

DATA SHEET

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

Acting Superintendents Headquarters

AND/OR COMMON

Army Cabin

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Wawona

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Yosemite National Park

VICINITY OF Wawona

15th

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

California

06

Mariposa

043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

___PRIVATE

___UNOCCUPIED

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

___EDUCATIONAL

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___BEING CONSIDERED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___NO

___MILITARY

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

STATE

CA

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Yosemite National Park

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		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1958</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Acting

The Superintendent's*Office was originally erected by the Army at Camp A.E. Wood in 1904. It was moved to Yosemite Valley in 1906 and used as a residence until 1958, when it was moved back to Wawona to the History Center. This office, 15' x 12', is a 1½ story, board and batten structure, with a steeply pitched gable roof. The redwood roof shingles and board and batten siding are stained dark brown. The front facade features a simple porch, a four panel door, and a small 6-light window on the gable end. There are two casement windows on the north and south sides, each has 12 lights.

The justification for moving this building is written in paragraph two of the significance statement. It was necessary to partially dismantle the cabin (remove the roof) in order to get through the Wawona tunnel. Before reassembling the building, all materials were treated with preservatives and the vertical sided was restrained. An indoor sprinkler system was the only significant alteration.

The cabin is currently undergoing approved stabilization to replace some rotting lower structural members. The building will be reroofed with shingles to match the existing ones.

An historic structures preservation guide should be done for the cabin. It is on a regular maintenance schedule for the National Park Service.

* "Acting Superintendent" was the official title of the military commander stationed in Yosemite.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 1904 BUILDER/ARCHITECT U.S. Army

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The United States Army administered Yosemite National Park from 1891 until the designation of civilian Superintendents in 1913. This building, the first headquarters office, was constructed in Camp A. E. Wood, Wawona, in 1904 and is of local significance in conservation relating to the "Official maintenance or supervision of natural . . . resources."

This building is the sole remaining structure associated with the military tenure in Wawona. When Yosemite Valley became part of Yosemite National Park (1906), the increased management responsibilities determined a move of headquarters from Wawona to the valley floor. Several of the residences built by the Army in Yosemite Valley are extant there, but this original "office" building is the only survivor of the few structures that were disassembled and moved with the troops from Wawona in 1906. When the Pioneer Yosemite History Center was planned in the late 1950's it was deemed appropriate to move the original headquarters, then serving as National Park Service housing, back to Wawona.

Today the building has been restored and is used as an interpretive tool for explaining this early, important, administrative era in Yosemite's history. During their tenure in Wawona, various Army Superintendents began extensive mapping and exploration of the new Yosemite National Park. They instituted regulations concerning cattle and sheep grazing, (eventually abolishing both), firearms, tools, etc., and began the trail building that would eventually cover over 600 miles of Yosemite backcountry.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Building file: Army Cabin/Yosemite Pioneer Center Interpretive Prospectus, 1957.
 Sargent, Shirley. Wawona Yesterdays.
 Russell, Carl P. One Hundred Years in Yosemite rev.ed. Yosemite Natural History Association. 1959.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA *less than One*

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 10

UTM REFERENCES

265-450

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Building is defined by its boundaries of the walls.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Merril Ann Wilson/Historic Architect

ORGANIZATION Denver Service Center/National Park Service DATE 8/76

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CITY OR TOWN Denver STATE CO

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES NO NONE

[Signature]
 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 Local National State Local .

[Signature]
 FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE _____ DATE June 7, 1977

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: *[Signature]* DATE 2/9/78

[Signature] DATE 6-7-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER