

# DATA SHEET

Form 10-306  
(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: North Carolina
COUNTY: Swain
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ENTRY DATE JAN 30 1976

### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
Kress, J. H. Cabin

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Hall Cabin *use this*

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
15 miles northeast of Fontana, N.C.

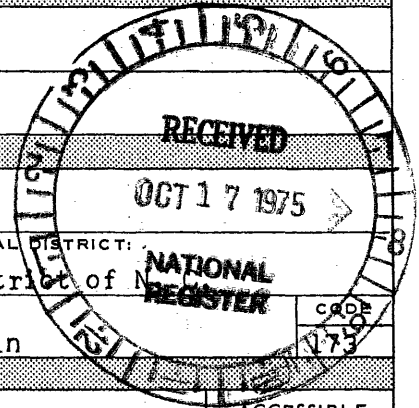
CITY OR TOWN:  
Great Smoky Mountains National Park

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
11th District of N.C.

STATE:  
North Carolina

CODE  
37

COUNTY:  
Swain



### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>cultural exhibit</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

### 4. AGENCY

National Park Service, Department of Interior

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)  
Southeast Regional Office

CITY OR TOWN:  
Atlanta

STREET AND NUMBER:  
3401 Whipple Ave.

STATE:  
Georgia

CODE  
13

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Swain County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Bryson City

STATE:  
North Carolina

CODE  
37

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
None

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  
 State  
 County  
 Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
STATE:  
CODE

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COUNTY: Swain

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Kress, J. H.--Cabin  
 Building #311  
 Recommended level of Treatment: Preservation  
 Cost Estimate N/A  
 Lat. 35° 31'13" Long. 83° 40'38"

This is a rectangular 24'x17' building with a 6' porch across the front. It is 1½ stories, gable roof. The roof is covered with asbestos shingles.

The walls are split, hewn log. The corners are dove-tail notched, and all cracks between logs are unchinked. The gable ends of the building are board and batten.

The building rests on masonry piers.

Windows: There are a total of five windows in the cabin. There are stationary 6 light windows in the attic. In the north room there is a 4 over 4, single hung window, set in the north wall. There is also a 3 over 3 in the east wall of the same room. In the south room there is 6 over 6, single hung window in the east wall. All sash and components are manufactured.

Doors: There are three doors in the building. The main entrance is on the east side of the building, opening into an entry way. There is also a doorway in the north wall of the north room, and one in the west wall of the north room. The doors to the latter are missing. The main door is 4 panel wooden, with butt hinges. All locks and other hardware are missing.

Chimneys: There are no chimneys in the building.

Floors: The floor of the north room is missing. The floor of the south room is 1"x8" sawn board. The floor of the porch and the upstairs room is random-width rough sawn lumber. The floor of the upper room over sawn joist forms the ceiling of the lower portion of the structure, while the upper story has no ceiling.

Interior Plan: There are two 12'x17' rooms downstairs. There is a stairway leading from the lower story beginning just inside the front door. It consists of nine steps made of pine board. There are no bannister or newell posts. Upstairs there is a full room in the attic. All interior walls are hewn log.

General Location: This is the only remaining building of the Kress complex. It is off Bone Valley Creek, and can be reached only by Jeep up a nine mile trail from Lake Fontana.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1910

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Kress, J. H. Cabin--Order of Significance: 3rd

This building, erected by a man named Hall in 1910, was remodeled in 1940. Originally it was the cabin on a mountain farm but in 1940 a hunting lodge was established by J. H. Kress and the cabin was partially remodeled.

Prior to the establishment of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, hundreds of families inhabited the coves and hollows along the creeks of the mountains. Grist mills dotted the creek banks, there were schools in most valleys, and there were a few post offices, stores, and churches.

About the turn of the century, logging companies came to the mountains. They established huge mills and camps, and clear-cut vast amounts of country. There were several hundred people living in the Bone Valley vicinity, but the establishment of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the construction of Fontana Dam, with its huge lake, caused the area to be left by the inhabitants.

The area around Bone Valley, and its major water course, Hazel Creek, was characterized, as was much of the mountain area, by isolation. For generations contact with the outside world was limited, there was inbreeding, and much distilling and drinking of moonshine whiskey. Illiteracy was prevalent, and violence was common.

But for all its shortcomings, the area was one of generally self-reliant, independent people. They formed small farms, herded cattle on the high mountains, and, later, worked in the logging industry.

Today they are gone from this section of the mountains, and even where their descendants live in nearby communities, their way of life has disappeared.

Of the buildings that stood along the creeks of the southwestern edge of the park, the Kress Cabin alone remains in its immediate vicinity. It has survived in a fairly good shape, and although in need of repair, it exhibits some of the finest features of log construction to be found in the Smokies.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Campbell, John C. The Southern Highlander and his Homeland. The University of Kentucky Press.

Hall, Joseph. Smoky Mountain Folks and Their Lore. Cataloochee Press, Asheville, 1960.

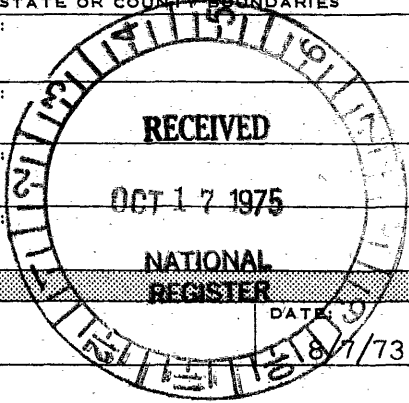
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		35° 31' 13"	83° 40' 38"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		UTM Reference		
SE	° ' "	° ' "		17/257010	3933830	
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

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 AND TITLE: Paul Gordon Historian DATE: 10/18/73

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Great Smoky Mountains National Park

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (615) 436-5615

CITY OR TOWN: Gatlinburg STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes  
 No  
 None

Jonathan A. Hutchell  
 State Liaison Officer Signature

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

Gregory D. Hill OCT 15 1975  
 Federal Representative Signature Date  
 Deputy Assistant Secretary  
 Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Joseph DeRogier  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/30/76

ATTEST:

Charles A. Hurling  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1-26-76



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COMMON

AND/OR HISTORIC

NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*

Kress, J.H. Cabin

Hall Cabin

JAN 30 1976

**2. LOCATION** 15 Miles northeast of Fontana, N.C. in Great Smoky Mountains Nat. Park

STATE

COUNTY

TOWN

North Carolina

Swain

Great Smoky Mts. N.P.

STREET AND NUMBER

**3. PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT

DATE

NEGATIVE FILED AT

National Park Service

July 1973

Great Smoky Mts. N.P.

**4. IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Front of building from southwest.

