

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

=====

1. Name of Property

=====

historic name: Hillyard Cabin

other name/site number: N/A

=====

2. Location

=====

street & number: W. of Old Burr Rd. (NE of Warm Springs)

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Warm Springs

vicinity: X

state: AR

county: Randolph

code: AR 121

zip code: 72478

=====

3. Classification

=====

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

=====
4. State/Federal Agency Certification
=====

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet

Cathryn A. Slater _____ 7-5-94
Signature of certifying official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

=====
5. National Park Service Certification
=====

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- _____ entered in the National Register _____
_____ 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 Keeper Date
of Action

=====
6. Function or Use
=====

Historic: Domestic Sub: Camp

Current : Work in Progress Sub: _____

=====
7. Description
=====

Architectural Classification:

N/A

Other Description: Rustic _____

Materials: foundation Stone _____ roof Asphalt _____
walls Wood _____ other Stone _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

=====
8. Statement of Significance
=====

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: C _____

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A _____

Areas of Significance: Architecture _____

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1933 _____

Significant Dates: N/A _____

Significant Person(s): N/A _____

Cultural Affiliation: N/A _____

Architect/Builder: Unknown _____

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

=====
9. Major Bibliographical References
=====

X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

=====
10. Geographical Data
=====

Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

Table with 4 columns: A, B, C, D. Row 1: 15, 676080, 4039230, B. Row 2: C, D.

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

The property is a rectangular parcel, whose northwest corner is 25 feet directly northwest of the northwest corner of the cabin and whose southeast corner is 25 feet directly southeast of the southeast corner of the cabin (note that though the pen is 14 feet square, the additional length of the porch creates the rectangular boundary).

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

=====
11. Form Prepared By
=====

Name/Title: Patrick Zollner, National Register Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 06/21/94

Street & Number: 323 Center, 1600 Tower Bldg. Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 1

Summary

Constructed c. 1933, the Hillyard Cabin is a single-pen vacation cabin constructed of horizontal sawn beams. The structure is covered by a gable roof and features a large stone chimney. A simple mantelpiece is the only interior detail. Located on Old Burr Road in the Warm Springs vicinity, the Hillyard Cabin is in the process of restoration.

Elaboration

The Hillyard Cabin was constructed c. 1933 as a vacation cabin by the property owner's brother. The single pen is fourteen feet square and is constructed out of 4" X 9" sawn beams laid horizontally and covered with battens. Interestingly, the beams are not notched at the corners, but are laid on top of each other in a chinkless fashion with alternate butt ends that are nailed. From a distance, the appearance is that of a cabin constructed of carefully hewn logs with half-notching. The cabin is covered by a composition-shingle, side-gable roof and rests upon wood joists and stone piers on the eastern elevation to compensate for the slope of the hill.

The front, or eastern, elevation consists of a full-facade front porch that is raised on concrete (soon to be supplanted by stone) piers and supported by three 2" X 6" boards. This porch, which is formed by a shed-roof extension of the main gable roof, has recently been completely reconstructed following the original porch plan. A rail wraps around the northern and eastern elevations of the porch and is also formed by 2" X 6" boards. Access to the porch is from the southern side, and it appears that the porch may be screened as there is framing for a doorway on this elevation. Underneath, a single-leaf door is positioned to the right and a large, single-hung, one-over-one window to the left. The multiple-panelled wood door features an upper light and a mail-drop door.

A large, single-hung, one-over-one window placed just to the right of center provides illumination from the northern elevation. The rear, or western, elevation contains a single-leaf doorway at the southern end. The original door had deteriorated beyond repair and is currently in the process of being replaced. A massive limestone chimney dominates the center of the southern elevation, which is not otherwise fenestrated.

The interior is nondescript with the exception of the fireplace, which contains a simple wood surround with mantel and lining bricks that are stamped with their kiln of origin, "Laclede, St. Louis." This spartan interior is underscored by a floor that is no longer present. Due to deterioration, the flooring had to be removed and will be replaced in kind, as will some of the

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 2

now-exposed joists which had also rotted.

Located on Old Burr Road to the northeast of Warm Springs, the Hillyard Cabin contains no ancillary structures or site features. The cabin remains on its original site, which originally featured a small, seasonal stream in front of, or to the east, of the porch. This stream no longer flows due to the construction of a pond upstream.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page 1

Summary

The Hillyard Cabin is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance for its unique method of horizontal, sawn wood-beam construction.

Elaboration

According to *The Goodspeed Historical and Biographical Memoirs of Northeastern Arkansas*, in 1889 Warm Springs contained "noted springs", a post office, a two general stores, one drug store, two cotton gins, and a church/school building. Despite the presence of "noted springs," the town never capitalized on this industry to the extent of other Arkansas towns and remained a small community.

Nothing is known about the history of the nominated property prior to its acquisition by Mr. Hillyard in the late 1920's. Mr. Hillyard placed about 1000 goats on the land to clear the underbrush, and the farm was soon dubbed the "Goat Ranch" by the local residents. According to Mr. Youel Baker, a resident of the area at that time, the Hillyard Cabin was constructed between 1932 and 1933 for Mr. Hillyard's brother, a doctor from Illinois. Dr. Hillyard used the diminutive structure as a vacation home.

The Hillyard Cabin does not reflect any discernible architectural style, but rather the recreational tastes of the Depression era when people sought escape to "rustic" settings. The use of natural materials in the construction also suggests the Rustic style although this cabin bears little resemblance to the CCC-constructed cabins in Arkansas that many associate with the term.

In January 1976, the property was acquired by the Lord's Ranch, a care facility for problem youth. The Lord's Ranch recently initiated a restoration of the Hillyard Cabin, and a new roof and porch has been constructed by some of the young men working under supervision.

Because the Hillyard Cabin is the best known example in Randolph County - perhaps even the state of Arkansas - of its unique method of horizontal, sawn wood beam construction, it is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 9 Page 1

Bibliography

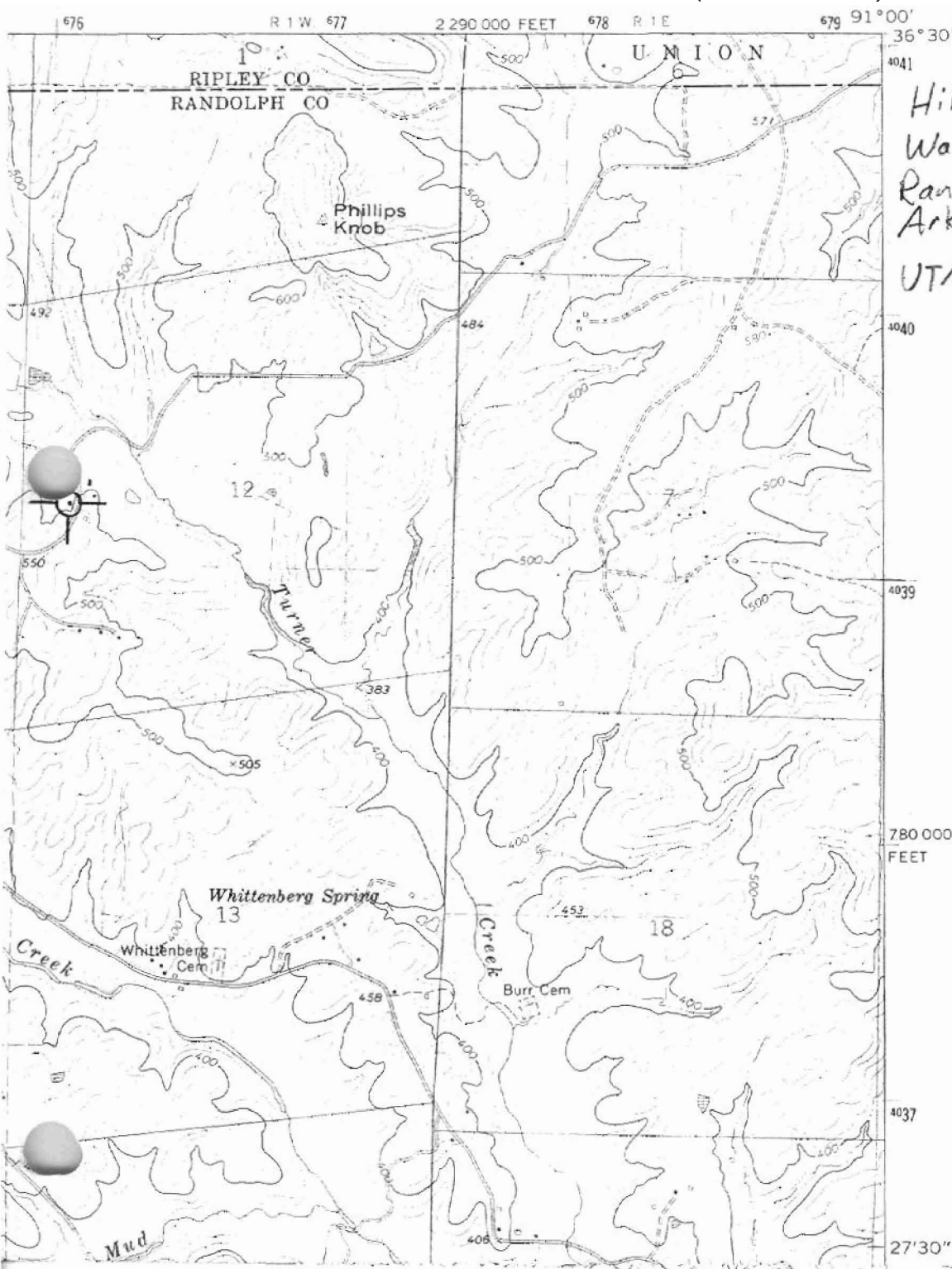
Information submitted by Wendell Kimbrough, Deputy Administrator of the Lord's Ranch,
December 1993.

Telephone interview with Youel Baker, May 1994.

The Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeastern Arkansas. Chicago,
Nashville and St. Louis: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889.

WARM SPRINGS QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS - MISSOURI
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

7857 M SW
(POLYMER)



Hillyard Cabin
Warm Springs vic.
Randolph Co.
Arkansas

UTM: 15/676084
4039230



