

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

Mc Gurk Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

Mc Gurk Cabin

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mc Gurk Meadow

CITY, TOWN

Yosemite National Park

STATE

California

VICINITY OF

CODE

06

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifteenth

COUNTY

Mariposa

CODE

043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER: None

4 AGENCY

National Park Service
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (if applicable)

Western Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

450 Golden Gate Ave., P.O. Box 36063

CITY, TOWN

San Francisco

VICINITY OF

STATE

California

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Administration Bldg., NPS

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Yosemite Valley

STATE

Yosemite National Park

CA

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

National Register of Historic Places - Preliminary Inventory

DATE

1971

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

Western Regional Office/NPS

CITY, TOWN

San Francisco

STATE

California

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mc Gurk Cabin is a one story, one room log structure measuring 14' square. It was built without foundations or fireplace. It consists of round, peeled lodgepole pine logs, laid on alternating tiers and joined together with a saddle notch joint. It has a dirt floor, and a single opening-a door-on the South facade. The cabin has a gable roof, covered with wood shingles which are laid with a 32 " exposure. The cabin was originally chinked with split log wedges.

The cabin was stabilized by the National Park Service in 1958. There are several large peeled log posts inside the cabin that are supporting the roof.

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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input 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

1895-1897

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Hugh Davanay (?)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This cabin, on the edge of Mc Gurk Meadow, was probably built by Hugh Davanay, who sold the property to Jack Mc Gurk in 1895. Mc Gurk was a cattleman, among other pursuits (hogman, deputy sheriff, etc.), and it can be presumed that he grazed his stock at the meadow during the summer months. Mc Gurk occupied the site for two years before being evicted by the Army in 1897 over a title dispute. Aside from his seasonal residence in this cabin there is no additional evidence of Mc Gurk spending time in Yosemite. The meadow is known as Mc Gurk's because his tenure was the longest of all the various owners.

In 1958 a group of Sierra Club volunteers, under the direction of the then Chief Park Naturalist, stabilized the cabin. The idea was that hiking was increasing in the Bridalveil Campground-Mc Gurk Meadow area and that this cabin would be a unique interpretive outpost for the area.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mc Gurk biographical file, National Park Service Research Library, Yosemite.
 Brubaker, Lloyd W. "Captain John J. Mc Gurk" Yosemite Nature Notes v.37:4,
 (April 1958).
 Uhte, Robert F. "Yosemite's Pioneer Cabins," Yosemite Nature Notes v.35:9,
 (September 1956).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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STREET & NUMBER

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 CITY OR TOWN

Denver

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STATE

Colorado 80225

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES ___ NO ___ NONE ___

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

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Mc Gurk Cabin

2 LOCATION

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Yosemite National Park

— VICINITY OF

Mc Gurk Meadow

COUNTY

Mariposa

STATE

California

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT National Park Service

DATE OF PHOTO 1975

Dean Shenk

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Western Regional Office/NPS/450 Golden Gate Ave., Box 36063, San Francisco, California

4 IDENTIFICATION

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

PHOTO NO 1.

Northeast facade of Mc Gurk cabin.



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DATE OF PHOTO

Ralph Anderson

pre-1957

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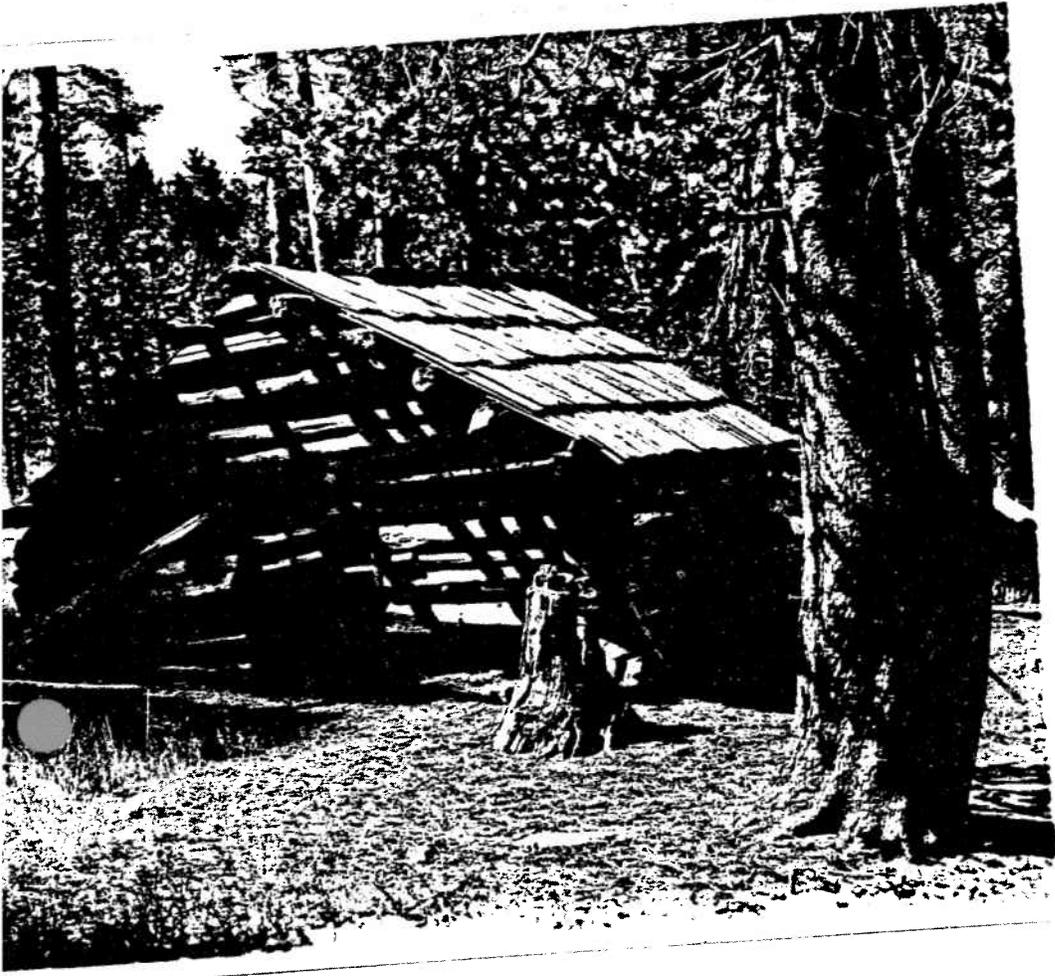
Yosemite National Park Research Library/Box 577/Yosemite Nat'l Pk., CA 95389

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PHOTO NO 2.

Northeast facade of Mc Gurk cabin prior to stabilization.



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2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

COUNTY

STATE

Yosemite National Park

Bridalveil Campground

Mariposa

California

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U.S.G.S.

SCALE 1:62500

DATE 1956

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES