

## 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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DATE ENTEREDSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mc Gurk Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

Mc Gurk Cabin

## 2 LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Mc Gurk Meadow

CITY, TOWN

Village vicinity

Yosemite National Park

STATE

California

VICINITY OF

CODE

06

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifteenth

COUNTY

Mariposa

CODE

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: None

## 4 AGENCY

National Park Service  
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (if applicable)

Western Regional Office

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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

CITY, TOWN

San Francisco

VICINITY OF

STATE

California

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Administration Bldg., NPS

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Yosemite Valley

CITY, TOWN

Yosemite National Park

STATE

CA

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

National Register of Historic Places - Preliminary Inventory

DATE

1971

☒ FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Western Regional Office/NPS

CITY, TOWN

San Francisco

STATE

California

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mc Gurk Cabin is a one story, one room log structure measuring 14' square. It was built without foundations or fireplace. It consists of round, peeled lodgepole pine logs, laid on alternating tiers and joined together with a saddle notch joint. It has a dirt floor, and a single opening-a door-on the South facade. The cabin has a gable roof, covered with wood shingles which are laid with a 32 " exposure. The cabin was originally chinked with split log wedges.

The cabin was stabilized by the National Park Service in 1958. There are several large peeled log posts inside the cabin that are supporting the roof.

## 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

1895-1897

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Hugh Davanay (?)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This cabin, on the edge of Mc Gurk Meadow, was probably built by Hugh Davanay, who sold the property to Jack Mc Gurk in 1895. Mc Gurk was a cattleman, among other pursuits (hogman, deputy sheriff, etc.), and it can be presumed that he grazed his stock at the meadow during the summer months. Mc Gurk occupied the site for two years before being evicted by the Army in 1897 over a title dispute. Aside from his seasonal residence in this cabin there is no additional evidence of Mc Gurk spending time in Yosemite. The meadow is known as Mc Gurk's because his tenure was the longest of all the various owners.

In 1958 a group of Sierra Club volunteers, under the direction of the then Chief Park Naturalist, stabilized the cabin. The idea was that hiking was increasing in the Bridalveil Campground-Mc Gurk Meadow area and that this cabin would be a unique interpretive outpost for the area.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mc Gurk biographical file, National Park Service Research Library, Yosemite.  
Brubaker, Lloyd W. "Captain John J. Mc Gurk" Yosemite Nature Notes v.37:4,  
(April 1958).  
Uhte, Robert F. "Yosemite's Pioneer Cabins," Yosemite Nature Notes v.35:9,  
(September 1956).

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

*less than one -*

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
C \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
D \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 / TITLE

Leslie Starr Hart, Cultural Resources Specialist

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service, Denver Service Center

DATE

4/76

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

755 Parfet, P.O. Box 25287

(303) 234-4509

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Denver

Colorado 80225

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

NONE \_\_\_\_\_

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 X Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

*Act. Asst. Dir., Cultural Resources*

DATE

11/26/78

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

*Charles A. Hart*  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

6-4-79

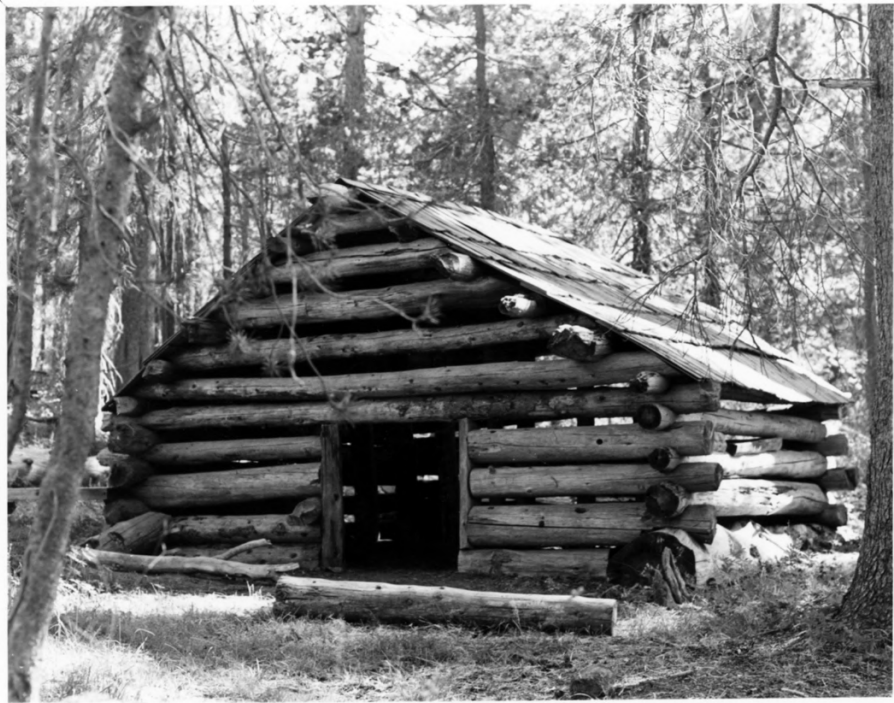
ATTEST:

*John J. Hart*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-31-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT National Park Service  
Ralph Anderson

DATE OF PHOTO

pre-1957

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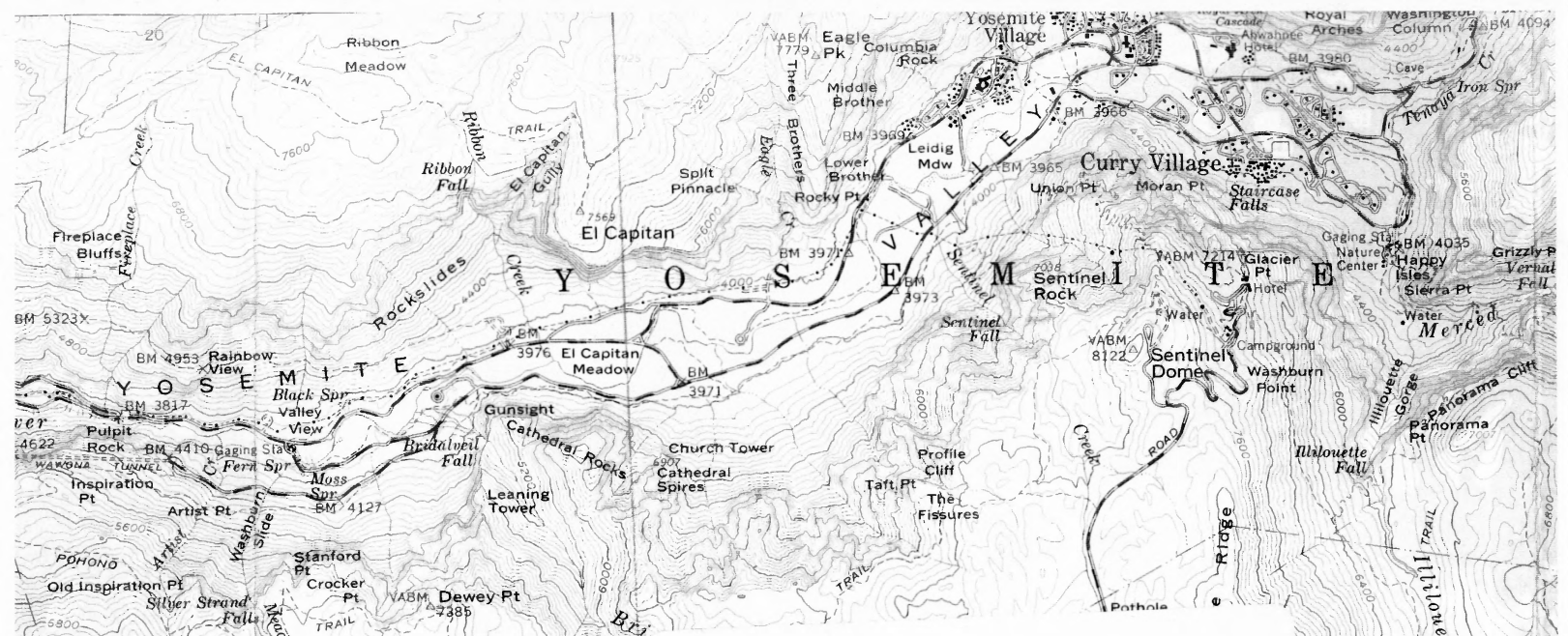
**4 IDENTIFICATION**

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

PHOTO NO 2.

Northeast facade of Mc Gurk cabin prior to stabilization.





MC GURK CABIN  
Yosemite National Park, CA

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