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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Arizona	
COUNTY: Cochise	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

AZ
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 500
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Fort Bowie

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Fort Bowie Fort Bowie National Historic Site

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Twelve (12) miles south of Bowie, Arizona in T15s R28E, Sections 1,2,3,

CITY OR TOWN:
(see continuation sheet) 10,11 and 12

STATE: **Arizona** CODE: **02** COUNTY: **Cochise** CODE: **003**

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

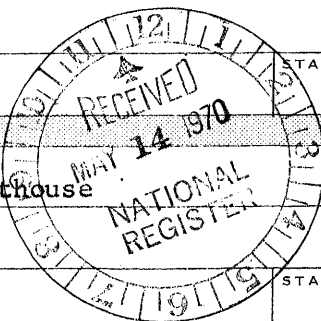
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Educational	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Government	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Military	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>						

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
National Park Service - Department of the Interior

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington STATE: **D.C.** CODE: **001**



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Cochise County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Bisbee STATE: **Arizona** CODE: **02**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **about 900**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
ENTRY NUMBER	
DATE	

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fort Bowie and related sites of historical significance are located in Apache Pass. The terrain is rugged and tortuous, the soil thin and rocky, the grass scant. The land is dotted with mesquite, juniper, live oak, yucca and beargrass. Large black walnut, ash, cottonwood, and hackberry trees grow around Apache Spring and in Siphon Canyon.

The ruins of Fort Bowie, some fifty structures, overlook Apache Spring. There are stone and adobe walls as high as ten feet but most of the adobe walls have completely melted down. Only stone foundations remain of frame buildings. The standing adobe and stone walls have been stabilized by capping with soil-cement bricks and by mortar replacement.

Other ruins in Apache Pass are;

The stone Butterfield stage station, which has been stabilized. The walls are now only about two feet high.

Unmortared and unstabilized bridge abutments where the Butterfield Road crossed Willow Gulch.

An unidentified adobe and stone structure which may have been the Chiricahua Indian Agency. This ruin has been excavated but not stabilized.

An adobe quartz stamp mill which is completely melted down and has not been excavated.

The post cemetery, with only three weatherbeaten graveboards standing.

Sites without structures are;

The Wagon Train Massacre Site.

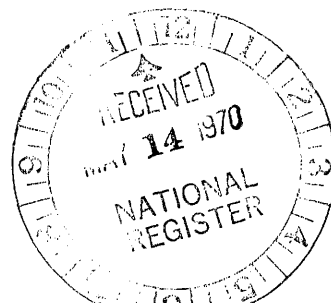
The Parke Camp Site.

Site of The Battle of Apache Pass.

Apache Spring.

Ruts of the Butterfield Road.

The historic zone of Fort Bowie will include the entire park, except the existing county road and the Willow Gulch ranch road, the natural gas line right-of way, the proposed entrance road, and proposed tramway, visitor facilities, and utility areas.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
		Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	

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

The rugged mountains of Apache Pass provide an authentic setting for the ruins of the most significant frontier Army post in the far Southwest. Together, the pass and the fort vividly recall much that was vital to the unfolding drama of the southwestern frontier. Immigrants and Butterfield stagecoaches came through the pass in the 1850's because of the water at Apache Spring and, for the same reason, John Butterfield built a way station here. Around it raged two engagements with Cochise's Apache warriors--the Bascom Affair of 1861, which touched off the long and costly Apache War, and the Battle of Apache Pass, which led to the founding of Fort Bowie in 1862.

Until the final surrender of Geronimo in 1886, Fort Bowie was the focal point of military operations against the Chiricahua Apaches. The campaigns ranged over much of southern New Mexico and Arizona and Northern Sonora and Chihuahua, but the nerve center during critical operations was Fort Bowie. This struggle for control determined the pattern of frontier development in the far Southwest. Not until it ended did settlement spread unhampered. The eroded adobe ruins of the first and second forts, the ruins of the stage station, Apache Spring, and ruts in rock and soil by which the immigrant and stagecoach route may be followed, all set against a natural backdrop nearly untouched by the hand of man, afford a unique opportunity to visualize the drama and meaning of an important segment of frontier history.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See attachment.

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				
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SW	32 °	08	30 "	109 °	28	40 "	0		

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Robert J. Gamer, Park Ranger

ORGANIZATION:
National Park Service-Department of the Interior

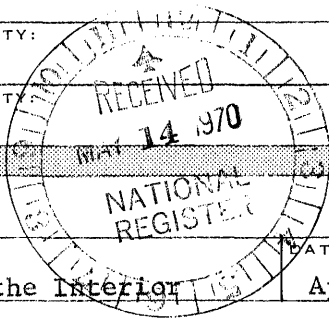
DATE:
April 8, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
Chiricahua National Monument

CITY OR TOWN:
Willcox

STATE:
Arizona

CODE:
02



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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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

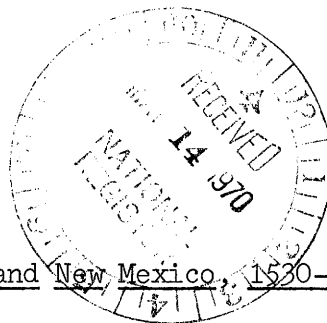
ATTEST:

William J. Smutney
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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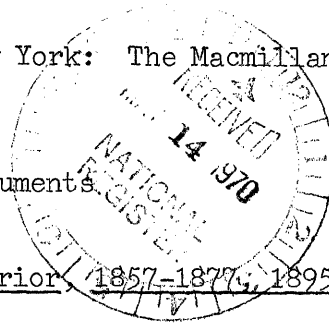
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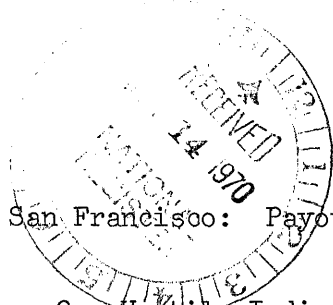
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Number all entries)

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