

HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORT

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JOHNSON FARM GROUP

Class CC

Blue Ridge Parkway

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RECOMMENDED

Sam Deems

Superintendent

Date 2-7-64

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H. P. Reed Smith

Acting Chief, EODC

Date 3-6-64

APPROVED

Regional Director

Date _____

See memo H 30 DER(EP) dtd 2-20-64

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

This group of buildings includes the four remaining cabins of a pioneer mountain farm, located in the Peaks of Otter area, Blue Ridge Parkway, and identified as follows on the Historic Structures Inventory:

	<u>Structure No.</u>	<u>Class</u>
Johnson Log Saddlebag House	154	CC
Johnson Log Barn	285	CC
Johnson Log Springhouse	287	CC
Johnson Log Meat House	288	CC

These buildings have been kept for the purpose of perpetuating the rapidly disappearing story of the pioneer mountain farms in the Southern Appalachians. With the development of the Peaks of Otter area for interpretation to the public, it is planned to bring one of the hiking trails through this farm. Here we plan to install interpretive devices telling the story of the mountain farms, and this one in particular. This will be a self-operating exhibit, with free access to the buildings by the visitors.

This group of buildings was constructed in the mid-1800's and has been added to or altered to some degree in succeeding years. Since acquired by the Blue Ridge Parkway little maintenance has been done other than that needed to keep the buildings intact. In order to restore them to a condition safe for the visitors to use, and to return them to a state indicative of the time the Peaks of Otter area was a center of community activity (around the turn of the present century), the following rehabilitation is necessary:

House, Building No. 154 - Repair the floors, doors, porches, etc., to a condition safe for people to use. Remove an existing tin roof and replace with wooden shakes. Remove superficial siding to expose the original log structure and repair original chinking.

Barn, Building No. 285 - This building is in good shape, only needing relatively minor repairs to the roof and logs.

Springhouse - Building No. 287 - Repair foundations and logs for safety and structural permanence. Remove recently placed tin roof and superficial siding, re-chink the logs and install wooden shakes on roof.

Meat House, Building No. 288 - Repair floor, replace chinking in logs, remove tin roof and construct new roof of wooden shakes.

Preliminary estimates of cost are as follows (see PCP B-272 attached):

Construction	\$10,000
Plans, Surveys, Supervision	1,410
Contingencies	590
Total	<u>\$12,000</u>

Photos of existing structures are attached.

HISTORICAL DATA

We have no documented information on the history of these buildings, but various old-timers in the area have given bits of information on the buildings. They were all apparently built about 1845, and owned either then or later by John T. Johnson. At the time of their purchase, in 1943, the land and buildings were owned by Callie Bryant.

ARCHITECTURAL DATA

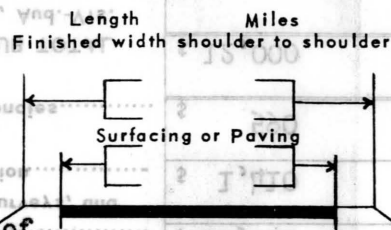
All the buildings are constructed of logs, all except the barn being chinked with wood and clay. Recent "modernization" added siding over the logs and sheet-iron to the roofs. The porch has fallen off the house and will have to be rebuilt.

The buildings will not be furnished, and will be left open for inspection by visitors to the area.

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL

1. Statement of requirements, proposed work and construction data, justification, etc. (Use additional sheets as necessary.)

Restore four buildings of the Johnson farm group as an exhibit of a pioneer mountain farm existing in this area. This farm group will be a major exhibit along the hiking trail system at Peaks of Otter. Peaks of Otter is the largest developed area on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia. A minimum of interpretation is planned at this location.



- House, Bldg. #154 - Remove tin roof & construct new roof of wooden shakes; remove siding & expose original logs; repair foundation and chimney; repair doors, windows, floors; repair steps and porches. Building will be open to public, no furniture will be included. Building Class CC.
- Barn, Bldg. #285 - Only minor repairs needed to roof and logs. Class. CC.
- Spring House, #287 - Repair foundation, remove siding, repair and patch logs, replace tin roof with wooden shakes. Building Class CC.
- Meat House, #288 - Repair floor, chinking in walls; remove tin roof and construct new roof of wooden shakes. Building Class CC.

2. Land Status (if Govt.-owned, what agency), Water Rights, Research, Etc.

Government-owned -- National Park Service

3. PCP Data Prepared by (Name, Title & Date)		4. Cross-reference PCP's to this Project:		6. CLASS C ESTIMATE	
Robt. A. Hope		PCP numbers of previously completed portions:		Construction..... \$ 10,000	
Res. Lands. Arch.				Plans, Surveys, & Supervision..... 1,410	
		5. Construction by:		Contingencies..... 590	
D. H. Robinson		Day Labor ☒ Contract ☐		SUB TOTAL 12,000	
Chief Naturalist		Work supervised by:		Exhibits, Audio-Visual Installations, etc.....	
		Park ☒ Reg. ☐ Design Office ☐		GRAND TOTAL \$ 12,000	
7. DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES		8. Recommended by Park Office (Signature, title, date)			
No	To				
		9. Approved by Regional Office (Signature, title, date)			
		10. Reviewed by D&C Field Office (Signature, Title, Date)			
11. Location within Area or Termini		12. Master Plan No.		13. Bldg. or Rt. # and Sec.	
Peaks of Otter		PKY-BR GEN-2298-A		Section 1-J	
14. Region	15. Park				
SE.	Blue Ridge Parkway				
Project		Botetourt		17. PCP Index No.	
Restoration of Johnson Farm Group		(County)		B-272	
		Virginia		18. P. S. & S. by	
		(State)		BPR ☐ NPS ☒	

(21016)	BbK 	Mb2 
ATLEJUTE	18' b' 2' 8' 2' pL	
(Conuul)	B-535	
MOFECOMLE	11' bCb Index No.	

Item #	Quantity	Cost
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	10. Received by DSC Field Office (Signature, Title, Date)	
	11. Approved by Regional Office (Signature, Title, Date)	

~~City of Montreal~~	Bank ☒ Recd. ☐ Office ☐ Design ☐	GRAND TOTAL	2	75,000
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2. Construction ply:	2NB 1014G	JS'000
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Dorf, V. Hobe BSB numbers of relations:	Births, deaths, & emigration	1910 1920
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Time & Date)	Project:	2 10 000
5Cb Data Provided by (Name)	4. Cross-reference 5Cb, 2 to 1p12	6. CUY22 C ESTIMATE

5. Γαυρ Στάινς (ή Γκολι-σμούκ' μπράι σάουκλ)' Μαίρι Βιδμπε' Ρεζερβέρ' Εtc.

Supervision.....	\$ 1,410
Contingencies.....	\$ 590
SUB TOTAL	\$ 12,000
Exhibits, Aud.-Vis.	
Installations, Etc.....	\$

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FORM 10-71

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Barn, Building No. 285



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Springhouse, Building No. 287



Meat House, Building No. 288

Johnson House before removal of porch and rear addition.



(Front)



(Rear)

(The addition on rear is of relatively recent construction.)

House, Building No. 154