

William Allen White Cabins
(Upper Sleeping Cabin & Outhouse)
Rocky Mountain National Park
Estes Park Vicinity
Larimer County
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ADDENDUM TO:

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE CABINS, UPPER SLEEPING CABIN

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Location: Bear Lake Road, Moraine Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Vicinity Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado

Significance: This cabin is typical of structures built by turn of the century for guest quarters. It is also important due to its association with William Allen White, a noted writer, Pulitzer prize winner, and advisor to many political figures.

Description:

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Information - Upper Sleeping Cabin

Architectural Merit and Interest: This is one of the cabins William Allen White built in 1913 to house his guests. These cabins were used by a number of well-known people, acquaintances White made through his involvement in politics and writing. The upper sleeping cabin is a small, one-room cabin resting on a wood post foundation. The gambrel-type roof has a metal ridge cap at its peak with a ball finial at the front for decoration.

Condition of Fabric: Original materials in poor condition.

Summary Description: This cabin is a small one room structure with a covered, open front porch, and board and batten siding. The roof is a gambrel-type gable roof with cedar shingles and a metal ridge cap with ball finial for decoration. The cabin is rectangular in shape and has overall dimensions of 20'-3" x 12'-3".

B. Detailed Description of Exterior

Foundation: None.

Wall Construction: The exterior walls are board and batten exposed wood. Wood frame work exists under the floor level.

Structural System: Frame.

Porches, Stoops, Etc.: There is one porch which is on the

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front facade. It is a one-step wood platform porch with board and batten railing and a gable end hood. There is a 2" x 4" vertical wood support attached to the roof end hood.

Openings, Doorways, and Windows: The one door is on the front facade, to the west and is a single door painted white with vertical wood boards with interior batts. There is also a wood screen door. There are two window openings, one each on the north and south sides. The windows are rectangular with wood frames and flat arches.

Roof - Shape and Covering: The roof is a sloping, low pitched gable roof covered with brown wood shingles. There are 2" x 4" rafter ends.

C. Detailed Description of Interior

Floor Plan: One room, used for a guest cabin.

Stairways: None.

Flooring: Tongue and groove wood flooring.

Wall and Ceiling Finishes: The walls and ceiling are finished with a cardboard like material, which is nailed directly to the studs and roof rafters.

D. Site and Surroundings

The site is at the east end of Moraine Park. It is an open area with native grasses, soils, and pines. The view of Longs Peak and other mountains, and of Moraine park is to the south and southwest.