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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Maple Springs Ranger Station
other names/site number buildings 21 and 22

2. Location

street & number Mammoth Cave National Park (MACA) not for publication NA
city, town Mammoth Cave vicinity NA
state Kentucky code KY county Edmonson code 061 zip code 42259

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>2</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: Charles A. [Signature] Date: 3/20/91
State or Federal agency and bureau: National Park Service

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official: David L. Morgan Date: Jan. 8, 1991
State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. Patrick Andrews 5/8/91
 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): _____
Signature of the Keeper: [Signature] Date of Action: _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic:institutional housing

other:ranger station

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic:institutional housing

other:office space

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

other:NPS rustic

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation sandstone

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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7. Description of present and historic physical appearance.

Maple Springs Ranger Station is located on the north side of the Green River, 1/2 mile off the Mammoth Cave Ferry Road on the gravel road leading to the Maple Springs Group Campground. The Ranger Station includes 2 contributing buildings, the Maple Springs residence and office building. The property is set just off the road in an area cleared from the surrounding woods.

The two buildings making up the Maple Springs Ranger Station were built in 1942 by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The residence, which has five original rooms, two baths, and a basement, faces southeast. It is a frame building with rough-cut sandstone foundation, chimney, porch, and front steps, and an asphalt shingled, gable roof. The exterior walls have shiplap boarding on the lower portion of the building and board and batten on the upper part. The structure has 14 double-hung sash windows and 2 doors.

The house is in good condition. A roof has been added to the front porch and the original screened porch was enclosed to form a sixth room. These alterations have been made in a similar style and with the same type of materials and do not significantly alter the character of the building.

The Maple Springs office, just north of the residence, is a two room structure with a concrete foundation, rough-cut walls, and an asphalt shingle gabled roof. The building faces north west, has five windows, three doors, and two overhead garage type doors on the northwest side of the building. An interior partition which ran from the space between the two garage doors to the opposite wall has been added and removed in the last two decades.

The Maple Springs office is no longer used officially by the ranger occupying the nearby residence, but serves as an office for any visiting government agencies or research groups doing temporary work in the park. The building is in good condition.

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In the 1960s, the Job Corps constructed a garage and barn near the residence and office. These structures are not included within the National Register boundary and do not adversely affect the setting of the property. For both buildings associated with the Maple Springs Ranger Station, integrity of location, setting, materials, design, workmanship, feeling, and association are intact.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Entertainment/recreation

Period of Significance

1942

Significant Dates

1942

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Civilian Conservation Corps

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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8. Statement of significance, criteria justification, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance.

Maple Springs Ranger Station is historically significant in the area of Entertainment/recreation and represents the property type "Civilian Conservation Corps Buildings and Structures" (for property type information, see Section III of the Historic Resource Study, pages D-20 to D-21). The period of significance, 1942, falls within the years that the CCC was constructing buildings and structures during the development of Mammoth Cave National Park, i.e., 1933-1942. Though the two buildings comprising the Maple Springs Ranger Station were constructed in 1942 and have not yet reached their fiftieth birthday, they deserve exceptional status. Their design, construction materials, and the method in which they were constructed are consistent with those of the other CCC buildings in the park built prior to 1939.

When the Civilian Conservation Corps was created in 1933 by the Roosevelt administration, the Mammoth Cave properties were in transition from private and state ownership to national park status. The CCC was charged with the responsibility of developing a recreational wilderness area out of what had been primarily agricultural land for decades. In addition to razing structures, planting trees, and building roads and park facilities, the CCC also constructed buildings and structures to meet the operational needs of a National Park, such as employee housing, maintenance facilities, ranger stations, and an entire plumbing system.

Until the late 1970s, Mammoth Cave National Park was divided into two divisions, one north and one south of the Green River. The northern section, often called the "back country," has most of the park's hiking trails and primitive camping areas. The Maple Springs Ranger Station was constructed for the ranger(s) working in the park's north district. Though the park has been united into a single division, a ranger still lives in the Maple Springs residence. The office building is no longer a ranger's office, but serves as temporary office space for visiting researchers.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: approximately 1.75 acres

UTM References

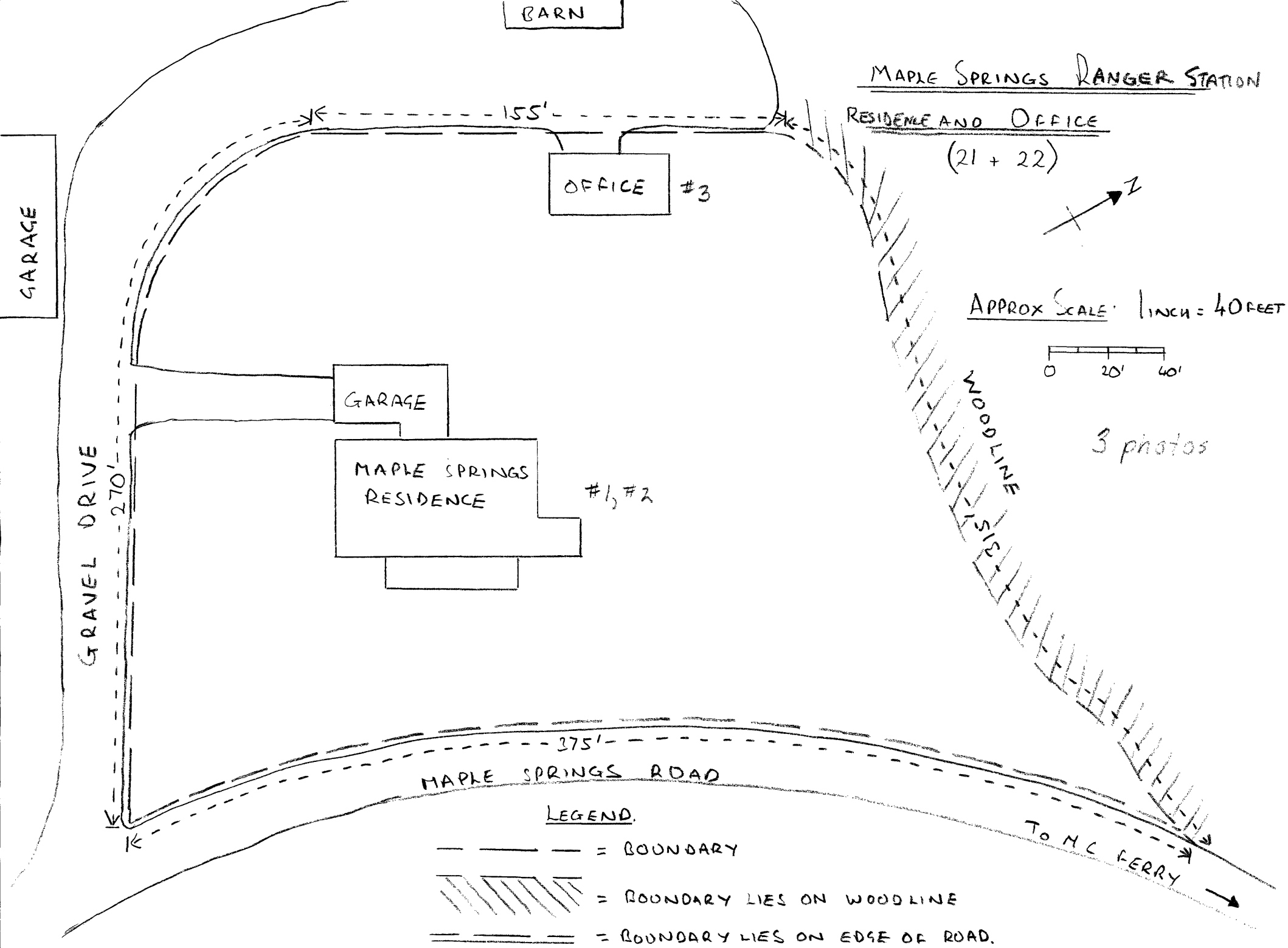
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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Maple Springs Ranger Station is roughly the area cleared from the woods that surround the property. Beginning at a point on the northeast side of the property where the driveway meets Maple Springs Rd., proceed 270' northwest along the eastern edge of the driveway. Then proceed 155' northeast along the driveway as it curves in front of the office. Then proceed 315' southeast along the woodline. Then proceed 375' southwest along the northern edge of Maple Springs Rd. to the point of origin.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the residence and office building historically associated with Maple Springs Ranger Station and excludes the garage to the west and the barn to the northwest of the property which were constructed in the 1960s.

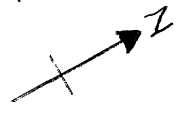


BARN

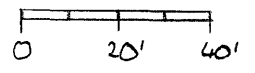
MAPLE SPRINGS RANGER STATION

RESIDENCE AND OFFICE

(21 + 22)



APPROX SCALE: 1 INCH = 40 FEET



3 photos

WOODLINE

GARAGE

OFFICE #3

GARAGE

MAPLE SPRINGS RESIDENCE #1, #2

GRAVEL DRIVE 270'

375' MAPLE SPRINGS ROAD

LEGEND.

- — — — — = BOUNDARY
- ▨▨▨▨▨▨ = BOUNDARY LIES ON WOODLINE
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1. Maple Springs Residence (021) MAPLE SPRINGS RANGER STATION
Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky

Maple Springs Residence (001)

Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park

Mammoth Cave, Ky

Kelly Lally

January 1988

Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park Library

northwest view



2. Maple Springs Residence (ca. 1921) MAPLE SPRINGS RANGER
MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK, KENTUCKY STATION

Maple Springs Residence (021)

Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park

Mammoth Cave, Ky

Kelly Laly

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Southwest view



3. Maple Springs Office (022) MAPLE SPRINGS RANGER STATION
MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK, KENTUCKY

Maple Springs Office (022)

Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park

Mammoth Cave, KY

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East view