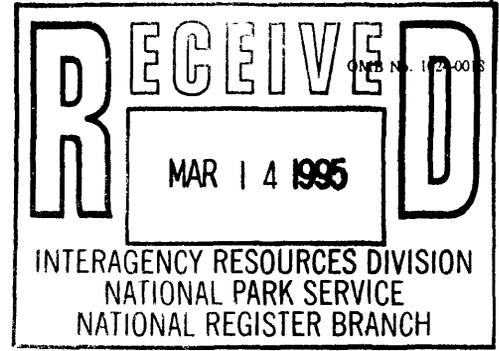


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### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM



#### 1. Name of Property

historic name: Bryce Inn

other name/site number: General Store, Head House, HS-118

#### 2. Location

street & number: Bryce Canyon National Park

not for publication: n/a

vicinity: X

city/town: Bryce Canyon

state: Utah      code: UT      county: Garfield code: 017      zip code: 84717

#### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_ statewide X locally. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official>Title

Date

National Park Service

State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

Utah State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency and bureau

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register  
\_\_\_ see continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the  
National Register  
\_\_\_ see continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the  
National Register  
\_\_\_ see continuation sheet
- removed from the National Register  
\_\_\_ see continuation sheet
- other (explain):

for Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Antoinette Lee

4/25/95

Bryce Inn

Name of Property

Garfield County, Utah

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-federal	Number of Resources within Property		
	Contributing	Noncontributing	
Category of Property: Building(s)			
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	building(s)
Name of related multiple property listing: Bryce Canyon National Park Multiple Property Submission	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions: Commerce/Trade, restaurant	Current Function: Commerce/Trade, general store
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7. Description

Architectural Classification: Rustic	Materials: foundation: Concrete walls: Wood roof: Wood shingle other: Stone (chimney)
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Narrative Description

Summary and Setting

This building is located near the edge of the Paunsaugunt Plateau in the vicinity of Sunrise Point. It was formerly known as Bryce Inn and the area adjacent to the west side contained housekeeping cabins and comfort stations for park tourists. All of these cabins have been removed, and the only building remaining in the vicinity is the old NPS administrative building (HS-31), now referred to as the Nature Center. All vegetation in the area is native. The hillslope west and north of the building contains a moderately dense stand of pine trees, which forms a visual barrier between this area and the public campground located north of the Inn. A paved park access road bypasses the east side of the building. Relatively new concrete sidewalks access the shower area to the rear (northwest side) of the building, and the handicapped entrance on the southwest elevation side of the building.

Description

Bryce Inn is a one-story, irregularly-shaped building ~~is~~ constructed on a stone pier foundation. A partial basement houses the boiler. This is a studs-out building with exterior walls of 1" X 6" tongue and groove boards. The hip roof has flared ends, exposed 2" X 6" rafter ends, and is covered with wood shingles applied in a wave pattern. The southeast elevation has a partially-enclosed porch. The bottom third of the porch walls are enclosed with tongue and groove boards topped by a board railing with beveled edges. (Formerly, the space above the railing was enclosed with screen.) Rough 6" X 6" posts support the porch roof. Wood brackets are found at the junction of the support posts and the eave. A gable roof projects over the entry steps. Currently, this open porch is used as a dining area for tourists purchasing fast food in the General Store. At one time the north half of the porch was enclosed and housed the laundry facility.

The main entry into the general store is via the southeast porch described above. This is a double entry with swinging doors, each with two panels topped by four lights. A new (1973) entry into the building is located on the southwest elevation. This entry is centered in the wall of the building, and contains doors that are identical to those in the east side entry. A handicapped-accessible ramp leads to the southwest doorway.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1932-1937

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1932, 1937

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Gilbert Stanley Underwood

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### Narrative Statement of Significance

This building is associated with the development of recreational and administrative infrastructure within Bryce Canyon National Park, specifically with concessioner development. It is representative of the property type that includes resources associated with the Utah Parks Company. Although resources associated with this property types are potentially eligible under criteria A and C, this building only qualifies for listing under criterion C, for its value as an example of Gilbert Stanley Underwood's rustic architectural design.

Bryce Inn represents the last major improvement designed by Gilbert Stanley Underwood for the Utah Parks Company. It is designed in the style of the Bryce Canyon Lodge and standard cabins, with an exposed frame and a hip roof covered with wood shingles applied in a wave pattern. During the historic period, this building served as the nucleus of a group of buildings known as the Camp Center or the "housekeeping" cabin area. This vicinity contained at least 25 buildings including simple guest cabins, sanitary facilities, and support buildings. (At least one linen supply house and a small ice house formerly were located in the housekeeping area.) Cafeteria services also were available to visitors staying in the NPS campground which was located immediately north of the site. The removal of all concessioner buildings save Bryce Inn from the housekeeping area has compromised the associative value of this property, thus it is not recommended as eligible under criterion A.

Bryce Inn

Name of Property

Garfield County, Utah

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### 9. Major Bibliographic References

Underwood Drawings: Original building drawings for Underwood's Head House 1932, a floor plan and elevations, both sheets numbers illegible; 1937 drawings for building expansion, including #'s 46789, 46790, 46791, 46792; Park Service Drawings for a 1973 Upgrading: UP005 (3 sheets with numbers crossed out and replaced with 70007, 70008, 70009; and 2 sheets numbered 129 600001. All available from BRCA maintenance files. File labeled "Concessioner's Buildings."

#### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

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UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
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### Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Bryce Inn is shown on the accompanying site plan.

### Boundary Justification

The boundary is drawn to include only the building and its immediate vicinity. These boundaries exclude the area once occupied by the housekeeping cabin complex, which the Bryce Inn once served.

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Janene Caywood  
 organization: Historical Research Associates, Inc. date: December 31, 1994  
 street & number: P.O. Box 7086 telephone: 406 721-1958  
 city or town: Missoula state: MT zip code: 59807-7086

### Property Owner

name/title: USDI National Park Service  
 street & number: telephone: 801 834-5322  
 city or town: Bryce Canyon state: UT zip code: 84717

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**Garfield County, Utah**

### Description

The shower and laundry facilities are now located in the arm of the building that extends to the northwest from the original block. The shower/lavatory area is located in the southwest elevation of this arm. A free-standing wood screen is located in front of the entrances into the women's and men's shower areas. The laundry room has a separate entry, in the northwest elevation. The doors to the shower/lavatory and laundry rooms are similar to the paired doors in the southeast and southwest entrances.

A loading dock is located on the east end of the northeast elevation. A set of exterior stairs with wooden railings leads to this dock. The west end of the northeast elevation contains an addition that dates to the 1937 expansion. This 25'8" X 12' addition contains an exterior stone chimney on the north elevation. This addition contained a store room and also stairs leading to the partial basement.

Windows throughout the building are of two types: six-over-six light, double hung windows, or hopper windows with six-lights and exterior screens. The north elevation has four double sets of the hopper windows, all original. The addition at this elevation has one of the hopper windows at the east and west elevations, and two flanking the stone exterior chimney on the north elevation. The north end of the east elevation has a bank of four, six-over-six-light double hung windows, each of which is paired with an overhead hopper window. The south elevation contains three pair of the hopper windows, the center pair is located over the double doors in the entry. The west elevation contains one hopper window. New light fixtures are located at all exterior entries.

The interior of the building contains a large open area used for the sale of commercial goods (food, clothing, camping equipment, etc.), a laundry room, and separate shower/lavatory facilities for men and women. The rear of the building has a small room partitioned from the remainder, that contains a delivery/storage area and an area for concession employees. The large room now used for the General Store contains no interior ceiling. The scissors truss system and the 2" X 6" rafters are exposed, and the structural members are not painted. Banks of florescent lights are suspended from the ceiling by chains. The interior wall surface of this room consists of the unpainted tongue and groove boards. The floor is finished with 3" wood flooring.

The laundry room and shower facilities have new wall and floor coverings, and new light and sanitary fixtures. The wall covering consists of waterproof paneling applied in sheets, with plastic strips to cover the joints.

The 1937 addition to the building increased its size by approximately one quarter. The southwest elevation roof was extended, and new rooms were added to the west and north elevations. The east elevation porch was enclosed with screen at this time. The kitchen area was extended by the additions to the northeast site of the building; the dining area (now used as the general store) was expanded by an addition to the southwest elevation. Sometime between 1937 and 1973, a bank of showers was installed in the north end of the east block of the building, and the north portion of the southeast porch was enclosed and converted to a laundry room. In 1973, the showers and the laundry were moved to the northwest arm of the building. This effectively increased the interior space that could be used for the general store.

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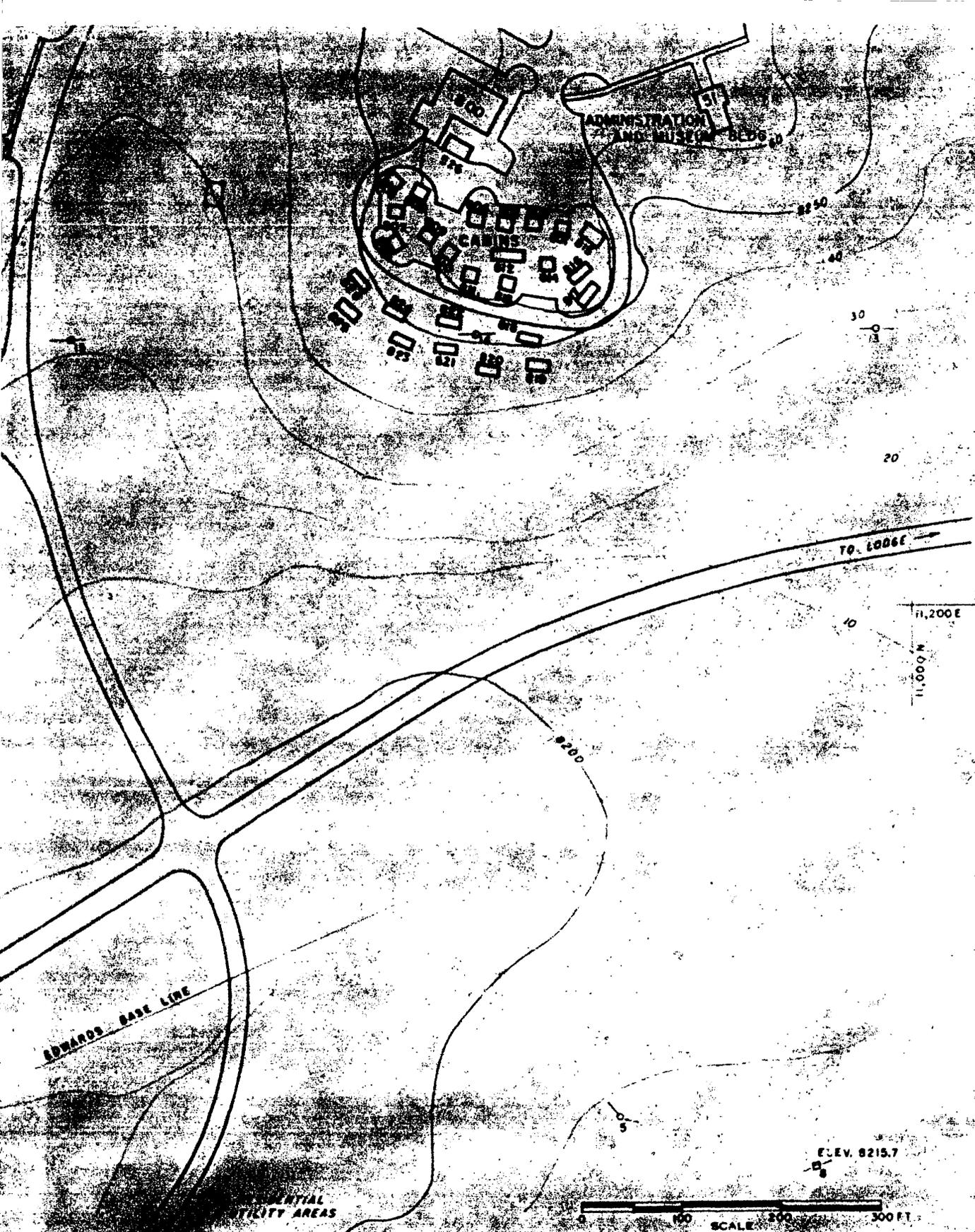
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### Description

In 1973, modifications included the addition of the south side entry. Also in 1973, the laundry room and the screens were removed from the east side porch.

This building possess integrity of materials, workmanship, design, and location. The current building plan represents the building as it appeared after the 1937 modifications. The modifications to the exterior that occurred in 1973 actually returned the building to its 1932 appearance. Mainly this occurred through the re-opening of the porch, and the removal of the screens. The addition of the south-side entry in 1973 was carried out in a sympathetic manner, and this alteration does not significantly detract from the historical appearance of the building exterior. On the interior, the modifications to the shower and laundry areas, have resulted in a thoroughly modern appearance. However the large room currently occupied by the General Store, has not been substantially modified, and contributes to the building's significance.



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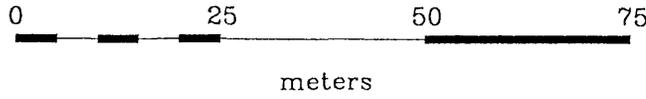
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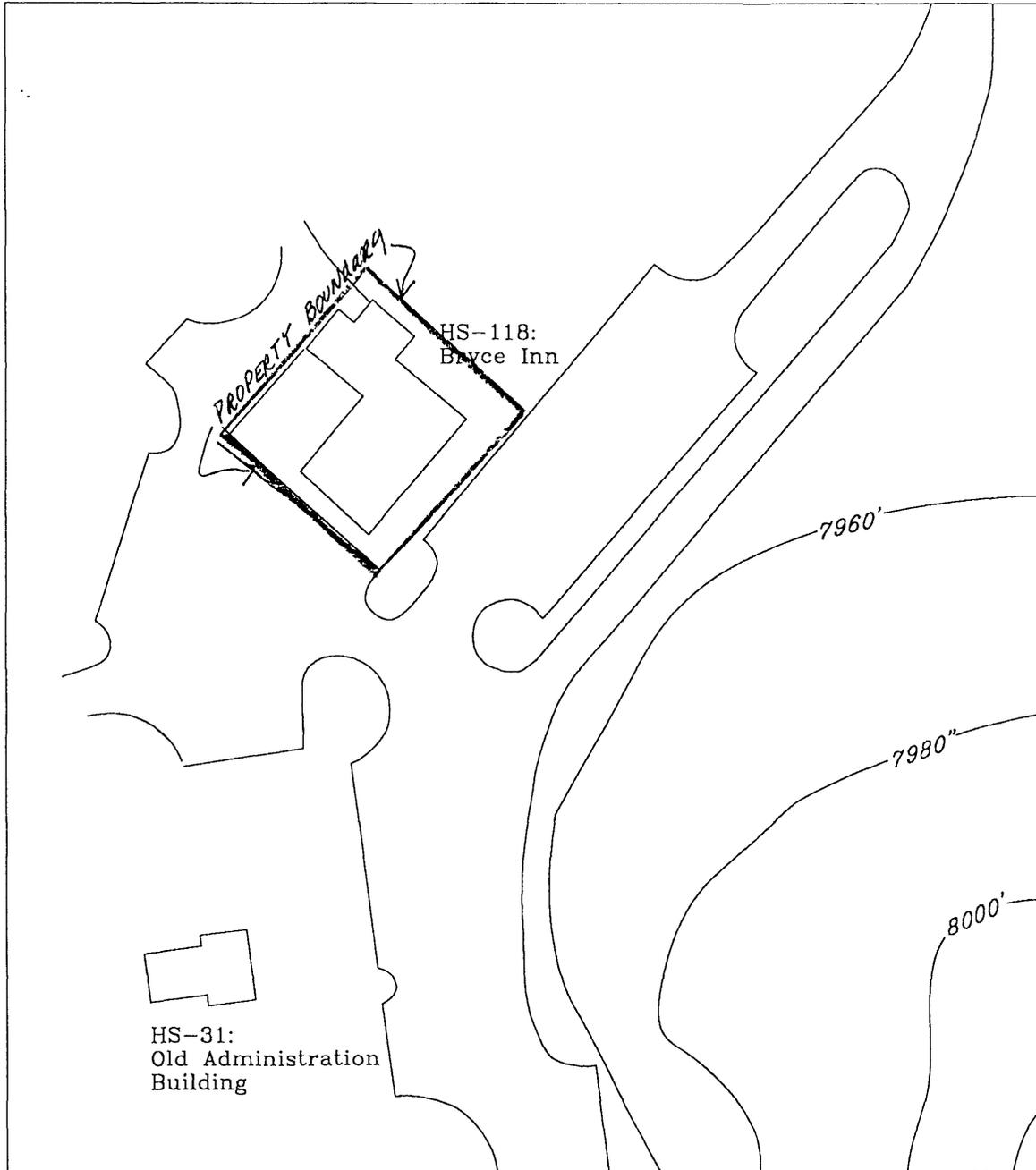
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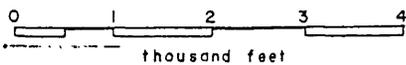
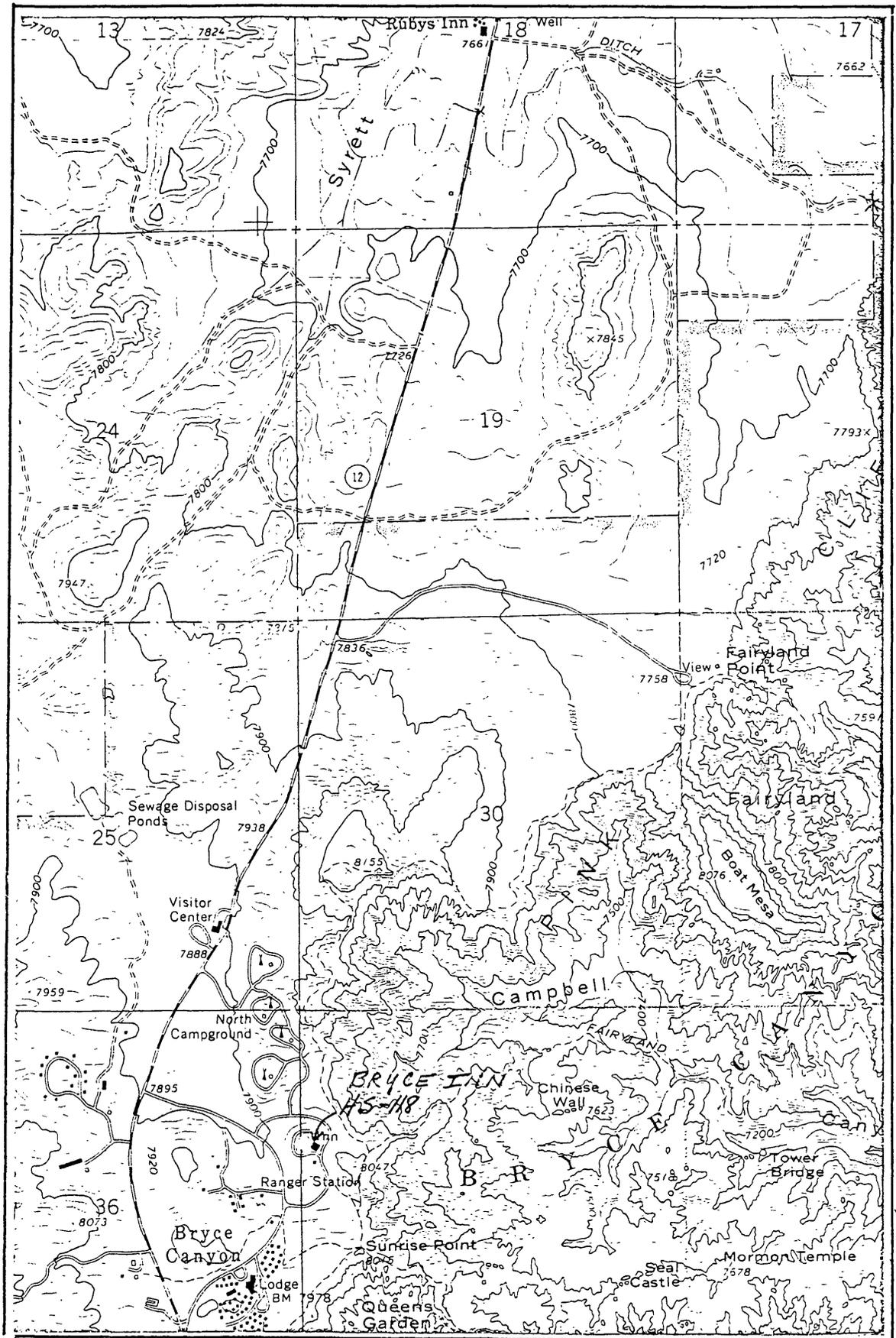
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2. Garfield County, Utah
3. Janene M. Caywood (HRA, Missoula MT)
4. June, 1992
5. NPS Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Denver, Colorado  
(Information in items 1-5 applies to all photos for HS-118)

#### Photo #1

Looking northwest to southwest elevation.

#### Photo #2

Looking northeast to southeast elevation (new handicapped accessible entrance).

#### Photo #3

Looking southwest to northeast elevation of building.

#### Photo #4

Looking southeast to northwest elevation.

#### Photo #5

Looking southeast towards doors in southeast elevation--interior now used for general store.

#### Photo #6

Detail of ceiling trusses--interior of general store.

#### Photo #7

Interior of laundry room--northeast elevation of building.

#### Photo #8

Interior of men's shower--southwest elevation of building.



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