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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Arizona</b>
COUNTY: <b>Coconino</b>
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ENTRY DATE <b>AUG 7 1974</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON: **Hermits Rest Concession Building (H.S. 5)**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Grand Canyon National Park, 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 type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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	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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. AGENCY**

(owner of property) \*(See notation #7)  
**Fred Harvey - Subsidiary of Amfac Corporation**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) **Grand Canyon National Park**

CITY OR TOWN: **Grand Canyon** STATE: **Arizona** CODE: **04**

**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  County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

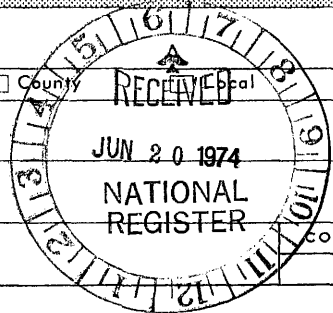
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7. DESCRIPTION

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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Preservation recommended

This stone and wood structure has changed very little over the years.

It is built on the rim of Grand Canyon, and is an enclosed structure with a porch extending from it to the verge of the rim. The roof of the porch is made of limbs and timber stuffed with mud mortar.

One enters the main room where curios and coffee are sold. Off to each side of this room are small storage rooms. On the back side of the sales area is a gigantic recessed fireplace, decorated with utensils used in cooking in a fireplace. The back wall of this stone fireplace curves up and over in a half-dome shape to create a sitting area where benches and chairs are located. The blackened back wall of the fireplace-sitting area attests to the roaring fires that burned in it over the years.

Boundary: The historic land embraced in this site is bounded on the north by the rim of Grand Canyon, on the east by the stone entrance way and stone wall, on the south by the gravel road, and on the west by a line drawn from the canyon rim to the gravel road and passing about 100 feet from the east wall of the building.

Class VI lands: 6 acres

Cost: not owned by the Federal Government

\*(Ownership - there is a respectful difference of opinion as to the present ownership in that the railroad has title in so far as its use is consistent with its grant under the Railroad Right-of-Way Act of 1875 and in the United States of America in so far as said use is inconsistent with said grant, in which case it has or will revert to the United States of America).

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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) 1914

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 checked="" 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

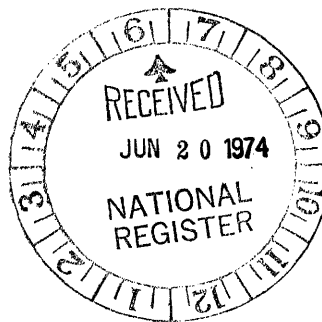
3rd order

This building, designed by Mary Jane Colter, was erected in 1914 by the Santa Fe Railroad at the head of Hermit Trail and at the end of West Rim Road to provide refreshments for Grand Canyon visitors who rode the tour stage out to the end of West Rim Road, to Hermits Rest.

It is, today, primarily a curio shop and viewpoint.

Its significance stems in part from some of its unusual architectural features. This stone and log structure with its porch or veranda that affords a good view of the canyon, blends in well with its setting due in part to its design and in part to the color of the native stone and logs used in its construction. The chief architectural feature of the structure, though, is the gigantic, recessed fireplace and the huge sitting area where tourists warmed themselves in cold weather. More significance, however, derives from the structure's long use as a concession building. It illustrates a phase of the concession-tourist history at Grand Canyon National Park.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

J. Donald Hughes, The Story of Man at Grand Canyon (Grand Canyon Natural History Association, c. 1967)

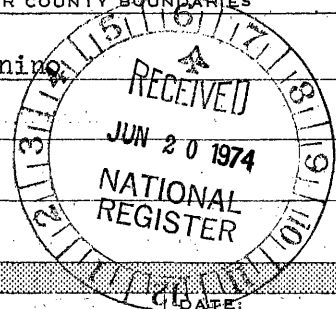
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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' 40"	112° 12' 40"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **6 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Arizona	04	Coconino	005
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **F. Ross Holland, Jr., Historian** DATE: **Aug. 31, 1972**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **Denver Service Center, National Park Service**

STREET AND NUMBER: **7200 W. Alameda** PHONE:

CITY OR TOWN: **Denver** STATE: **Colorado** CODE: **08**

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes  
 No  
 None

*Dennis McCarthy*  
 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

*Raymond M. Dowell* **2/1/74**  
 Federal Representative Signature Date

*Act. Reg. Director*  
 Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

*A. R. Mouton*  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **8/9/74**

ATTEST:

*W. J. ...*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: **8.1.74**