

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Wyoming
COUNTY:	Teton
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ENTRY DATE	OCT 2 1973

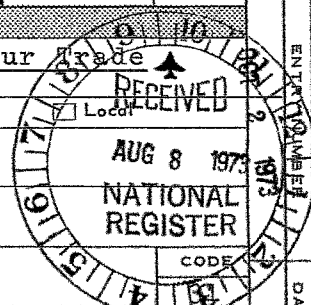
1. NAME			
COMMON: Cunningham Cabin US-1			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Bar Flying U Ranch - J. P. Cunningham			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: NE of Moose off US 26/89/187 in			
Grand Teton National Park			
CITY OR TOWN: Moose <i>me</i>		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Teno Roncalio - Rep. Gale W. McGee - Senator Clifford P. Hansen - "	
STATE: Wyoming		CODE 56	COUNTY: Teton
		CODE 039	

3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
☒ District ☐ Site ☐ Object	☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	☐ Occupied ☒ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress		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 interpretive site with self-guiding	

4. AGENCY					
U. S. National Park Service					
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) Midwest Region		STREET AND NUMBER: 1709 Jackson Street		STATE: Wyoming	
CITY OR TOWN: Omaha		STATE: Nebraska		CODE 31	COUNTY: Teton

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Not applicable Teton Co. Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Jackson		STATE: Wyoming		CODE 56	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: An Interpretive Prospectus for Post-Fur Trade History, Grand Teton National Park					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1963		☒ Federal	☐ State	☐ County	☐ Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: U. S. National Park Service, Midwest Region					
STREET AND NUMBER: 1709 Jackson Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Omaha		STATE: Nebraska		CODE	



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ 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 10-acre ranchstead site consists of one standing log structure believed to be the original homestead cabin built in the 1880's and scattered remains (foundation stones, posts, etc.) of ranch buildings and corrals.

The cabin is a restored double pen log house with veranda and sod-covered double board roof. Restoration involved resetting wall logs and rebuilding the roof.

A restored buck and pole fence has also been added.

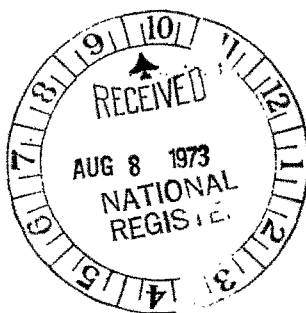
The attached map indicates locations of the no longer existing structures.

The present district comprises 10 acres of class VI land as shown on the Park's master plan map NP-GT approved 1958.
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Cabin & fence - restoration

Remains of other historic structures - preservation as they are.

Cabin sills were rotted - logs taken down, sills replaced, logs returned to original positions.



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B. 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) 1885 or 1888

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 Architecture | ☐ Social/Humanitarian | |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Literature | ☐ Theater | |
| ☐ Commerce | ☐ Military | ☐ Transportation | |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Music | | |
| ☐ Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cunningham Cabin is significant for both its architecture and its place in the history of Teton County.

The cabin was built by J. Pierce Cunningham, one of the first settlers in Jackson Hole. He arrived from the east with his wife in 1885 and constructed the cabin either in that year or in 1888. After 1895, the cabin was used as a barn and smithy.

Cunningham became a prominent rancher and public figure in Teton County. He served as a postmaster, game warden, justice of the peace and was chosen as one of the commissioners when Teton County was organized in 1923.

In 1899 the cabin was the scene of a shoot-out between a posse and two horse thieves who had taken refuge in the structure. When the smoke cleared, both outlaws were dead. Cunningham was away at the time.

Ranching was a high-risk business in Jackson Hole due to its isolation and severe winters. Cunningham was glad to sell out in 1928 when the land was being acquired for Grand Teton National Park.

The cabin is a saddle-V-notched, double-pen or dog-trot log structure of Appalachian origin. It is an example of the diffusion of frontier adaptations from the eastern sections of the United States to the montane west. The primitive structure is typical of first dwellings in Jackson Hole.

The ranch site includes the foundations of several other structures including a fortification hastily erected in 1895 during the Bannock Indian scare.

Second order of significance

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Apple, Russell A. An Interpretive Prospectus for Post-Fur Trade History, Grand Teton National Park (Historic Structures), National Park Service, 1963.

Kardos, Andrew R., "BAR FLYING U"--A Trail Guide to the Cunningham Ranch Site. Grand Teton Natural History Association, Moose, Wyoming, 1972.

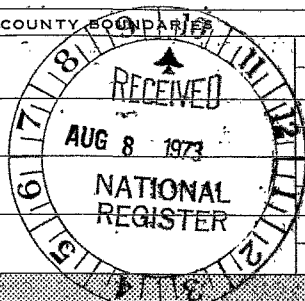
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	43°	46'	18" 34	110°	33'	38" 34			
NE	43°	46'	18" 26	110°	33'	38" 26			
SE	43°	46'	10" 26	110°	33'	38" 26			
SW	43°	46'	10" 34	110°	33'	38" 34			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10

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: Donald F. Dosch, Landmark Program Specialist		DATE: 3/12/73
BUSINESS ADDRESS: National Park Service, Midwest Region		
STREET AND NUMBER: 1709 Jackson Street		PHONE: 402-221-3463
CITY OR TOWN: Omaha	STATE: Nebraska	CODE: 31

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- ☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ None

Paul H. Hestert
 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 ☐ Local ☐ National ☒ State

Memill P. Beal 5-10-73
 Federal Representative Signature Date
Acting Director, Midwest Region
 Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert H. Utley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *10/2/73*

ATTEST:

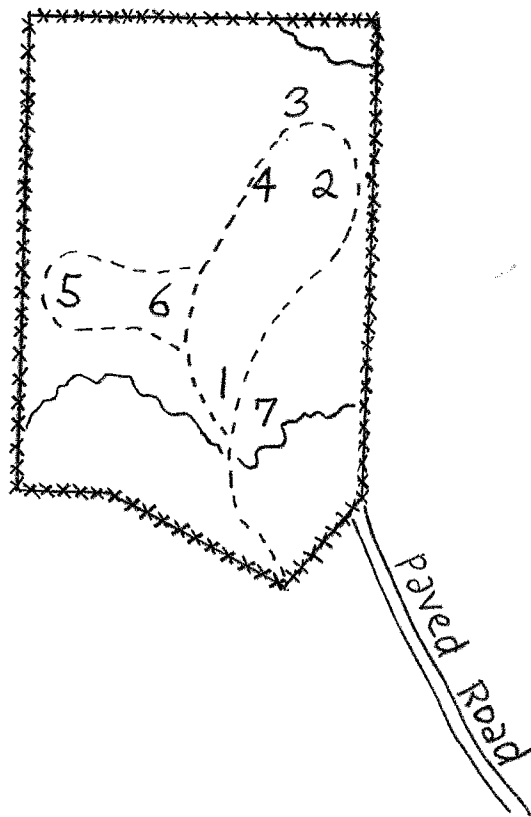
Date *9.28.73*

Gene S. Smith
 Keeper of The National Register

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

NW 12/535 490/4847330
 NE 12/535 670/4847330
 SE 12/535 670/4847330
 SW 12/535 490/4847330

- 1-Cunningham Cabin
- 2 1890 Ranchhouse site
- 3 Indian Fort site, 1895
- 4 wells or outhouse depressions
- 5 Barn site
- 6 Bunk house site
- 7 Outbuildings sites



J.P. Cunningham Ranchstead
 from Grand Teton Master Plan
 Map NP-GT
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