Form 10-300  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM  

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

1. NAME  
COMMON:  
Brinegar Cabin  
AND/OR HISTORIC:  

2. LOCATION  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
At mile 238.5, Blue Ridge Parkway  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Whitehead vicinity (the Hon. Wilmer D. Mizell, Fifth Congressional District)  
STATE:  
North Carolina  
CODE:  
37  
COUNTY:  
Alleghany  
CODE:  
005  

3. CLASSIFICATION  
CATEGORY (Check One)  
☐ District  ☑ Building  ☐ Site  ☐ Structure  ☐ Object  
OWNERSHIP  
☐ Public  ☑ Private  ☐ Both  
Public Acquisition:  
☐ In Process  ☑ Being Considered  ☐ Occupied  
☐ Unoccupied  ☐ Preservation work in progress  
STABLE  ☑ Yes: Restricted  ☐ Unrestricted  
☐ No  

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  
☐ Agricultural  ☐ Government  ☐ Park  ☑ Transportation  ☐ Comments  
☐ Commercial  ☑ Industrial  ☐ Private Residence  ☐ Other (Specify)  
☐ Educational  ☐ Military  ☐ Religious  
☐ Entertainment  ☑ Museum  ☐ Scientific  

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY  
OWNER’S NAME:  
National Park Service  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
United States Department of the Interior, 18th and C streets, N. W.  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington  
STATE:  
D. C.  
CODE:  
11  

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Alleghany County Courthouse  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Sparta  
STATE:  
North Carolina  
CODE:  
37  

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey  
DATE OF SURVEY:  
1959  
☐ Federal  ☑ State  ☐ County  ☐ Local  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
East Capitol and Independence Avenue, S. E.  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington  
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The Brinegar Cabin is typical of the small farm dwellings built throughout the mountain region of North Carolina during the past two hundred years. It is a one-story log house covered with lapped siding and resting on an uncoursed fieldstone foundation. The gable roof retains early wooden shingles.

The only opening on the front (east) facade is a central entrance with a plain heavy surround and a board-and-batten door. The interior is lighted by one tiny window beside the large stone chimney on the south end and a slightly larger window containing six-over-two sash on the north wall. A rectangular louvered vent with crude horizontal bars located near the apex of the north gable ventilates the attic.

On the rear of the cabin is a shed addition with a smaller stone chimney on the south side. The addition has a central exterior door on the rear (west) facade similar in design to the main entrance. Flanking the door are windows containing four-over-two sash.

The interior consists of two rooms, one in the main block and one in the shed addition. Both are finished with horizontally sheathed walls and low exposed-beam ceilings. The mantels, which may be replacements, are quite simple with heavy shelves supported by large brackets. The unfinished attic is reached by a ladder rising on the rear wall in the main room.

Located to the northwest of the house is a frame outbuilding covered with lapped siding and protected by a gable roof. Beneath the building is a full stone basement entered through a board-and-batten door on the south side. This basement probably served as a dairy.
### Statement of Significance

About 1880 Martin Brinegar and his young bride, the former Caroline Joines, settled on their newly purchased farm. The site of their homestead was a tract at an elevation of 3,500 feet in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Alleghany County. It took Martin five years to complete the cabin and several outbuildings that stood nearby. It is said that except for the placing of the heavy logs of the cabin, he did all of the work himself. In addition to farming Martin worked as a cobbler. He attended and was clerk of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Following the death of Martin Brinegar in 1925, his widow lived in the cabin for a decade, after which it was purchased by the state of North Carolina. The state later donated the property to the federal government, and it became a part of the lands comprising the Blue Ridge Parkway. Currently the Brinegar Cabin houses a display of mountain crafts and weaving. The cabin is notable as an unusually well-preserved example of a type of construction that was used not only by the early settlers in the eighteenth century but also by settlers of more remote regions in later times.

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### Areas of Significance

- Aboriginal
- Prehistoric
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- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Art
- Commerce
- Communications
- Conservation
- Education
- Engineering
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape
- Architecture
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion/Philosophy
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social/Humanitarian
- Theater
- Transportation
- Urban Planning
- Other (Specify)
As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [x] Local [ ]

Name

H. G. Jones

Title

Director, State Department of Archives and History

Date 28 July 1971
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Alleghany County Map
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