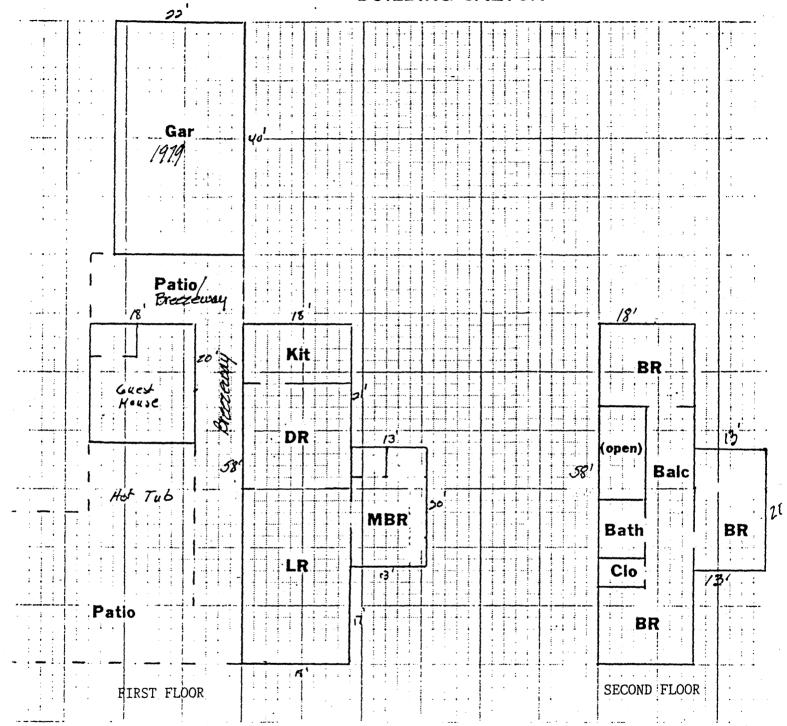
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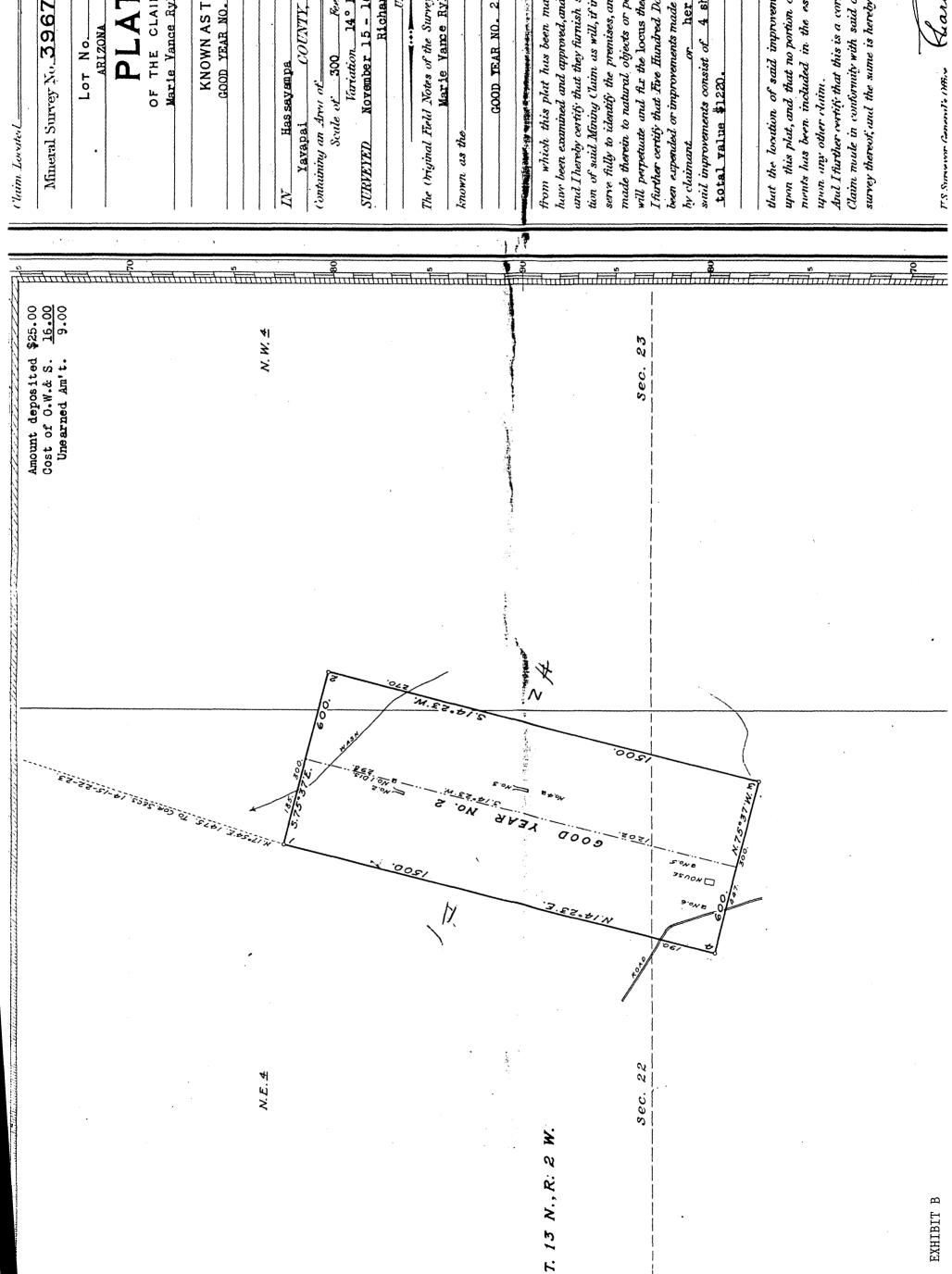
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 5) unknown
 6) front view, camera facing east and slightly north:
 7) #6
 6) 3/4 view, front and guest house, camera facing east and slightly north;
 7) #7
 6) rear and bedroom ell with 1979 garage to right; camera facing southwest;
 7) #8
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 6) front window detail, camera facing east:
 7) #9
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 6) end view, camera facing north;
 7) #10
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6) rear view, camera facing west;
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 6) end view, camera facing north;
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#### **BUILDING SKETCH**







and I hereby certif; that they furnish such an accurate descrip-Land District. huve been examined and approved, and are on file in this Office, been expended or improvements made upon said Mining Claim The (Higinal Field Notes of the Survey of the Mining Claim of tion of suid Mining Unim as will, if incorporated into a patent, serve fully to identify the premises, and that such reference is grantors and that upon this plut, and that no portion of said labor or improve-MINING DISTRICT, =-fures. BY I.S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor, made therein to natural objects or permanent monuments as And I further certify that this is a correct plat of said Mining Claim mude in conformity with said original field notes of the I further certify that Five Hundred Dollars worth of labor has from which this plat has been made under my direction, that the location of said improvements is correctly shown nunts hus been included in the estimate of expenditures will inprovements consist of 4 shafts, and 2 cuts. Richard L. Merritt Arizona Feet to the inch. survey thereof, and the same is hereby approved. GOOD YEAR NO. 2 lode <u>Р</u> GOOD YEAR NO. 2 lode Marie Vance Ryland will perpetuate and fix the locus thereof. Warle Vance Ryland **KNOWN AS THE** THE CLAIM Variation 14° E. November 15 - 16 PLA. COUNTY ¥ ... Y ARIZONA LoT No. 300 Has sayempa upon any other daim. total value \$1220. (ontaining an Ares of= N N Scale of

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NRIS Referenc	e Number:	94001489	Date Listed:	: 1219194		
Rock House Property Name						
<u>Yavapai</u> County	<u>AZ</u> Sta	te				
<u>N/A</u> Multiple Name						
This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documental subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendment notwithstanding the National Park Service certification inclination documentation.						
Signature of	<u>le</u> the Keeper		<u>                                      </u>	iy f Action		
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action  Amended Items in Nomination:						
Statement of Significance: The first two lines under the Period of Significance are removed. The Period of Significance is 1901-1944.						
Under Significant Person, "Marie Vance Ryan," is removed.						
Geographical Data: The acreage is 2.22 acres.						
This information was confirmed with Reba Grandrud of the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office.						
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