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CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT
(Attach 4" x 5" Black and White Photograph)

JUL - 8 1986

REGION RMRO PARK/AREA NAME Arches Natl. 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(☒) Cyclic Maintenance(☒) Routine Maintenance(☒) Approved Ultimate Treatment(☒)

(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 _____

Stabilization:	\$ _____	Date:	<u>/ /</u>	Level of	
Approved Treatment:	\$ _____	Date:	<u>/ /</u>	Estimate:	(A) (B) (C)
				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 non-operating museum for the Canvonlands Natural History Association. It presently is still used by the Natural History organization in those capacities.

Evaluation of Structure: Historic Theme Contributing ☒ 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, obtrusive 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

Cond: G
Doc: G
Sig: L
Int Impacts: L/POP
Ext Impacts: L/POP

CONTINUATION FROM FRONT SHEET - STRUCTURE NAME Rock House/Custodian's Residence

LOCATION: Section 20 State Utah
 Township 25S County Grand
 Range 21E

USE: CURRENT INTERIOR USE (NPS 28 CODE) NA/CM
 Original Use Residence
 Intermediate Uses Residence
 PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE) HI

OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: NPS
 Original Owner: NPS
 Intermediate Owner(s): _____

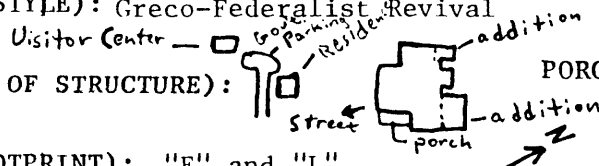
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 NEGATIVE NO. CAB 11, # 18, 19, 21, 21

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

TYPE OF STRUCTURE (NPS 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 (NPS 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,

ADDITIONS: 2 french doors, 10 lights

INTERIOR PLAN: 1-shed roofed, masonite siding, southeast corner; 1 northeast corner, smaller shed 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 USE: CURRENT INTERIOR USE (NPS 28 CODE) VC/ZZ
Township 37S County San Juan Original Use Hike to Natural Bridge
Range 17E Intermediate Uses Hike to Natural Bridge
PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE) HI

OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: NPS DRAWING NO. _____
Original Owner: NPS NEGATIVE NO. CAB 17, # 2, 4
Intermediate Owner(s): _____

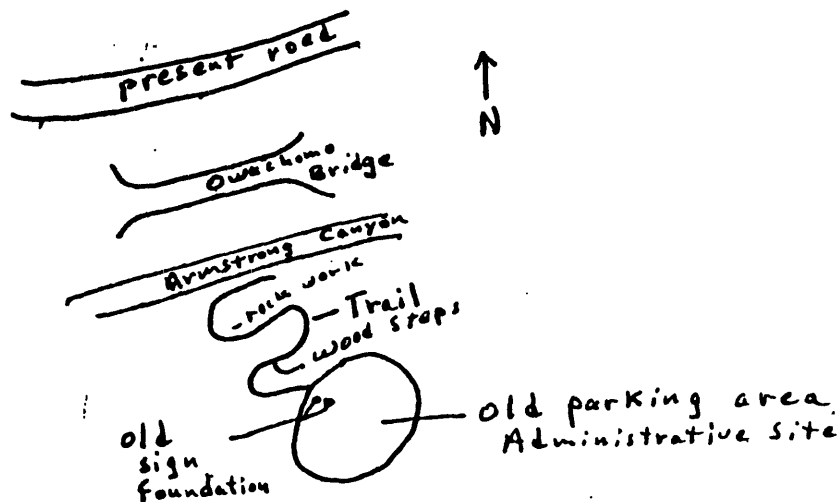
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

(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:

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Custodian's Residence(Rock House)

This is the only structure included in this nomination. It is constructed of coursed rubble with decorative milled wood fascia 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.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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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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LOG No ARCH HS-31
Photo No ~~19~~ 11, 19
Subject Rock House
Description of View REAR, w/side
NE to SW
Location of Subject ARCH
Location of Negative RMRO
By S. Mehls Date 9/86

Roll 11, NEG 19



AK-ARCH31

LOG No ARCH NS-31
Photo No 21
Subject Rock House
Description of View Front w/side
NEW HOUSE
Location of Subject ARCH
Location of Negative RMKD
By S. MEHLIS Date 9/86

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