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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:	TEXAS
COUNTY:	CULBERSON
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ENTRY DATE	OCT 9 1974

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Pinery Station

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Butterfield Stage Station

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
~~(See continuation sheet)~~ off U.S. 62/180

CITY OR TOWN: Guadalupe Mountain National Park

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 16th District - Texas

STATE: Texas CODE: 48 COUNTY: Culberson CODE: 109

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" 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 (Specify) _____ _____ _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____	

**4. AGENCY**

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

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)  
Southwest Regional Office

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 728

CITY OR TOWN: Santa Fe, STATE: New Mexico CODE: 35

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Culberson County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Van Horn STATE: Texas CODE: 48

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

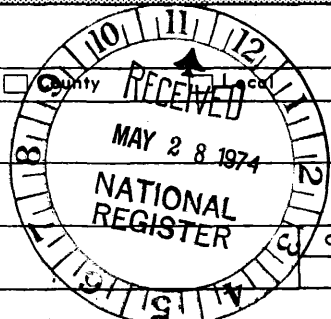
TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

(Check One)

CONDITION

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered     Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"From surveys, measurements, and other details of construction carefully collected here, and from the ruins of the other rock-built stations along the route, it is possible after comparing the results to form a very accurate picture of the original station. From these data a model restoration on a scale of one-quarter inch to one foot has been constructed by the author from which the following description of Pinery Station is taken. The inside dimensions of the high-walled rectangular enclosure were approximately 57 feet 4 inches long by 41 feet 2 inches wide. The walls, built of limestone slabs laid in mud or adobe, were 30 inches thick and 11 feet high. Attached to the inside north and east walls, lean-to fashion, were 3 rooms: one, 10 by 10 feet in the corner and two, 10 by 14 feet, adjoining. There was one chimney with a double fireplace in it. The rooms were mud roofed; i.e., the roof beams were covered with wattles and thatch, overlaid with a thick layer of mud or adobe. In the southeast corner of the enclosure protected by a thatched shelter there was a repair shop and smithy. The station was supplied with water through an acequia or open ditch to a tank located in the northwest corner of the enclosure. There was a stockade built of heavy pine posts which protected the main entrance on the south wall, and on the north end there was a stone-walled corral, 67 by 35 feet and 5 feet in height."

Today the Pinery is in a state of ruins. The northwest wall of the main enclosure is the only one still standing in any substantial form, and it has a decided list which places it in danger of collapse before long. Enough rubble remains from the rest of the walls to trace the outline of the two main enclosures. Little trace remains of the stockade, stage road and acequia.

Recent acquisition of this property by the National Park Service will hopefully permit stabilization in the near future.

Recommended treatment: Excavation of site to uncover buried portions of ruins, and then preservation.

Estimated Cost: \$10,000 initially, \$1,500 P/A thereafter, based on 1973 costs.



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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) **1858-1859**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

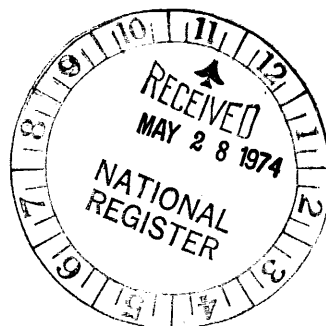
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation              |   |  |   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Pinery Station has the distinction of being the only ruin of an original company-built, Butterfield station standing on the route in close proximity to a national highway. ... The station named for the surrounding forests of pine and located but a quarter of a mile from Pine Spring, and in a region of good grazing, was one of the most favorably situated stations on the route. The location on the summit of Guadalupe Pass, ... was the highest point on the route as originally laid out. ... All the early expeditions camped here: Lieutenant Bryan on July 22, 1849, Captain March on September 10th of the same year, Commissioner Bartetton on November 10, 1850 and Captain Pope in February 1854."<sup>1</sup>

"Pinery was the fourth of the stone fort stations constructed by the company on the route west from the Head of Concho. According to Ormsby only the palisade corral had been built at the time of the arrival here of the first west-bound Butterfield Mail in the afternoon of Tuesday, September 28, 1858. The meal provided at the station on this occasion consisted of venison pie and baked beans. The station keeper, Henry Ramstine (who was connected with the El Paso District Surveyor's office in 1855) and his helpers were living in tents at the time. The station was completed in the early part of the following November by Superintendent Glover's men."<sup>2</sup>

"The Pinery continued to be a meal and change station until in August 1859, when the route was changed to run to El Paso by way of Fort Stockton and Fort Davis. For years after its abandonment, however, even as late as 1883-1885, the old station continued to be a retreat for emigrants, freighters, and drovers, soldiers, squatters, and renegades."<sup>3</sup>



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1 Conkling, Vol. 1, p. 391

2 Ibid, p. 391

3 Ibid, p. 393

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Conkling, Roscoe P. and Margaret B. The Butterfield Overland Mail, 1851-1869. 3 Vols. The Authur H. Clark Co., Glendale, Cal. 1947.

Lang, Walter B. The First Overland Mail - Butterfield Trail. Copyright 1940 by Walter B. Lang.

Ormsby, Waterman L. The Butterfield Overland Mail. Edited by Lyle H. Wright and Josephine M. Bynum, Huntington Library, San Marino, Cal. 1954.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1.5**

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: **David G. Battle, Historical Architect** DATE: **February 1974**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **National Park Service, Southwest Regional Office**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P. O. Box 728** PHONE: **(505) 988-6501**

CITY OR TOWN: **Santa Fe, New Mexico** STATE: **New Mexico** CODE: **35**

**12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

<p>State Liaison Officer recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>_____ State Liaison Officer Signature</p> <p>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 <input type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local</p> <p>_____ Federal Representative Signature Date: <b>5/8/74</b></p> <p><b>505126 REGIONAL DIRECTOR</b></p>	<p><b>NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: <b>10/9/74</b></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <b>10.7.74</b></p>
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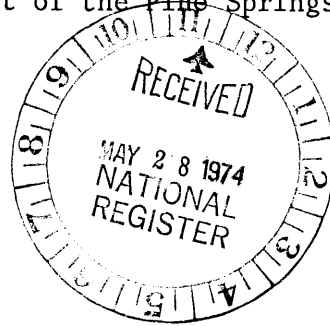
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2. LOCATION

The Pinery is located in Guadalupe Mountain National Park approximately 200 feet north of U. S. Routes 62-180 and west of the Pine Springs Highway Maintenance Station.

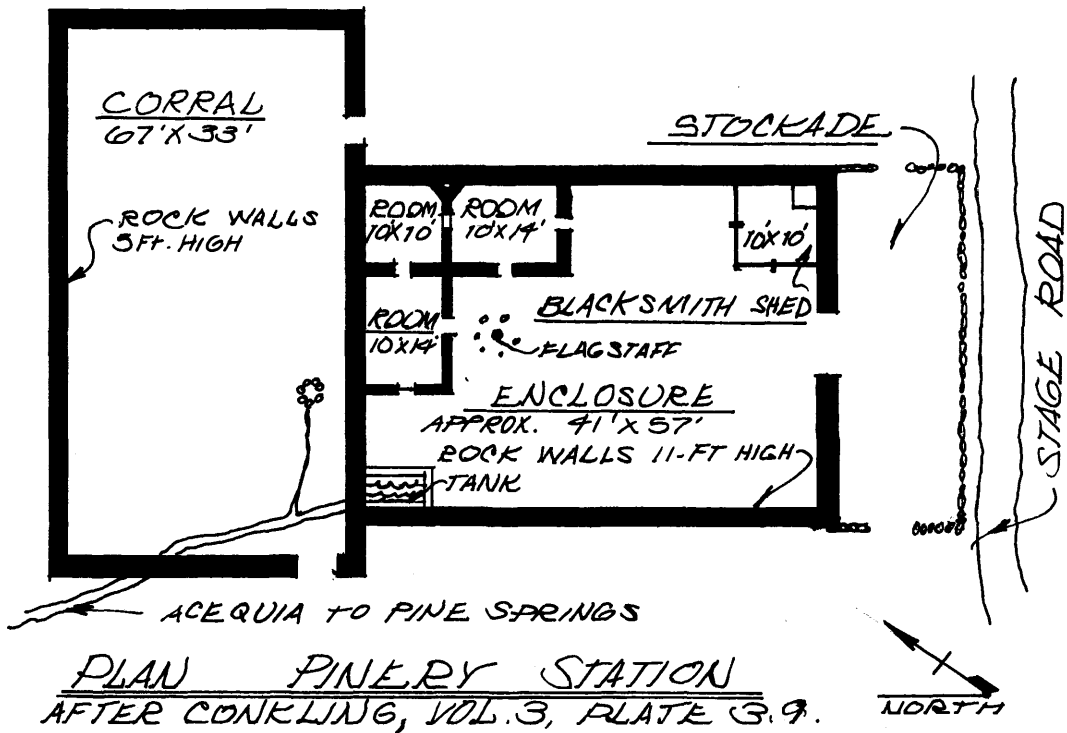


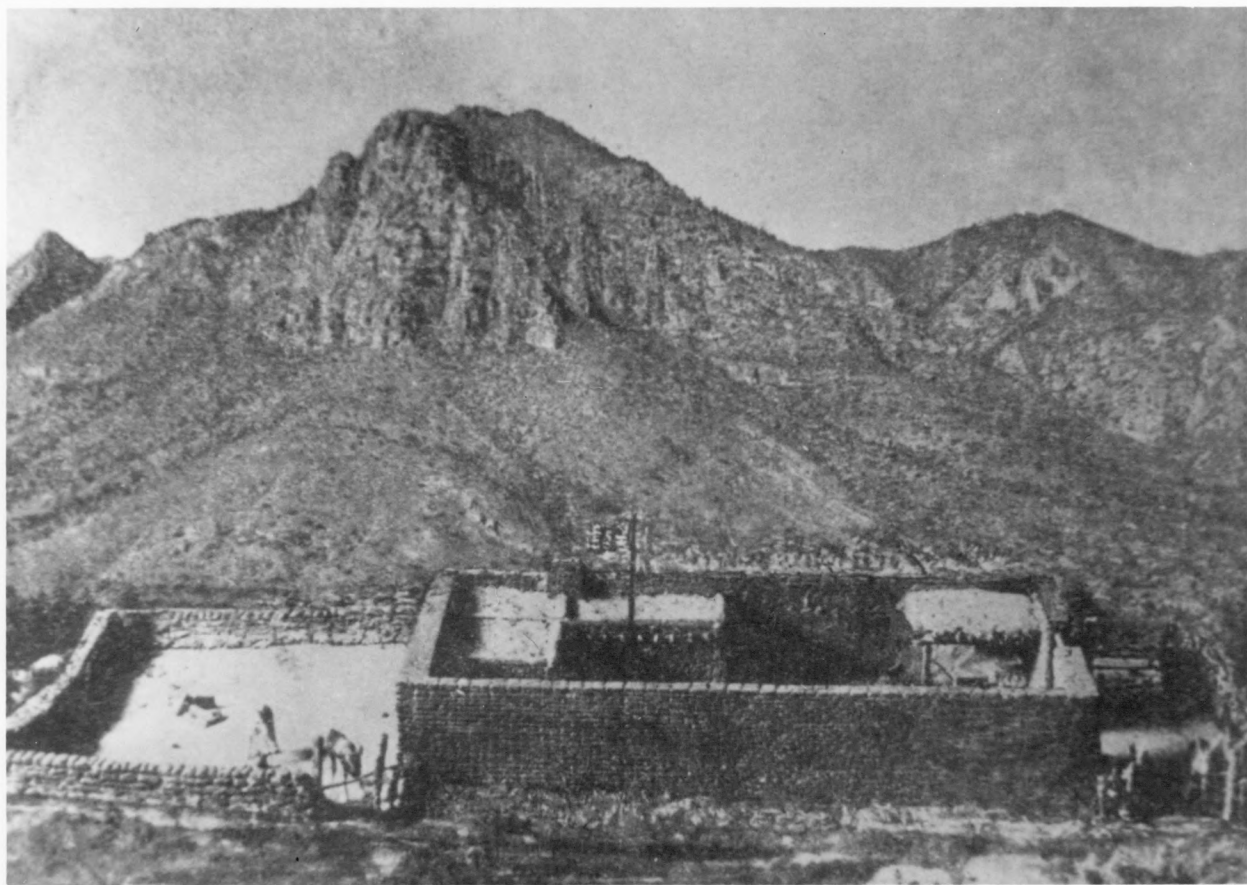
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: BUTTERFIELD STAGE STATION

AND/OR HISTORIC: PINERY

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

(See Continuation Sheet)

CITY OR TOWN:

Guadalupe Mountains National Park

STATE:

Texas

CODE

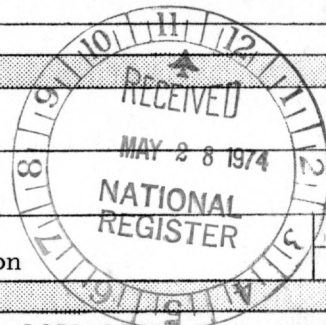
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Culberson

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Conkling, The Butterfield Overland Mail, 1851-1869, Vol. 3, Pl. 38.

DATE OF PHOTO: Copied, 5/19/72

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

National Park Service, Southwest Regional Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

The "Pinery" as it appeared in 1858.

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AND/OR HISTORIC: Pinery

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

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CITY OR TOWN:

Guadalupe Mountain National Park

STATE:

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COUNTY:

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Richard W. Sellars

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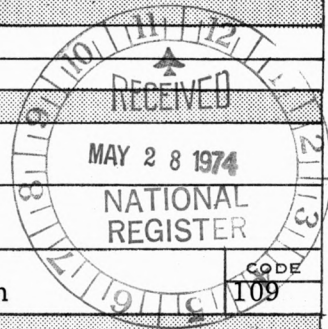
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Northwest wall of enclosure; corral located to left of wall

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