**Form 10-306**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

**FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

*(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)*

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1. **NAME**
   - COMMON: Hermits Rest Concession Building (HRS-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
   - **COUNTY:** Coconino

3. **CLASSIFICATION**
   - **CATEGORY:** (Check One)
     - District
     - Site
     - Structure
     - Object
   - **OWNERSHIP:** (Check One)
     - Public
     - Private
     - Both
   - **PUBLIC ACQUISITION:**
     - In Process
     - Being Considered
   - **STATUS:**
     - Occupied
     - Unoccupied
     - Preservation work in progress
     - Yes: Restricted
     - No
   - **PRESENT USE:**
     - Agricultural
     - Commercial
     - Educational
     - Entertainment
     - Government
     - Industrial
     - Military
     - Museum
     - Religious
     - Scientific
     - Transportation
     - Other (Specify)
     - Comments

4. **AGENCY**
   - **REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** Subsidiary of Amfac Corporation
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:** Grand Canyon National Park
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Grand Canyon
   - **STATE:** Arizona

5. **LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**
   - **COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:** Coconino County Courthouse
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:**
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Flagstaff
   - **STATE:** Arizona

6. **REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**
   - **TITLE OF SURVEY:**
   - **DATE OF SURVEY:**
   - **DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:**
   - **CITY OR TOWN:**
   - **STATE:**

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**PH0041345**

**ENTRY DATE** AUG 7 1974

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**SEE INSTRUCTIONS**
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).
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 Hermit's 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.
**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

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

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

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

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**CITY OR TOWN:** Denver

**STATE:** Colorado

**CODE:** 08

**12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

☑ Yes

☐ No

☐ None

*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

*Federal Representative Signature*

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

*Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

**DATE:** 8/4/74

**ATTEST:**

*Keeper of The National Register*

**DATE:** 8/1/74