

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 18A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Tubercular Cabin

other names/site number N/A

2. Location Cave Creek Museum, Inc.

street & number 6140 Skyline Drive not for publication N/a

city or town Cave Creek vicinity

state Arizona code AZ county Maricopa code 013 zip code 85331

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

James W. Gorman ARSITPO 30 AUGUST 2001
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

entered in the National Register

10/28/01

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Health care - Sanitarium

Recreation/culture - Museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

No style

foundation Wood - Setting on a Concrete slab

walls wood - weatherboard

roof Asphalt - roll roofing

other Windows - cloth

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet #

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Health/Medicine

Period of Significance

1920-1929

Significant Dates

1920

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University AZ State Univ., Tempe, AZ
Other

Name of repository:

Cave Creek Museum, Inc. Research Library
PO Box 1, Cave Creek, AZ 85327

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one (1)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	12	412320	3743420
Zone	Easting	Northing	
2			

3			
Zone	Easting	Northing	
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Delmar D. Albers, Chairman, Special Projects

organization Cave Creek Museum, Inc. date Sep 23, 2000

street & number 6140 Skyline Dr., PO Box 1 telephone 480-488-2764

city or town Cave Creek, state AZ zip code 85327

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets Pages 5-12

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Cave Creek Museum, Inc.

street & number 6140 Skyline Drive, P.O. Box #1 telephone 480-488-2764

city or town Cave Creek state Arizona zip code 85327

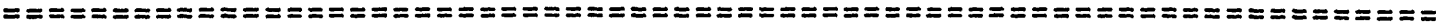
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Tubercular Cabin at the Cave Creek Museum is a small, one room, wooden cabin that was originally used to house a patient suffering from tuberculosis. It was probably constructed in 1919 or 1920, as it was one of fourteen cabins that comprised the "Desmont Sanatorium" that operated from 1920 until 1929 In Cave Creek, Arizona .It was relocated approximately one mile to its present location on the grounds of the Cave Creek Museum in 1984 to prevent its destruction. It now sits near the northwest corner of the museum property. The cabin's present high desert setting is nearly identical to its original historic location.

It is small, only 10'2" by 12'2" and of very lightweight construction. The wood frame floor now rests on a concrete slab but most likely, originally on a gravel bed, much like a tent. Wooden 2x4 interior framing is used to support the windows, door, and roof. The vertical bead siding is also partially supported by the framing, however there are no studs in the building corners, the siding being simply nailed to it's adjoining piece. The gabled roof is supported by 2x4 rafters which are covered with 1x10 pine boards and roll roofing. The rafters are tied with light chain to withstand outward thrust. Awning sashes covered with canvas light the building on three sides. The openings are screened on the inside. The door is louvered.

The building is not served by electricity, gas, water, or sewer, however there are interior "ghost markings" which mark the location of a small corner "dry" sink and small stove. The rear of the building shows repair of the holes where the sink drain and stove pipe chimney exited the building. There are no interior walls or ceiling and the interior is not painted.

The roll roofing is recent, most likely replaced in 1989 or 1990. The exterior was repainted in 1999 and the canvas on the windows replaced at that time.

The building is well maintained and in good to fair original condition.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tubercular Cabin at the Cave Creek Museum is significant as a Criteria Consideration B (moved property) structure because it is a distinctive building design and type important to the development of Arizona and the Southwest United States. It is a small lightly constructed building used to provide isolated housing for patients suffering from tuberculosis. Its light (handy-man type) construction and very unique framing techniques point to its evolution from a tent. "Tent Houses" were a form of housing for many uses in territorial Arizona. Hundreds of these cabins were located in Arizona but apparently no others have survived. The one other known Tubercular Cabin is of much more recent and modern construction and is located in the courtyard of a hospital. The sparseness of this building demonstrates the bleak existence of those who occupied it and others like it, however many of these sturdy people overcame their afflictions and were pivotal in the development of Arizona and the Southwest. Although the cabin has been moved to prevent its destruction, it retains its character and is in nearly original condition. The Tubercular Cabin at the Cave Creek Museum deserves to be placed on The National Register of Historic Places.

Historical background and significance.

The treatment of persons with tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases is of great significance to the Cave Creek area of Arizona, the State of Arizona and the Southwest. In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries tuberculosis was widespread in the United States. The only known treatment for the disease prior to the late 1940s was exposure to warm, light, dry, clean air. The climate of Arizona was ideal for these people, many of whom came to Arizona for treatment. In addition many persons suffering from other respiratory problems such as asthma, etc. came to alleviate their conditions. Many of the ranchers, cowboys, miners, business people, and ladies of early Arizona migrated here because the climate was beneficial to their respiratory problems. Many regained their health and became the pioneers, leaders and legends of the Southwest.

Because it is highly contagious, tuberculosis patients were usually isolated from the rest of society in sanitariums. Beginning in the first decade of the 1900s when Arizona was still a territory, and until the 1940s there were many respiratory treatment facilities in Arizona. The first known in the Cave Creek area was in 1907. It was a small tent facility at the "Howard

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Ranch" however the neighboring ranchers were very unhappy to have persons with a highly communicable disease in their midst and the facility soon closed.

The first sanitariums in Arizona generally used tents to isolate their infectious patients. These were very hot in the summer, without floors, which allowed easy access to scorpions, snakes and other pests, and lacked good ventilation which was essential to the patient's treatment. Soon, floors and windows were placed in tents and many styles of cottage or cabin evolved. The most common was the small, lightly constructed one room cabin approximately 10 by 12 feet in dimension covered with canvas or wood. A number of these were often clustered around central sanitary and dining facilities.

The Tubercular Cabin at the Cave Creek Museum is typical of the hundreds in use in the 1920s and 1930s and one of the very few remaining. It was one of fourteen cabins clustered around a central dining area and sanitary facility which comprised the "Desmont Sanitarium" located near the present site of the "Le Sans Souci" restaurant on the south side of Cave Creek Road in the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona. The sanitarium was owned by Sam and Helen Jones, and operated from 1920 until 1929. Low occupancy brought about by the great depression forced the closure and subsequent sale. Exact ownership for a number of years is unknown, however the cabin was most likely used as housing for the transient workers employed in the construction of t Bartlett Dam on the nearby Verde River from 1930 till 1938. In the 1930 s the cabin was moved to a site on the north side of Cave Creek Road near the location of what is now the Horny Toad Restaurant.

In the late 1930s or early 1940s it was acquired by Ms. Dixie Nissan who used it as part of an "Inn" and restaurant named "The Mustache Cup". The cabin was reputed to have been used by prostitutes at the inn to entertain their clients.

In 1945, Ms Nissan gave the land and cabin to Mr. Santos Rubira who used it first as a residence and later as a vacation cabin. In 1984, Mr. Rubira resold the land and donated this, the last remaining Tubercular Cabin to the area to the Cave Creek Museum for historic preservation. It has been preserved and on display at the Museum grounds since that time.

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Summary

The Tubercular Cabin at the Cave Creek Museum is significant as a Criteria Consideration B structure because it is a design unique to the many "tuberculosis cabins" in Arizona in the early twentieth century. It is one of the last remaining intact and in original condition. The building is significant to the migration to Arizona of many of the persons who settled in and built the Southwest United States

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is approximately 30 by 32 feet near the northwest corner of the grounds of the Cave Creek Museum, Inc. The museum is located on the west half of the SE quarter of Section 28, Township 6N, Range 4E. The tax parcel number for the museum property is 211-11-048D.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The property includes the tubercular cabin (approximately 10 x 12 feet) and 10 feet from the building on all sides.

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1. PHOTOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The following information applies to all photographs accompanying this nomination:

- 1.) Tubercular Cabin
- 2.) Maricopa County, Arizona
- 3.) Delmar Albers
- 5.) Archives, Cave Creek Museum Inc., 6140 Skyline Dr., P.O. Box #1, Cave Creek, AZ 85327

- 4.) January 2000
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- 4.) January 2000
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