

DATA SHEET

Form 10-306
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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:	Utah
COUNTY:	Garfield
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ENTRY DATE	APR 23 1976

1. NAME

COMMON:
* * Starr Ranch
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Starr Springs Campground - 46 miles south of Hanksville on U-276

CITY OR TOWN: _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
#2

STATE: Utah CODE 49 COUNTY: Garfield CODE 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Developed campground by BLM</u>

4. AGENCY

Bureau of Land Management

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Richfield

CITY OR TOWN:
Richfield, Utah

STREET AND NUMBER:
850 North Main Street

STATE:
Utah

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Bureau of Land Management

STREET AND NUMBER:
850 North Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Richfield, Utah

STATE:
Utah

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Charles B. Hunt

DATE OF SURVEY: 1953 Federal State County Local N.A.

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Geological Survey Paper #228

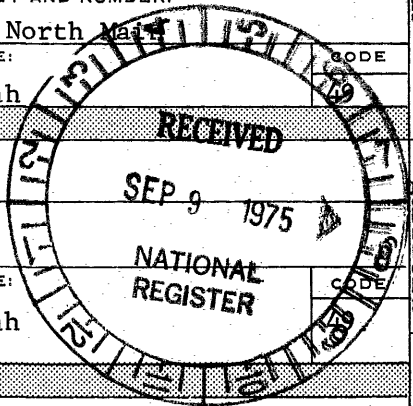
STREET AND NUMBER:
Government Printing Office

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington D.C.

STATE:
Dist. of Columbia

CODE:
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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 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

The site represents the first permanent ranch in the southern end of the Henry Mountain in 1890. The site consists of a ranch house and smoke house. The smoke house appears to have been the residence while construction of the house was taking place. The roof of this subterranean structure was made of fitted granite rocks in an arched form of construction. There is no internal or external form of support for this roof. No mortar was used in construction of either the smoke house or the ranch house. The ranch house was also constructed of closely fitting granite rocks with soil used for sealing of the rock walls. The walls were about two feet thick.

The site is now protected by a fence. Vandalism is evident on the main ranch house, with many of the interesting sculptured window sills removed. The smoke house is still intact.

The terrain is rolling hills to flats, near a large spring which bears Starr's name. The surrounding area is now a developed recreation area and is one of the points of interest in the southern end of the mountains.

The buildings have been altered by deterioration and vandalism.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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)

<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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Developed campground</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" 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

Al Starr ✓ entered the Henry Mountains as an early prospector in the 1880's. He started a mine on Mt. Hiller which he worked a few years. Evidently the mine was not a paying operation and in 1890 he settled at Starr's Spring to start a cattle operation. This operation too succumbed to economic disaster and by 1900 the ranch was abandoned.

The significance of the site lies not in its role in history, but in the unique form of construction of the ranch house and smoke house. As mentioned, it is now a scenic attraction at Starr Springs Campground.

The site is of local significance since Al Starr was not a major figure head in the early settlement of the Henry Mountains or the west.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hunt, Charles B., Geology and Geography of the Henry Mountains Region; Geological Survey Paper #228
 1953
 Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paul G. Boos		DATE: 10/3/73
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Bureau of Land Management, Richfield District		
STREET AND NUMBER: 850 North Main Street		PHONE: 896-5401
CITY OR TOWN: Richfield	STATE: Utah	CODE: 49

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12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

<p>State Liaison Officer recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><i>William J. Smith</i> State Liaison Officer Signature</p> <p>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 <input type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> State</p> <p><i>James P. ...</i> Federal Representative Signature Deputy Assistant Secretary Title</p> <p>SEP 5 1975 Date</p>	<p>NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><i>James P. ...</i> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>4/23/76</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><i>Charles ...</i> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>4.22.76</u></p>
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8. Significance

Local legend has it that the ranch was often visited by Butch Cassidy and his cohorts.

A short lived venture, Starr Ranch failed probably because of over-grazing. Today, the region's primary economic base is ranching, and the Starr Ranch represents an early effort at this occupation in the south end of the Henry Mountains.

Of unusual construction for the area, the ranch house, was built of dressed granite (diorite) and chinked with mud. Much time and care was taken in the construction of the building in relation to its relatively short use span.

The smoke house, too, is uniquely built. A dugout, its only visible support is the earthen sides of the structure, and its arched roof. The only wooden posts found in the building are two pole stringers used as meat drying racks.

