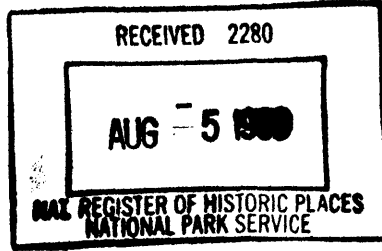


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

1. Name of Property

historic name Hanks' Dugouts

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street & number N/A not for publication N/A  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.)

M. J. E. 8-15-96  
Signature of commenting official Date

Utah State Historical 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.

Handwritten signature and date: 9/13/99

determined not eligible for the National Register
removed from the National Register
other (explain):

for Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
public-local
public-State
x public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
district
x site
structure
object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total. Values: 1, 1.

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 Domestic Sub: Agricultural Outbuildings Single Dwelling

Current Functions

Cat: Vacant/Not In Use Sub: Ruin

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification

No Style

Materials

foundation n/a

roof Wood

walls Earth

other \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(See continuation sheet.)

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8. Statement of Significance  
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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 Exploration/Settlement

Period of Significance 1883-1888

Significant Dates 1883

Significant Person n/a

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder Hanks, Ephraim K.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(See continuation sheet.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References  
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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

Final Homestead Proofs, Bureau of Land Management Records, RG-49, National Archives, Suitland, Maryland

Hanks, Sidney Alvarus, and Ephraim K. Hanks. Scouting for the Mormons On the Great Frontier. Salt Lake City, UT: The Deseret News Press, 1948.

HANKS' DUGOUTS

WAYNE COUNTY, 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
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Capitol Reef National Park Archives

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property 1.0

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>12</u>	<u>483650</u>	<u>4225280</u>	3	<u>12</u>	<u>484090</u>	<u>4225440</u>
2	<u>12</u>	<u>483860</u>	<u>4225170</u>	4	<u>12</u>	<u>484000</u>	<u>4225470</u>

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary encompasses a 1 acre area in which the Hanks' Dugouts are located. This area corresponds with the UTM reference point noted above.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the historic dugouts, associated occupational scatters (cans, dish fragments, buttons, portions of agricultural equipment) and associated fences.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Benjamin Brower, Historian; revised, K. McKoy; revised also by Lee Kreutzer 1998 organization for: National Park Service, IMFA, CPSSO  
 \_\_\_\_\_ date 1996  
 street & number 12795 W. Alameda Parkway P.O. Box 25287 telephone (303) 499-7195  
 city or town Denver state CO zip code 80225-0287

Additional Documentation  
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Continuation Sheets - included.

Maps - see attached USGS map indicating the property's location.

Photographs - included.

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Property Owner  
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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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Hanks' Dugouts  
Wayne County, Utah  
Capitol Reef National Park MPS

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**Description**

The Hanks' Dugouts are located in the north central portion of Capitol Reef National Park approximately six miles south of the Visitor Center. They are on the south side of Pleasant Creek and roughly .4 miles south of Sleeping Rainbow Ranch. Features at the site of Hanks' Dugouts consist of the remains of three dugouts, and at least one other unidentified structure.

The dugouts are all collapsed; elements of log or pole roof structures are evident. The above-ground structure appears to have been of stone construction. The area around the structures is scattered with ceramics, glass, and other archeological artifacts. Other evidence of habitation, including a wagon road, the possible supports for a feed trough, and fences. The remains of a wagon are scattered across the site.

Other than deterioration over time, they have undergone no discernable or documented alterations, and the site itself appears remarkably undisturbed since the historic period.

**Statement of Significance**

This nomination is part of the "Capitol Reef National Park Multiple Property Submission." Hanks' Dugouts are associated with the historic context "Mormon Settlement and Agriculture in Capitol Reef National Park, 1880-1946."

Hanks' Dugouts originally served as the residence of the Ephraim K. Hanks family. The dugouts are the only surviving resources from Hanks' settlement on Pleasant Creek which was known as the Floral Ranch. The period of significance is from the date of Hanks' arrival in 1883 to 1888 when the family built a four-room frame house and most likely abandoned the dugouts.

Ephraim K. Hanks settled on Pleasant Creek in April 1883. According to Hanks' son, Sidney, the family first lived in a dugout, although Hanks' widow disputed this claim when she filed her final Homestead Act affidavits in 1899. She stated, instead, that the family built a one-room log home when they settled on the property. The 1895 government survey of the area clearly indicates the presence of a residence in this location occupied by Sidney Hanks.

The dugouts were typical of early Mormon construction in remote settlements. Lack of information about climatic conditions and the feasibility of agriculture meant that Euroamerican pioneers usually viewed their initial settlement as temporary. Dugouts were relatively easy and inexpensive to build and could be abandoned if the agricultural pursuits failed. In the case of the Hanks family, their settlement succeeded and the dugouts were abandoned in favor of the more permanent, and presumably comfortable, wood frame house.

The remains of the dugouts and other structures at the site appear largely undisturbed.



1) Hanks' Dugouts

2) Capitol Reef National Park, Torrey, Utah

3) Brad Frye

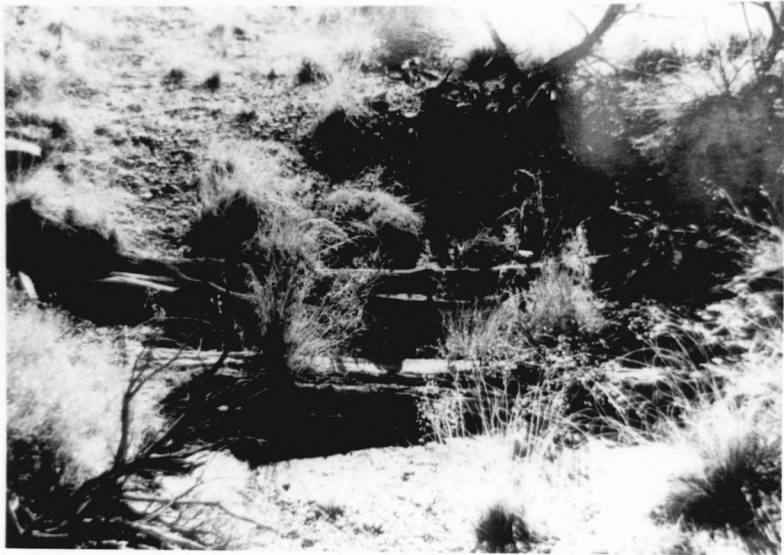
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6) view to west

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- 1) HAWK'S DUGOUTS
- 2) CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK, TORREY, UTAH
- 3) BRAD FRYE
- 4) NOVEMBER 1990
- 5) JOHN MILNER ASSOCIATES
- 6) DUGOUT, VIEW TO SOUTH
- 7) 3



- 1) HANK'S DUGOUTS
- 2) CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL  
PARK, TORREY, UTAH
- 3) BRAD FRYE
- 4) NOVEMBER 1990
- 5) JOHN MILNER ASSOCIATES
- 6) LARGE DUGOUT, VIEW TO NORTH
- 7) 4



- 1) Hanks' Dugouts
- 2) Capitol Reef National Park,  
Torrey, Utah
- 3) Brad Frye
- 4) November 1990
- 5) John Milner Associates
- 6) Detail of large Dugout View to East.
- 7) 5