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

The Mc Gurk Cabin is a one story, one room log structure measuring 14' square. It was built without foundations or fireplace. It consists of round, peeled lodgepole pine logs, laid on alternating tiers and joined together with a saddle notch joint. It has a dirt floor, and a single opening-a door-on the South facade. The cabin has a gable roof, covered with wood shingles which are laid with a 32 " exposure. The cabin was originally chinked with split log wedges.

The cabin was stabilized by the National Park Service in 1958. There are several large peeled log posts inside the cabin that are supporting the roof.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This cabin, on the edge of Mc Gurk Meadow, was probably **b**uilt by Hugh Davanay, who sold the property to Jack Mc Gurk in 1895. Mc Gurk was a cattleman, among other pursuits (hogman, deputy sheriff, etc.), and it can be presumed that he grazed his stock at the meadow during the summer months. Mc Gurk occupied the site for two years before being evicted by the Army in 1897 over a title dispute. Aside from his seasonal residence in this cabin there is no additional evidence of Mc Gurk spending time in Yosemite. The meadow is known as Mc Gurk's because his tenure was the longest of all the various owners.

In 1958 a group of Sierra Club volunteers, under the direction of the then Chief Park Naturalist, stabilized the cabin. The idea was that hiking was increasing in the Bridalveil Campground-Mc Gurk Meadow area and that this cabin would be a unique interpretive outpost for the area.

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