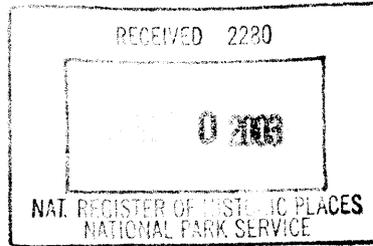


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REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Cassville Ranger Station Historic District

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Highway 248 not for publication N/A

city or town Cassville vicinity N/A

state Missouri code MO county Barry code 009 zip code 65625

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Andrew J. Johnson 3/7/02  
Signature of certifying official Date

US Forest Service Federal Presentation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Claire F. Blackwell 17 Sept. 01  
Signature of commenting or other official/Title Claire F. Blackwell/Deputy SHPO Date

Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:  
entered in the National Register Beth Beland 8/11/03  
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

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Name of Property

Barry County, Missouri  
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)    Category of Property (Check only one box)

<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure
	<input type="checkbox"/> object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count).

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>  5  </u>	<u>  1  </u> buildings
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> sites
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> structures
<u>  2  </u>	<u>  0  </u> objects
<u>  7  </u>	<u>  1  </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register   0  

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

<u>  </u> GOVERNMENT	<u>  </u> government office
<u>  </u> DOMESTIC	<u>  </u> single dwelling
<u>  </u> DOMESTIC	<u>  </u> secondary structure
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

<u>  </u> GOVERNMENT	<u>  </u> government office
<u>  </u> DOMESTIC	<u>  </u> single dwelling
<u>  </u> DOMESTIC	<u>  </u> secondary structure
<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>
<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

   LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY

   AMERICAN MOVEMENTS/Colonial Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	<u>  </u> Concrete
roof	<u>  </u> Asphalt
walls	<u>  </u> Stone/Limestone
	<u>  </u> Wood
other	<u>  </u> Wood

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions).

- CONSERVATION
- ARCHITECTURE
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
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Period of Significance

1936 - 1950

Significant Dates

1936

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Architect/Unknown  
Builder/Civilian Conservation Corps

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Headquarters, Mark Twain National Forest, Rolla, Missouri



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**DESCRIPTION**

The Cassville Ranger Station Historic District is located near Cassville (1990 pop. 2,091) in Barry County, Missouri. Cassville is the county seat of Barry County which is located in the southwest corner of the state. The Ranger Station is located just to the east of the Cassville city limits on State Highway 248 and the complex property is surrounded by forest, open fields, and dwellings. The Ranger Station is located on rolling terrain approximately 1400 feet above sea level.

The Cassville Ranger Station Historic District is composed of five frame and limestone buildings constructed by the Shell Knob Camp of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1936. The complex, located along the north side of State Highway 248, faces south. The ranger's office and dwelling are located just north of the highway and are connected by a concrete walk. Between these two buildings is a central parking lot. North of the dwelling is a two-bay automobile garage. Approximately 200' north of the dwelling, office and garage are the oil house and warehouse. The warehouse also is oriented towards the south, while the oil house faces southeast. To the north of the warehouse is a ca. 1970 metal prefabricated building which is included as a non-contributing building within the district. Two stone carvings erected by CCC craftsman are located to the east of the ranger's office, and are included as contributing objects.

The Cassville Ranger Station Historic District is representative of the Administrative Sites property type in the Mark Twain National Forest. This historic district contains buildings designed in standardized plans which were utilized in the construction of the Administrative Sites throughout the National Forest during the 1930s. The most unifying characteristic of the district is its construction materials. All five contributing buildings are of frame construction with limestone veneer exteriors. The exteriors of each building are identical and are of rock faced broken course or random ashlar cut stone with deep mortar joints. The exterior stonework is in excellent condition and displays its original craftsmanship.

A landscape plan was also originally prepared for the Cassville Ranger Station. This landscape plan included the retention of existing trees and some of the open meadows bordering State Route 248. A buffer of mixed hardwoods and conifers was planted between the dwelling and office, and in front of these buildings open lawn areas were cleared. Behind the dwelling and office, trees were planted to screen the service area. This landscape plan has been continually cared for and maintained in recent decades, and contribute to the appearance of the station.

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS**

1. Ranger's Office - The Ranger's Office is a one and one-half story frame and limestone building constructed in 1936. The building reflects the Colonial Revival style in its overall plan and design. The building has a poured concrete foundation, gable roof of asphalt shingles, and central interior stone chimney. On the main facade is a one-story gable roof projecting bay which contains the primary entrance. This entrance has a ca. 1970 three-light glass and wood door as does the secondary entrance on the west facade. Added concrete steps and a metal railing lead to the main entrance. Windows are original eight-over-eight wood sash design with wood lintels and concrete sills. Original wood lintels are also located over the primary and secondary entrances. A concrete walkway connects the office to the Ranger's dwelling.

The interior of the office retains its original floor plan and layout. Extensive remodeling took place ca. 1970 including the covering of the original wood walls with wood paneling, replacement of the original doors with solid wood doors, and the

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installation of ceiling acoustic tiles and fluorescent lighting. A staircase leading to the upper half-story retains an original oak balustrade at the head of the stairs. Original oak molding and trim remains in place. The half-story retains original space arrangement. Upper story cabinets have been removed. (Contributing)

2. Ranger's Dwelling - This is a one-and-one-half-story Colonial Revival influenced limestone and frame dwelling. The dwelling has a poured concrete foundation, gable roof of asphalt shingles, and interior and exterior end stone chimneys. Stone steps lead to a partial-width incised porch with a concrete pier foundation. The porch has a shed roof supported by ca. 1998 square wood posts. The porch retains its original tongue-and-groove ceiling. At the entrance is an original nine-light glass and wood vertical board door. Windows are of original six-over-six wood sash design with concrete sills and wood lintels. There are also wood lintels over the entrances. At the roofline of the main facade is a shed dormer with weatherboard siding. The dormer has three six-over-six wood sash windows. There is a secondary entrance at the west facade with a ca. 1970 glass and wood door, shed roof entry porch, a concrete ramp, and original stone steps. The porch has an original frame balustrade. The basement retains original two-light wood sash hopper windows.

The interior of the dwelling retains its original plan and layout. The interior has been remodeled with ca. 1970 wood paneling and carpeting. The front living area retains original wood panel walls and an original limestone fireplace. An original staircase newel post and balustrade remains in place, as does original wood molding. The bathroom and kitchen have been altered with modern fixtures and floor coverings. Original multi-panel wood interior doors remain in place. The upper half-story retains its original wood floors and plaster ceilings. (Contributing)

3. Garage - North of the ranger's dwelling is a one-story, two-bay frame and limestone garage with a poured concrete foundation and concrete slab floor. The building has a gable roof of asphalt shingles. The garage bay doors were replaced ca. 1998 with fiberglass and metal overhead track doors. There is an original entrance with a nine-light glass and wood door on the west facade. A west facade window has been replaced with a single-light wood sash design window. All other windows retain original six-over-six wood sash designs. Windows and the single-door entrance retain oak lintels. All windows retain original concrete sills. The garage has boxed cornices and arched louvered vents with stone sills in the gables. The garage's open interior space has been retained. (Contributing)

4. Warehouse - North of the ranger's office, dwelling and garage is a one-and-one-half-story, rectangular plan, frame and limestone veneer warehouse. The building has a poured concrete foundation, gable roof of asphalt shingles, and interior stone chimney. The primary (south) facade has five garage bays with double doors and a single door entrance. The garage bays retain their original double doors which are of vertical board design with diagonal bracing. The doors have original metal hinges. Every other set of garage doors has an upper six-light glass and wood panel. The single-door entry at the southeast corner has a ca. 1970 solid wood door with an original wood lintel. Knee brace brackets support a full-width shed awning over the primary facade. This awning has a tongue-in-groove ceiling and exposed rafters. There is a gable dormer at the roofline with weatherboard siding and a fixed six-light wood window. First floor windows have been replaced with ca. 1970, aluminum sliding track windows. The window openings retain original wood lintels and concrete sills. The gable ends have fixed six-light wood sash windows with wood lintels and concrete sills.

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The building's overall interior open space layout has been retained with some space partitioned off for a bathroom. Original tongue-in-groove ceilings remain in place, as do exposed interior rafters. Original wooden steps lead to the upper half-story which retains its original open space layout. (Contributing)

5. Oil House - Adjacent to the warehouse is a one-story frame and limestone building oil house. This building has a poured concrete foundation and gable roof of asphalt shingles. On the primary facade is an entrance with original double doors of vertical board with diagonal bracing. The doors retain original metal hinges and over the doors are wood lintels. There is no other fenestration. The building has boxed cornices and exposed eave rafters. The interior retains its original open floor space. (Contributing)
6. Storage Shed - To the north, or rear, of the warehouse is a ca. 1970 one-story metal building. (Non-Contributing).
- 7./8. Stone Carvings - To the east of the Ranger's Office and parking area are two stone carvings erected in 1936 by CCC craftsmen. Both are of limestone and one depicts a carved tree while the other is in the shape of a tree stump. (Contributing)

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Cassville Ranger Station Historic District is representative of the Administrative Sites property type and is included as part of the Multiple Property Documentation Form "Historic and Architectural Resources of the Mark Twain National Forest." The Cassville Ranger Station Historic District is significant under Criterion A for its association with the USDA Forest Service and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) of the 1930s. It is also significant as exemplifying the response of the federal government to conservation and forest management through its New Deal programs. The district is significant under Criterion C as an example of the National Forest Service's emphasis on "rustic" architectural designs of the period, and an attempt to integrate public facilities in natural environments without detracting from the beauty of the surrounding forest. The district retains all of its original buildings and few major alterations or changes have occurred to the district's buildings. The district possesses its integrity of site and location and continues to be used as a Ranger Station for the Mark Twain National Forest.

The Cassville Ranger Station Historic District is also representative of the Administrative Sites property type defined in the Multiple Property Documentation Form "Historic and Architectural Resources of the Mark Twain National Forest." The buildings within the district meet registration requirements of this property type through their physical characteristics and associative qualities. The buildings display native stone construction, gable roofs, multi-light windows, and use local materials in their landscaping and physical layout. The Cassville Ranger Station Historic District retains all of its original buildings, and each of these buildings retains a high degree of its original architectural design and integrity. The district's designed setting and landscaping also remains intact.

**Historical Background**

The Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri's only national forest, was created during the early 1930s and is presently viewed by the Forest Service as a "recovering forest." By the time the Mark Twain National Forest was established, the area barely supported its impoverished population which continued to farm exhausted lands. Efforts were underway in 1931 to correct previous land abuse by establishing a National Forest in Missouri. A law passed in 1933 created the Mark Twain National Forest and a preliminary examination of the Ozark region was initiated by Forest Service personnel. Emphasis of the study was placed upon the protection and rehabilitation of forest resources with hopes of re-establishing timber productivity. It was also during this period of time that provisions were set aside for developing recreational sites within the newly created forest system.

Establishment of the USDA Forest Service in Missouri coincided with the Great Depression and federal relief. The 1930s was also a time in which the nation faced the consequences of exploitation of its natural resources. Land-use ethics governed by economic self-interests resulted in soil exhaustion, diminishing forests and over-grazed grasslands. In response to the problems of unemployment and loss of natural resources, President Franklin D. Roosevelt set up a series of federal programs which were collectively known as "the New Deal." Roosevelt's first New Deal act, the Emergency Work Program, also known as the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), addressed the problems of America's unemployed youth and rapidly diminishing natural resources. As one of Roosevelt's most popular programs, the CCC constructed many of the Forest Service's facilities.

Prior to arrival of the CCC and other New Deal programs, the Forest Service's building program was quite limited. Within the State of Missouri, such projects were non-existent prior to 1933. Once confronted with the responsibility of developing work projects and operating schedules for proposed relief programs, a concerted effort was made by the Forest Service to include future needs as well

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as immediate needs in the planning process. Thoughtful planning resulted in a balanced arrangement of buildings and grounds, as well as economical development and conformity to existing physiographic conditions.

The Cassville Ranger Station Historic District complies with the Forest Service's guidelines, while also allowing deviations in original plans including the use of local limestone as the exterior building material. Also not seen in standardized plans for the district are unique door designs as seen at the primary entrance of the Cassville Ranger's dwelling. Alterations in general carpentry or design probably reflect the contribution of a local style or individual. This style is repeated throughout the Mark Twain National Forest Ranger Stations constructed by the CCC. Layout of the Cassville district reinforces the Forest Service's ideal placement of offices, dwellings and service buildings, taking care to allow ease of public access to the office and placement of service buildings in an area which minimally detracts from surrounding natural areas. The Cassville district is the most intact Ranger Station Complex constructed by the CCC within the Mark Twain National Forest area.

The Cassville Ranger Station Historic District is significant for its associations with Missouri's New Deal and conservation programs, as well as for its architectural design and workmanship. Few changes have occurred since initial construction during 1936, and the overall character and integrity of the district have been retained. The district continues to function as an important administrative center for the Mark Twain National Forest. Additional information regarding the district is located in the accompanying "Historic and Architectural Resources of the Mark Twain National Forest" Multiple Property Nomination.

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary of the Cassville Ranger Station Historic District is illustrated on the accompanying Barry County Tax Map which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'. The boundary includes the entire 5.1 acre government tract of parcel 5.1 on tax map # 97-18-08-28-03 (Section 28, Township 23N, Range 27W). In addition to this map is an accompanying not-to-scale site plan which shows the buildings, parking area, and landscaping.

**Verbal Boundary Justification**

The boundary for the Cassville Ranger Station Historic District includes the entire parcel which encompasses the Ranger Station property. The boundary includes all property historically associated with the Ranger Station.

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Cassville Ranger Station Historic District

Barry County, Missouri

Photo by: Thomason and Associates

Date: November, 1999

Location of Negatives: Missouri Cultural Resource Inventory, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, MO

Photo No. 1: Ranger's Office, towards northeast.

Photo No. 2: Ranger's Office, main room.

Photo No. 3: Ranger's Office, staircase and cabinets.

Photo No. 4: Ranger's Dwelling, towards northeast.

Photo No. 5: Ranger's Dwelling, living room.

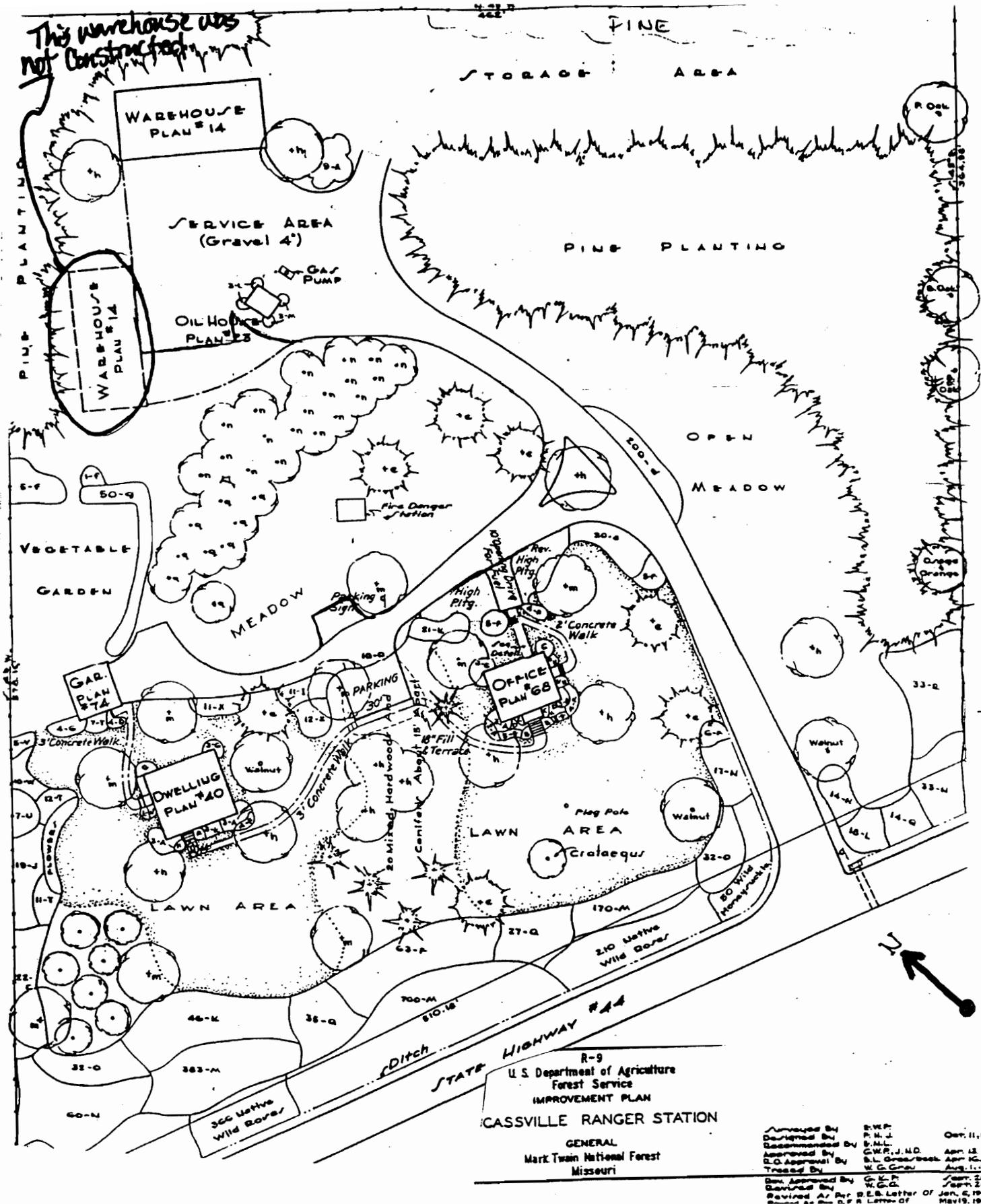
Photo No. 6: Garage, towards north.

Photo No. 7: Warehouse, towards northeast.

Photo No. 8: Oil House, towards northwest.

Photo No. 9: Stone carvings east of Ranger's Office.

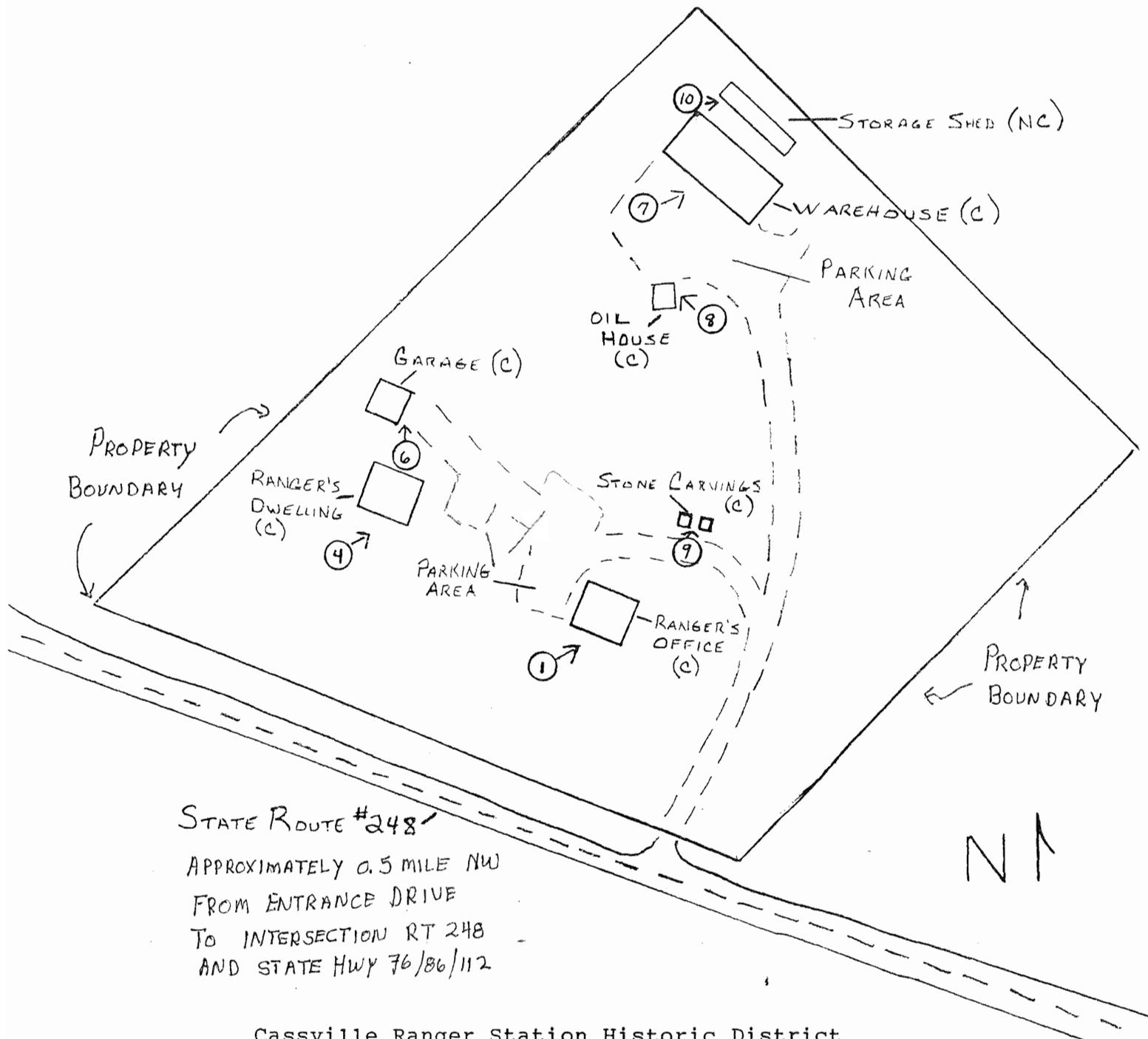
Photo No. 10: Storage Shed, towards northeast.



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 Mark Twain National Forest  
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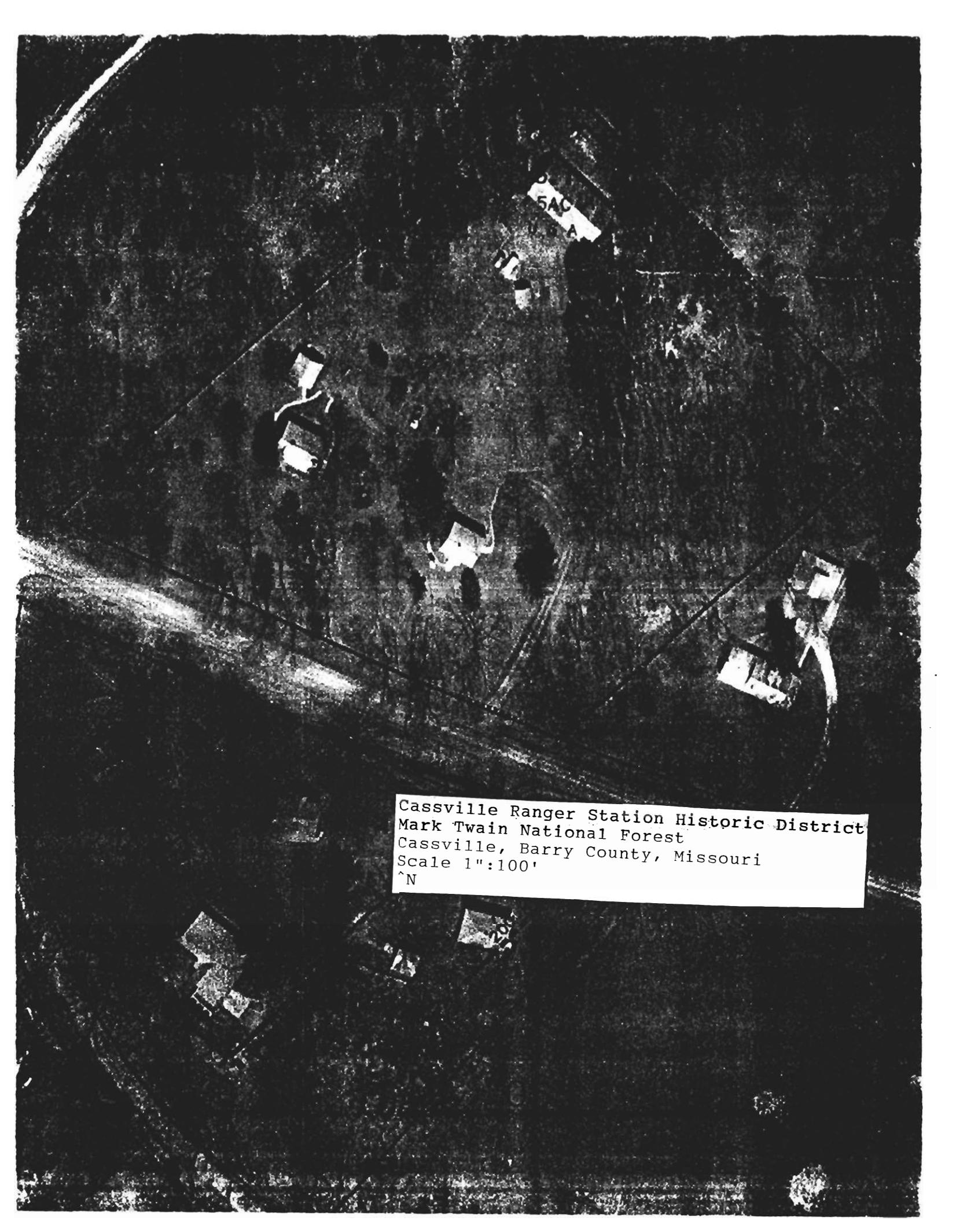
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Recommended By	G.M.L.	Apr. 12, 31
Approved By	C.W.R., J.M.D.	Apr. 12, 31
E.O. Approval By	S.L. Green/Deak	Apr. 16, 31
Traced By	W.C. Gray	Aug. 1, 31
Draw. Approved By	G.E.P.	Sept. 21
Revised By	W.C.G.	Sept. 21
Revised At	Per R.E. Letter of Jan. 2, 1932	May 19, 1932
Revised At	Per R.E. Letter of	May 19, 1932

Site Plan - Cassville Ranger Station Historic District  
 Cassville, Barry county, Missouri  
 Map not to scale



STATE ROUTE #248  
 APPROXIMATELY 0.5 MILE NW  
 FROM ENTRANCE DRIVE  
 TO INTERSECTION RT 248  
 AND STATE HWY 76/86/112

Cassville Ranger Station Historic District  
 Cassville, Barry County, MO  
 1" = 100'



Cassville Ranger Station Historic District  
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Scale 1":100'  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

**NRIS Reference Number:** 03000716

**Date Listed:** 8/4/03

Cassbille Ranger Station Historic District, Barry Co.	MO
<b>Property Name</b>	<b>County</b> <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><b>State</b></span>

Mark Twain National Forest MPS  
**Multiple Name**

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Beth Beland*  
**Signature of the Keeper**

8/1/03  
**Date of Action**

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**Amended Items in Nomination:**

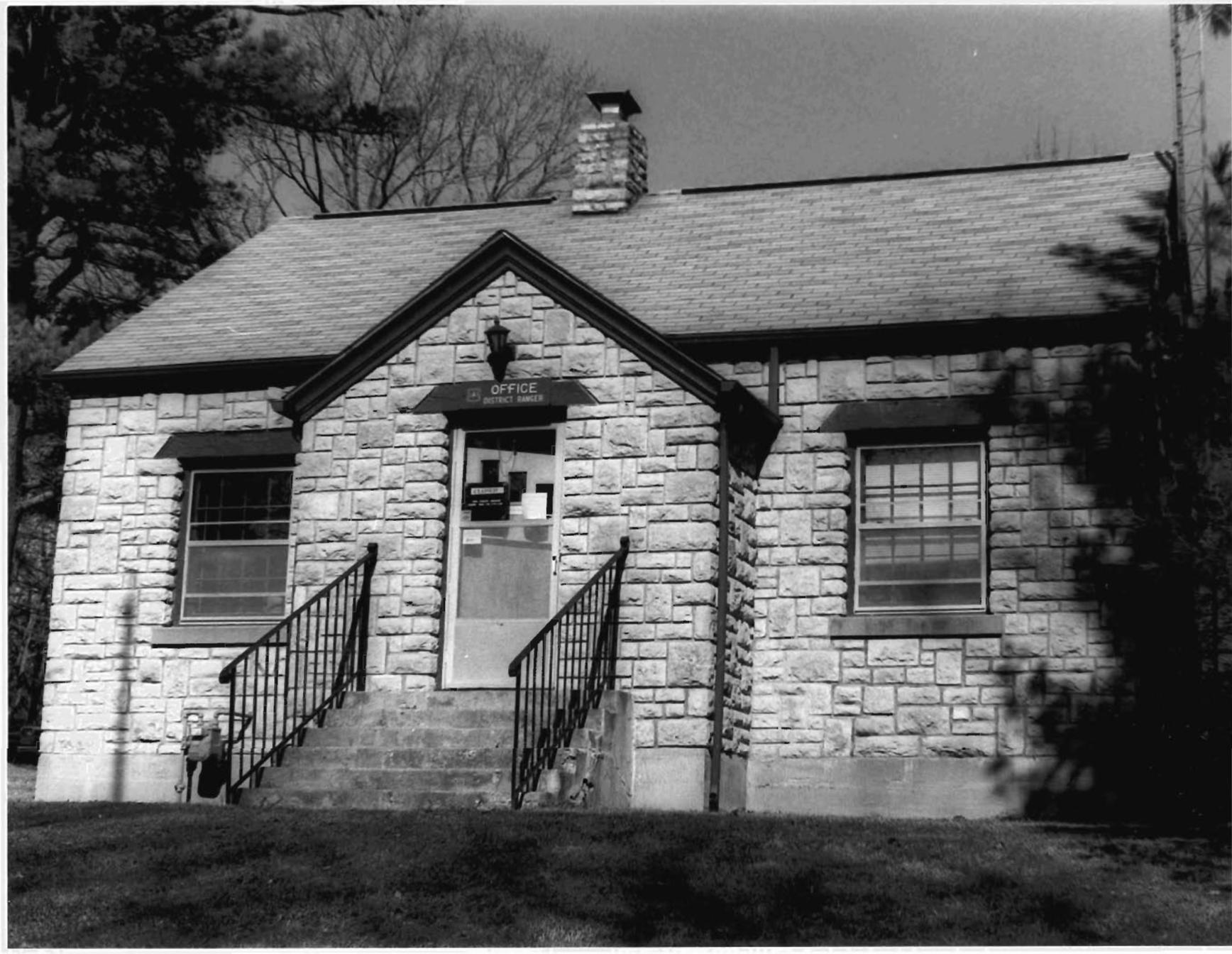
Section 3: This is a nomination. The level of significance is local.

Section 8: The correct period of significance is 1936 (date of construction).

This information was confirmed with USFS FPO, Sandra Forney.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)



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RANGER'S OFFICE



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RANGER'S OFFICE, main room



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RANGER'S OFFICE, STAIRCASE & CABINETS



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RANGER'S DWELLING, LIVING ROOM



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GARAGE



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WAREHOUSE



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Ranger's Dwelling



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DIL HOUSE

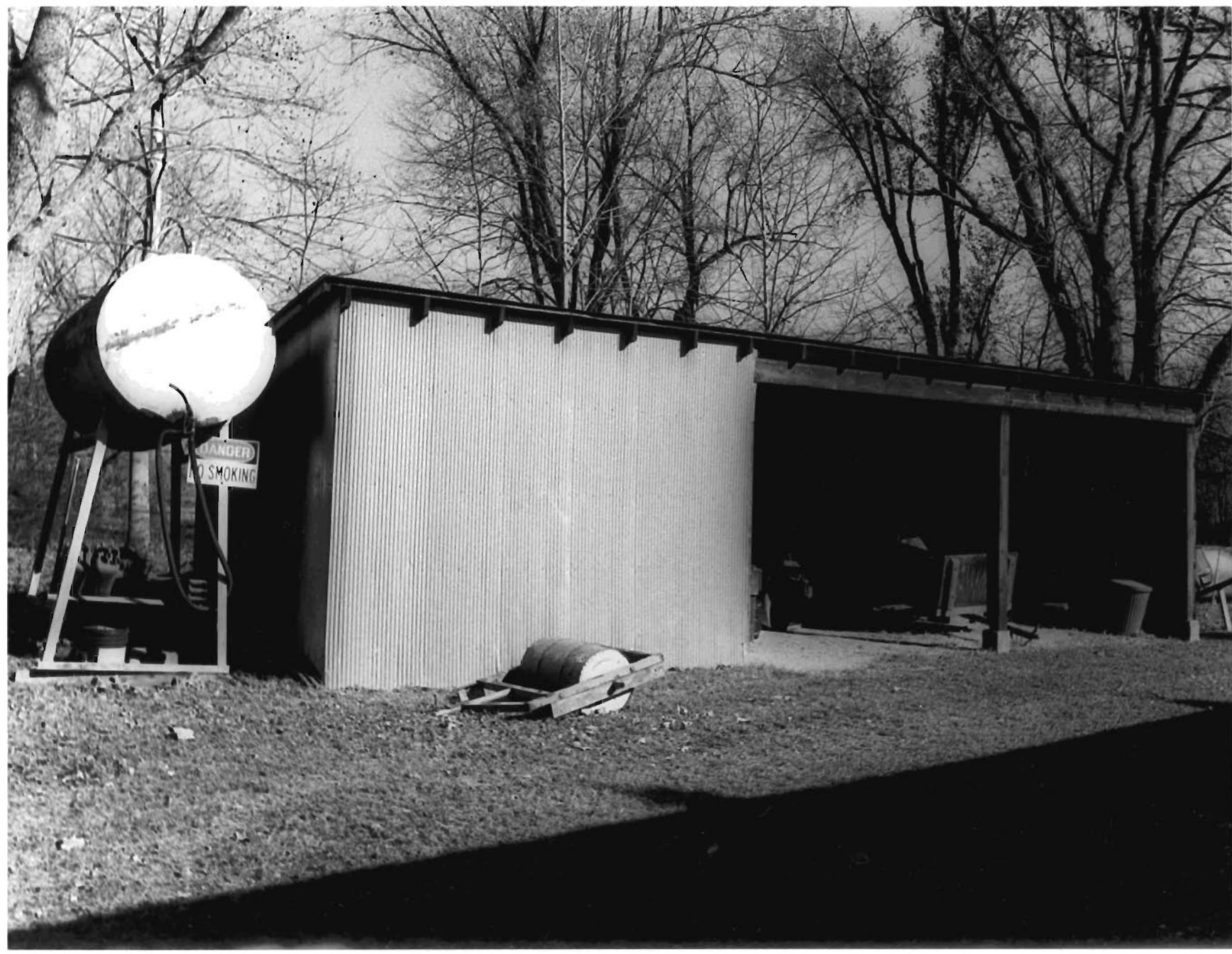


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STONE CARVINGS east of RANGER'S OFFICE



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