

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wyoming
COUNTY: Teton
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ENTRY DATE OCT 2 1973

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Cunningham Cabin ~~US-1~~

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Bar Flying U Ranch - J. P. Cunningham

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: NE of Moose off US 26/89/187 in  
Grand Teton National Park

CITY OR TOWN: Moose *me*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Teno Roncalio - Rep.  
Gale W. McGee - Senator  
Clifford P. Hansen - "

STATE: Wyoming CODE: 56 COUNTY: Teton CODE: 039

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments interpretive site with self-guiding			

**4. AGENCY**

U. S. National Park Service

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)  
Midwest Region

CITY OR TOWN: Omaha

STREET AND NUMBER: 1709 Jackson Street

STATE: Nebraska CODE: 31

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
~~Not applicable~~ Teton Co. Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Jackson STATE: Wyoming CODE: 56

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: An Interpretive Prospectus for Post-Fur Trade History, Grand Teton National Park

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
U. S. National Park Service, Midwest Region

STREET AND NUMBER: 1709 Jackson Street

CITY OR TOWN: Omaha STATE: Nebraska



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7. DESCRIPTION

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 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 10-acre ranchstead site consists of one standing log structure believed to be the original homestead cabin built in the 1880's and scattered remains (foundation stones, posts, etc.) of ranch buildings and corrals.

The cabin is a restored double-pen log house with veranda and sod-covered double board roof. Restoration involved resetting wall logs and rebuilding the roof.

A restored buck and pole fence has also been added.

The attached map indicates locations of the no longer existing structures.

The present district comprises 10 acres of class VI land as shown on the Park's master plan map NP-GT 2063-A approved 1958.

Cabin & fence - restoration  
 Remains of other historic structures - preservation as they are.

*Cabin sills were rotted - logs taken down, sills replaced, logs returned to original positions.*



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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1885 or 1888

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____   |
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| <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

The Cunningham Cabin is significant for both its architecture and its place in the history of Teton County.

The cabin was built by J. Pierce Cunningham, one of the first settlers in Jackson Hole. He arrived from the east with his wife in 1885 and constructed the cabin either in that year or in 1888. After 1895, the cabin was used as a barn and smithy.

Cunningham became a prominent rancher and public figure in Teton County. He served as a postmaster, game warden, justice of the peace and was chosen as one of the commissioners when Teton County was organized in 1923.

In 1899 the cabin was the scene of a shoot-out between a posse and two horse thieves who had taken refuge in the structure. When the smoke cleared, both outlaws were dead. Cunningham was away at the time.

Ranching was a high-risk business in Jackson Hole due to its isolation and severe winters. Cunningham was glad to sell out in 1928 when the land was being acquired for Grand Teton National Park.

The cabin is a saddle-V-notched, double-pen or dog-trot log structure of Appalachian origin. It is an example of the diffusion of frontier adaptations from the eastern sections of the United States to the montane west. The primitive structure is typical of first dwellings in Jackson Hole.

The ranch site includes the foundations of several other structures including a fortification hastily erected in 1895 during the Bannock Indian scare.

Second order of significance

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Apple, Russell A. An Interpretive Prospectus for Post-Fur Trade History, Grand Teton National Park (Historic Structures), National Park Service, 1963.

Kardos, Andrew R., "BAR FLYING U"--A Trail Guide to the Cunningham Ranch Site. Grand Teton Natural History Association, Moose, Wyoming, 1972.

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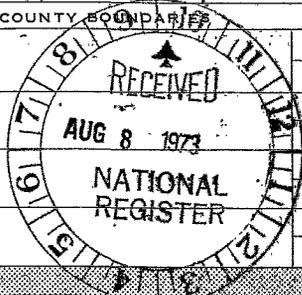
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	43°	46'	18" <del>48</del>	110°	33'	38" <del>34</del>			
NE	43°	46'	18" <del>48</del>	110°	33'	38" <del>34</del>			
SE	43°	46'	10" <del>48</del>	110°	33'	38" <del>34</del>			
SW	43°	46'	10" <del>48</del>	110°	33'	38" <del>34</del>			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Donald F. Dosch, Landmark Program Specialist

DATE: 3/12/73

BUSINESS ADDRESS: National Park Service, Midwest Region

STREET AND NUMBER: 1709 Jackson Street

PHONE: 402-221-3463

CITY OR TOWN: Omaha

STATE: Nebraska

CODE: 31

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes  
 No  
 None

*Paul H. Hestert*  
State Liaison Officer Signature

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  National  State  Local

*Merill A. Beal* 5-10-73  
Federal Representative Signature Date

*Acting Director, Midwest Region*  
Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*Robert W. Wiley*  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

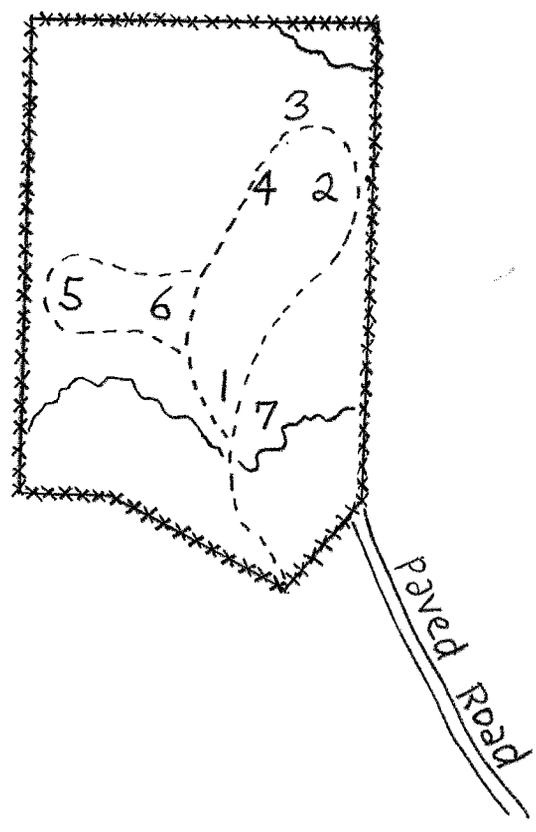
Date: 10/2/73

ATTEST:

*Gene S. ...*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 9.28.73

- 1- Cunningham Cabin
- 2 1890 Ranchhouse site
- 3 Indian Fort site, 1895
- 4 wells or outhouse depressions
- 5 Barn site
- 6 Bunk house site
- 7 Outbuildings sites



J.P. Cunningham Ranchstead  
 from Grand Teton Master Plan  
 Map NP-GT  
 2063-A