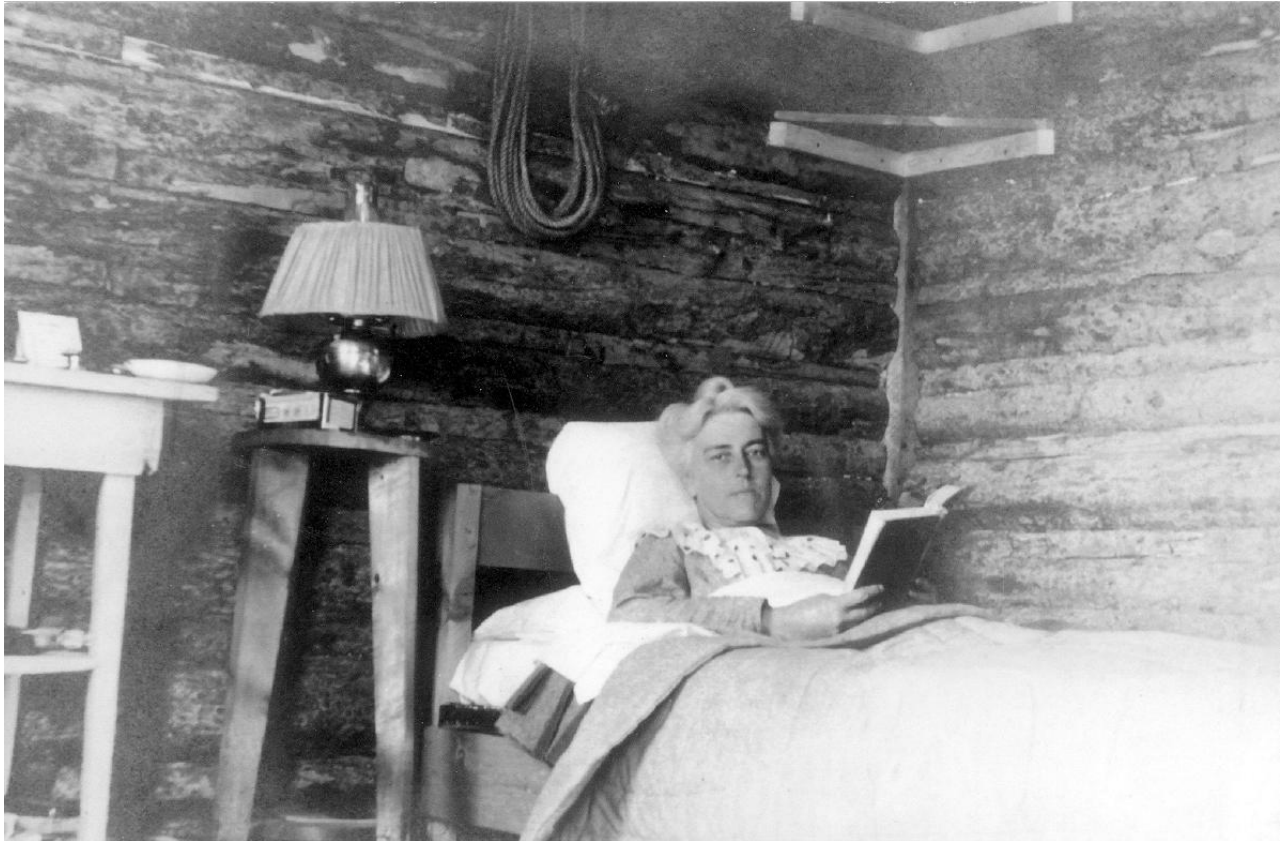

Maud Noble Cabin
Historic Furnishings Plan
2011



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Executive Summary

On July 26, 1923, the Maud Noble Cabin was the site of one of the most pivotal events in Grand Teton National Park history. In the cabin living room, Horace M. Albright, Assistant to the Director of the National Park Service met with local dude ranchers Struthers Burt and Horace Carncross, rancher Jack Eynon, businessman Joe Jones, and newspaper owner Dick Winger around a fire tended by Maud Noble, to discuss the future of Jackson Hole.

Later to be referred to as the Jackson Hole Plan, the group discussed sending representatives east to raise money from their wealthy connections to quietly purchase the privately owned ranches in the north part of the valley. The wealthy donors would purchase and hold the land until Congress appropriated funds to reimburse them and add the land to the national park system. The resulting park unit at Grand Teton was envisioned as a reserve or recreation area which would preserve the “Old West” character of the valley, a “museum on the hoof.” Native wildlife would be protected or reintroduced, buildings would all be of log construction, roads would remain unpaved, and the town of Jackson would be preserved as a rustic western town. Above all, traditional activities, such as ranching and hunting, would continue. The locals who attended the meeting agreed to withdraw any objection to the creation of a park within the Teton Range

As of December 2011, the Maud Noble Cabin is interpreted by the Grand Teton National Park Interpretation Division with a temporary exhibit consisting of a series of interpretive panels describing the 1923 meeting. Aside from the panel exhibit, which is illuminated with track lighting adhered to log purlins, the rooms which were once furnished to accommodate the residence of Maud Noble are now empty. Of the identified furnishings from the period of significance, the main room, which held the 1923 meeting, bears only the fireplace where Maud maintained a year-round fire.

While Maud Noble served as hostess of the meeting, six men from different parts of the community gathered around the fire in chairs to devise a plan that would save their home from impending development. Furnishing the Maud Noble cabin in a historically-accurate manner is pivotal to bringing to life the characters that came together to form Grand Teton National Park. This proposal outlines how Grand Teton National Park can restore the cabin to highlight this significant event.

The Grand Teton National Park cultural resources team and interpretation division have worked together to create proposed furnishings plan to restore the Maude Noble cabin to the date of the 1923 meeting. The plan is based on documentation describing the cabin during the time as well as likely furnishings of the period and area, while taking into consideration Noble’s lifestyle.

As one account recalls in the 1961 Bonney’s Guide, “During the 1923 meeting, fire flames cast a warm glow across the Navajo rugs. A kerosene student lamp lit the table,

showing rustic furnishings and rows of books neatly in their shelves.” In a 1967 interview, Horace Albright described the interior of the cabin during the interview:

“I remember it had a table and some chairs and we sat around in those chairs. I didn’t look the cabin over very much. I had been in at other times but was not in the habit of checking everything that was in a place like that.”

Albright’s comments on the interior suggest that the furnishings were not out of the ordinary, nothing in particular stood out. The table mentioned by Albright was most likely not a full-size dining room table, as Maud Noble and her housemate, Frederick “Sydney” Sandell ate their meals at the Bill Menor homestead.

All furnishings included in this proposal will be on loan from the Jackson Hole Historical Society, purchased through a variety of means, constructed by park employees or park volunteers, or donated, such as the book collection from the Jackson Hole Book Traders.

The total cost for this project is approximately \$1,353.85 including acquisition of furnishings and materials, and labor for the construction of specialized pieces. This is discussed in more detail in the Furnishings Purchase Plan on page 11.

This report is organized into four main parts: a floor plan, a furnishings loan proposal, a furnishings purchase proposal, and a preservation proposal. The appendices include additional images of those furnishings to loan, purchase, and replicate.

This proposal was drafted by Katie Miller of the Grand Teton National Park Cultural Resources, under supervision of cultural resource managers Katherine Longfield and Betsy Engle. The cultural resources team owes its thanks to furniture expert Rob Dearing, Shannon Sullivan of the Jackson Hole Historical Society, interpretive ranger Nick Myers, the Grand Teton National Park Interpretation team, and the Grand Teton National Park Science and Resource Management Division. Without their guidance, this report would not have been possible.

Scope of Work

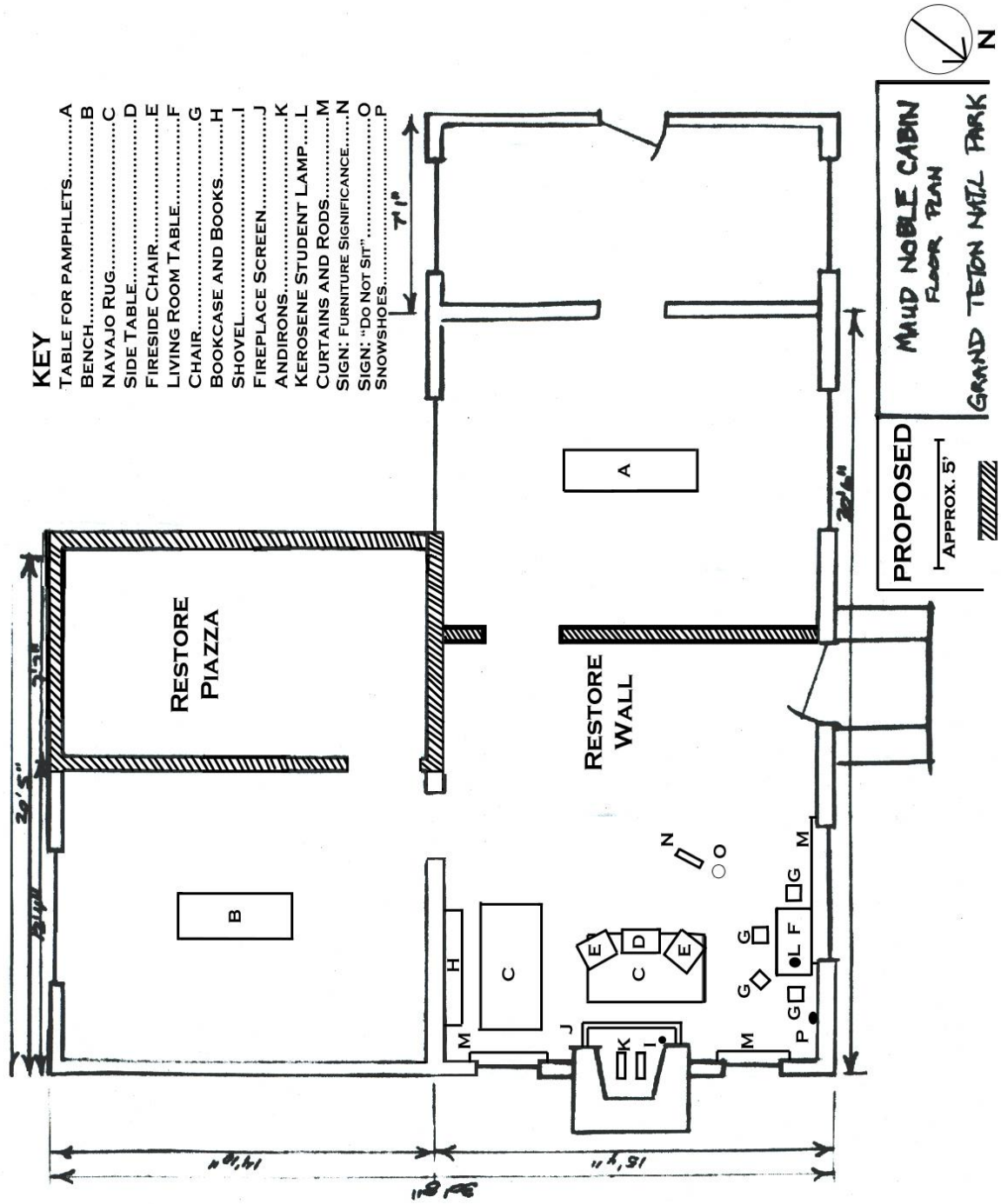
The Maud Noble Cabin Historic Furnishings Plan was developed to restore the cabin to one of the most significant dates in the development of Grand Teton National Park. Taking into consideration two accounts of the 1923 meeting, the GRTE cultural resources team, with guidance from furniture expert Rob Dearing and the GRTE interpretation team, has chosen pieces that were specifically identified as existing in the cabin during the time of the meeting, as well as conjectural pieces that were most likely present. Style, material, and age were all taken into consideration in the selection of furnishings.

The Maud Noble Cabin is divided into five rooms. For the purposes of this exhibit, the park will be using three for interpretation purposes. Historically, these three rooms were the living room, Maud Noble's bedroom, and the ell bedroom (please see page 13 for a 1923 floor plan).

The living room will be interpreted as the site of the 1923 meeting. Accounts clearly identify several furnishings present at the time of the meeting, which include: a table with chairs, a kerosene student lamp, books on shelves, a working fireplace, and Navajo rugs. As six individuals were identified as being present at the meeting (excluding Maud Noble), six chairs were necessary to furnish the room: two fireside chairs and a table with four chairs clustered around it. Conjectural furnishings include window curtains and rods, a fireplace screen, and a shovel to lean against the fireplace. Furniture expert Rob Dearing identified the shovel as a utilitarian tool that may have been used to remove ashes from the fireplace, as well as serving as a fire poker. Window curtains of the period were most likely simple linen, hand-sewn. In this area, during the time period, curtain rods and supports were constructed of lodgepole pine branches retrieved on-site.

Maud Noble's bedroom and the ell bedroom will be part of the temporary interpretive panel exhibit. Noble's bedroom will be furnished with a non-historic table to support interpretive pamphlets and brochures, while the ell bedroom will be furnished with an oversized bench, meant to provide rest to visitors observing the interpretive panel exhibit. A brochure of the furniture exhibit will be produced and available on the table in Noble's bedroom.

Floor Plan



Furnishings Loan Plan

The Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum has generously offered to loan items in their collection without cost for the purpose of the Maud Noble Cabin furnishing plan.

One chair (2007.0050.101), that will be placed around the living room table, has rawhide mesh damage in the upper-right-hand corner of the back and will require conservation treatment. Furniture expert and conservator, Rob Dearing, has offered to replace the backing at an approximate cost of \$250. The Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum has agreed to allow the chair backing replacement which will be funded by Grand Teton National Park.

Items to be loaned from the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum:

| Item | Key | Description | Dimensions (H/W/D) | Accession # | Image |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Side Table | D | Pine; top of half-rounds. | 18"/25.75"/15 | 2009.0001.057 |  |
| Living Room Table | F | Pine varnished table. | 31"/44.5"/24" | 2007.0050.137 |  |
| Chair | G | Chair with cowhide seat. Cowhide torn and worn; one spindle in the back is missing. | 32.5"/17"/16" | 2007.0050.185 |  |
| Chair | G | Chair with cowhide seat. | 32.5"/17"/16" | 2009.0001.026 |  |

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|------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chair | G | Pine chair with mesh seat and back. | 34.5"/17"/16.5" | 2007.0050.011 |  |
| Chair* | G | Pine chair with mesh rawhide seat and back. Will cost approximately \$200-250 to repair. | 34.5"/17"/16.5" | 2007.0050.101 |  |
| Snow Shoes | | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Bookcase | | Large cabinet; missing some trim pieces and backing; holes are visible on both sides for hinges but there are no known doors. Also some water stains. | 60.5"/46.5"/14.5" | 2011.0001.038 |  |

Furnishings Purchase Plan


For those items unavailable at the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum (JHHSM), the park will acquire furnishings through purchase, donation, in-house production, or relocation from within the park.



Donations: The Jackson Hole Book Traders has agreed to donate any books that pre-date 1923 (or that resemble books that predate this period) on a regular basis to fill the bookcase.

Purchases: Two Navajo rugs, a kerosene student lamp, one antique shovel and fireplace screen will be purchased through a variety of means, from private vendors to eBay.

In-House Production: Using a rustic-style bench (2007.0050.147) from the JHHSM as design inspiration, the park will produce a bench for placement in the ell bedroom. Additionally, the park will construct rustic window curtain rods to furnish the living room of the cabin. As curtain rods during the period consisted of lodge pole pine branches, materials may be acquired on-site within the Menor’s Ferry and the Maud Noble Cabin Historic District. The bench and curtain rods will be constructed by a volunteer group that participates in a rehabilitation project every summer. The park will provide materials for the bench and window curtains at cost. Logs used for the fireplace will be acquired from the grounds.

Grand Teton National Park Furnishings: The park owns a few items that would be very useful for the purposes of this project. A non-historic table currently housed at the Lucas Fabian Historic District would be suitable for use in Maud Noble’s bedroom to display interpretive pamphlets and brochures. Historic andirons will be removed from a fireplace at one of the cabins at Lupine Meadows to the cabin. And, two chairs would be relocated from the historic Kimmel Kabins (aka Lupine Meadows Housing Area) for use in front of the fireplace.

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|-----------------|---|----------------|--|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fireside Chair, | E | Hickory Chair. | | Lupine Meadows 665 (repaired and now in SRM) |  |
|-----------------|---|----------------|--|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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|----------------|----|---------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fireside Chair | E | Hickory Chair | | Lupine Meadows 667 |  |
| Andirons | K. | | | Lupine Meadows 662 |  |

Items to be acquired through purchase, donation, relocation, or production:

| Item | Quantity | Dimensions (H/W/D) | Distributor/Producer | Cost | Subtotal |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Navajo Rug | 2 | 36"x60" | Private | \$200/ea. | \$400 |
| Books | approx. 100 | Assorted | Jackson Hole Book Traders | Free Donation | \$0 |
| Rustic Bench | 1 | 18"/50"/30" | GRTE | Materials: \$30 Labor: Free | \$30 |
| Window Curtain Rods | 3 | One Rod: 60"x1" Two Rods: 36"x1" | GRTE | Materials: Free Labor: Free | \$0 |
| Window Curtains | 3 | One Set: 60"x36" Two Sets: 36"x48" | Stitch 'n Time | \$9.95/yard | \$29.85 |
| Table for Pamphlets | 1 | approx. 30"x48" | GRTE | Free | \$0 |
| Kerosene Student Lamp | 1 | N/A | eBay | \$400.00 | \$400 |
| Fireplace Screen | 1 | 30.5"x52" | eBay | \$219 | \$219 |
| Andirons | 2 | N/A | GRTE | Free | \$0 |
| Fireside Chairs | 2 | | GRTE | Free | \$0 |
| JHSM Chair Repair | N/A | N/A | Furniture Conservator: Rob Dearing | \$250 | \$250 |
| Shovel | 1 | 37" | eBay | \$25 | \$25 |
| Logs for Fireplace | 1 bundle | N/A | GRTE | \$0 | \$0 |

Total Cost: \$1353.85*

*Price does not include interpretive sign for furniture exhibit, nor sign requesting visitors to stay away from the furnishings.

2007.0050.011 Chair



| Date | Height (in) | Width (in) | Length (in) | Depth (in) | Diameter (in) |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Description | 34.500 | 17.000 | 0.000 | 16.500 | 0.000 |

Pine chair with mesh seat and back.
Matches 2007.0050.101.

Conservation

Rawhide webbing very dry.

Home Location

Wiley.S6

Temp Location

.F.

Thematic Area

.F.

2007.0050.101 Chair



| Date | Height (in) | Width (in) | Length (in) | Depth (in) | Diameter (in) |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Description | 34.500 | 17.000 | 0.000 | 16.500 | 0.000 |

Pine chair with woven rawhide seat and back. Rawhide back in poor shape.
Matches 2007.0050.011.

Conservation

Rawhide back needs repair.

Home Location

Wiley.S5

Temp Location

.F.

Thematic Area

.F.

2007.0050.137 Table



| Date | Height (in) | Width (in) | Length (in) | Depth (in) | Diameter (in) |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Description | 31.000 | 44.500 | 0.000 | 24.000 | 0.000 |
| Pine varnished table. | | | | | |

Conservation**Home Location**

Wiley.S8

Temp Location

.F.

Thematic Area

.F.

2007.0050.185 Chair



| Date | Height (in) | Width (in) | Length (in) | Depth (in) | Diameter (in) |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Description | 32.500 | 17.000 | 0.000 | 16.000 | 0.000 |

Chair with cowhide seat. Cowhide torn and worn; one spindle on back missing. Tag says "Bar BC?"

Conservation

Hide seat in poor condition.

Home Location

Wiley.S8

Temp Location

.F.

Thematic Area

.F.

2009.0001.026 Chair



| Date | Height (in) | Width (in) | Length (in) | Depth (in) | Diameter (in) |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Description | 32.250 | 17.000 | 18.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Wood and cowhide. | | | | | |

Conservation

Home Location

Temp Location

Thematic Area

.F.

.F.

2009.0001.057 Table



| Date | Height (in) | Width (in) | Length (in) | Depth (in) | Diameter (in) |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Description | 18.000 | 25.750 | 0.000 | 15.000 | 0.000 |
| Pine; top of half-rounds. | | | | | |

Conservation

Home Location

Museum - Moosehead

Temp Location

Robin's office

Thematic Area

.F.

2011.0001.038 Bookcase



| Date | Height (in) | Width (in) | Length (in) | Depth (in) | Diameter (in) |
|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Description | 60.500 | 46.500 | 14.500 | 0.000 | 0.000 |

Large cabinet; missing some trim pieces and backing; holes are visible on both sides for hinges but there are no known doors. Also some water stains.

Conservation**Home Location**

Wiley.S9

Temp Location**Thematic Area**

.F.

