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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hodgdon Homestead Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

Homestead Cabin

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Yosemite National Park

VICINITY OF Wawona

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

15th

STATE

CA

CODE
06

COUNTY

Mariposa

CODE

043

2 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Interp. Prog

4 AGENCY

National Park Service
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Western Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

450 Golden Gate Ave., P.O. Box 36063

CITY, TOWN

San Francisco

VICINITY OF

CA

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 577

CITY, TOWN

Yosemite National Park

CA

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Structures Inventory

DATE

1961

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Same as #5

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1960

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hodgdon Homestead cabin was built in Aspen Valley in 1879 and was moved to Wawona in 1960. It is a two-story log structure measuring 22' x 30', with a rear shed addition which gives the building the appearance of a saltbox. The main portion of the cabin is built of peeled logs laid in alternating tiers and interlocked at the corners with a saddle notch joint. The horizontal spaces between the logs are chinked with split log wedges. The cabin features a large porch on the front and exterior stairs to the second floor on the south side. There are two windows, double hung 6/6, on the front facade, flanking a board and batten door. The shed addition is of frame construction and is sheathed with wood shingles. The shingles on the walls and roof are lapped with a 24" exposure. The exterior has been restored and furnished to its 1880's appearance as a pioneer homestead. The homestead includes a privy behind the house.

The justification for the move is twofold: the main reason was the preservation of the only two-story pioneer log cabin in the Yosemite region; a secondary concern was the need for an authentic building to interpret the early settlers' life a part of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. As the descendants of Jeremiah Hodgdon has planned to tear the cabin down, the National Park Service deemed it appropriate to allocate funds for its purchase and removal from private land in Aspen Valley (an inholding on the western boundary of the park).

The building was partially dismantled for the move, and the bottom logs were replaced when it was reassembled on the new Wawona location. A new outside stair replaced an identical, earlier version in 1975.

The building is on a regular maintenance schedule for the National Park Service. Any preservation/stabilization work should have prior approval of the regional Historic Architect in lieu of a Historic Structures Preservation Guide.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1879

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Jeremiah Hodgdon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In May 1865 Jeremiah Hodgdon, native of Vermont, homesteaded an area originally known as Bronsons - located just a few miles inside today's Big Oak Flat entrance to Yosemite National Park. He built two cabins for his family in the meadow that still bears his name. Several years later he located yet another homestead in previously unoccupied Aspen Valley ". . . he built, in '79, a two-storied log cabin. . . the only one of that description in or near Yosemite National Park."¹ The Hodgdon Meadow cabins were removed years ago when the property was acquired by the National Park Service; however, the Aspen Valley building survived and possesses local architectural significance as the finest example of a pioneer homestead in Yosemite National Park.

It is appropriate that Hodgdon homestead cabin be used to depict the environment of early park settlers. The disputes that occurred when Yosemite National Park was established, encompassing the land of pioneering families, provide an important element in understanding the various aspects of the "Conservation battle."

During its extended lifetime the cabin served as a temporary home for laborers on the Great Sierra Wagon Road (1883); shelter for Army troops patrolling the new National Park (1890's); and as a local curiosity for guests at the Aspen Valley resort during the 1920's and '30's before the old Tioga Road was realigned.

1. Schlichtmann, Margaret and Irene Paden, The Big Oak Flat Road to Yosemite, Yosemite Natural History Association, 1959.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Building file: Hodgdon Homestead Cabin, Pioneer Yosemite History Center Prospectus, 1958.
 Yosemite Research Library.
 Schlichtmann, Margaret and Irene Paden. The Big Oak Flat Road to Yosemite, 1957,
 Yosemite Natural History Association.
 Trexler, Keith. The Tioga Road: A History, Yosemite Nature Notes, special edition.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA *Less than One*

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 10

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 1	2, 6, 5	4, 1, 5, 7, 7, 7, 5	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Leslie Starr Hart/Historian
Merrill Ann Wilson/Historic Architect

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Denver Service Center/National Park Service

8/76

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Robert Phelan
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

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

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE *William Cole*

TITLE

DATE June 22, 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

W. Cole

DATE

6/9/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: William Cole

DATE

6-7-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER