

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Missouri	
COUNTY: Monroe	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-05-24-0012	DATE 5/21/69

5/69

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Mark Twain Birthplace Cabin

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Section 3, Township 54N, Range 8W

CITY OR TOWN:  
Mark Twain State Park, 1/4 mile south of Florida on State Highway 107

STATE: Missouri CODE: 62583 COUNTY: Monroe CODE: 24 137

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
State of Missouri

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Missouri State Park Board  
P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building

CITY OR TOWN:  
Jefferson City

STATE:  
Missouri

CODE:  
24

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
County Recorder's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Paris

STATE:  
Missouri

CODE:  
24

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one.

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
State Historical Society of Missouri

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Corner, Hitt and Lowry streets

CITY OR TOWN:  
Columbia

STATE:  
Missouri

CODE:  
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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two-room frame cabin, constructed of native red oak clapboard siding, with log sills, studs and joists. Original pine floor. Central doorway (east facade) is flanked by one window on each side. Two windows on rear (west) side. Windows have six over six light sash. Shake roofing.

Cabin has one brick fireplace in the larger room (to the right when facing the cabin). The approximate exterior dimensions of the cabin are: 16 feet in depth and 28 feet in width. (Mr. Ralph Gregory, Curator, Mark Twain Birthplace Memorial Shrine.)

Birthplace cabin and the locally initiated Mark Twain Park, were donated to the State of Missouri in 1925.

Cabin originally located  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile north of present site to which it was moved in 1930. Mark Twain Birthplace Memorial Shrine was built in 1959-1960 to house the cabin beneath a modern hyperbolic paraboloid roof for humidity and temperature control. The Shrine contains a museum, conference rooms, library and research facilities.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1835-1839

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, one of America's most widely known humorists and literary artists, was born in this two-room cabin on November 30, 1835. Clemens lived in the Florida area until November 1839 when his family moved to Hannibal, Missouri.

Clemens' life in the river town of Hannibal provided him with colorful settings and characters for his world-famous novels: The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, and Life on the Mississippi.

While working as a reporter for the Virginia City Territorial Enterprise, Samuel Clemens is presumed to have first used the pen name of "Mark Twain", a river term meaning two fathoms (12 feet).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

1. Meyer, Duane. The Heritage of Missouri: A History. (St. Louis: State Publishing Co., Inc., 1965), p. 512-513.
2. Missouri State Park Board Publication, "Mark Twain Birthplace Memorial Shrine", Mark Twain State Park, Florida, Missouri. May, 1966.
3. State Historical Society of Missouri's Historic Sites File, ref. Monroe County

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 . "	0 . "		39° 29' 17"	91° 47' 12"	
NE	0 . "	0 . "				
SE	0 . "	0 . "				
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Martha L. Kusiak, Research Historian**

ORGANIZATION **State Historical Survey and Planning Office** DATE **April 10, 1969**  
**Missouri State Park Board**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **Jefferson City** STATE **Missouri 65101** CODE **24**

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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  Local

Name Joseph Jaeger Jr.

Title Director, Missouri State Park Board, and Missouri State Liaison Officer

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Keeper of The National Register*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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MARK TWAIN BIRTHPLACE CABIN

6. Missouri State Historical Survey (state)

1968

Missouri State Park Board

P.O. Box 176

120; Jefferson Building

Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Code: 2h

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4. "A Home at Last for Old Twain House". Kansas City  
Star, (November 22, 1959), p. 31.

Form 10-301  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Section 3, Township 54N, Range 8W

CITY OR TOWN:

Mark Twain State Park, 1/4 mile south of Florida on State Highway 107

STATE:

Missouri 65283

CODE

21

COUNTY:

Monroe

CODE

137

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S. 15' quadrangle Florida

SCALE: 1:62,500

DATE: 1965

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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(Palmyra 100)

R. 8 W.

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U.S.G.S. 15 Quadrangle Map  
"Florida" (1945) Scale 1:62,500  
Mark Twain Birthplace Cabin  
Latitude 39°29' 17"

TWAIN, MARK, BIRTHPLACE CABIN

COUNTY: Monroe

LOCATION: Sect. 3, T54N, R8W; 1/4 mi S of Florida on  
State Hwy 107

OWNER: Missouri State Park Board  
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building,  
Jefferson City, Mo. 65101

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.: 10-26-68

DATE SENT TO JEFF. CITY: 05-01-69

DATE SENT TO D.C.: 05-01-69

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.: 05-06-69

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER: 05-21-69

DATE AWARDED CERTIFICATE  
(AND PRESENTOR): 12-28-72

DATE FILE REVIEWED:

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER:	Section 3, Township 51N, Range 8W
CITY OR TOWN:	Mark Twain State Park, 1/2 mile south of Florida on State Highway 107
STATE:	Missouri 65283
CODE	24
COUNTY:	Monroe
CODE	137
3. PHOTO REFERENCE	
PHOTO CREDIT:	Missouri Tourism Commission
DATE OF PHOTO:	1961
NEGATIVE FILED AT:	Missouri Tourism Commission, P.O. Box 1055 308 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65107
4. IDENTIFICATION	
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.	Looking north. Front (south) view of Mark Twain Memorial Birthplace Shrine. Birthplace cabin is housed under the hyperbolic paraboloid roof to the left.

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CITY OR TOWN:			
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Missouri	62583	Monroe	137
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Martha L. Kurial, Missouri State Historical Survey			
DATE OF PHOTO: March 30, 1969 1 p.m.			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Missouri State Park Board, P.O. Box 176 1201 Jefferson Building, Jefferson City, Missouri 65707			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Looking west, view of the Mark Twain Birthplace Cabin within the Mark Twain Birthplace Memorial Shrine. View of east (front) facade.			

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UNAVAILABLE