

Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <div style="text-align: center;">California</div>
COUNTY: <div style="text-align: center;">Inyo</div>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">JUN 10 1975</div>

1. NAME

COMMON: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Leadfield (H.S.-3)</div>
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Death Valley National Monument on Titus Canyon Trail</div>			
CITY OR TOWN: <div style="text-align: center;">Death Valley</div>		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: <div style="text-align: center;">33</div>	
STATE: <div style="text-align: center;">California</div>	CODE: <div style="text-align: center;">06</div>	COUNTY: <div style="text-align: center;">Inyo</div>	CODE: <div style="text-align: center;">027</div>

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY <small>(Check One)</small>	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE <small>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</small>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <small>(Specify)</small> _____ _____

4. AGENCY

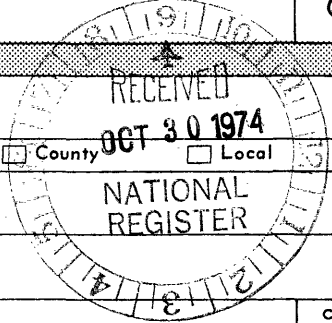
National Park Service			
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: <small>(If applicable)</small> <div style="text-align: center;">Western Region</div>		STREET AND NUMBER: <div style="text-align: center;">Box 450 Golden Gate Ave., 36063</div>	
CITY OR TOWN: <div style="text-align: center;">San Francisco</div>		STATE: <div style="text-align: center;">California</div>	CODE: <div style="text-align: center;">06</div>

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <div style="text-align: center;">Death Valley National Monument</div>			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: <div style="text-align: center;">Death Valley</div>		STATE: <div style="text-align: center;">California</div>	
		CODE: <div style="text-align: center;">06</div>	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	
		CODE:	



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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Preservation recommended

Begun in 1925 as a promotion scheme on spurious claims, Leadfield consisted of various wood and tin structures that were used as stores, post office, dwellings, storage sheds, and processing plants. Some of these structures had concrete foundations. There were a number of dugouts, cheap and easily-made desert shelters, and several prospect holes and a main mine shaft.

Today there are remarkably good remains of some of the dugouts, and several tin structures still stand. Prospect holes and the main mine shaft remain, although the entrance to the shaft has fallen in at spots. Concrete foundations are much in evidence.

Class VI lands: 94 acres

Cost estimate for preservation: \$900



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1925

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | | <u>Fraud</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

3rd Order

Located in Titus Canyon, this mining town began in 1925 as a promotion scheme based on spurious claims. C.C. Julian advertised the town, making exaggerated claims. His advertising posters showed steamboats navigating the Amargosa River to Leadfield, ignoring the fact that the Amargosa River is dry much of the time and does not run within twenty miles of Leadfield.

The mining town sparked to life but briefly, like a flame from a damp match. Julian disappeared and the inhabitants soon became disillusioned and quickly drifted away.

The significance of the site lies in the fact it was an example of one of the get-rich-quick schemes of the wild 1920s. The dugout through the years came to be a typical structure that prospectors and others in Death Valley used for shelter and if restored, would be a useful interpretive exhibit on the Titus Canyon Trail.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

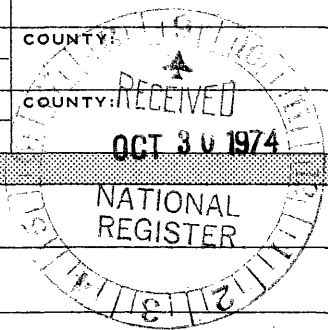
Benjamin Levy, "Death Valley National Monument; Historical Background Study," Division of History, National Park Service, April 15, 1969.

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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 36° 51' 00"	Degrees Minutes Seconds 117° 03' 44"		Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	
NE	36° 51' 06"	117° 03' 30"				
SE	36° 50' 40"	117° 03' 12"				
SW	36° 50' 33"	117° 03' 24"				
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 94						
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES						
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California	06	Inyo	027			
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
F. Ross Holland, Jr.

BUSINESS ADDRESS:
Denver Service Center

STREET AND NUMBER:
7200 W. Alameda Blvd.

CITY OR TOWN:
Denver

STATE:
Colorado

DATE:
June 1971

PHONE:

CODE:
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12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:
 Yes
 No
 None

[Signature]
State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

[Signature] 4/10/74
Federal Representative Signature Date

ACT. REG. DIR.
Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/10/75

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: JUN 9 1975



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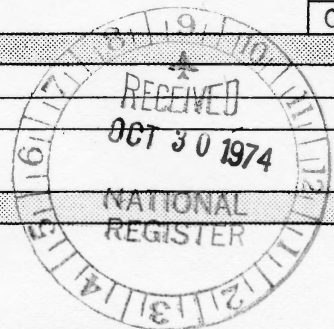
Death Valley NM

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

#2 Leadfield (neg. #2797)

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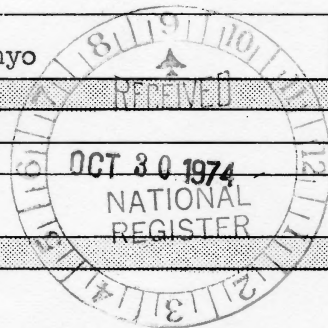
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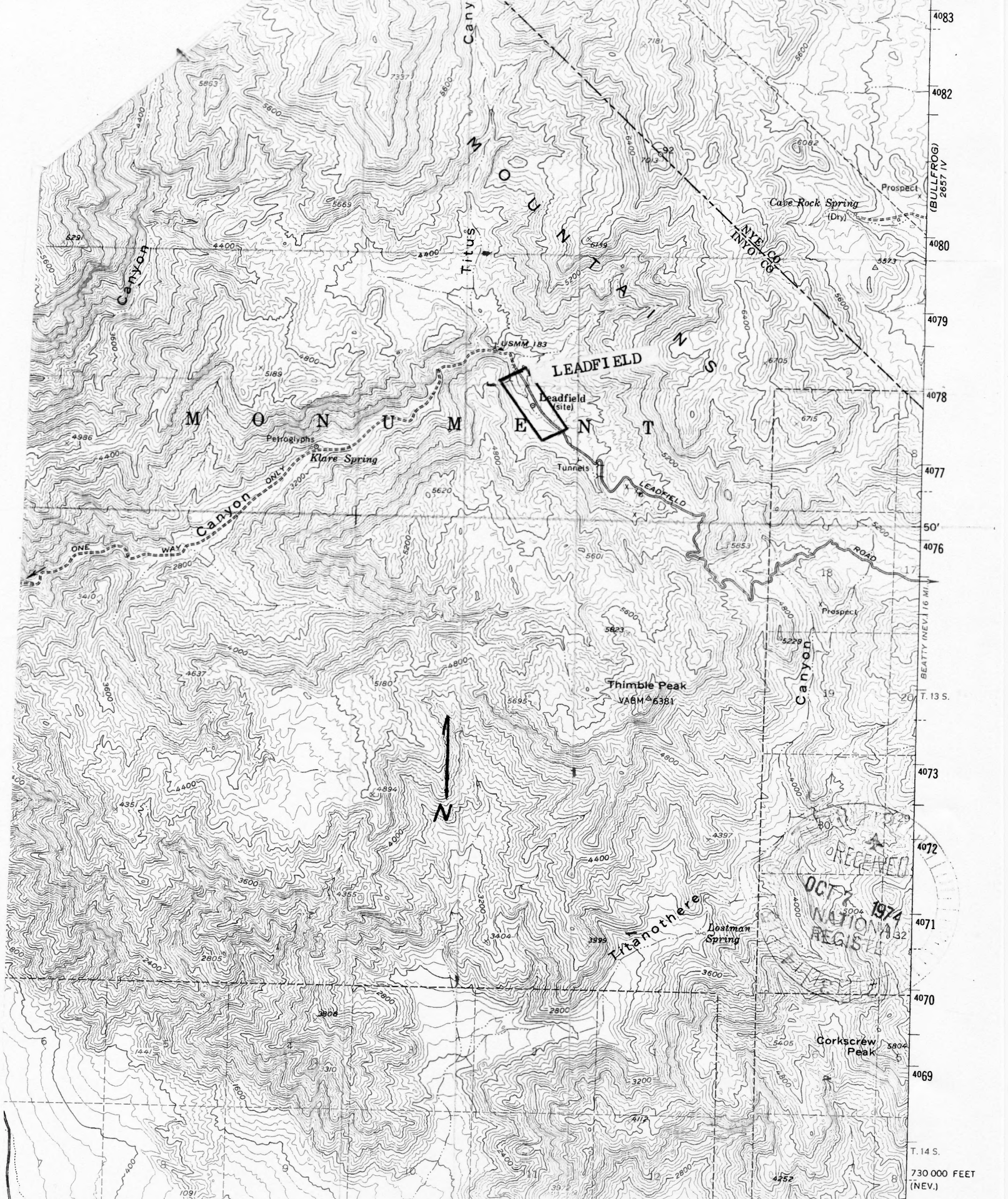
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Leadfield (neg.# ?)

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● INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.
WASHINGTON, D. C.—1964

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION (CH)