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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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

NAME

HISTORIC
Quinn Ranger Station

AND/OR COMMON
Quinn Patrol Cabin, Quinn's Horse Camp

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
S of Mineral King on S.W.P.
Quinn's Horse Camp

CITY/TOWN
(Sequoia National Park)

NOTICE OF LOCATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Seventeenth

STATE
California

COUNTY
Tulare

COUNT
107

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESERVE USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> RECREATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

AGENCY

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

STREET & NUMBER
450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 35061

CITY/TOWN
San Francisco

STATE
California

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Tulare County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Mineral King & Mooney Blvd.

CITY/TOWN
Visalia

STATE
California

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
None

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

CITY/TOWN

STATE

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The Q. tree cabin. The cabin is on the second floor. It is a split level and made of the same type wood as the other cabins. As original any in 1950's. Found in cabin. Two old trees on Old seventy of road the cor

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DEGRADED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Quinn Horse Camp Ranger Station is thirteen feet by nineteen feet, a one-room cabin standing in a dense pine and fir forest on the southeast corner of the Quinn Horse Camp Meadow near the southern boundary of Sequoia National Park. The walls of the cabin are split logs placed vertically with the rounded portions to the outside. The two nineteen-foot-long walls both have a central door and two windows. The shorter end walls are without openings. The cabin has a wooden floor. The gable roof is made of shakes attached to a wooden frame. The vertical split logs which form the walls rest on a horizontal log serving as a sill. This sill rests on a foundation of granite and wooden blocks. The doors are presently made of plywood and the four glass windows are also covered with plywood shutters. The interior of the cabin includes a wood burning cook stove with a metal stove pipe which passes through the cabin roof, and a sink. The interior is paneled with a type of fiberboard and the interior ceiling of the structure is made of the same substance. No other buildings of significance stand in the vicinity.

As originally built in 1907 the cabin had a floor of split logs and was without any interior paneling or ceiling. A renovation apparently was made during the 1950's or the 1960's that placed new sills under the walls, improved the foundation, added interior paneling, and attached new doors and shutters to the cabin. The building is otherwise unaltered.

Two old metal trail signs made of green and white porcelain on steel grade a tree near the southwest door of the cabin.

Old photographs show a barn standing to the north of the cabin approximately seventy five feet. This structure is gone although some remains in the form of rotting timbers are still on the site. A rail fence which once stood to the northeast of the cabin is also gone.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC
 1400-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1699
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-

SACROLOGY/HISTORIC
 ARCHAEOLOGY/HISTORIC
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE

CIVILIAN
 ECONOMIC
 EDUCATION
 ENGINEERING
 ENVIRONMENTAL
 LANGUAGE
 LITERATURE
 SCIENCE

SPECIFIC DATES Built 1907

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As the only remaining ranger station at Army administered Sequoia National Park, the cabin is the site of military and civilian activity in the fields of military and civilian. Soon after the creation of Sequoia National Park, the United States Army was designated to administer the park. The first ranger assigned to this duty arrived in the park in 1907. He was generally cavalry, protected the park and supervised the 1900 few permanent improvements were made. In 1900 limited park development commenced. The erection of a series of patrol cabins was the civilian park rangers which had been assigned to the park in 1900 to supplement the efforts of the army.

In his annual report for 1906, Sequoia National Park recommended the erection of a patrol cabin at a location known as Quinn's Horse Camp.

Before 1907 Quinn's Horse Camp was known as an early pioneer station. To the south of the camp was a "Quinn's Sheep Camp."

Captain Walker returned to Sequoia at the end of that season he oversaw the construction of the cabin. He had immediate responsibility for building the cabin and was employed in Sequoia and most especially to the south of the park. He was the southern portion of the park.

Ranger Britton continued to use the cabin as a patrol cabin patrolling the southern portion of the park. He was employed over the existing National Park, the Quinn's Horse Camp facility. The cabin continued in use as a patrol cabin until the 1930's. Sometime after 1940 the cabin ceased to be used as a summer ranger and was downgraded to a maintenance crew, and winter snow survey point.

SIGNIFICANCE

CHECK ONE ORIGINAL SITE
 CHECK ONE MOVED DATE

ORIGINAL OR BROWN PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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PREHISTORIC	ARCHAEOLOGY/ETHNOLOGY	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
1492-1492	ARCHAEOLOGY/HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCENIC
1500-1639	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1839	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MEMORIAL	SOCIAL/HUMAN INTEREST
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
1900	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICAL GOVERNMENT	OTHER/SECTION

SPECIFIC DATES Built 1907

OWNER/ARCHITECT Builder: Harry Britton (Langer)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As the only remaining ranger station dating from the period when the United States Army administered Sequoia National Park, the Union Ranger Station is of local significance in the fields of military and conservation history.

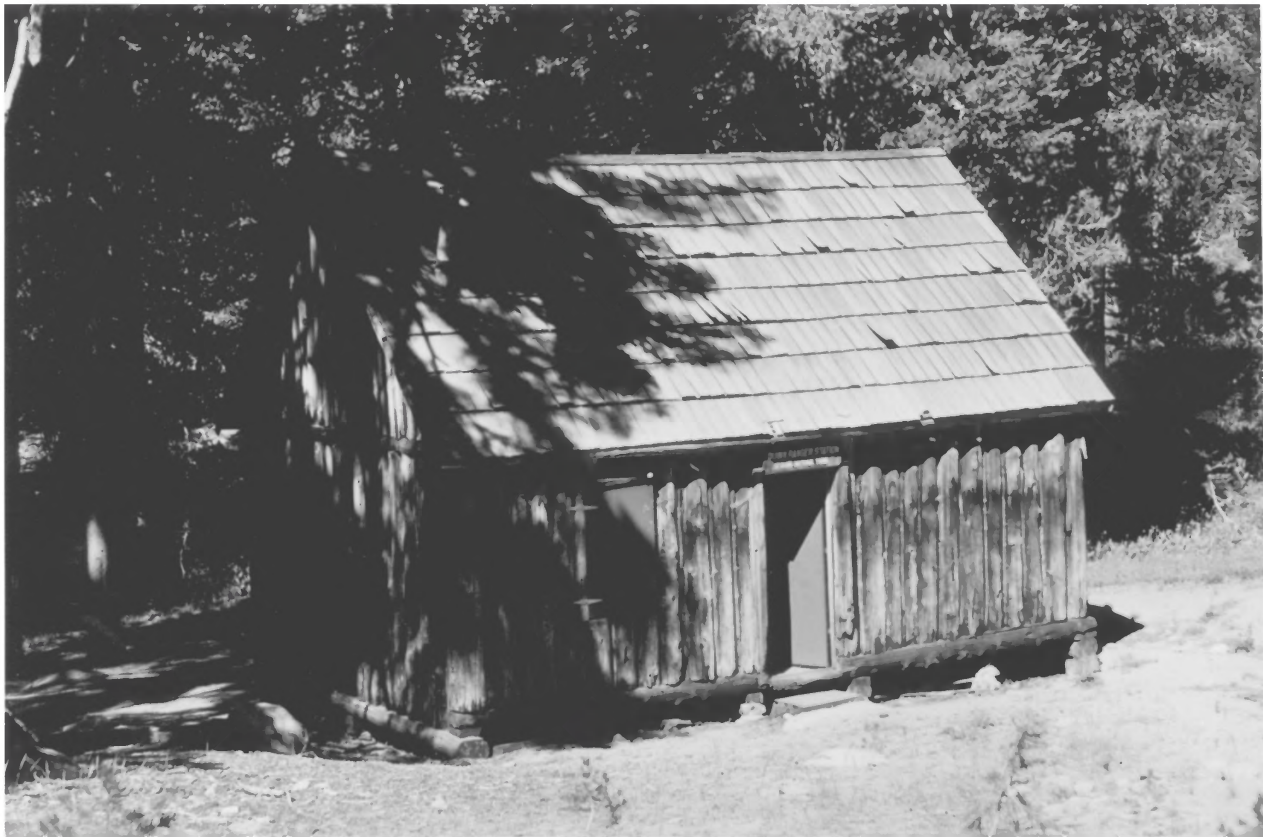
Soon after the creation of Sequoia National Park by Congress in 1890, the United States Army was designated as administrator and protector of the new park. The first troops assigned to this duty arrived in the park during the late spring of 1891, and from 1900 few permanent improvements were made by the army because Congress had appropriated no funds for that purpose, but after regular Congressional appropriations began in 1900 limited park development commenced. A part of this early park development program was the erection of a series of patrol cabins for the use of patrolling troops and the civilian park rangers which had been hired by the Department of the Interior after 1900 to supplement the efforts of the army.

In his annual report for 1906, Sequoia Acting Superintendent Captain Henry Walker recommended the erection of a patrol cabin in the extreme southern portion of the park at a location known as Quinn's Horse Camp.

Before 1890 Quinn's Horse Camp was apparently the site of a military training operation by an early pioneer stockman. To the south of the "Horse Camp" site early maps show a "Quinn's Sheep Camp."

Captain Walker returned to Sequoia as Action Superintendent during the summer of 1907 and during that season he oversaw the erection of the Quinn Station Cabin. The immediate responsibility for building the cabin fell to the three park rangers then employed in Sequoia and most especially to Ranger Harry Britton whose special responsibility was the southern portion of the park.

Ranger Britton continued to use the cabin for the next several summers as a base for patrolling the southern portion of the park. In 1917 when the National Park Service took over the existing National Park, the Quinn Ranger Station became a National Park Service facility. The cabin continued in use as a seasonal ranger station through the 1920s and 1930s. Sometime after 1940 the cabin ceased to be the location of a seasonal summer ranger and was downgraded to use as a patrol cabin for passing ranger and trail maintenance crews, and winter snow survey parties. It remains in that use today.



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COUNTY

STATE

Not applicable - (Sequoia National Park) Mineral King Tulare CA

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT **NPS Photo by William Tweed**

DATE OF PHOTO **August 1975**

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450 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102**

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO

Northeast side of station

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PHOTO NO

View from north

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