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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC BARTON-LACKEY CABIN

AND/OR COMMON

BARTON CATTLE CAMP, LACKEY CATTLE CAMP

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Scaffold Meadow W of ...

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Kings Canyon National Park

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Seventeenth

STATE

California

CODE

06

COUNTY

Tulare

CODE

107

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

VICINITY OF

STATE

California

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Tulare County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Mooney and Mineral King Boulevards

CITY, TOWN

Visalia, California 93277

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Barton Lackey cabin stands on a forested flat in the Roaring River Canyon at Scaffold Meadow. The elevation at the site is 7,400 feet.

The cabin is a one-room log structure with interior measurements of 12 by 20 feet. A covered porch runs the length of the southwest side, making the overall exterior size of the structure 17 by 21 feet. Structurally, the cabin is a traditional log cabin. The wall logs rest directly on the ground without benefit of foundations. The roof is shaked. The northwest wall includes a large fireplace and chimney as well as a small window. The cabin is currently in poor condition. The wall logs display extensive decay and the entire structure has settled. The roof contains numerous holes. Aside from this deterioration, the cabin is unaltered from its historic appearance.

During its period of historic use the cabin stood at the center of a considerable complex of small out-buildings. Sleeping shelters, a tack room, a kitchen shack and several storage buildings stood in the vicinity. All are now gone. The fences which once surrounded the cabin are also gone.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES CA. 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT H.D. and J.D. Barton

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Barton-Lackey Cabin is of local significance in the fields of exploration/settlement and agriculture. These significances result from the fact that the cabin was built by one of the first families to develop a summer grazing range in the remote Roaring River Canyon and from the fact that it is one of the last surviving remnants of the once important Kings Canyon cattle trade.

The Barton family first brought cattle in the Roaring River region about 1907. James DeCamp Barton and his father, Hudson DeCamp Barton, ranched in the Sierra foothills west of Roaring River near Aukland, California. Because their home range was at a low altitude, they needed a higher summer pasture. To locate such a range they were forced to open a new area higher in the mountains than those areas previously developed for summer grazing. Shortly after they settled on the Roaring River country as their new range they erected, about 1910, a cabin at Scaffold Meadow.

In the early 1920's H.D. Barton's daughter Sylvia married a forest ranger named Al Lackey. Eventually, Lackey took over the family cattle business. Lackey regularly brought Barton cattle into the Roaring River country until 1940, when the canyon was included within Kings Canyon National Park. Although a long-term goal of the new park was to halt all grazing within its boundaries, life-time use permits were granted to the individuals that had historically used the area. The Barton-Lackey operation received one of these permits.

Under National Park Service permit Lackey continued to graze the Scaffold Meadow portion of the Roaring River country until Mrs. J. D. Barton died in 1956. Lackey obtained a two year extension after Mrs. Barton's death, but by 1960 the Lackey cattle had left the Roaring River country for good.

After its abandonment by Lackey, the cabin was taken over then by the National Park Service which used it as a storage shed. It continues in that use.

The Barton-Lackey clan played an important role in the Roaring River region for nearly fifty years. They were one of the first cattle families to enter the area and one of the last to leave. They are remembered in the name of Barton's Peak which towers on the southern rim of the canyon near their old cabin.



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In summary, the Barton-Lackey cabin is a surviving remanant of the period when cattle grazing was the major industry of the Roaring River portion of the Kings Canyon country.

Significant values requiring management protection at this site relate to the integrity of the structure and to the preservation of the natural setting. Since considerable replacement of historic fabric will be required to ~~this~~ stabilize this structure, special care should be given to the replacement of deteriorated historical fabrics with authentic replacement materials.