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

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Guadalupe Ranch

AND/OR COMMON  
Frijole Ranch and Rader/Smith Ranch

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER *N E of Salt Flat*

Guadalupe Mountains National Park

CITY, TOWN

*Salt Flat* VICINITY OF

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
16th

STATE  
Texas

CODE  
48

COUNTY  
Culberson

CODE  
109

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*

U.S. Government, Department of the Interior, National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER

Southwest Regional Office

P. O. Box 728

CITY, TOWN

Santa Fe

STATE

— VICINITY OF

New Mexico

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Culberson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Van Horn

STATE

Texas

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Frijole Ranch is comprised of 7 structures: the main ranch house, a spring house, a guest or bunk house, a double toilet, a structure that was used at one time as a schoolhouse, a storage shed, and a barn. The grounds immediately surrounding the ranch house are enclosed by a rubble stone masonry wall. All of the structures are located within or are contiguous to this fence.

The ranch house is a 1 ½ story dwelling with walls of ashlar stone masonry and a gabled roof covered with wood shakes. The roof was restored to its present (and historic) appearance in 1976. The front portion of the structure, the present dining and living rooms, was originally constructed around 1876 by a family named Rader. The rear three rooms were added on in 1925-1926. The dormers were added in 1910. The guest house and double toilet structures were constructed in 1920.

The pumphouse, toilets, and guest/bunkhouse are small stone structures of rubble masonry with shed roofs. The spring house is of frame construction.

The schoolhouse is a somewhat weathered and deteriorating frame structure with vertical wood siding and a low-pitched gable roof covered with corrugated metal.

The barn, although built during the 1950's, is architecturally compatible with the older structures and is of the same construction as the schoolhouse.

It is recognized that because these buildings serve a management purpose (the house as a residence, the outbuildings for storage, and the barn as a tack room), they require maintenance and occasional minor modifications. Such work will be performed in accordance with NPS Management Policies and will be designed so that it will not intrude upon the historic appearance of the site.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Ca. 1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The front portion of the ranch house is the oldest substantial structure in the area. Constructed around 1876 by the Rader brothers (who were probably the first permanent settlers in that portion of the Guadalupe Mountains), it constitutes the most complete and significant vestige of the early cattle ranching enterprise in the southern Guadalupe Mountains.

Ranching in this area began along with the range cattle industry which developed on the southern plains during the 1870's and 1880's. The stock grown in the trans-Pecos region of West Texas went either by trails eastward to railheads in central Texas and then to eastern consumers, or northward along the Goodnight-Loving Trail to the northern plains to increase the herds in that area. Dating from the mid-1870's, the Frijole Ranch complex comprises a vivid and tangible reminder of local involvement in a booming post-Civil War economy which helped to open and develop the Great Plains.





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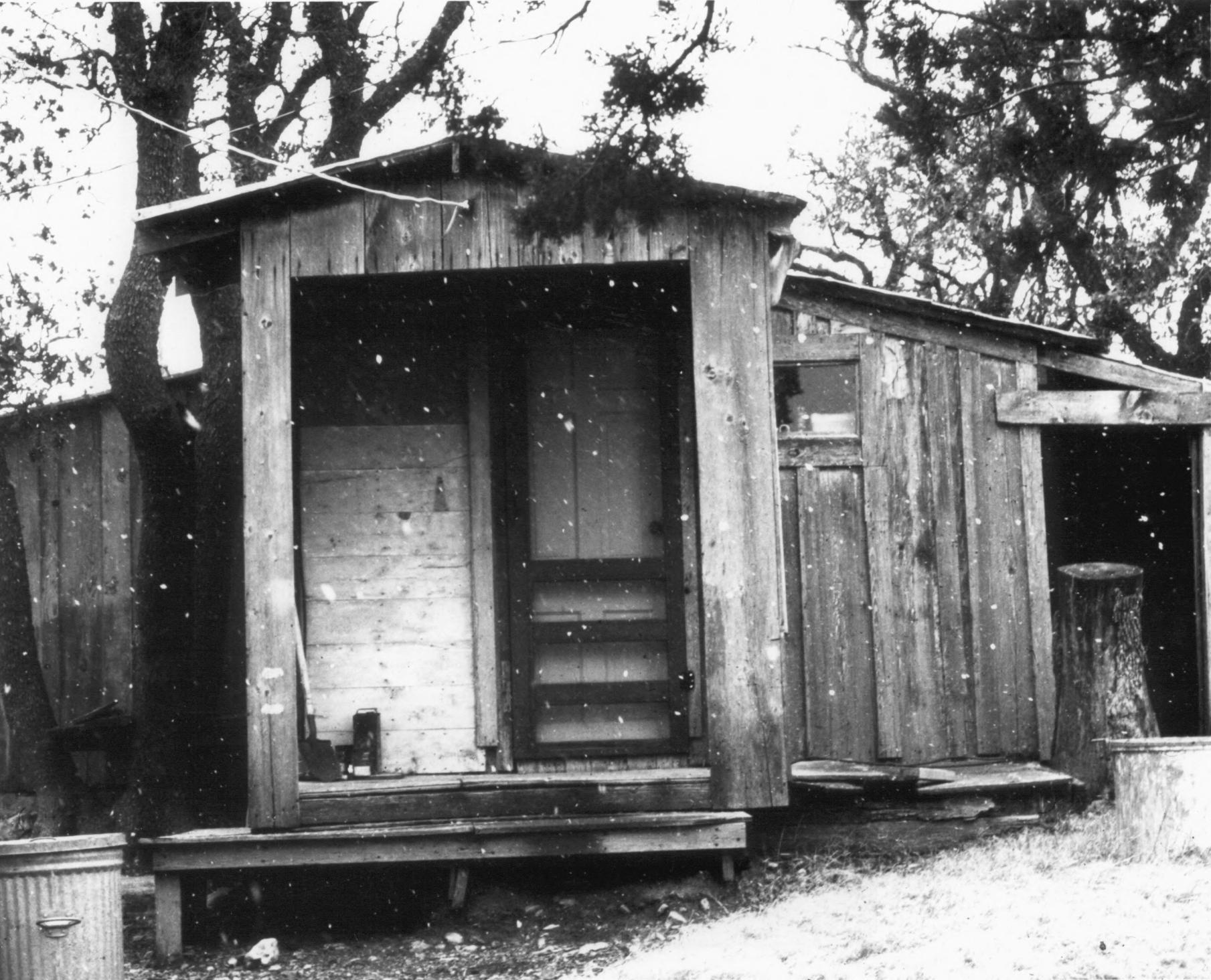
1. Rader/Smith Ranch
2. Guadalupe Mountains National Park  
Culberson County, Texas
3. Photo by Dave Battle, 1972  
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4. Barn: southwest elevation  
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4. Ranch house: east elevation  
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4. School house: east elevation  
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