

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Alexander State Forest Headquarters Building (1935) is a single story frame building styled to resemble a log cabin. It is located in a wooded setting on the Alexander State Forest property. The building retains its historic exterior appearance, although it has been modernized on the interior.

The Alexander State Forest Headquarters Building has an "H" shaped plan consisting of a large central reception room with two offices on each side. There is a seven bay front porch and a rear lean-to which contains bathrooms and storage space. The building is sheathed in half-round logs worked into various decorative patterns. For example, the logs are placed vertically above and below each of the principal openings. This vertical log treatment is repeated in the four main gables. In addition, most of the openings feature log surrounds with log cornerblocks. Finally, there is a small central gable marking the entrance which features a log sunburst motif.

Alterations:

The only noticeable exterior alteration has been the installation of metal awnings on the side and rear elevations. Also, the present front door is a replacement. The interior has been completely modernized with a lowered ceiling and new paneling. In our opinion, these changes have not compromised the building's visual identity as a "rustic" log cabin built as a state forest headquarters.

Contributing Elements:

In front of the headquarters building is a contemporaneous set of monumental obelisk-shaped driveway markers constructed of local stone. Of course, they are listed as contributing elements.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTING ELEMENTS: 3 (two driveway markers plus building)