

DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Acting Superintendents Headquarters

AND/OR COMMON

Army Cabin

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Wawona

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Yosemite National Park

VICINITY OF Wawona

15th

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

California

06

Mariposa

043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER: INTERP. PROG**4 AGENCY**

National Park Service

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Western Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

450 Golden Gate Ave., P.O. Box 36063

CITY, TOWN

San Francisco

VICINITY OF

STATE

CA

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Yosemite National Park

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 577

CITY, TOWN

Yosemite National Park

CA

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Structures Inventory

DATE

1961

☒ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Same as #5

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☒ MOVED DATE 1958

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Acting

The Superintendent's*Office was originally erected by the Army at Camp A.E. Wood in 1904. It was moved to Yosemite Valley in 1906 and used as a residence until 1958, when it was moved back to Wawona to the History Center. This office, 15' x 12', is a 1½ story, board and batten structure, with a steeply pitched gable roof. The redwood roof shingles and board and batten siding are stained dark brown. The front facade features a simple porch, a four panel door, and a small 6-light window on the gable end. There are two casement windows on the north and south sides, each has 12 lights.

The justification for moving this building is written in paragraph two of the significance statement. It was necessary to partially dismantle the cabin (remove the roof) in order to get through the Wawona tunnel. Before reassembling the building, all materials were treated with preservatives and the vertical sided was restrained. An indoor sprinkler system was the only significant alteration.

The cabin is currently undergoing approved stabilization to replace some rotting lower structural members. The building will be reroofed with shingles to match the existing ones.

An historic structures preservation guide should be done for the cabin. It is on a regular maintenance schedule for the National Park Service.

* "Acting Superintendent" was the official title of the military commander stationed in Yosemite.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1904 BUILDER/ARCHITECT U.S. Army

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The United States Army administered Yosemite National Park from 1891 until the designation of civilian Superintendents in 1913. This building, the first headquarters office, was constructed in Camp A. E. Wood, Wawona, in 1904 and is of local significance in conservation relating to the "Official maintenance or supervision of natural . . . resources."

This building is the sole remaining structure associated with the military tenure in Wawona. When Yosemite Valley became part of Yosemite National Park (1906), the increased management responsibilities determined a move of headquarters from Wawona to the valley floor. Several of the residences built by the Army in Yosemite Valley are extant there, but this original "office" building is the only survivor of the few structures that were disassembled and moved with the troops from Wawona in 1906. When the Pioneer Yosemite History Center was planned in the late 1950's it was deemed appropriate to move the original headquarters, then serving as National Park Service housing, back to Wawona.

Today the building has been restored ~~and is used as an interpretive tool~~ and is used as an interpretive tool for explaining this early, important, administrative era in Yosemite's history. During their tenure in Wawona, various Army Superintendents began extensive mapping and exploration of the new Yosemite National Park. They instituted regulations concerning cattle and sheep grazing, (eventually abolishing both), firearms, tools, etc., and began the trail building that would eventually cover over 600 miles of Yosemite backcountry.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA *less than One*

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Building is defined by its boundaries of the walls.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Leslie Starr Hart/Historian

Merril Ann Wilson/Historic Architect

ORGANIZATION

Denver Service Center/National Park Service

DATE

8/76

STREET & NUMBER

655 Parfet, P.O. Box 25287

TELEPHONE

(303)234-4509/Hart or 5545/Wilson

CITY OR TOWN

Denver

STATE

CO

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES ☒

NO ☐

NONE ☐

[Signature]
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is ☒ National ☐ State ☐ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE *[Signature]*

TITLE

DATE June 7, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST *[Signature]*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6/9/78
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE 6.7.78



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____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

STATE

Yosemite Nat'l Park, Wawona, Pioneer History Center Mariposa Ca

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

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National Park Service

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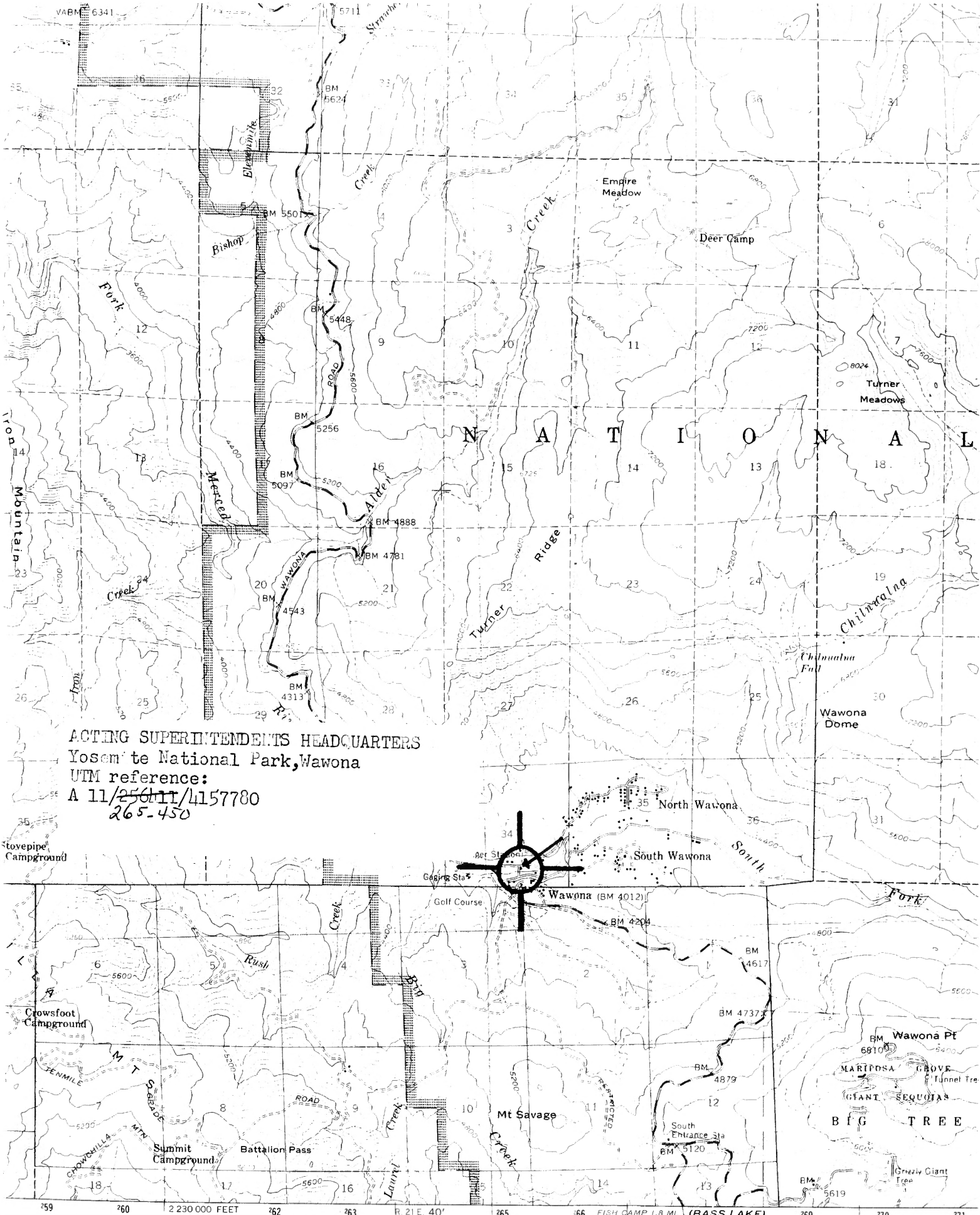
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4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO.

Acting Superintendents Headquarters South-Western & South-Eastern sides



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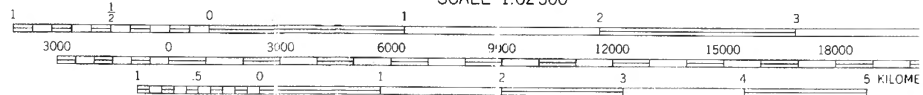
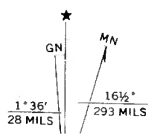
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