CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT

REGION          PARK/AREA NAME Arches Nat'l Park          PARK NUMBER 1348

STRUCTURE NAME Rock House/Custodian's Residence          STRUCTURE NUMBER ARCH - 31

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE Vicinity of Visitor Center          PARK LOCATION CODE HQ

NATIONAL REGISTER DATE: / / MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: (A) (B) (C) (D)

NPS LEGAL INTEREST FEE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: NO

Check all of the following categories for which NPS has treatment responsibility:

Stabilization (X)  Cyclic Maintenance (X)  Routine Maintenance (X)  Approved Ultimate Treatment (X)

(ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION USE ONLY)

APPROVED ULTIMATE TREATMENT OR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, CULTURAL COMPONENT DESIGNATION:

Preservation (PP) Restoration (RR) Reconstruction (CC)
Adaptive Preservation (AP) Adaptive Restoration (AR) Adaptive Reconstruction (AC)
Neglect (NG) Remove (RM) No Approved Treatment (NO)

Approval Document ____________________________ ( ) Document Date: / /

Estimated Treatment Costs ____________________________ ( ) Document Date: / /

Level of Stabilization: $_________ Date: / / Estimate: (A) (B) (C)

Approved Treatment: $_________ Date: / / Estimator: (Region) (DSC) (A&E)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Date of Construction: / / 1941 Date of Alterations: / /multiple

Architect/Designer: Verland Norgard Historical Theme(s): Park Development (IX D)

History of Structure: This structure was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps for the National Park Service. It served as the National Monument's custodian's residence until MISSION 66 housing became available and since has served as offices and a non-operating museum for the Canyonlands Natural History Association. It presently is still used by the Natural History organization in those capacities.

Evaluation of Structure: Historic Theme Contributing XX Non-Contributing ___

National Register Criteria: A_X_B_ C_ D_ (Include integrity statement)

- The Rock House is still in its original location and nearly original condition.
- Aside from routine maintenance work, however, 2 modern, intrusive additions have been added to the rear corners of the house.

Bibliography: Custodian's House Files, Arches National Park.

Representation in Other Surveys: 1975 LCS

If structure has been removed, how? N/A Date: / /

Report prepared by: S. F. Mehls Date: 9/13/ 86

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Int Impacts: L/POP
Ext Impacts: L/POP
CONTINUATION FROM FRONT SHEET - STRUCTURE NAME
Rock House/Custodian's Residence

LOCATION: Section 20 State Utah USE: CURRENT INTERIOR USE (NFS 28 CODE) NA/CM
Township 25S County Grand Original Use Residence
Range 21E Intermediate Uses Residence

OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: NPS PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NFS 28 CODE) HI
Original Owner: NPS
Intermediate Owner(s):

DRAWING NO. CAB 11, # 18, 19, 21, 21
NEGATIVE NO. 

***PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION***

**TYPE OF STRUCTURE (NFS 28 CODE):** BU

ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER (STYLE): Greco-Federalist Revival

**SITE (INCLUDE ORIENTATION OF STRUCTURE):**

OVERALL BUILDING PLAN (FOOTPRINT): "E" and "L"

OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 60'7" x 39' (to back or largest addition)

COMPOSITION (NFS 28 CODE): ST

STORIES: 1

FOUNDATION: stone (rusticated, random ashlar) 1 & 2' high

no watertable apparent

WALLS: coursed rubble, decorative milled wood facia & trim

ROOF: parallel multiple end gables, cedar shingles, wood siding gable insets, small trimmed box cornices with eave overhangs, decorative milled wood perimeter trimmed

**CHIMNEYS:** 2 central, coursed rubble, flat caps

1 offset left, 1 offset right

**PORCHES:**

1 southwest side, stone floor, with 3 square corner support columns and one false half column for decoration

**WINDOWS:** double-hung, mutined, inset 4 over 4 lights, paired, main house.

Other windows various.

**DOORS:**

panelled front door solid 6 panels

1 other with 4 lights over 3 horizontal panels; 1 6 horizontal panels, 1 solid,

1 other with 4 lights

2 french doors, 10 lights

**ADDITIONS:**

1-shed roofed, masonite siding, southeast corner; 1 northeast corner, smaller shed

**INTERIOR PLAN:** roof, stucco

The interior has been slightly modified with replacement of the coal heating sys.

**INTERIOR FINISHES:**

Paint on plaster, plasterboard.

SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:

Modern, metal, screen doors have been added to 3 doors.
The house has a small utility crawl space basement.
LOCATION: Section Unsurveyed  
State Utah  
Township 37S  
County San Juan  
Range 17E

OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: NFS  
Original Owner: NFS  
Intermediate Owner(s):  

***PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION***

(DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.)

Type: RD  
Material: EA/ST/WD  
Dimensions: 3' to 6' wide x 1/4 mile

SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:
Custodian's Residence (Rock House)

This is the only structure included in this nomination. It is constructed of coursed rubble with decorative milled wood facia and trim. It sits on a rusticated ashlar foundation. The cedar shingle roof has multiple end gables with an overhang decorated with milled wood and box cornices. Stylistically the house is a Greco-Federalist Revival, modified to reflect local Mormon influences. Two small additions have been added to the back of the house. The house remains in its original location, with the original landscaping in tact. The driveway has been paved. From the front the house appears much as it did when first constructed. The interior has been heavily modified over the years and is not included in this nomination.

See attached LCS form.
Custodian's Residence

Function or Use:

Historic: institutional housing/staff housing
Present: recreation facility/museum and office

Geographic Data:

Acreage: one

UTM Reference: 12 6 20 550 42 75 075

Verbal Boundary Description:

The residence and lawn are bordered on the north by the rear extreme of the landscaping done for the house, about twenty-five feet beyond the rear walls, on the east by the driveway that leads to the house, on the south by the north side of the road that runs in front of the house and on the west by the western edge of the landscaping associated with the structure and eastern edge of the employee parking lot for the Visitor Center.

Boundary Justification:

The boundaries follow the area of development and landscaping associated with the structure. Beyond the lot the house sits on, the area to the rear is in a natural state, while the other three sides have been substantially modified by later park development, therefore do not contribute to the historic setting.
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By S. Mehl's  Date 9/86

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