

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Rosencrans Cabin Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

Rosencrans Cabin

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Bridger-Teton National Forest, Blackrock Ranger Station

CITY, TOWN

Moran, Wyo.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #1 at Large

VICINITY OF 9 miles east of Moran Junction

STATE

Wyoming

CODE  
56

COUNTY  
Teton

CODE  
039

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

U.S. Forest Service, Region 4, Intermountain Region

STREET & NUMBER

324 - 25th Street

CITY, TOWN

Ogden

VICINITY OF

STATE

Utah

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Teton County Courthouse

Within the boundaries of Teton National Forest created from the Teton Forest Reserve by Executive Order 872, July 1, 1908.

STREET & NUMBER

181 King Street

CITY, TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Wyoming

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Wyoming Recreation Commission, Survey of Historic Sites, Markers and  
DATE Monuments

1967 (revised 1973)

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Wyoming Recreation Commission

CITY, TOWN

Cheyenne

STATE

Wyoming

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rosencrans Cabin Historic District is a three-acre plot of ground in the 3,400,267-acre Bridger-Teton National Forest of northwest Wyoming. The district is west of Rosie's Ridge, an east-west trending mountain on the southwest edge of the Absaroka Range. Just north of the district is the Buffalo Fork River and beyond the river to the north is Randolph Mountain. To the west is the Buffalo Fork Valley. Adjacent to the district on the south is a Forest Service employee residence area, and a half mile south of the district is U.S. Highway 26-287, paralleled by Blackrock Creek and the Mount Leidy Highlands of the Gros Ventre Range. The district contains lodgepole pines, five log structures and the grave of forest ranger Rudolf "Rosie" Rosencrans. From this location Rosencrans rode horseback through Two Ocean Pass, the Upper Yellowstone and Thoro-fare country, and other areas of the forest which he administered in the early 1900's.

Rosencrans Cabin is near the north boundary of the historic district, on the edge of a terrace that rises slightly above the Buffalo Fork flood-plain. Resting upon level ground the cabin faces south, although originally it had a door and porch on the north elevation. It is a rectangular log structure 33' x 23' in length and width and 16' high at the gable crown. Corner joints are squared and exterior logs are chinked with mortar held in place by green willow. The foundation is stone and mortar, and it has a gable roof covered with cedar shingles penetrated by a brick chimney. The main entrance to the cabin is a single door on the south elevation. Windows in all four walls originally were all double hung, 29" x 58" in size, and each contained four lites. However the window on the south face has been reduced vertically by half while those on the north have been removed. A porch which originally extended the full length of the north face has been enclosed, but still contains a single door entrance and two windows. A large fixed-pane window replaces the original, and a similar fixed-pane window replaces one on the north end of the east face. A log cabin addition, 13' x 15' in size, has been attached to the east face of the Rosencrans cabin and is used as a bedroom. The addition has a gable roof which is also covered with cedar shingles, but it has no foundation.

The west end of the Rosencrans cabin interior contains a kitchen. The enclosed porch addition contains a bathroom and bedroom. The main room of the cabin is a living room containing a few pieces of furniture such as a sofa, chairs and an army cot, but the main attraction is a wood burning stove at the west end of the room. Wall logs in this room are well shaven and, like ceiling support beams, are well-varnished and well-preserved. Plank flooring is covered with a patterned linoleum that dates from at least 1938. Electricity is supplied to all buildings in the historic district, but Rosie's Cabin is the only one to which water is piped. The building is occupied in the summer by Forest Service personnel.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES            ca 1915                            BUILDER/ARCHITECT   Rudolf (Rosie) Rosencrans

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rudolf "Rosie" Rosencrans was born in Austria, a graduate of Vienna University and trained ocean navigator. Rosie visited Jackson Hole prior to 1900 and returned in 1903 to become a ranger in the Teton Division of the Yellowstone Forest Reserve. Chief administrator of the Teton Division was Rober Miller, appointed in 1903 by A.A. Anderson. Anderson was authorized by President Roosevelt in 1902 to administer the Yellowstone Forest Reserve.

With the help of John Alsop, Rosencrans built the first ranger station in what is today the Buffalo District of the Bridger-Teton National Forest. It was a structure approximately ten feet square. Prior to, or during the year 1915 the cabin was replaced by four of the five structures in the historic district. Ranger Rosencrans retired in 1928 because of failing eyesite, and on September 22, 1970 he died at the age of 94. He is buried south of his cabin, and east of his grave a prominent ridge in the Buffalo Fort Valley bears his name.

The Rosencrans Cabin Historic District should be enrolled in the National Register for at least several reasons. First, although the architectural style of its log structures does not appear to be uncommon for the period during which they were built, the structures are particularly well built. Not only have they survived as examples of log architecture, they are still in use and appear to be maintained in excellent condition. Second, as new United States Forest Service structures are built, perhaps it would be wise to recognize and conserve some remaining log structures which, like those in the Rosencrans Cabin Historic District, can still meet the needs of Forest Service personnel. Third, the structures are associated with Rudolf Rosencrans, who, as one of the first rangers in what eventually became the Bridge-Teton National Forest, played an administrative role in the early history of the United States Forest Service. Because Yellowstone National Park was the heart of a timberland from which were created the nation's first national forests - including Teton National Forest - further study of individuals such as Rosencrans is warranted. We need to define further the roles played by those who helped administer the forest and who thus played roles in the conservation of America's resources.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historical Files of Teton National Forest  
Box 1888  
Jackson, Wyoming 83001

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Interview: Dennis Smith by Mark Junge, July 20, 1979 and Nov. 5, 1979

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Rosie's Ridge, Wyoming

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,2	55,26,7,0	4,85,33,7,5	B	1,2	55,26,7,5	4,85,33,1,5
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	1,2	55,26,0,0	4,85,33,0,0	D	1,2	55,25,8,0	4,85,33,2,0
E	1,2	55,25,1,0	4,85,33,3,5	F	1,2	55,25,2,0	4,85,34,0,0
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Starting at a point 65° east and 50' east of the Rosencrans grave; hence 200' south (180°); hence 235' west (267°); hence 90' northwest (326°); hence 220' (281°) northwest; hence 235' north (11°); hence 50' north to the top of the Buffalo River Bank; hence east and south along said riverbank to the point of beginning; 3 acres + or -

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dennis B. Smith, Forestry Technician; Mark G. Junge, Historian, WRC

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Bridger-Teton Nat'l Forest-Buffalo Ranger District 5-29-79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

PO Box 278 307-543-2386 Blackrock Ranger Station

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Moran Wyoming 83013

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE     

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

*See letter 6/17/80 for Fed. Reg. Signature*

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Jan L. Wilson*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

February 25, 1980

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*W. Ray Luce*

DATE

8/6/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Paul Slousser*

DATE

7/25/80

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Thirty six feet west of the Rosencrans Cabin is storage building #1, a log cabin with squared corner joints. Facing east, the cabin is 29' x 15' and has a six-foot roof extension extending over the main entrance on the east elevation. The gable roof, twelve feet high at the crest, is covered with cedar shingles. The building apparently rests upon its log walls. Two windows on the north face and one on the south face are double hung, vertical, sliding-sash. On the west face is a horizontal, double hung, sliding-sash window. All windows have twelve lites. The most outstanding feature of the interior is the appearance of hand-hewn wall logs. Upon the plank floor are stored the belongings of Forest Service personnel.

Approximately 75' south of the Rosencrans Cabin and facing south is a 4' x 4' frame privy with half-log siding. It is capped by a gable roof covered with shake shingles. The structure is probably not old enough to qualify for the National Register and, although it does not diminish the appearance of the historic district it does not, either, add substantially to it.

Approximately 120' south of the Rosencrans Cabin is storage building #2, another one-story, rectangular log cabin. It is aligned in a north-south direction and its dimensions are 15½' x 24½'. The foundation is concrete, the roof is gabled, and corner joints are sawn. Openings include a single frame door in each of the north and south facades, a vertical fixed-pane window with nine lites on the east face and a wooden hatch opening to the outside on the west face. The cabin is used for storage of saddles, machinery, lumber and miscellaneous equipment.

One hundred and seventy feet south of storage building #2 is a two story, rectangular log horse barn facing south. Its dimensions are 20' x 30'; the height at the eaves is 14' and the crest of the gable is 24'. The barn is of the same construction as the Rosencrans Cabin, that of large logs square at the corners. The foundation is of concrete with corrugated steel. On the south face is a seven-foot door and a fixed pane, six-lite window. The north face also contains a fixed-pane window. On the upper level of each of the west and east faces is a chute used in hay storage, and above the east chute is a nine-lite, fixed-pane window. The interior portion of the barn's lower level displays a plank floor and a log beam and plank ceiling, and is used for storage of tack and grain.

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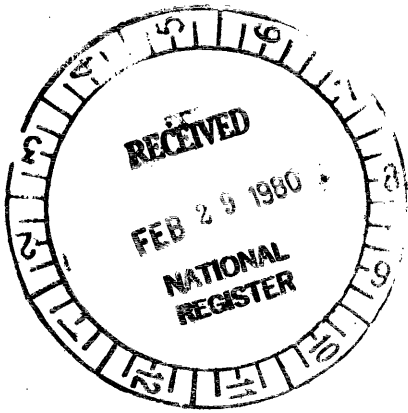
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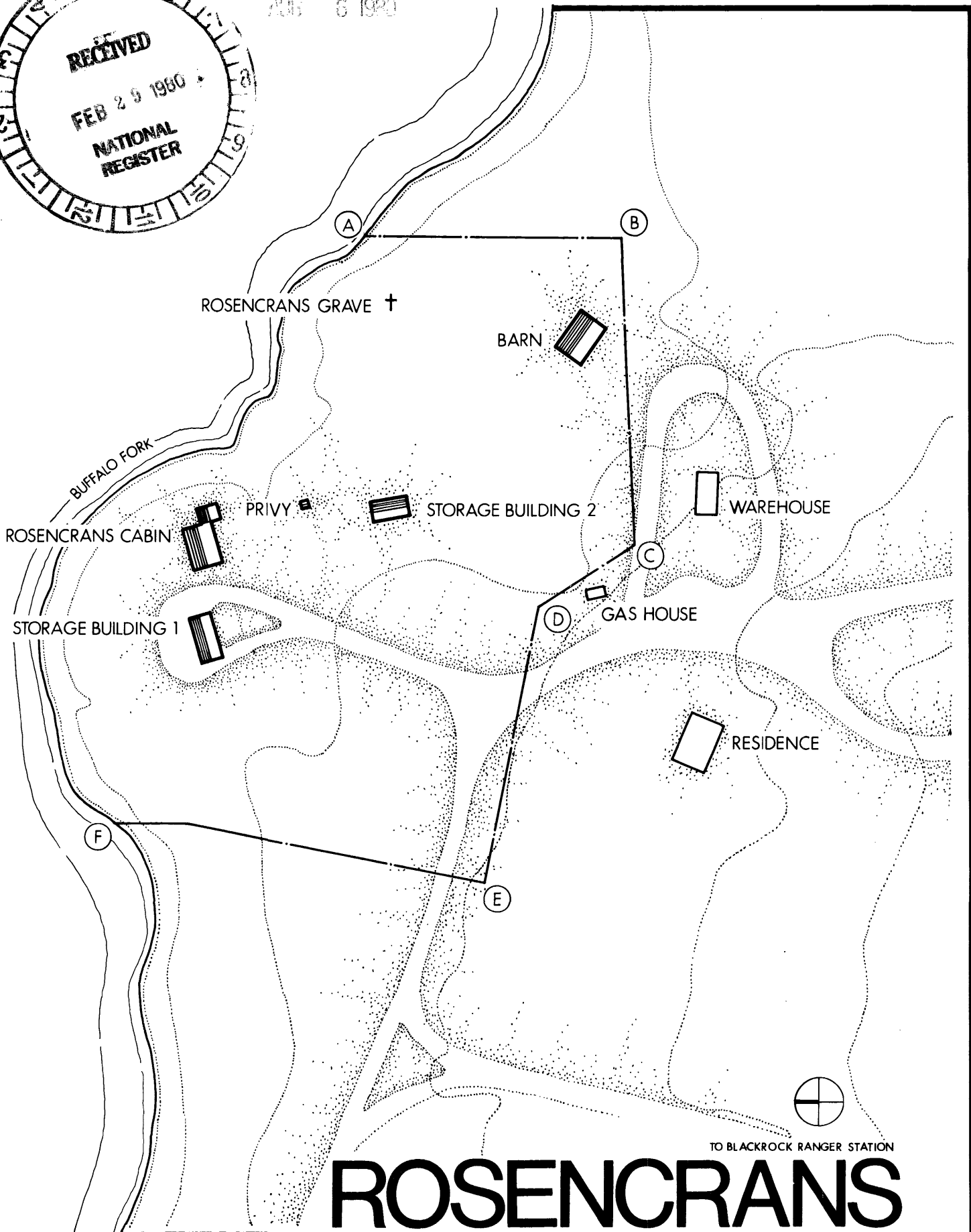
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Northeast of the barn and southeast of storage building #2 is the Rosencrans grave, enclosed by a pole fence. Within the enclosure is a wooden marker denoting Rosencrans' name, title and life dates.



AUG 6 1990



# ROSENCRANS CABIN

## HISTORIC DISTRICT

ADAPTED FROM U. S. FOREST SERVICE  
BLACKROCK ADMINISTRATIVE SITE PLAN  
SCALE: 1"=100' DRAWN: 25FEB80 CF