NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

STATE: Arizona
COUNTY: Coconino
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)

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4. AGENCY

National Park Service
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Western Regional Office
CITY OR TOWN: San Francisco
STATE: California
CODE: 06
STREET AND NUMBER: 450 Golden Gate Ave., 36063

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: [ ] Federal [ ] State [ ] Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: Arizona
CODE: 04

ENTRY NUMBER: SEP 6 1974
FOR NPS USE ONLY
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.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Director, National Park Service, Annual Report, 1921, (Washington: G.P.O., 1921)


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY
OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE: Arizona
CODE: 04
COUNTY: Coconino

STATE: Colorado
CODE: 08
COUNTY: Elk County

STATE: Utah
CODE: 09
COUNTY: Emery County

STATE: California
CODE: 02
COUNTY: Los Angeles

STATE: Nevada
CODE: 37
COUNTY: Clark County

STATE: Arizona
CODE: 04
COUNTY: Mohave County

STATE: New Mexico
CODE: 31
COUNTY: Santa Fe County

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COUNTY: Routt County

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COUNTY: Los Angeles County

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

DATE: August 31, 1972

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Denver Service Center, NPS

STREET AND NUMBER: 7200 W. Alameda

CITY OR TOWN: Denver

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: John Doe

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST:

Date: 9/6/74

Keefer, Keholster

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