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CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT
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REGION RMRO PARK/AREA NAME Arches Natl. Park PARK NUMBER 1348

STRUCTURE NAME Rock House/Custodian's Residence STRUCTURE NUMBER ARCH - 31

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE Vicinity of Visitor Center PARK LOCATION CODE HQ

NATIONAL REGISTER _____ DATE: / / MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: (A) (B) (C) (D)

NPS LEGAL INTEREST FEE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: NO

Check all of the following categories for which NPS has treatment responsibility:

Stabilization() Cyclic Maintenance() Routine Maintenance() Approved Ultimate Treatment()

(ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION USE ONLY)

APPROVED ULTIMATE TREATMENT OR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, CULTURAL COMPONENT DESIGNATION:

Preservation (PP) Restoration (RR) Reconstruction (CC)
Adaptive Preservation (AP) Adaptive Restoration (AR) Adaptive Reconstruction (AC)
Neglect (NG) Remove (RM) No Approved Treatment (NO)

Approval Document _____ () Document Date: / /

Estimated Treatment Costs _____

Stabilization: \$ _____ Date: / / Level of Estimate: (A) (B) (C)
Approved Treatment: \$ _____ Date: / / Estimator: (Region) (DSC) (A&E)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Date of Construction: / / 1941 Date of Alterations: / / multiple
Architect/Designer: Verland Norgard Historical Theme(s): Park Development (IX D)
History of Structure: This structure was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps for the National Park Service. It served as the National Monument's custodian's residence until MISSION 66 housing became available and since has served as offices and non-operating museum for the Canyonlands Natural History Association. It presently is still used by the Natural History organization in those capacities.

Evaluation of Structure: Historic Theme Contributing Non-Contributing _____
National Register Criteria: A X B C D (Include integrity statement)

~~The Rock House is still in its original location and nearly original condition, aside from routine maintenance work. However, 2 modern, obtrusive additions have been added to the rear corners of the house.~~

Bibliography: Custodian's House Files, Arches National Park.

Representation in Other Surveys: 1975 LCS

If structure has been removed, how? N/A Date: / /

Report prepared by: S. F. Mehls Date: 9/13/ 86

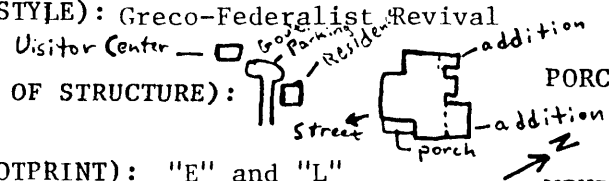
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CONTINUATION FROM FRONT SHEET - STRUCTURE NAME Rock House/Custodian's Residence

LOCATION: Section 20 State Utah USE: CURRENT INTERIOR USE (NPS 28 CODE) NA/CM
Township 25S County Grand Original Use Residence
Range 21E Intermediate Uses Residence
PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE) HI

OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: NPS DRAWING NO. _____
Original Owner: NPS NEGATIVE NO. CAB 11, # 18, 19, 21, 21
Intermediate Owner(s): _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

TYPE OF STRUCTURE (NPS 28 CODE): BU CHIMNEYS: 2 central, coursed rubble, flat caps
1 offset left, 1 offset right
ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER (STYLE): Greco-Federalist Revival
SITE (INCLUDE ORIENTATION OF STRUCTURE):  PORCHES: 1 southwest side, stone floor, with 3 square corner support columns and one false half column for decoration
OVERALL BUILDING PLAN (FOOTPRINT): "E" and "L" WINDOWS: double-hung, mutined, inset 4 over 4 lights, paired, main house. Other windows various.
OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 60'7" x 39' (to back or largest addition) DOORS: panelled front door solid 6 panels
COMPOSITION (NPS 28 CODE): ST ADDITIONS: 2 french doors, 10 lights
STORIES: 1
FOUNDATION: stone (rusticated, random ashlar) 1 & 2' high no watertable apparent
WALLS: coursed rubble, decorative milled wood facia & trim INTERIOR PLAN: roof, stucco
The interior has been slightly modified with replacement of the coal heating sys.
ROOF: parallel multiple end gables, cedar shingles, wood siding gable insets, small trimmed box cornices with eave overhangs, decorative milled wood perimeter trimmed INTERIOR FINISHES: Paint on plaster, plasterboard.

SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:

Modern, metal, screen doors have been added to 3 doors.
The house has a small utility crawl space basement.

LOCATION: Section Unsurveyed State Utah
Township 37S County San Juan
Range 17E

USE: CURRENT INTERIOR USE (NPS 28 CODE) VC/ZZ
Original Use like to Natural Bridge
Intermediate Uses like to Natural Bridge
PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE) HI

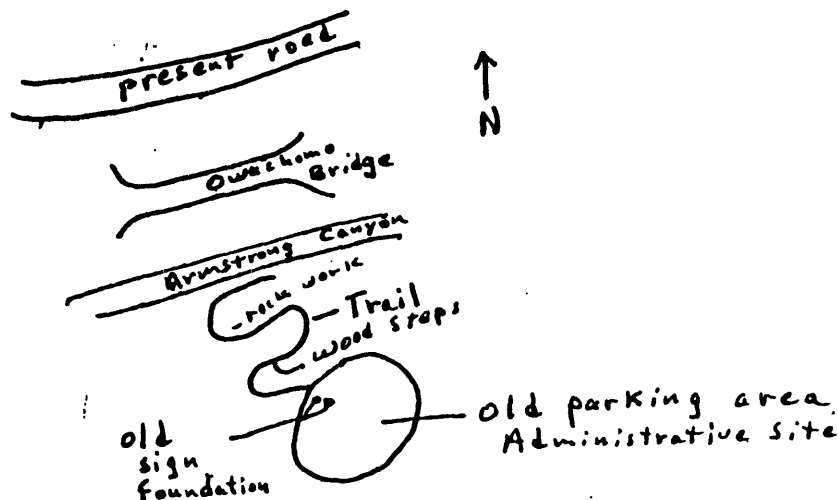
OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: NPS
Original Owner: NPS
Intermediate Owner(s): _____

DRAWING NO. _____
NEGATIVE NO. CAB 17, # 2, 4

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

(DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.)

Type: . RD
Material: EA/ST/WD
Dimensions: 3' to 6' wide x 1/4 mile



SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:

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Custodian's Residence(Rock House)

This is the only structure included in this nomination. It is constructed of coursed rubble with decorative milled wood facia and trim. It sits on a rusticated ashlar foundation. The cedar shingle roof has multiple end gables with an overhang decorated with milled wood and box cornices. Stylistically the house is a Greco-Federalist Revival, modified to reflect local Mormon influences. Two small additions have been added to the back of the house. The house remains in its original location, with the original landscaping in tact. The driveway has been paved. From the front the house appears much as it did when first constructed. The interior has been heavily modified over the years and is not included in this nomination.

See attached LCS form.

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Custodian's Residence

Function or Use:

Historic: institutional housing/staff housing
Present: recreation facility/museum and office

Geographic Data:

Acreage: one

UTM Reference: 12 6 20 550 42 75 075

Verbal Boundary Description:

The residence and lawn are bordered on the north by the rear extreme of the landscaping done for the house, about twenty-five feet beyond the rear walls, on the east by the driveway that leads to the house, on the south by the north side of the road that runs in front of the house and on the west by the western edge of the landscaping associated with the structure and eastern edge of the employee parking lot for the Visitor Center.

Boundary Justification:

The boundaries follow the area of development and landscaping associated with the structure. Beyond the lot the house sits on, the area to the rear is in a natural state, while the other three sides have been substantially modified by later park development, therefore do not contribute to the historic setting.