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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: Arizona
COUNTY: Coconino
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ENTRY DATE SEP 6 1974

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Superintendent's Residence ~~(B-1)~~

AND/OR HISTORIC:
First Administration Building

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
off Grand Canyon National Park, ~~Sec. 24~~ ^{Route 8A}, T31N, R2E, G & SR-BM

CITY OR TOWN:
Grand Canyon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Third

STATE:
Arizona

CODE: **04**

COUNTY:
Coconino

CODE: **005**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. AGENCY

National Park Service

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Western Regional Office

CITY OR TOWN:
San Francisco

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 450 Golden Gate Ave., 36063

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Coconino County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Flagstaff

STATE:
Arizona

CODE:
04

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State Local

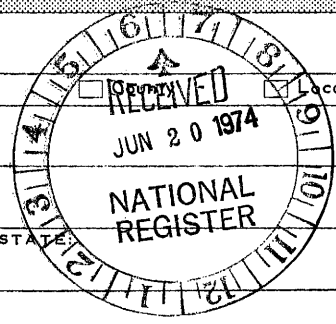
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:



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COUNTY: **San Francisco**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

Preservation recommended

Originally, this was a small, L-shaped structure of two stories. The bottom floor was of stone while the upper floor had a wood exterior.

In 1931, the building was remodelled and enlarged, and converted into a residence. The addition maintained architecturally and structurally the same style, which is a cross between early National Park Service and Swiss chalet.

The upper floor, today, has eight rooms, and the old portion of the house is easily identified by its random width oak flooring. The new portion is also oak, but its boards are of narrow width.

The upper portion has the living room, dining room, kitchen, and the usual assortment of bedrooms and baths. There is a stone fireplace in the living room and one in the dining room.

Another addition in 1931 was a porch and enclosed entrance way into the living room, making the main access way into the house.

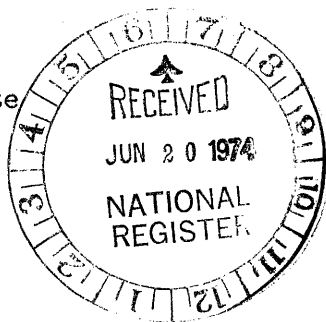
Downstairs is the basement-like area which contains a large family room (the old visitor information office) with another stone fireplace. A labyrinth of corridors and rooms connect to a two-car garage. Half the garage is now occupied by a heating plant.

The walls of the basement are stone with plaster over those in the living area. The upstairs walls are lath and plaster.

Boundary: South side bounded by South Entrance Road, west by El Tovar Hotel entrance road, on the north by the south edge of the parking lot behind Verkamps Souvenir Shop, and on the east by a line running perpendicular from South Entrance Road to the edge of Verkamps parking lot, passing about 100 feet from the east side of the building.

Class VI lands: 1 acre

Cost: current maintainance adequate



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1921

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

3rd Order

Completed in the autumn of 1921, this structure served as Grand Canyon National Park's first administrative headquarters. The visitor-information room was provided for by a donation from the newspaper Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

From this building the good, gray superintendents supervised the running of the park and saw to its early growth and development. From here rangers were dispatched to rescue a novice hiker lost or exhausted on one of the trails to the canyon or to fight a fire started by a careless camper. The early-day visitors came here seeking information about the park and to see primitive exhibits, telling the story of the park. Here was the beginning of the Park Service's administration and interpretation of one of the country's great national parks.

The building was remodelled in 1931 at which time it was expanded to its present size. In 1931, it was converted into the Park Superintendent's residence and has served in that capacity since.

The significance of this structure lies in its long and varied association with the administrative history of the park. In that category of history, it is the most important surviving structure in the park.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Director, National Park Service, Annual Report, 1921, (Washington: G.P.O., 1921)

C.M. Carrel, et. al., "Reappraisal of Employees' Housekeeping Quarters, Grand Canyon National Park," ms. is Library of Grand Canyon National Park

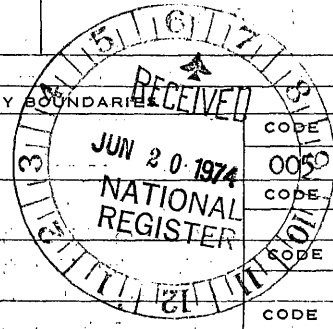
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		36° 03' 22"	112° 08' 05"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1 acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Arizona	04	Coconino	0050
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: F. Ross Holland, Jr., Historian		DATE: August 31, 1972
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Denver Service Center, NPS		
STREET AND NUMBER: 7200 W. Alameda		PHONE:
CITY OR TOWN: Denver	STATE: Colorado	CODE: 08

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes
 No
 None

Dennis McCarty
 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.

Lytle Don Dowser **2/1/74**
 Federal Representative Signature Date

Act. Reg. Director
 Title

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

A. R. Warkentin
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date **9/6/74**

ATTEST:

Charles H. ...
 acting Keeper of The National Register

Date **9-6-74**