

# 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: <b>Tennessee</b>
COUNTY: <b>Sevier</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>JAN 1 1976</b>

### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Hiking Club Barn**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Messer Barn *use this***

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **SE of Gatlinburg near Greenbrier Cove in Great Smoky Mtns. NP**

CITY OR TOWN: **Gatlinburg, Tenn.** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**1st of Tennessee**

STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47** COUNTY: **Sevier** CODE: **155**

### 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 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 checked="" 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) <b>Cultural exhibit</b>

### 4. AGENCY

**National Park Service, Department of Interior**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)  
**Southeast Regional Office**

CITY OR TOWN: **Atlanta**

STREET AND NUMBER: **3401 Whipple**

STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Sevier County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Sevierville** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

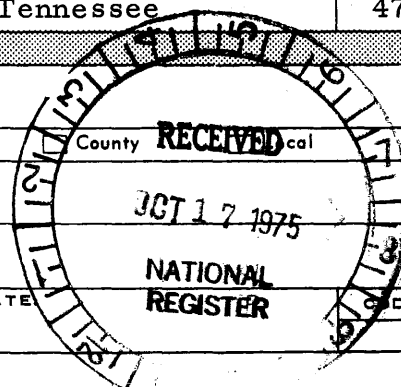
TITLE OF SURVEY: **None**

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Messer Barn  
 Building #467  
 Recommended Level of Treatment: Preservation  
 Cost Estimate: N/A  
 Lat. 35° 41' 14"  
 Long. 83° 23' 40"

This is a large, rectangular, one story barn with loft. The roof is gabled and shingled. The walls are random width board on the ends. The two sides are open, providing access to the two interior cribs or pens.

The foundation is dry stone, and since the barn is built on a hillside, the foundation is about 4 feet high on the front to make the structure level.

The roof has considerable overhang to create shed space for livestock. The roof is supported by poles set along the outer edge.

The interior of the barn consists of two pens with a drive through between. Each pen is divided into two stalls. These pens are built of hewn logs. Beams are laid over the pens to support the hayloft. The loft is built of poles laid over beams set on two-foot centers.

Doors and Windows:

There are no windows in the building. The doorways into the pens are four in number, two into each pen. All openings are rectangular, and all doors are missing.

Floors:

The ground floor is earth, and the hayloft is pole set on two foot centers.

General Location:

The barn is generally oriented north and south, and is 300 yards west of the Greenbrier Jeep Trail.

This barn has just undergone extensive rehabilitation. All work was done under the direction of an historical architect and the work was done by a carpenter skilled in this type of rehabilitation. Original material was used as far as feasible.

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**B. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | osophy                                  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Messer Barn: order of significance 3rd

A stout barn was an absolute necessity to any successful Smoky Mountain farm. The barns provided storage for the vast amounts of hay needed to feed the animals through the winters. Livestock raising was a major economic activity in the mountains, therefore barns were common. Today, there are but a handful of the structures left, and one of the outstanding is the Messer barn.

The barn is the last surviving original structure in what was Greenbrier community. Prior to the development of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Greenbrier was a populous area. With the National Park movement in the 1920's and 1930's the land was purchased and the people moved away.

Prior to that time Greenbrier had been a fairly populous farming community. It had also been a center of political power in the area.

Greenbrier was one of the first areas of settlement on the northern side of the Great Smoky Mountains. Starting in the 1850's, settlers pushed into the coves and valleys of the area, and communities were established. Although relatively isolated, Greenbrier was aware of outside events more so than certain other areas of the mountains.

The farms produced corn, vegetables, and grain along with cattle and hogs. Quantities of moonshine whiskey were distilled and drunk, and there was a certain amount of social stagnation that took place, but not to the same extent as in other areas of the mountains.

Today the only reminder of the people of Greenbrier and their way of life in this section of Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the Messer barn.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Hall, Joseph H. Smoky Mountain People and Their Lore. Cataloochee Press, Asheville, 1960.  
 Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Mountain Culture Museum Program.

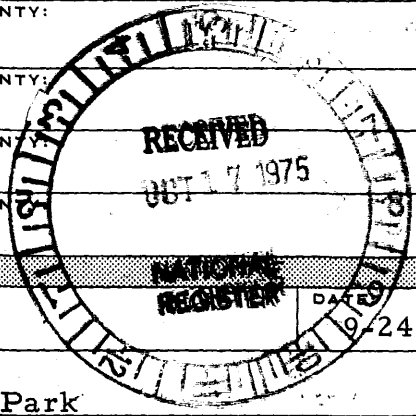
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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
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NE	0 0 0	0 0 0		83	23	40
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0		<b>UTM References</b>		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Paul R. Gordon, Historian

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**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes  
 No  
 None

*Lauren [Signature]*  
 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  Local

*[Signature]* **OCT 15 1975**  
 Deputy Secretary

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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

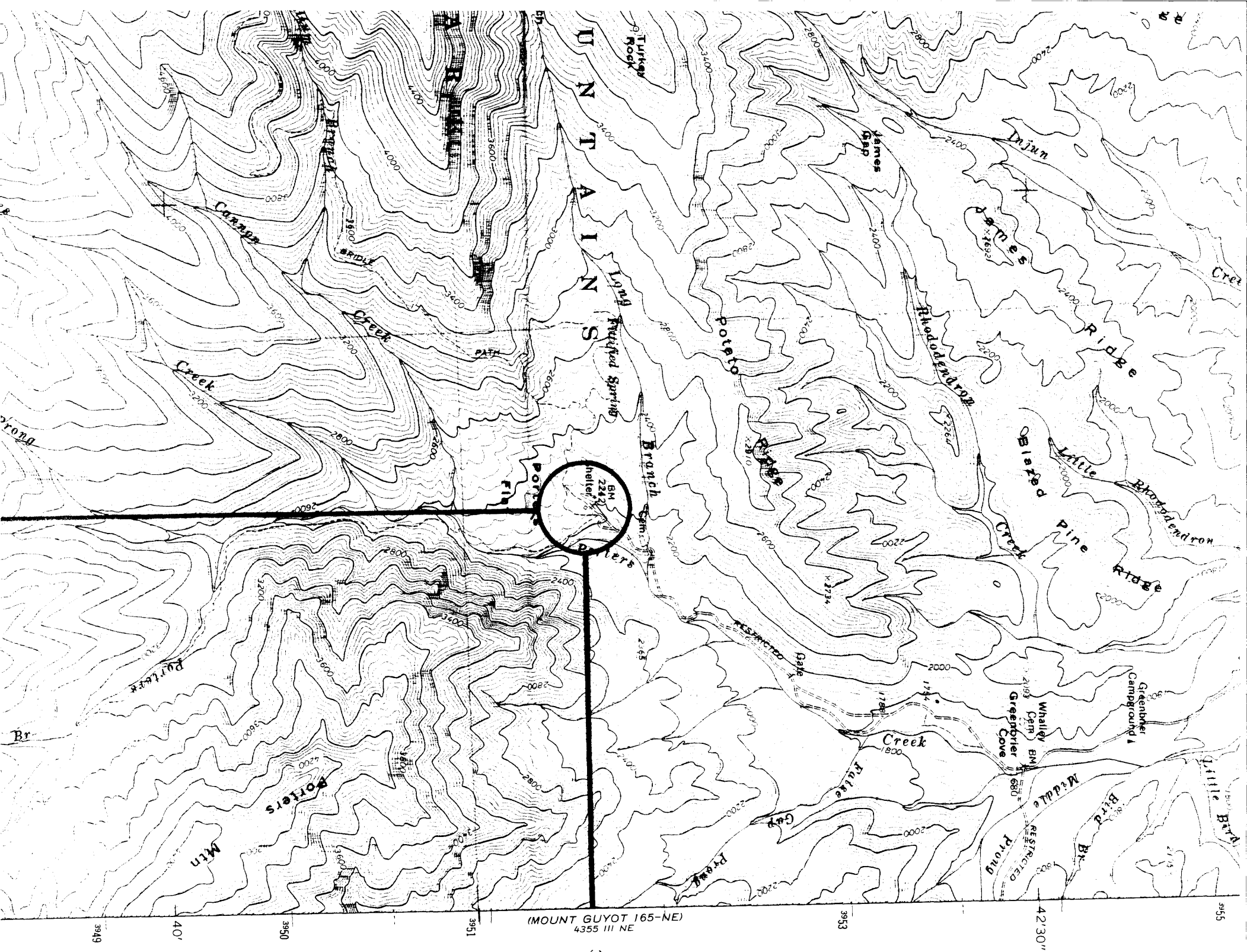
Acting *[Signature]*  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 1/1/76

ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 12/30/75

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(MOUNT GUYOT 165-NE)  
4355 III NE

3949 40' 3950 3951 3953 42'30" 3955



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**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**  
*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)*

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<b>STREET AND NUMBER</b>		

Greenbrier Cove

<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>		
<b>PHOTO CREDIT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>NEGATIVE FILED AT</b>
National Park Service	July 1972	Great Smoky Mt. Nat. Park

<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>
<b>DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.</b>

Front of building from east

