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DATA SHEET

Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Nevada
COUNTY:	White Pine
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ENTRY DATE	FEB 25 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:	Rhodes Cabin (#19)
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:				Lehman Caves National Monument			
CITY OR TOWN:			CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:				
Baker Vicinity			Congressman-at-large				
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE				
Nevada	32	White Pine	033				

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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) _____ _____ _____

4. AGENCY

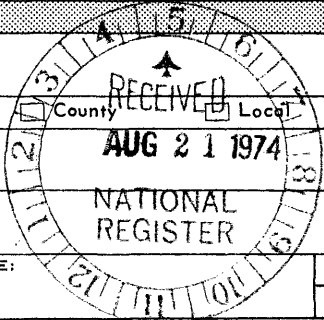
National Park Service	
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)	STREET AND NUMBER:
Western Region	Box 450 Golden Gate Ave., 36063
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:
San Francisco	California
	CODE
	06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
White Pine County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Ely		STATE:	CODE
		Nevada	32

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:			
None			
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE



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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Preservation-restoration recommended

This one room log cabin, 19 feet long and 11 feet wide, originally rested on the ground. It had a front entrance door and a side door. There were two windows on the back side, one on the end opposite the door, and one on the front side. The logs were chinked with mud and concrete. The roof was plank and sod supported by log beams. The floor was dirt.

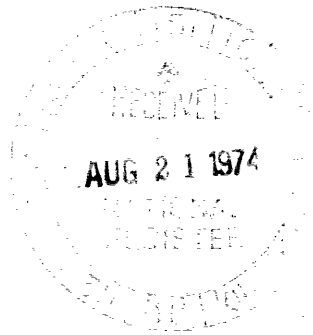
The cabin has been restored. The only deviations from the original construction was the placing of a concrete footing under the cabin to deter rotting of the bottom logs, and the substitution of mud-simulated cement chinking.

The cabin now contains pictures of Absalom S. Lehman, discoverer of the Cave and interpretes how the area was discovered. Located near the visitor center, the cabin is visited by a large percentage of the park's visitors.

Boundary: The cabin is located north of the visitor center, 75 feet, northeast of the weather station 40 feet, and 30 feet west of the fire hydrant located on the curve to the upper terrace. The boundary comprising approximately one acre is the west side of the road to the parking terrace, the north end of the visitor center, 70 feet north of the cabin and 50 feet west of the cabin on the hill toward the natural entrance.

Class VI land: 1 acre

Cost estimate: park maintenance funding adequate



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8. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1928

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<u>Tourism</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

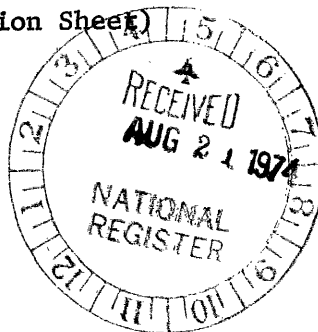
3rd order

This cabin was built in 1928 as part of a resort at Lehman Caves. It was designed to house tourists. During the 1930s the cabin served as a residence for park employees.

It is one of the few remaining remnants of early day tourism to the famous Lehman Caves, and is probably the oldest tourist accommodation in the vicinity.

Historical research would be needed to obtain additional data on the cabin.

(See Form 10-300a Continuation Sheet)

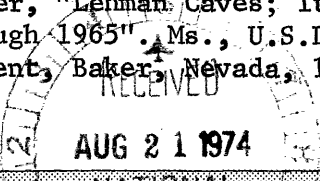


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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Historic Structures Report, Part II, Thodes Cabin," Nov. 1965
in files of Lehman Caves National Monument

Keith A. Trexler, "Lehman Caves; Its Human Story from the
Beginning through 1965" Ms., U.S.D.I., N.P.S., Lehman Caves
National Monument, Baker, Nevada, 1966.



10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

NATIONAL REGISTER

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

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Nevada	32	White Pine	033
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: F. Ross Holland, Jr., Historian DATE: Dec. 1971

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Denver Service Center, NPS

STREET AND NUMBER: 7200 W. Alameda Blvd. PHONE:

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:
 Yes
 No
 None

Eric Cronkite
State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

Walter J. ...
Federal Representative Signature Date: DEC 19 1974
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Title

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

AR ...
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 2/25/75

ATTEST:
Charles ...
Keeper of The National Register
 Date: 2.24.75

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8. Significance - continued:-

Although some sources claim that the Rhodes Cabin was built by Absalom Lehman, discoverer of Lehman Cave, 1922 photographs show no cabins or other buildings on the site, tending to invalidate that claim. The local newspaper, the Ely Record of March 2 and May 25, 1928, reported that several log cabins were being built by contractor Charles Davis near the entrance to Lehman Cave. Baker resident Ralph A. Kaufman later testified that he provided C. T. Rhodes, the then private operator of Lehman Cave, with financial aid in building those cabins. A Mr. Winn and a Mr. French assisted in construction of the cabin. The logs used in the cabin reportedly came from along Baker Creek and the roofing boards were cannibalized from the Osceola water flume which had been constructed in the late 1880's.

The cabins was designed as tourist accommodations according to the Ely Daily Times of May 19, 1928, but during the 1930's it was used by National Park Service personnel (both permanent and seasonal) as living quarters. Still later, it was used for storage of paints, oil, and other flammable supplies. Having survived this precarious period of its existence, subsequent to 1963 it was repaired and restored.

Lehman Cave was made a national monument by proclamation of President Warren G. Harding on January 24, 1922. C. T. Rhodes, a former restaurateur and former chauffer to Nevada's governor, had owned the site since 1920, and it was he who developed tourist facilities such as the Rhodes Cabin there. In addition to the cabin he erected sleeping tents for tourists and an arboreal dining room. He replaced ladders in the caves with stairways and excavated crawl-holes into passages through wich one could walk erect. Reappointed in 1923, Rhodes advertised the "Pine Bowery" and the "Lehman Tea Room" as part of his tourist facilities along with the cabin. In 1932 the State of Nevada paid Rhodes \$15,000 for his land and on September 5, 1933, deeded the land to the Federal Government, under which it passed to the National Park Service.