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United States Department of the Interior **National Park Service**

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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1. Name of Property
historic name <u>Hanks' Dugouts</u>
other names/site numberN/A
2. Location
street & number <u>N/A</u> not for publication <u>N/A</u>
city or town <u>Torrey</u> vicinity <u>x</u>
street & number N/A not for publication N/A city or town Torrey vicinity _x state Utah code _UT county Wayne code _055 zip code 84775 code _055
zip code <u>84775</u>
3. State/Federal Agency Certification
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986,
as amended, I hereby certify that this \underline{x} 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 <u>x</u> meets <u>does not meet the National Register Criteria. I</u>
recommend that this property be considered significant nationally
statewide \underline{x} locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
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Signature of certifying official

National Park Service Federal agency

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

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Signature of commenting official

<u>8-15-96</u> Date

Utah State Historical Preservation Office State agency

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4. National Park Service Certification
I, hereby certify that this property is: A 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 Keeper Date of Action
5. Classification
Ownership of Property private public-local public-State public-Federal
Category of Property building(s) district site structure object
Number of Resources within Property
Contributing Noncontributing buildings sites structures objects Total
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register <u>0</u>
Name of related multiple property listing <u>Capitol Reef National Park MPS</u>
6. Function or Use
Historic Functions Cat: <u>Agriculture/Subsistence</u> Sub: <u>Agricultural Outbuildings</u> <u>Domestic</u> <u>Single Dwelling</u>
Current Functions Cat: <u>Vacant/Not In Use</u> Sub: <u>Ruin</u>

7. Description

Architectural Classification No Style

Materials

foundation	_n/a	 	_
roof	Wood		
walls	Earth		
other			

Narrative Description

(See continuation sheet.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

<u> x </u> A	Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
В	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.

Criteria Considerations - none apply

Areas of SignificanceE	xploration/Settlement
Period of Significance	1883-1888
Significant Dates	1883
Significant Person n/a	
Cultural Affiliation	
Architect/Builder Hanks	, Ephraim K.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(See continuation sheet.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Capitol Reef National Park Historic Resource Study and Survey Report, NPS, Rocky Mountain Region, Denver, CO, June 1992.

Capitol Reef N.P. Archives, Torrey Utah

Final Homestead Proofs, Bureau of Land Management Records, RG-49, National Archives, Suitland, Maryland

Hanks, Sidney Alvarus, and Ephraim K. Hanks. <u>Scouting for the Mormons On the Great</u> <u>Frontier</u>. Salt Lake City, UT: The Deseret News Press, 1948.

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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 <u>x</u> Federal agency Local government University -Other Name of repository: <u>Capitol Reef National Park Archives</u> 10. Geographical Data Acreage of Property <u>1.0</u> UTM References Zone Easting NorthingZone Easting Northing1124836504225280312484090422544021248386042251704124840004225470 Verbal Boundary Description The boundary encompasses a 1 acre area in which the Hanks' Dugouts are located. This area corresponds with the UTM reference point noted above. Boundary Justification The boundary includes the historic dugouts, associated occupational scatters (cans, dish fragments, buttons, portions of agricultural equipment) and associated fences. 11. Form Prepared By name/title<u>Benjamin Brower, Historian; revised, K. McKoy; revised also by Lee</u> Kreutzer 1998 _____ organization for: National Park Service, IMFA, CPSSO _____ date 1996 _____ street & number 12795 W. Alameda Parkway P.O. Box 25287 telephone (303) 499-7195 city or town <u>Denver</u> state <u>CO</u> zip code <u>80225-0287</u> Additional Documentation Continuation Sheets - included. Maps - see attached USGS map indicating the property's location. Photographs - included. Property Owner name <u>Capitol Reef National Park</u> name <u>Capitol Reef National Park</u> street & number<u>HC 70, Box 15</u> telephone<u>(801) 425-3791</u> city or town<u>Torrey</u> state<u>UT</u> zip code <u>84775-9602</u>

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Hanks' Dugouts Wayne County, Utah Capitol Reef National Park MPS

Description

The Hanks' Dugouts are located in the north central portion of Capitol Reef National Park approximately six miles south of the Visitor Center. They are on the south side of Pleasant Creek and roughly .4 miles south of Sleeping Rainbow Ranch. Features at the site of Hanks' Dugouts consist of the remains of three dugouts, and at least one other unidentified structure.

The dugouts are all collapsed; elements of log or pole roof structures are evident. The above-ground structure appears to have been of stone construction. The area around the structures is scattered with ceramics, glass, and other archeological artifacts. Other evidence of habitation, including a wagon road, the possible supports for a feed trough, and fences. The remains of a wagon are scattered across the site.

Other than deterioration over time, they have undergone no discernable or documented alterations, and the site itself appears remarkably undisturbed since the historic period.

Statement of Significance

This nomination is part of the "Capitol Reef National Park Multiple Property Submission." Hanks' Dugouts are associated with the historic context "Mormon Settlement and Agriculture in Capitol Reef National Park, 1880-1946."

Hanks' Dugouts originally served as the residence of the Ephraim K. Hanks family. The dugouts are the only surviving resources from Hanks' settlement on Pleasant Creek which was known as the Floral Ranch. The period of significance is from the date of Hanks' arrival in 1883 to 1888 when the family built a four-room frame house and most likely abandoned the dugouts.

Ephraim K. Hanks settled on Pleasant Creek in April 1883. According to Hanks' son, Sidney, the family first lived in a dugout, although Hanks' widow disputed this claim when she filed her final Homestead Act affidavits in 1899. She stated, instead, that the family built a one-room log home when they settled on the property. The 1895 government survey of the area clearly indicates the presence of a residence in this location occupied by Sidney Hanks.

The dugouts were typical of early Mormon construction in remote settlements. Lack of information about climatic conditions and the feasibility of agriculture meant that Euroamerican pioneers usually viewed their initial settlement as temporary. Dugouts were relatively easy and inexpensive to build and could be abandoned if the agricultural pursuits failed. In the case of the Hanks family, their settlement succeeded and the dugouts were abandoned in favor of the more permanent, and presumably comfortable, wood frame house.

The remains of the dugouts and other structures at the site appear largely undisturbed.