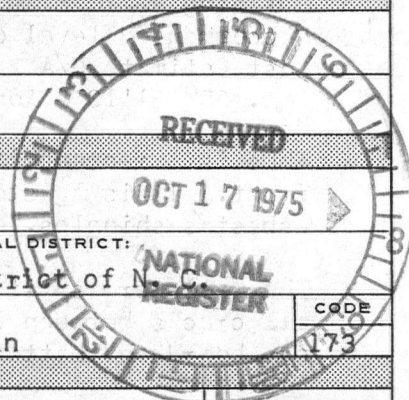


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <u>North Carolina</u>
COUNTY: <u>Swain</u>
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ENTRY DATE <u>JAN 30 1976</u>



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Kress, J. H. Cabin

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Hall Cabin *use this*

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
15 miles northeast of Fontana, N.C.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Great Smoky Mountains National Park

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
11th District of N.C.

STATE:  
North Carolina

CODE  
37

COUNTY:  
Swain

CODE  
173

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<u>exhibit</u>	

**4. AGENCY**

<u>National Park Service, Department of Interior</u>		STATE: <u>N.C.</u>
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) <u>Southeast Regional Office</u>	STREET AND NUMBER: <u>3401 Whipple Ave.</u>	COUNTY: <u>Swain</u>
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Atlanta</u>	STATE: <u>Georgia</u>	
	CODE <u>13</u>	

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <u>Swain County Courthouse</u>		COUNTY: <u>Swain</u>
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Bryson City</u>	STATE: <u>North Carolina</u>	
	CODE <u>37</u>	

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: <u>None</u>	
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE: CODE

STATE: <u>N.C.</u>	ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
COUNTY: <u>Swain</u>	<u>1976</u>	
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Kress, J. H.--Cabin  
 Building #311  
 Recommended level of Treatment: Preservation  
 Cost Estimate N/A  
 Lat. 35° 31'13" Long. 83° 40'38"

This is a rectangular 24'x17' building with a 6' porch across the front. It is 1½ stories, gable roof. The roof is covered with asbestos shingles.

The walls are split, hewn log. The corners are dove-tail notched, and all cracks between logs are unchinked. The gable ends of the building are board and batten.

The building rests on masonry piers.

Windows: There are a total of five windows in the cabin. There are stationary 6 light windows in the attic. In the north room there is a 4 over 4, single hung window, set in the north wall. There is also a 3 over 3 in the east wall of the same room. In the south room there is 6 over 6, single hung window in the east wall. All sash and components are manufactured.

Doors: There are three doors in the building. The main entrance is on the east side of the building, opening into an entry way. There is also a doorway in the north wall of the north room, and one in the west wall of the north room. The doors to the latter are missing. The main door is 4 panel wooden, with butt hinges. All locks and other hardware are missing.

Chimneys: There are no chimneys in the building.

Floors: The floor of the north room is missing. The floor of the south room is 1"x8" sawn board. The floor of the porch and the upstairs room is random-width rough sawn lumber. The floor of the upper room over sawn joist forms the ceiling of the lower portion of the structure, while the upper story has no ceiling.

Interior Plan: There are two 12'x17' rooms downstairs. There is a stairway leading from the lower story beginning just inside the front door. It consists of nine steps made of pine board. There are no bannister or newell posts. Upstairs there is a full room in the attic. All interior walls are hewn log.

General Location: This is the only remaining building of the Kress complex. It is off Bone Valley Creek, and can be reached only by Jeep up a nine mile trail from Lake Fontana.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1910

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Kress, J. H. Cabin--Order of Significance: 3rd

This building, erected by a man named Hall in 1910, was remodeled in 1940. Originally it was the cabin on a mountain farm but in 1940 a hunting lodge was established by J. H. Kress and the cabin was partially remodeled.

Prior to the establishment of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, hundreds of families inhabited the coves and hollows along the creeks of the mountains. Grist mills dotted the creek banks, there were schools in most valleys, and there were a few post offices, stores, and churches.

About the turn of the century, logging companies came to the mountains. They established huge mills and camps, and clear-cut vast amounts of country. There were several hundred people living in the Bone Valley vicinity, but the establishment of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the construction of Fontana Dam, with its huge lake, caused the area to be left by the inhabitants.

The area around Bone Valley, and its major water course, Hazel Creek, was characterized, as was much of the mountain area, by isolation. For generations contact with the outside world was limited, there was inbreeding, and much distilling and drinking of moonshine whiskey. Illiteracy was prevalent, and violence was common.

But for all its shortcomings, the area was one of generally self-reliant, independent people. They formed small farms, herded cattle on the high mountains, and, later, worked in the logging industry.

Today they are gone from this section of the mountains, and even where their descendants live in nearby communities, their way of life has disappeared.

Of the buildings that stood along the creeks of the southwestern edge of the park, the Kress Cabin alone remains in its immediate vicinity. It has survived in a fairly good shape, and although in need of repair, it exhibits some of the finest features of log construction to be found in the Smokies.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Campbell, John C. The Southern Highlander and his Homeland. The University of Kentucky Press.

Hall, Joseph. Smoky Mountain Folks and Their Lore. Cataloochee Press, Asheville, 1960.

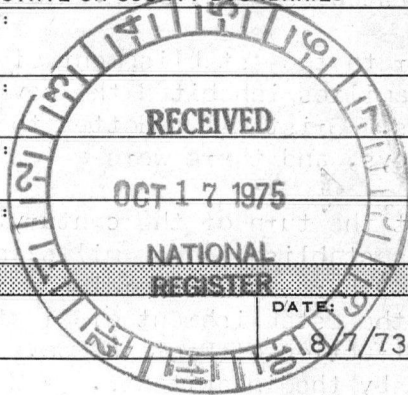
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		<b>UTM Reference</b>		
SE	° ' "	° ' "		17/257010	3933830	
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Paul Gordon Historian DATE: 8/7/73

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Great Smoky Mountains National Park

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (615) 436-5615

CITY OR TOWN: Gatlinburg STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

**12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- Yes
- No
- None

Jonathan W. Hutchell  
State Liaison Officer Signature

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Joseph DeRogier  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is  National  State  Local

Date 1/30/96

ATTEST:

Charles H. ...  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 1-26-76

Gregory D. ... OCT 15 1975  
Federal Representative Signature Date  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Title

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Property *Hall Calvin*

76000162

State *North Carolina* Working Number *10.17.75.1829*

**TECHNICAL**

*signature ? Thornton W. Mitchell - OK*

**CONTROL**

Photos 1  
Maps 1

*OK pl*  
*10.21.75*

*Note SHDO's comment.*

**HISTORIAN**

*Return*  
*W. R. Luce*  
*12/12/75*

*What alterations were carried out in 1940? Significance in architecture is not discussed. RETURN*

*Handy*  
*12/1/75*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*Return*  
*Cole*  
*1/21/76*

*atue*  
**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

*While this form is not ideal, I believe it is sufficient. Significance is stated in last sentence.*

*accept*  
*Houghton*  
*for Muntagh 1-26-76*

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 3-2-76

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Entered JAN 30 1976

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FORM 10-301 A  
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)*

1. NAME

COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE <i>(Assigned by NPS)</i>
Kress, J.H. Cabin	Hall Cabin	JAN 30 1976

2. LOCATION 15 Miles northeast of Fontana, N.C. in Great Smoky Mountains Nat. Park

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
North Carolina	Swain	Great Smoky Mts. N.P.

STREET AND NUMBER

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
National Park Service	July 1973	Great Smoky Mts. N.P.

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Front of building from southwest.



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

STATE	North Carolina	
COUNTY	Swain	
FOR NPS USE ONLY		
ENTRY NUMBER	JAN 30 1976	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Kress Cabin  
AND/OR HISTORIC: Hall Cabin

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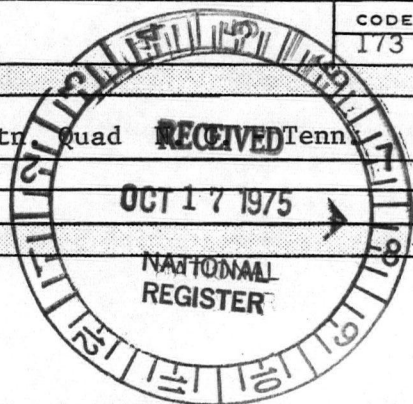
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North Carolina	37	Swain	173

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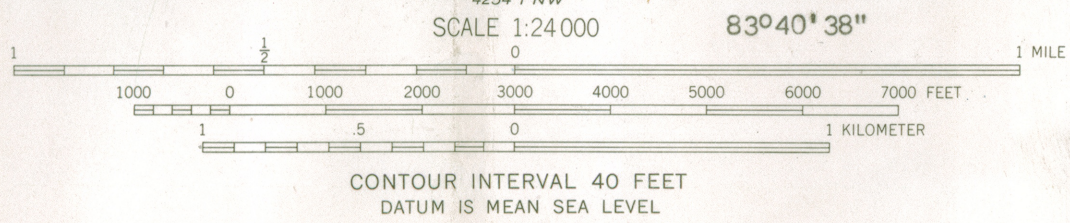
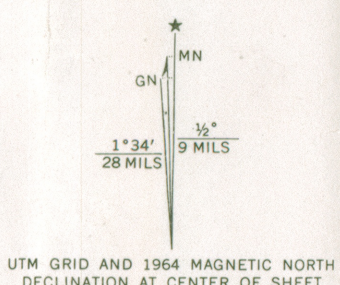
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- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
  2. North arrow.
  3. Latitude and longitude reference.





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coordinate systems  
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zone 17, shown in blue



KRESS CABIN  
Lat. 35°31'13"  
Long. 83°40'38"  
17/257010/3933830

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Unimproved dirt - - - - -



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THE ENCLOSED NOMINATIONS ARE ROUTED TO YOU FOR YOUR PROFESSIONAL REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE CORRECTNESS AND ADEQUACY OF THE STATEMENTS AND EVALUATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, SUPPLYING ADDITIONAL OR CORRECTIVE INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE. REVIEWER WILL SIGN HIS NAME HEREON FOR LATER REFERENCE IF NECESSARY. USE ADDITIONAL SHEET FOR COMMENT IF NEEDED AND ATTACH HERETO.

NOMINATED PROPERTY: KRESS, J. H. Cabin / R / HALL CABIN  
FROM AREA OF: Great Smoky Mtns NP Swain CO

3 PA

CHIEF ARCHEOLOGIST: I concur with PC's assessment. N.C.

SIGNED: Jackson W. Moore Jr.

2 PD

CHIEF HISTORIAN:

OK

SIGNED: Harry W. Pugh

1 PC

CHIEF HISTORICAL ARCHITECT:

A survival of pre Park Service being preserved by NPS

SIGNED: N. A. Judd

A PC

REGISTRAR, LCS

PR

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER:

C. O. Meek  
Registrar, LCS  
Tel: 343-2532

- RECOMMENDED FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NORTH CAROLINA

Date Entered      JAN 30 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hall Cabin	Fontana vicinity (Great Smokey Mountain National Park) Swain County

Also Notified

Hon. Jesse A. Helms  
Hon. Robert B. Morgan  
Hon. Roy A. Taylor  
Mr. Douglas Wheeler, Deputy Assistant  
Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks  
Mr. Robert M. Utley, Assistant Director,  
Park Historic Preservation  
Regional Director, Southeast Region

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Dr. Larry E. Tise  
Director, Division of Archives and  
History  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Department of Cultural Resources  
190 East Jones Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Hall Cabin ② OTHER NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_ ③ date of entry: 1-30-76 ④ county code: 173

⑤ LOCATION street & number: (see reverse) city / town: Fontana vicinity of: NPS state: NC county: Swain ⑥ NPS REGION: Southeast

⑦ OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name) Nat'l Park Service, Dept. of Interior ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: NPS

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS  HABS  HAER  NHL ⑩ FUNDED?  YES  NO ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT 11th ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION  STATE  FEDERAL P. Gordon, NPS  
if state who prepared form? \_\_\_\_\_

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES, NAME \_\_\_\_\_  NO ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES, NAME \_\_\_\_\_  NO ⑮ ACREAGE < 1.0

⑯ ACCESS  YES - Restricted  YES - Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown ⑰ ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO ⑱ SAVED?  YES  NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

⑲ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  ENGINEERING-11  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  POLITICS / GOVT.-21  RECREATION-28  
 ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  ENTERTAINMENT-26  LAW-16  RELIGION-22  SETTLEMENT-29  
 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  EXPLORATION-12  LITERATURE-17  SCIENCE-23  URBAN PLANNING-31  
 AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-8  HEALTH-27  MILITARY-18  SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24  OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  INDUSTRY-13  MUSIC-19  SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30  
 ART-5  EDUCATION-10  INVENTION-14  PHILOSOPHY-20  TRANSPORTATION-25

⑳ CLAIMS: explain  
 'first'   
 'oldest'   
 'only'

㉑ functions  
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: House (farmhouse, hunting lodge)  
 CURRENTLY: Not in use

㉒ dates of initial construction: 1910  
 major alterations: 1940, remodeled  
 historic events: --

㉓ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: --

㉔ architectural style(s): VERNACULAR ㉕ architect: -- ㉖ master builder: -- ㉗ engineer: --

㉘ landscape architect / garden designer: -- ㉙ interior decorator: -- ㉚ artist: -- ㉛ artisan: -- ㉜ builder / contractor: --

㉝ NAMES give role & date  
 PERSONAL: Hall, man said to have built the cabin in 1910  
J.H. Kress, remodeled and used cabin as part of a hunting camp  
 EVENTS:  
 INSTITUTIONAL:

⑲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: DRESSED LOG CONSTRUCTION, VERTICAL SIDING; 1/2 STORIES, RECTANGULAR, GABLED ROOF, CENTER ENTRANCE, FLANKING WINDOWS, 1-STORY FULL-WIDTH FRONT PORCH; ALTERATIONS, 1940. VERNACULAR.

Exhibits some of the finest features of log construction found in the Smoky Mountains; reminder of the farming and logging settlements which dotted the mountains before the park's creation and construction of Fontana Dam resulted in the area's depopulation. *that*

⑤ 15 mi. NE of Fontana in Great Smoky Mountains National Park