

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Horse Valley Ranch

AND/OR COMMON  
 Waring Ranch

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Not applicable (Lake Mead National Recreation Area) NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN  
Not applicable vic, St. George, Utah CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Third

STATE Arizona COUNTY Mohave CODE 04

**2 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
N/A DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	N/A AGRICULTURE N/A MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	N/A PRIVATE	N/A UNOCCUPIED	N/A COMMERCIAL N/A PARK
N/A STRUCTURE	N/A BOTH	N/A WORK IN PROGRESS	N/A EDUCATIONAL N/A PRIVATE RESIDENCE
N/A SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	N/A ENTERTAINMENT N/A RELIGIOUS
N/A OBJECT	N/A IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	N/A GOVERNMENT N/A SCIENTIFIC
	N/A BEING CONSIDERED	N/A YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL N/A TRANSPORTATION
		N/A NO	N/A MILITARY N/A OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)  
National Park Service, Western Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER  
450 Golden Gate Avenue - Box 36063

CITY, TOWN San Francisco N/A VICINITY OF California 94102

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Mohave County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER  
None (N/A)

CITY, TOWN Kingman STATE Arizona

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Historic Resource Study, Lake Mead National Recreation Area

DATE 1980  FEDERAL N/A STATE N/A COUNTY N/A LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS National Park Service, Western Regional Office

CITY, TOWN San Francisco STATE California

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
N/A EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
N/A GOOD	N/A RUINS	N/A ALTERED	N/A MOVED DATE N/A
N/A FAIR	N/A UNEXPOSED		

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

As with any ranch, the complex of buildings and structures has evolved over the years. From 1916 to 1918 the ranch headquarters was a small log cabin downgraded after 1918 to a storage shed, and in later years, demolished. The other structures, which survive today, are as follows:

Ranch House. This is a rectangular log cabin, 21 by 29 feet, with a stone fireplace, stone chimney, and concrete hearth. One long wall has a single door and two pairs of two six-lite windows each. The rear, or other long wall, has similar windows, but no door. One end wall has a single door and a pair of six-lite sash. All walls are log with "hog-trough" corners framed of heavy milled material. The logs are approximately a foot in diameter, and are chinked with concrete. The gable end over the door is finished with wood shakes. The roof is finished with a mixture of corrugated sheet metal and a variety of mineral roofing materials. The interior is divided into three rooms: a living room which has a six-foot wainscot lined with cardboard; a bedroom with walls covered with cardboard and a ceiling lined with canvas; and the kitchen. There is a fireplace at one end not evidenced from the exterior except at the roof and a small section of stone on the lower wall. The stone foundation has failed in several places, and many of the wall logs are rotten. This was built c. 1918-1920.

Barn/shed. A rectangular building 14 by 26 feet with three log walls, the fourth side of this building is open and divided into three equal parts forming stalls for wagons, vehicles, machinery, or stock. The two back corners have saddle-notched corner joints and both end walls are held in place by pairs of vertical log posts, each side trim to the opening. The logs in this building are 6 to 10 inches in diameter. The gable roof is finished with corrugated sheet metal and is supported on a peeled log truss system. There are no windows in the building. The base logs rest on the soil, without foundations. The structure is out of plumb, leaning to the north. The date of construction of this barn-shed is unknown, but probably c. 1920s.

Privy. This small, four-foot square building is constructed of notched logs with saddle-notched corner joints, built for single occupancy. It is roughly six feet high, with a shed roof, which slopes downward to the rear. In front is a wood frame door. Inside, the floor and seat are wood. The building is without foundations. This is unquestionably the smallest log building in parks in the NPS Western Region.

Corral: Three circular corrals consisting of upright natural log posts set into the earth stand adjacent to one another forming a stockade-like structure about 5 feet high. This is strengthened by a horizontal reinforcement at about the mid-point. The 3 circular sections are connected by wood framed chutes, and additional framed chutes of milled lumber lead out from the corral. It probably dates from the 1920s.

Fences, tanks, sundial: Other minor structures at the Waring Ranch include a number of wire fences, earthen ponds for watering cattle known as "tanks," and a ten sided sundial. The fences probably date from the 1920s; others are of unknown age.

There are no modern intrusions. Illumination in the ranch house is by kerosene.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
N/A PREHISTORIC	N/A ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	N/A COMMUNITY PLANNING	N/A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	N/A RELIGION	
N/A 1400-1499	N/A ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	N/A CONSERVATION	N/A LAW	N/A SCIENCE	
N/A 1500-1599	N/A AGRICULTURE	N/A ECONOMICS	N/A LITERATURE	N/A SCULPTURE	
N/A 1600-1699	N/A ARCHITECTURE	N/A EDUCATION	N/A MILITARY	N/A SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
N/A 1700-1799	N/A ART	N/A ENGINEERING	N/A MUSIC	N/A THEATER	
N/A 1800-1899	N/A COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	N/A PHILOSOPHY	N/A TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	N/A COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY (cattle)	N/A POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	N/A OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		N/A INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1916-present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT J.D. "Slim" Waring

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Waring Ranch, an early 20th Century cattle ranch located on the remote Shivwits Plateau north of the Colorado River in northern Arizona, is of local historical significance in association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of western American history, specifically settlement of a late frontier and cattle ranching on the Arizona Strip. From this ranch, J.D. Waring waged a campaign, ultimately successful, to gain control of all of the plateau to the south of this ranch headquarters, reaching to the rim from which land dropped down into the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River. The ranch is also significant in that it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, and method of construction, specifically in that it represents a remote cattle ranch headquarters built in an era of kerosene illumination which never was modernized with electricity, and consists of buildings and structures built predominately of hand-hewn logs, with minimal use of manufactured materials.

Jonathan D. "Slim" Waring left the Vulture Mine, near Wickenburg, Arizona, in August 1916, swam his horse across the Colorado River at Gregg's Ferry, and headed east for the Shivwits Plateau, where he located and filed for homestead entry on 628 acres of public domain in Horse Valley, east of Mount Dellenbough. He built the original cabin, later used as a storage shed and since then demolished, with a partner named George Weston, who eventually left to file on his own homestead elsewhere. With Bill Shanley, Waring branded mavericks to build a herd. In 1917 he went into the armed forces, and it was not until after World War I that he returned and hired Lawrence Klein to help build the log cabin which became ranch headquarters. Stock raising homestead entry patent 1019371 was issued to Waring on September 18, 1928. In the years that followed, Waring gained control of virtually all of the peninsula below Horse Valley by purchasing railroad sections and lands that had been homesteaded by others, and by filing on various waters. This brought him into conflict with the principal cattle baron of the Arizona Strip, Preston Nutter, but Waring persevered. Construction of Boulder Dam and eventual filling of Lake Mead, along with creation of Lake Mead National Recreation Area, resulted in Waring acquiring the Wildcat Ranch outside the recreation area, and selling the ranch on the Shivwits to the National Park Service, which leased it back to Waring for cattle raising. Since his move to Wildcat Ranch in 1942, the old ranch on the Shivwits Plateau has been downgraded from ranch headquarters to a "line camp" for cowhands.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Belshaw, Mike, and Ed Peplow, Jr., Historic Resources Study, Lake Mead National Recreation Area (Denver: National Park Service, 1980) pp. 114-118, 176-178.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 28.47

UTM REFERENCES

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C	1,2	27,497,5	3,919,913,9,0	D	1,2	27,475,5	3,919,913,9,5
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary is a rectangle roughly 775 feet wide (east-west) and 1600 feet long (north-south), encompassing the headquarters complex of the Horse Valley Ranch, including stock tanks and corrals. The corners of the rectangle are delineated by the above UTM grid coordinates.

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Gordon Chappell, Regional Historian

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service, Western Regional Office

DATE

February 23, 1983

STREET & NUMBER

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San Francisco

STATE

California (94102)

# 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Donna J. Schover  
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  Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Edmund O'Beane

TITLE

Chief Historian, NPS

DATE

3/6/84

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

Ann Mike

DATE

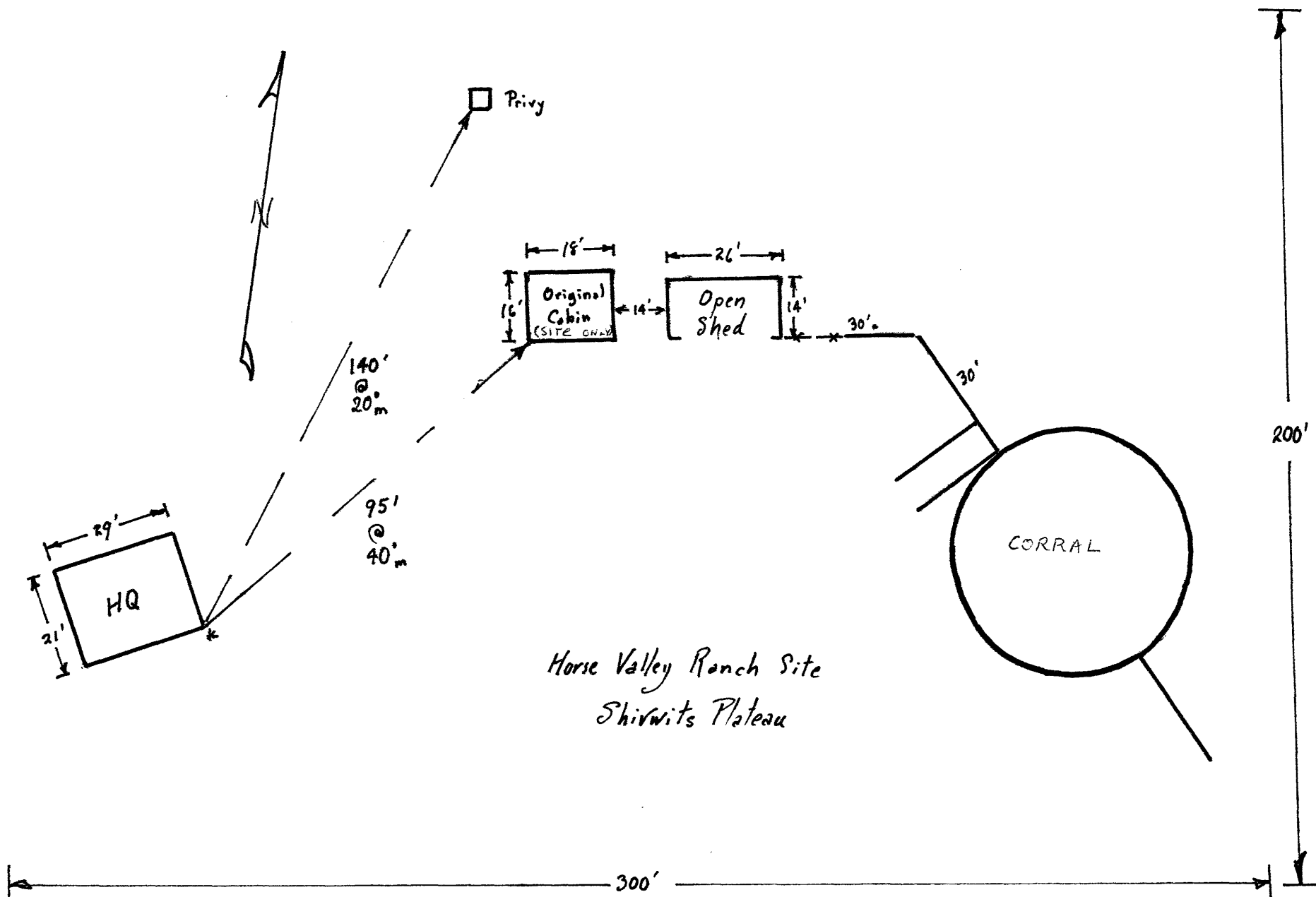
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Horse Valley Ranch Site  
Shirwits Plateau

\* UTM 12 E 274865 N 3399730

Site plan by Michael Belshaw

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1. MAIN CABIN, WARING RANCH
2. SHIVWITS PLATEAU, LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, ARIZONA

3. **Photo by  
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4. MARCH 1976
5. NEGATIVE AT NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE
6. VIEW FROM EAST
7. PHOTO NO. 1 OF 8





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2. SHIVWITS PLATEAU, LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION  
AREA, ARIZONA
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4. MARCH 1976
5. NEGATIVE AT NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE
6. VIEW FROM NORTHEAST
7. PHOTO NO 2 OF 8



1. MAIN CABIN, WARING RANCH
2. SHIVWITS PLATEAU, LAKE MEAD  
NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, ARIZONA

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5. NEGATIVE AT NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE
6. DETAIL OF CORNER CONSTRUCTION
7. PHOTO NO. 3 OF 8



1. WARING RANCH

2. SHIVWITS PLATEAU, LAKE MEAD NATIONAL  
RECREATION AREA, ARIZONA

3. **Photo by**  
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4. MARCH 1976

5. NEGATIVE AT NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE

6. MAIN CABIN SEEN THROUGH CORRAL GATE, VIEW TO SOUTH

7. PHOTO 4 OF 8

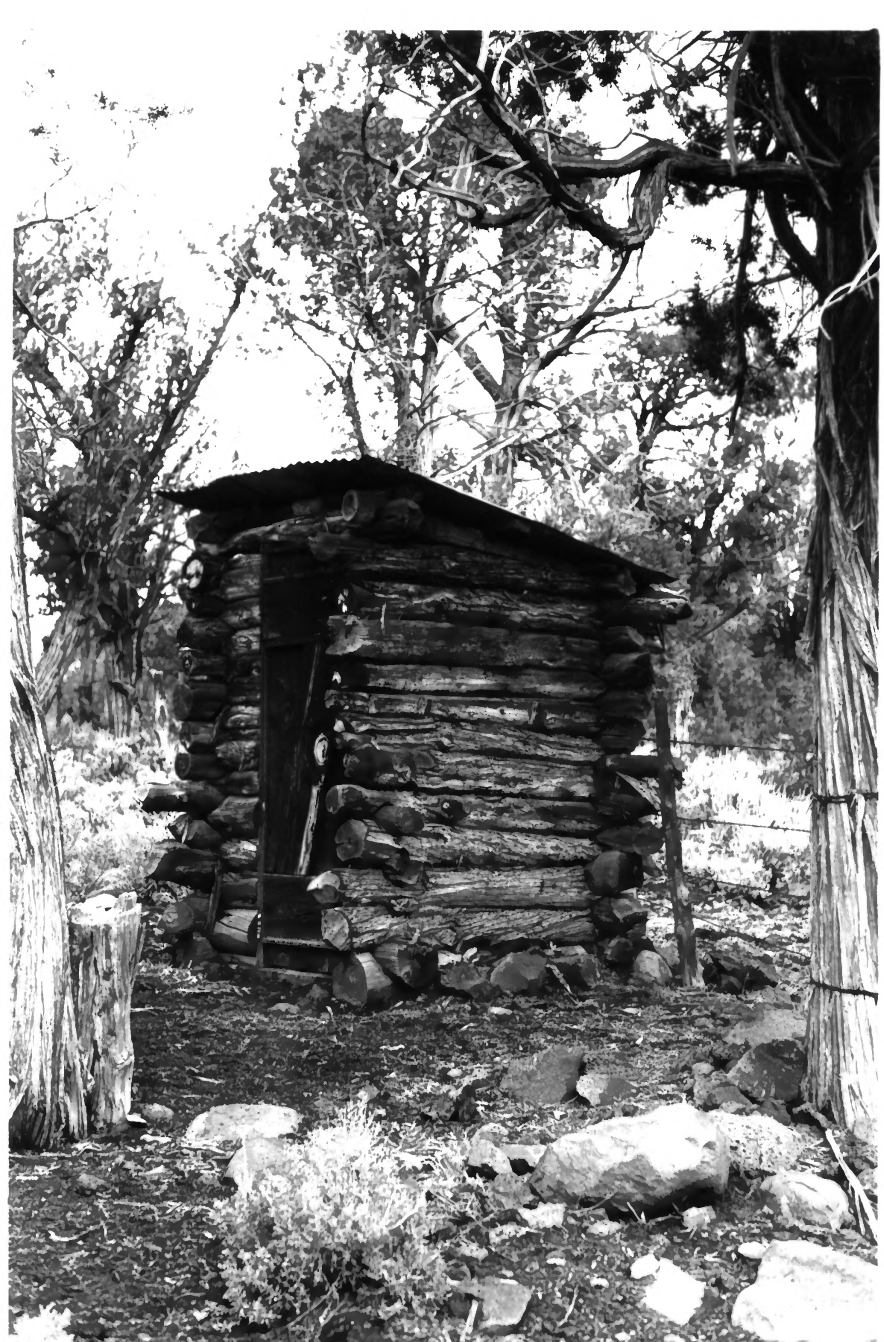


1. WARING RANCH
2. SHIVWITS PLATEAU, LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION  
AREA, ARIZONA

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4. MARCH 1976
5. NEGATIVE AT NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE
6. VIEW NORTHEAST OF ORIGINAL 1916 CABIN (NOW GONE), SHED, AND CORRAL
7. PHOTO 5 OF 8





1. LOG PRIVY, WARING RANCH
2. SHIVWITS PLATEAU, LAKE MEAD  
NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, ARIZONA
3. Photo by  
Gordon Chappell
4. MARCH 1976
5. NEGATIVE AT NATIONAL PARK SERVICE,  
WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE
6. VIEW FROM EAST OF FRONT AND  
ONE SIDE
7. PHOTO NO. 6 OF 8



1. CORRAL GATE, WARING RANCH
2. SHIVWITS PLATEAU, LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION  
AREA, ARIZONA
3. **Photo by**  
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4. MARCH 1976
5. NEGATIVE AT NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, WESTERN  
REGIONAL OFFICE
6. GATE TO CIRCULAR PICKET LOG CORRALS
7. PHOTO NO. 7 OF 8



1. PICKET CORRAL, WARING RANCH
2. SHIWITS PLATEAU, LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA,

ARIZONA

3. Photo by

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4. MARCH 1976
5. NEGATIVE AT NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WESTERN  
REGIONAL OFFICE
6. DETAIL VIEW FROM INSIDE CORRAL
7. PHOTO NO. 8 OF 8