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FRAME CABIN

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Grand Canyon

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Location: National Park Administrative Area, Grand Canyon National
Park, North Rim, Coconino County, Arizona

UTM Reference: 12/403700/4007675

Date of Construction: 1929

Present Owner: U.S. Department of the Interior

Present Occupant: TWA Services, Inc.

Present Use: Living quarters

Significance: This cabin is one of a group of buildings that are part of Utah
Parks Company's original development on the North Rim of the
Grand Canyon. Designed by Gilbert Stanley Underwood, it is an
example of inexpensive "rustic" architecture intended, without
highly stylized or sophisticated design or expensive materials, to
replace the original tent camp with a more substantial, yet still
low-cost tourist facility.

Prepared By: John P. White

Project Information: Project prepared in 1982 under the direction
of the National Park Service, Western Region, Marjorie Baer,
historian. The team comprised project supervisor John P. White
(Associate Professor of Architecture, Texas Tech University),
architects Linda Kay Heinrich and Paula Beth Miller (Virginia
Tech), and student architect Deborah Rehn Hurst (Washington
University, St. Louis). Richard Frear was photographer.

I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Built in 1929, this cabin is part of the inexpensive "rustic" architecture intended to replace the original tent camp with a more substantial yet still low cost tourist facility.

II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Merit and Interest: These exposed frame structures, not duplicated architecturally elsewhere on the North Rim, form a harmonious part of the Grand Canyon Inn complex.
2. Condition of Fabric: Good

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: This three-bay, one-story building is approximately thirteen feet by thirteen feet with a small two feet by six feet extension on the front.
2. Foundation: Stone piers, one each corner.
3. Wall construction, finish, color: Wooden planking with exposed framing on exterior, four by four corners, and diagonal bracing, painted brown. There is a vertical wooden board skirting around the foundation.
4. Structural system, framing: Wooden structure.
5. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc: There is a small concrete stoop with two concrete steps at the entrance.
6. Chimneys: There is a metal flue, with raincap, projecting through the roof, and a cement asbestos flue projecting through the roof from the water heater housing extension.
7. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: The main entrance doorway has a vertical wooden panel door with wooden threshold.
 - b. Windows and shutters: Wooden windows have six-light, sliding sashes

with a wooden frame exposed on the face of the interior walls. There is a wooden window in the bath, which has a six-light hopper sash.

8. Roof:

- a. Shapes, covering: Gable roof with wooden shingles.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Open eaves.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plan: The main entrance leads into a bedroom, which has a window on the three other walls, approximately in the center. There is a small bathroom to the right of the entrance, with a window on the front wall. There is a small lean-to on one side housing the water heater.
2. Flooring: Wooden board flooring, covered with carpet in the bedroom and sheet vinyl in the bathroom.
3. Walls and ceiling finish: Gypsum board walls and ceilings, painted.
4. Doorways and doors: The bathroom door is wooden vertical beaded boards...
5. Mechanical equipment:
 - a. Heating: Propane-fired space heater.
 - b. Plumbing: Modern plumbing fixtures.
 - c. Lighting: Fluorescent lighting fixtures.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: The cabins are nestled among pine trees along an oblong roadway, each cabin facing to a road. They are approximately two hundred feet northwest of the Grand Canyon Inn (Camper's Store and Pub), and across the road south from the log cabin. There are twenty-seven of these cabins.

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Richard Frear, Photographer, July 1982

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