

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:

Washington

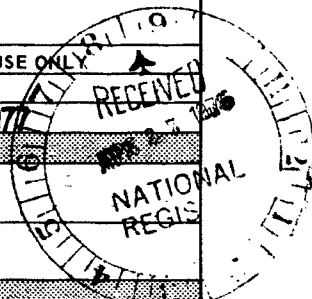
COUNTY:

Clallam

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ENTRY DATE

SEP 14 1977



1. NAME

COMMON:

Humes Ranch Cabin #699

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Humes Ranch

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

About 7 miles south of Lake Mills dam on east side of Elwha River

CITY OR TOWN:

Port Angeles

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE:

Washington

CODE

53

COUNTY:

Clallam

CODE

009

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
(Check One)

- ☐ District ☒ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☒ Public
☐ Private
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

- ☐ Occupied
☒ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in progress

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

- Yes:
☐ Restricted
☒ Unrestricted
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☒ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Comments
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence ☐ Other (Specify)
☒ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific

4. AGENCY

National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Fourth and Pike Building

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Seattle,

STATE:

Washington 98101

CODE

53

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Clallam County Courthouse

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STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Port Angeles

STATE:

Washington 98362

CODE

53

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Historic Structures Report, Humes Ranch, Parts I and II

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969

☒ Federal☐ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation,
National Park Service, Interior Building

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington

STATE:

District of Columbia

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

Old photographs leave little doubt that the ranch cabin is authentic. Human testimony further corroborates the indications of the building's historic nature. After 1934, the cabin was occupied by Herb and Lois Crisler who filmed the Walt Disney classic on the Olympic elk. They may have made minor alterations in the cabins but photographs, news accounts and human testimony indicate that the structure is fundamentally original.

The cabin consists of one room constructed of dovetailed logs approximately 15'X18' long, and a kitchen to the rear (south) the same width and approximately 9 to 10 feet deep, constructed with a sapling frame and vertical cedar weatherboarding. The roof of the log section is cedar shakes secured to purlins bearing on the gable end walls with the additional support of rafters at mid-section.

A porch six feet deep with hipped roof extends the width of the cabin front and a similar porch extends south off the kitchen. A larder is built in one corner of the kitchen. The log section contains a north door and one 5'X2' window facing west.

The cabin was restored to its original exterior appearance by the National Park Service in 1970. A chimney and picture window added by the Crislers were removed, the bottom logs, foundation and flooring replaced, the roof repaired, and duplicates of original missing doors fabricated. The original planed lumber ceiling and loft above, now gone, were not replaced.

Still standing in front of the cabin are a plum tree, a pear tree and several apple trees. These were planted by Humes and still bear fruit.

The sheds, barn and other out structures are not now in existence.

Recommended level of treatment: Preservation. Annual cost: \$1,000

Boundary

The cabin occupies the southern extremity of a gently sloping natural mountain terrace comprising approximately one half acre on the easterly side of the narrow Elwha River Valley. This terrace is situated 100 feet or more above the flood plane where crops were planted and domestic animals grazed, and which was reached by a crude roadway (now reduced to a trail) cut into the rather steep embankment. The terrace is served by a spring emanating from the mountainside. A small dam impounding water (now silted in) is situated at an elevation which would provide a flow of water by pipe or wood flume to the cabin.

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Humes Ranch is of local significance but of primary importance historically because it is one of the few remaining structures representing pioneer life in the Olympics. The cabin was built by William Humes around the turn of the century. He was an easterner who joined his brother, Martin, and cousin, Ward Sanders, on a trip to the gold fields of Alaska. An early winter stalled their plans and by the following year they had settled in the Olympics. Grant Humes joined his brother a few years later and became the sole proprietor of the Humes Ranch. Grant Humes was a recluse who earned his living by hunting and packing. He acted as a guide in the early mountaineering ventures. He scouted the trails for the earliest authenticated conquest of Mount Olympus and personally scaled a number of peaks in the range.

Actually, the period of settlement in the Elwha drainage was itself of late vintage. Few settlers preceded the Humes brothers to this area.

The Humes Ranch cabin is both significant and authentic. It would be a fitting vehicle with which to convey an important chapter in the history of the Olympics.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ruby El Hult's "The Untamed Olympics"
Olympic National Park's historic files

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: David H. Huntzinger, Staff Interpreter, & Laurin Huffman II		DATE: March 7, 1974
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Olympic National Park		
STREET AND NUMBER: 600 East Park Avenue		PHONE:
CITY OR TOWN: Port Angeles	STATE Washington 98362	CODE 53

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- ☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ None

Charles A. [Signature]
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 ☐ National ☐ State

Robert G. [Signature] APR 22 1976
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Date 9/14/77

ATTEST:
Charles A. [Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

Date 9.15.77

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Form No. 10-301a
(7/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: National Park Service			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1974			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Headquarters, Olympic National Park			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Photograph of Humes Ranch Cabin viewed from Northwest			

