

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: North Carolina	
COUNTY: Alleghany	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JAN 20 1972

1. NAME				
COMMON: Brinegar Cabin				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: At mile 238.5, Blue Ridge Parkway				
CITY OR TOWN: Whitehead vicinity (the Hon. Wilmer D. Mizell, Fifth Congressional District)				
STATE North Carolina		CODE 37	COUNTY: Alleghany	CODE 005
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
☐ District ☐ Site ☐ Object		☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both		☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress
☒ Building ☐ Structure		Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☒ Museum	☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) _____ _____	☐ Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: National Park Service				
STREET AND NUMBER: United States Department of the Interior, 18th and C streets, N. W.				
CITY OR TOWN: Washington		STATE: D. C.	CODE 11	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Alleghany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Sparta		STATE North Carolina	CODE 37	
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1959 ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress				
STREET AND NUMBER: East Capitol and Independence Avenue, S. E.				
CITY OR TOWN: Washington		STATE: D. C.	CODE 11	

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7. DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

☐ Altered☒ Unaltered☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

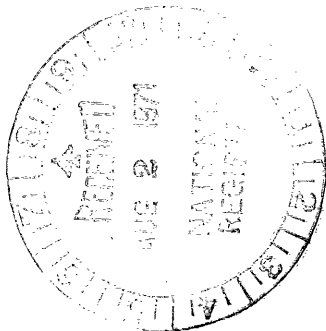
The Brinegar Cabin is typical of the small farm dwellings built throughout the mountain region of North Carolina during the past two hundred years. It is a one-story log house covered with lapped siding and resting on an uncoursed fieldstone foundation. The gable roof retains early wooden shingles.

The only opening on the front (east) facade is a central entrance with a plain heavy surround and a board-and-batten door. The interior is lighted by one tiny window beside the large stone chimney on the south end and a slightly larger window containing six-over-two sash on the north wall. A rectangular louvered vent with crude horizontal bars located near the apex of the north gable ventilates the attic.

On the rear of the cabin is a shed addition with a smaller stone chimney on the south side. The addition has a central exterior door on the rear (west) facade similar in design to the main entrance. Flanking the door are windows containing four-over-two sash.

The interior consists of two rooms, one in the main block and one in the shed addition. Both are finished with horizontally sheathed walls and low exposed-beam ceilings. The mantels, which may be replacements, are quite simple with heavy shelves supported by large brackets. The unfinished attic is reached by a ladder rising on the rear wall in the main room.

Located to the northwest of the house is a frame outbuilding covered with lapped siding and protected by a gable roof. Beneath the building is a full stone basement entered through a board-and-batten door on the south side. This basement probably served as a dairy.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ Pre-Columbian | ☐ 16th Century | ☐ 18th Century | ☐ 20th Century |
| ☐ 15th Century | ☐ 17th Century | ☒ 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

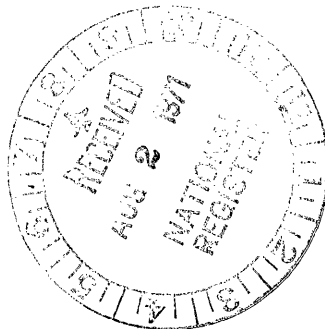
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Philosophy | ☐ Other (Specify) _____ |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | ☐ Science | _____ |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Sculpture | _____ |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape | ☐ Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Architecture | ☐ Theater | _____ |
| ☐ Commerce | ☐ Literature | ☐ Transportation | _____ |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Military | | |
| ☐ Conservation | ☐ Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

About 1880 Martin Brinegar and his young bride, the former Caroline Joines, settled on their newly purchased farm. The site of their homestead was a tract at an elevation of 3,500 feet in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Alleghany County. It took Martin five years to complete the cabin and several outbuildings that stood nearby. It is said that except for the placing of the heavy logs of the cabin, he did all of the work himself. In addition to farming Martin worked as a cobbler. He attended and was clerk of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Following the death of Martin Brinegar in 1925, his widow lived in the cabin for a decade, after which it was purchased by the state of North Carolina. The state later donated the property to the federal government, and it became a part of the lands comprising the Blue Ridge Parkway. Currently the Brinegar Cabin houses a display of mountain crafts and weaving. The cabin is notable as an unusually well-preserved example of a type of construction that was used not only by the early settlers in the eighteenth century but also by settlers of more remote regions in later times.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Alleghany County Records, Alleghany County Courthouse, Sparta, North Carolina, Office of the Register of Deeds. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills).

Alleghany County Records, State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills).

Lord, William G. The Blue Ridge Parkway Guide. Asheville, North Carolina: The Stephens Press, Inc., 1961.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Survey and Planning Unit, John B. Wells, III, Supervisor

ORGANIZATION
State Department of Archives and History

DATE
28 July 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Raleigh

STATE
North Carolina

CODE
37

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name H. G. Jones

Title Director, State Department of Archives and History

Date 28 July 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
JAN 20 1972

Date _____

ATTEST:

W. Bradford
Keeper of The National Register
Date January 14, 1972

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NEGATIVE NUMBER N.71.6 — 605

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PHOTO DATE 6-15-71

SUBJECT BRINEGAR LOG CABIN Doughton
Park (Blue Ridge Parkway)

Watauga Co., N.C.
Alleghany

NPS Number 1/20/72

Title: Brinegar Cabin

Loc. Alleghany Co., N.C. ①
Interior

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