

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)

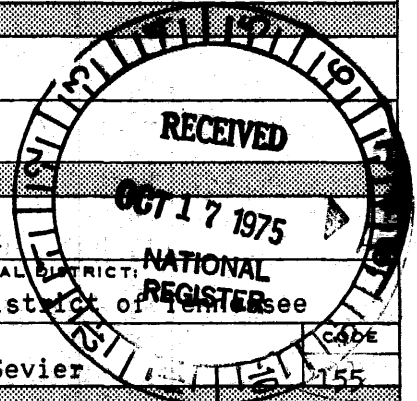
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| STATE: Tennessee |
| COUNTY: Sevier |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY |
| ENTRY DATE: JAN 1 1978 |

1. NAME

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| COMMON: Cole, Alex--Cabin |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: Cole, Alex Cabin |

2. LOCATION

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| STREET AND NUMBER: 5 mi S of Gatlinburg on US 441 in Great Smoky Mountains National Park | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Gatlinburg vic | CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 1st District of Tennessee |
| STATE: Tennessee | COUNTY: Sevier |
| CODE: 47 | CODE: 155 |



3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress | Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input 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) cultural exhibit |

4. AGENCY

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| National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior | |
| REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) Southeast Regional Office | STREET AND NUMBER: 3401 Whipple Avenue |
| CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta | STATE: Georgia |
| | CODE: 13 |

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Sevier County Courthouse | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: N/A | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Sevierville | STATE: Tennessee |
| | CODE: 47 |

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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| TITLE OF SURVEY: None |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: |
| STREET AND NUMBER: |
| CITY OR TOWN: |
| STATE: |
| CODE: |

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STATE: Tennessee
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7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cole, Alex--Cabin--Building #131

Recommended level of Treatment: Preservation

Cost Estimate: N/A

This is a rectangular, one story building with loft. The walls are hand hewn, dovetail notched logs. The walls have been chinked with mud in the past, but most chinking is now missing.

The foundation is fieldstone piers, and loose rock.

The roof is gabled and was originally covered with hand-split, wooden shingles. The cabin is presently covered with asphalt roofing over the shingles. The roof shingles should be replaced.

Windows: There is one window. It is in the east wall of the cabin and was a four light stationary window. At present all sash and lights are missing and the window is boarded over as a security measure.

Floors: The floor is hewn puncheon. The floor shows years of wear, but some broad ax marks are still visible. Surviving puncheon floors are unique, since most cabins having them have disappeared.

Doors: There is one door. It is in the west wall of the cabin. It is built of sawn boards and has manufactured metal hinges. The cabin has been subject to vandalism so the door is boarded up for security.

Basic Interior Appearance: The interior is one room with loft. There is no stairway; a ladder was used to reach the upper portion.

The fireplace is on the north end of the room. It is built of masonry rubble, as is the chimney. Interior walls are board and batten. The ceiling of the main room is sawn board over hewn joists. The loft is unceiled.

General Location: The cabin is located about one mile east of Highway 441 and about five miles south of Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The structure is on the Old Indian Gap Road, about 100 yards west of the West Prong, Little Pigeon River.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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)

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| <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 | _____ |
| <input 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

Cole, Alex--Cabin
 Order of Significance: 3rd

There were about 400 to 500 people living in what was called the Sugarlands in 1930. When the area was included in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the people were moved from the area. There were houses, cabins, schools, and churches up and down the hollows and narrow valleys of the steep and rocky sides of the mountains. Small fields were cleared wherever the land was level enough for corn to grow, and moonshine whiskey was distilled in the most secluded spots. Livestock was raised on the mountain pastures, and life went on at a leisurely pace.

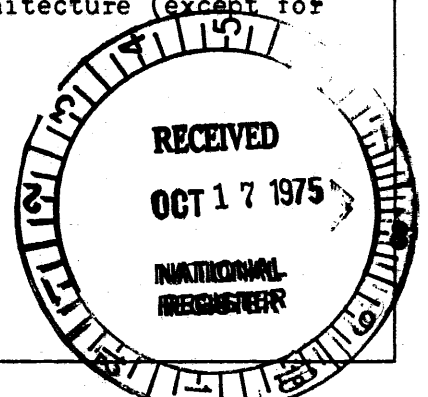
The life of the people reflected ways and lifestyles that had disappeared from all of America except the Appalachian mountains. Most work was still done by hand labor and the roads were primitive or non-existent.

But time literally was running out for the mountain way of life in much of the Appalachians. The coming of logging to the mountains meant the end of a way of life.

Today the Alex Cole Cabin is the only surviving dwelling of the Sugarlands community. It alone stands as a reminder of a way of life in its particular vicinity. Other cabins remain in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, but this cabin is alone in the Sugarlands.

There have been no alterations to the cabin. There is a temporary asphalt roof, but a shingle roof could easily be added. Examples of workmanship are obvious and the integrity of architecture (except for the roof) and location are still present.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hall, Joseph S.

Smoky Mountain Folks and Their Lore. The Cataloochee Press. Asheville. 1960.

Kephart, Horace

Our Southern Highlanders. The MacMillan Co. New York. 1913.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
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| SW | ° ' " | ° ' " | | | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

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

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY: | CODE |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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| NAME AND TITLE: Paul Gordon, Historian | | DATE: 4/17/74 |
| BUSINESS ADDRESS: Great Smoky Mountains National Park | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: N/A | | PHONE: |
| CITY OR TOWN: Gatlinburg | STATE: Tennessee | CODE: 47 |

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

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| <p>State Liaison Officer recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lauren C. [Signature]</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> State</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Signature]</i> OCT 15 1975 Federal Representative Signature Date Deputy Assistant Secretary Title</p> | <p>NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Signature]</i> Acting Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>1/1/76</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Signature]</i> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>12/30/75</u></p> |
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