**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM**

**FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

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**ENTRY DATE**

SEP 6 1974

**2. LOCATION**

- **STREET AND NUMBER:** Grand Canyon National Park, Sec. 24, T31N, R2E, G & SR-BM
- **CITY OR TOWN:** Grand Canyon
- **STATE:** Arizona

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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**PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- [ ] Agricultural
- [ ] Commercial
- [ ] Educational
- [ ] Entertained
- [ ] Government
- [ ] Industrial
- [ ] Military
- [ ] Religious
- [ ] Private Residence
- [ ] Transportation
- [ ] Other (Specify)

**4. AGENCY**

- **National Park Service**
  - **REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** Western Regional Office
  - **CITY OR TOWN:** San Francisco
  - **STATE:** California
  - **CODE:** 06

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

- **COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:** Coconino County Courthouse
  - **CITY OR TOWN:** Flagstaff
  - **STATE:** Arizona
  - **CODE:** 04

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

- **TITLE OF SURVEY:**
- **DATE OF SURVEY:**
- **DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**
  - [ ] Federal
  - [ ] State
  - [ ] Local

**DATE RECEIVED:** JUN 20 1974

**STATE:** California
**COUNTY:** Coconino
**ENTRY NUMBER:** SEP 6 1974
**FOR NPS USE ONLY**

**NATIONAL REGISTER**
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 maintenance adequate
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.
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 |
|---|---|
| NW | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |
| NE | 0° 0' 0" | 0° 0' 0" |
| SE | 0° 0' 0" | 0° 0' 0" |
| SW | 0° 0' 0" | 0° 0' 0" |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

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NAME AND TITLE: F. Ross Holland, Jr., Historian

DATE: August 31, 1972

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Denver Service Center, NPS

PHONE:

STATE: Colorado

CODE 08

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

[ ] Yes

[ ] No

[ ] Non-

State Liaison Officer Signature: Dennis McCarthy

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.

Federal Representative Signature: Richard L. Hoover

Date: 3/24/74

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 9/6/74

ATTEST:

Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date: 9/6/74