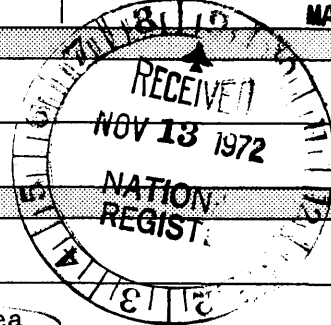


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: Chelan	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Courtney Cabin #089

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Possibly McComb Cabin

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Stehekin, Lake Chelan National Recreation Area

STATE: Washington      CODE: 53      COUNTY: Chelan      CODE: 009

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Interior Building

CITY OR TOWN: Washington      STATE: District of Columbia      CODE: 001

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Chelan County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Chelan      STATE: Washington      CODE: 53

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
None

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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COUNTY:

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A long, low one-story cabin, the original one room portion of which is constructed of overhanging round notched logs with a log purlin roof support structure. As the Courtney family increased, several frame additions were made. Generally, the log portion is in fair shape, although repairs, such as a new roof, are urgently needed. The frame additions, to the rear of the cabin, have deteriorated, probably beyond restoration. The simple gable roof overhangs a small porch at the front of the house, a typical feature of early structures in the Stehekin Valley.

In front of the house is a subterranean root cellar, reached through a small frame entrance and stairs. The interior condition of this cellar is unknown.

Boundary: NW ¼ of NW ¼ Sec. 16, T 33 N, R 17 E

Location: Travel northwest on Stehekin Valley Road approximately 4.4 miles. Turn left across Stehekin River Bridge and proceed 2.4 miles. Cabin is located on right side of road on edge of clearing at road's end.



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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |                                      |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Possibly built in the 1880's or 1890's by a man named McComb, the Courtney Cabin is a prime example of early homesteading cabins in the Stehekin Valley; these cabins were built entirely by hand and from local materials. Acquired by the father of the present senior generation of Courtneys, it stands as mute testimony to the hardiness of the pioneers in this remote land.

The present-day Courtneys, known far and wide for their many skills as mountain guides and outdoorsmen, were born and raised in this cabin.

It is one of the few surviving examples of the beginning of pioneering in this spectacular, remote mountain valley some 80 years ago.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

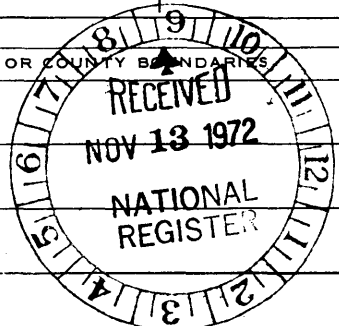
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: lacre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Erwin N. Thompson, Historian & Laurin C. Huffman II

ORGANIZATION: Pacific Northwest Region, National Park Service  
DATE: 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:  
4th & Pike Building

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle  
STATE: Washington  
CODE: 53

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>John A. Pente</u></p> <p>Title: <u>Director, Pacific Northwest Region</u></p> <p>Date: <u>August 31, 1972</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Ernest Alan Connolly</u> Associate Director, Professional Services Date: <u>MAY 31 1974</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Charles B. Hendricks</u> Acting Keeper of The National Register Date: <u>5-28-74</u></p>
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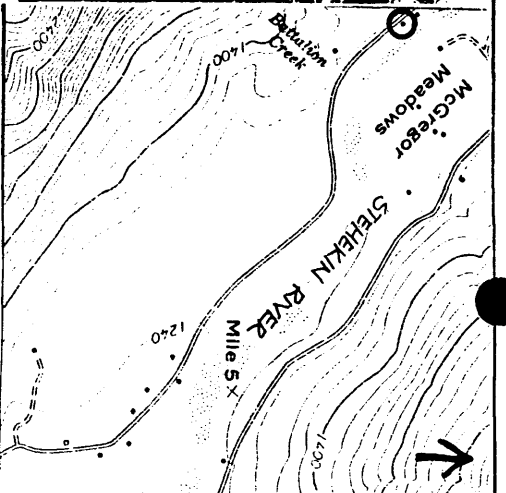
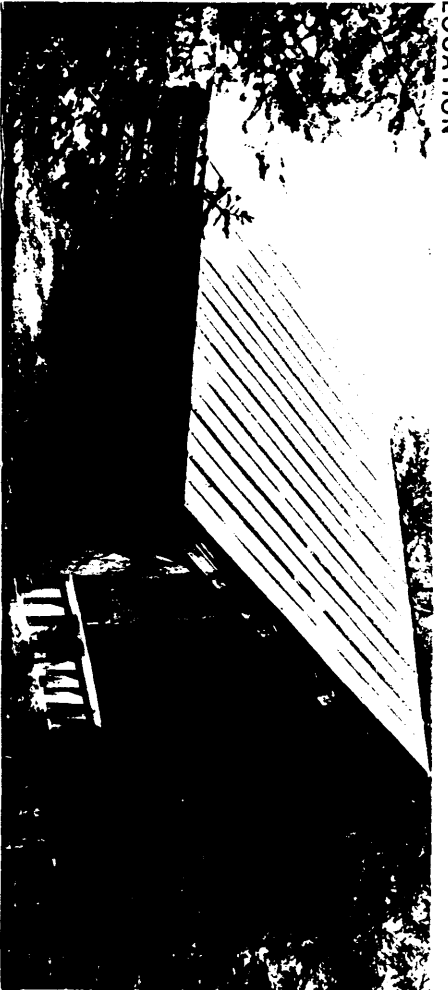
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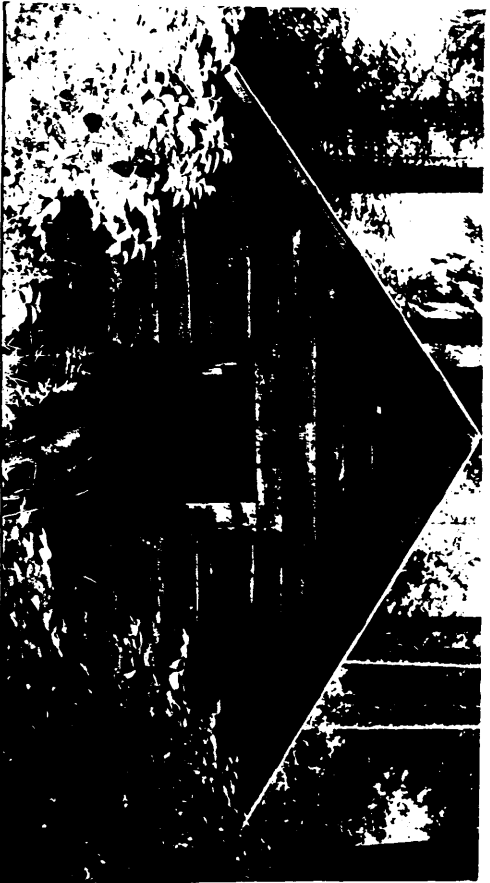
<b>NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE/SITE</b> MCCOMB CABIN/COURTNEY LOG CABIN (Building)		<b>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION</b> c. 1880-90s		<b>SITE ID. NO.</b>	
<b>SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION</b> Company Creek Road, east side, approx. 5 miles from Stehekin Landing		<b>ADDITION(S)</b>		<b>SCALE</b> 1:24000 <b>QUAD NAME</b> Stehekin	
<b>DISTRICT</b> Stehekin		<b>COUNTY</b> Chelan		<b>UTM ZONE</b> 10 <b>EASTING</b> 666711 <b>NORTHING</b> 05359115	
<b>OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS</b> National Park Service		<b>STATE</b> Washington		<b>CROSS REFERENCE</b> NOCA Bldg. #89 / V-7	
<b>DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.</b> Log cabin. Log construction set on rock and earth foundation; rectangle (17' x 21'); 1-bay wide; 1-story; round logs with hand-hewn planked ends and saddle-notched corners; metal-covered (over wood shake) gable roof extended on east 7' to form porch overhang; wood panel and glass center entrance on east with plain surrounds. Exterior features include boarded-up horizontal window openings (approx. 32" x 60") cut into log walls on north and south; door opening on west with 9" board surrounds; plain fascia board; porch supported by 2 log posts with low railing and squared posts. Notable features: "H.I. Courtney" engraved in cement chinking on east.  This log cabin may have been built and/or lived in by an early settler named McComb, although this is unclear. By 1917 McComb had left the valley, perhaps abandoning this place. In 1918 it became the home of Hugh Lawrence Courtney who came to Stehekin in 1917 and stayed to raise a family (descendants remain in valley today). As the Courtney family grew, wood frame additions were made to the original cabin (these were removed c.1970s). A root cellar with a wood frame entrance structure stood nearby (removed). The cabin was lived in until the 1950s, and remained in the Courtney family until Curt Courtney sold to the National Park Service in 1971. A metal roof was placed over the shake roof to prevent further deterioration and windows were boarded-up. Other than these preservation measures, nothing else has been done to alter the appearance of this early cabin.		<b>CONTRIBUTING</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTING <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CONTRIBUTING		<b>DANGER OF DEMOLITION?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN <i>Deterioration/neglect</i>	
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<b>SIGNIFICANCE</b> This log cabin is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.					

PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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YES

NO

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