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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

1. Name of Property

historic name Cathedral Valley Corral

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number N/A not for publication N/A  
city or town Torrey vicinity x  
state Utah code UT county Wayne code 055  
zip code 84775

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.)

Ronald M Greenberg 8-4-99  
Signature of certifying official Date

National Park Service  
Federal agency

In my opinion, the property     meets     does not meet the National Register criteria. (     See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Ug J En 8-15-96  
Signature of commenting official Date

Utah State Historic Preservation Office  
State agency

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
- \_\_\_ removed from the National Register
- \_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

*Mary M. W.* 9/15/99

*MW* Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- \_\_\_ private
- \_\_\_ public-local
- \_\_\_ public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- \_\_\_ building(s)
- \_\_\_ district
- \_\_\_ site
- structure
- \_\_\_ object

Number of Resources within Property

|              |                 |            |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| Contributing | Noncontributing |            |
| ___          | ___             | buildings  |
| ___          | ___             | sites      |
| <u>1</u>     | ___             | structures |
| ___          | ___             | objects    |
| <u>1</u>     | ___             | Total      |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing

Capitol Reef National Park MPS

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

Cat: Agriculture/Subsistence Sub: Animal Facility

Current Functions

Cat: Vacant/Not In Use Sub: Vacant/Not In Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

N/A

Materials

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| foundation | <u>N/A</u>  |
| roof       | <u>N/A</u>  |
| walls      | <u>N/A</u>  |
| other      | <u>Wood</u> |

Narrative Description

(See continuation sheet.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations - none apply

Areas of Significance Agriculture

Period of Significance 1900-1946

Significant Dates 1900

Significant Person N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(See continuation sheet.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

O'Bannon, Patrick: *Capitol Reef National Park Historic Resource Study and Survey Report*, NPS, Rocky Mountain Region, Denver, CO, June 1992.

Capitol Reef N. P. Archives, Torrey Utah

Bureau of Land Management Records, Salt Lake City, Utah

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
x Federal agency
\_\_\_ Local government
\_\_\_ University
\_\_\_ Other

Name of repository: Capitol Reef National Park Archives, Torrey Utah

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.5

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Table with 4 columns: Zone, Easting, Northing, and Zone. Row 1: 1, 12, 469520, 4259460, 3. Row 2: 2, blank, blank, 4. Row 3: blank, See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary encompasses a 0.5 acre area in which the Cathedral Valley Corral is located. This area corresponds with the UTM reference point noted above.

Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses only the historic corral.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Continuation Sheets - included.
Maps - see attached USGS map indicating the property's location.
Photographs - included.

Property Owner

name Capitol Reef National Park
street & number HC 70, Box 15 telephone (801) 425-3791
city or town Torrey state UT zip code 84775-9602

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**Description**

The Cathedral Valley Corral is located in the northern portion of Capitol Reef National Park. It is east of the Cathedral Valley Road and approximately two miles north of Hartnet Road Junction. The Cathedral Valley Corral consists of two wood enclosures located against a sandstone cliff.

The corral was created by constructing a wood fence across the mouth of a small alcove in the cliff. The corral is divided into two sections: a large area and a smaller holding pen with an attached cattle chute. The chute is equipped with a gate and holding device used to immobilize cattle while they were vaccinated and dehorned. The wooden corral walls consist of vertical posts with horizontal poles. In some areas the poles are wired in place between two posts.

The corral has undergone few changes since the historic period. It maintains integrity of location, setting design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association from the historic period.

**Statement of Significance**

The Cathedral Valley Corral has local significance under National Register Criterion A for its association with agriculture (cattle ranching) in the Capitol Reef area. The corral served to facilitate the working of livestock. The corral is one of the few resources from the important grazing era in Capitol Reef National Park which retains integrity from the historic period. The period of significance is from its construction circa 1900 to 1946, the end of the historic period as defined by the National Register.

The corral's significance is associated with the historical context "Grazing in Capitol Reef National Park, 1880-1946" which is included in the cover form for the "Capitol Reef National Park Multiple Property Submission."

Oral tradition maintains that this corral was built circa 1900 by pioneer cattlemen. The corral was later used by the Jeffery and Morrell families. The corral is not recorded in Bureau of Land Management records, which document most range improvements built after passage of the Taylor Grazing Act in 1934. It appears likely, therefore, that the corral is one of the oldest cultural resources associated with the grazing industry extant in Capitol Reef National Park. The corral was used as a holding area for livestock which facilitated branding, dehorning, and vaccination. This method of livestock handling made possible the working of large amounts of cattle and sheep easier and less dependent on the skilled labor of cowboys that was necessary when working livestock on the open range.

The turn of the century, when the Cathedral Valley Corral was built, was a period when grazing practices in Utah underwent considerable change. Up until this period Euroamerican grazing activity in this semi-arid state had been characterized by

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**Statement of Significance (continued)**

the small scale subsistence activities of the Mormon population. However, beginning as early as the 1870s, the rich range lands of Utah became increasingly exploited by large scale capitalist ranching enterprises. Mormon ranchers responded by increasing their herd sizes, and abandoning many of their communal values in the pursuit of individual economic gains. This shift in Mormon cultural attitudes, important in itself, when combined with the outside pressures proved environmentally disastrous to the ranges of the Capitol Reef area. The large herds of sheep and cattle, combined with the 19th century mentality of resource exploitation, led to some areas being depleted of all edible forage. Contributing to ecological crisis was the almost total lack of governmental restrictions on grazing activities. Ranges were open on a first come first served basis; ranchers fully exploited rangeland in a "use it or lose it" situation.

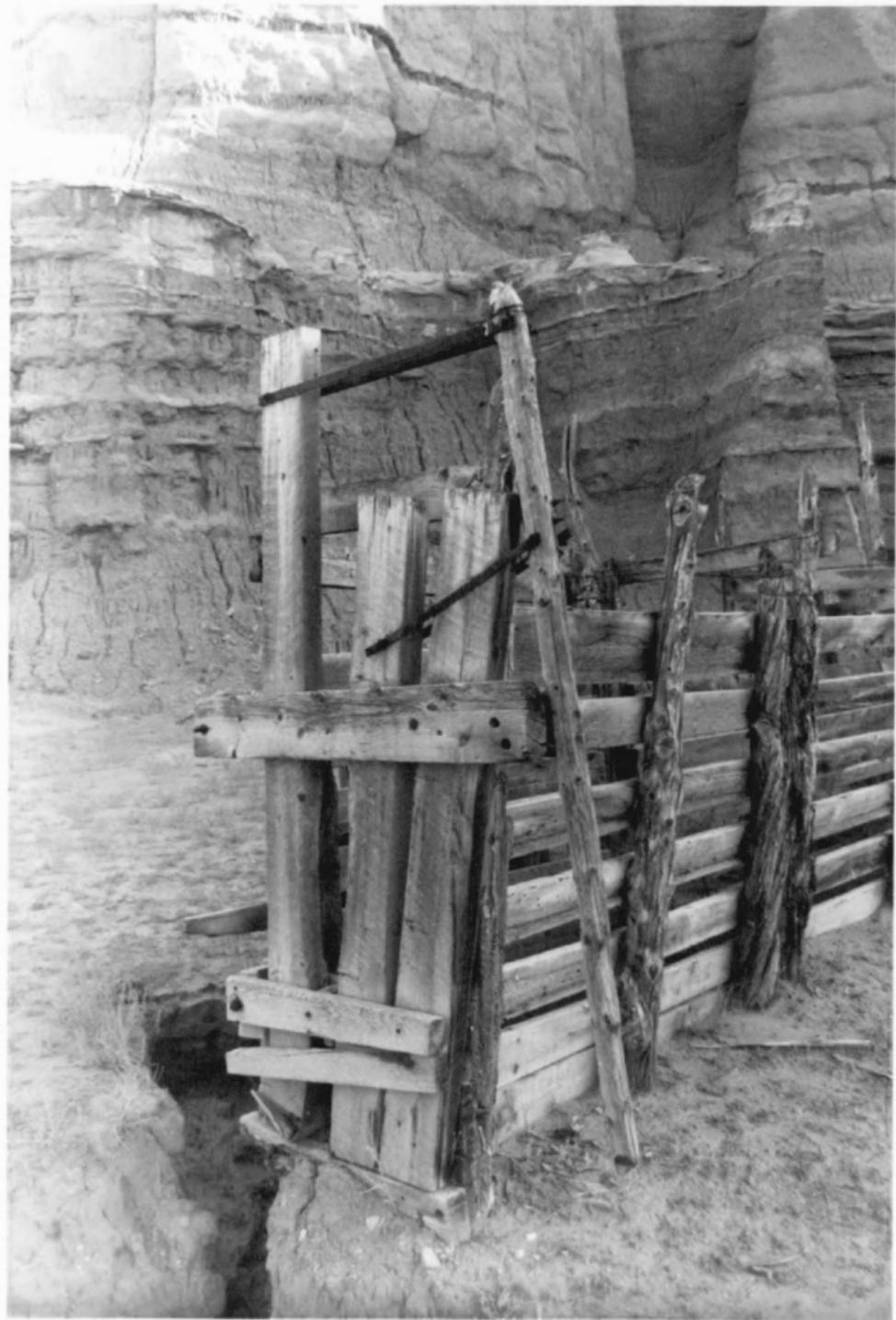
The Cathedral Valley Corral, possibly the oldest extant ranching resource in Capitol Reef National Park, represents a period of change in ranching practices, one that demonstrated a more conscious awareness of the ecological impacts of cattle on their environment.



- 1) Cathedral Valley Corral
- 2) Capitol Reef National Park, Torrey, Utah
- 3) Patrick O'Bannon
- 4) November 1990
- 5) John Milner Associates
- 6) View to Northeast
- 7) 7



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- 7) 2



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- 2) CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK,  
TORREY, UTAH
- 3) PATRICK O'BANNON
- 4) NOVEMBER 1990
- 5) JOHN MILNER ASSOCIATES
- 6) CATTLE CHUTE DETAIL, VIEW TO SOUTH
- 7) 3