

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

113 NO 1174

STATE:	TEXAS
COUNTY:	BREWSTER
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	SEP 6 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:

Castolon ("Castolon Army Compound" and "Old Castolon") District # see Item
AND/OR HISTORIC: 7)

La Harmonia Ranch, Camp Santa Helena

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

(see continuation sheet)

along Rio Grand at junction of Park Route
5, 9, & 35

CITY OR TOWN:

Big Bend National Park

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

16th District - Texas

STATE:

Texas

CODE

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COUNTY:

Brewster

CODE

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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Interior

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Southwest Regional OfficeSTREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 728STATE:
TexasCITY OR TOWN:
Santa Fe,STATE:
New Mexico, 87501CODE:
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Brewster County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Alpine

STATE:

Texas

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1964

 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Library of Congress

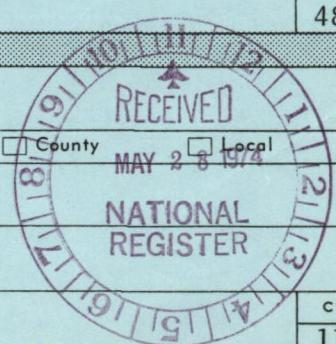
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Castolon Historic District contains 2 major groups of structures, distinguished by their origin. The first is commonly called "Old Castolon" and the second the "Castolon Army Compound." All were part of what came to be known as the La Harmonia Ranch. Within the Historic District are the following historic structures:

Old Castolon BBH-618 Old Castolon Store
 617 Cafe and Residence
 616 Shed

Army Compound BBH-600 Barracks (Castolon Store)
 601 Recreation Hall (Utility Building)
 602 Latrine
 603 Officers Quarters
 604 Officers Quarters
 605 Magdalena House
 606 Garlick House
 607 Alvino Residence
 608 Granary and Tack Room

(The Magdalena and Garlick Houses were not part of the Army Compound; they were added later as part of the La Harmonia Ranch. The Alvino Residence is probably one of the oldest structures in the park, dating to ca. 1903. It is located at the base of the bluff on which the other structures are situated, and is not part of the general scene of the army compound.)

Miscellaneous: BBH-111 Derrick Residence
 609 Cotton Gin

Almost all of the structures are constructed of adobe block. The majority have pitched roofs with corrugated metal roofing, although several follow the more indigenous vigas, latias, and soil roof system. The buildings vary from good to ruins condition. Buildings 616, 617 and 618 have been restored by the National Park Service. The Army buildings are, for the most part, still in use, being used variously for store, residential, administrative, and storage purposes. Buildings 606, 607, and 609 are in various states of deterioration and 609 is threatened with destruction due to erosion of the river bank. The overall historic appearance of the area has lost much to NPS operation.

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2. Location

The Castolon Historic District is located along the Rio Grande River at the junction of Park Routes 5, 9, and 35. It extends northwest from this junction approximately 0.9 mile along Route 9, southeast approximately 1.0 mile from the junction along Route 35, approximately 1/4 mile to the northeast of Routes 9 and 35 sufficient to encompass the post cemetery and the old Castolon structures, and includes all of the floodplain between the Rio Grande and Routes 9 and 35 for the distances mentioned above.



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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) 1903-1961			
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/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>International relations</u>
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
The primary significance of the Castolon Historic District lies in the border relations between the United States and Mexico. The general border unrest of the first part of the 20th century, occasioned by the Mexican Revolution and World War I, resulted in U.S. Cavalry patrols to protect lives and property along the Mexican border. The Castolon Army Compound (known as Camp Santa Helena) was constructed to garrison such troops. Although it was constructed just as these border tensions eased and consequently saw little use by the Army, it is nevertheless a tangible remnant of this facet of our relations with Mexico.			
<p>The first store in the Castolon area was begun about 1903 by Cipriano Hernandez in the east end of the so-called Alvino Residence (BBH-607). Acquired by Clyde Buttrill and James Sublett in 1914, the enterprise was moved to the "Old Castolon Store" (BBH-618). Under the partnership of Howard Perry and Wayne Cartledge (acquired in 1919) the Castolon Store continued to serve residents on both sides of the border, first at Old Castolon and later in the barracks building (BBH-600) at the Army Compound. It is still operated by a concessioner under NPS jurisdiction. As manager of "La Harmonia Enterprises," (a name selected "in an effort to restore and maintain peace and order in the area, ... and to promote the idea of harmony between Anglo-Americans and Mexican-Americans in the area") Mr. Cartledge was a storekeeper, rancher, farmer, and trader. To the residents of the area, both Mexican and American, he was also friend, employer, banker, broker, postmaster, lawman, and counselor; and above all, he was honest and fair. That the United States and Mexico have enjoyed good border relations since the end of World War I has been in large part due to men like Wayne Cartledge.</p>			
<p>The site and structures at Castolon are significant in that they embrace all of these activities and their consequences, and are tangible evidences of this interesting and important part of our national history.</p>			
1 Casey, Clifford B. <u>Soldiers, Ranchers, and Miners in the Big Bend</u> National Park Service, 1969, p. 77			

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Casey, Clifford B. Soldiers, Ranchers, and Miners in the Big Bend.
 National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, 1969.

Brown, William E. and Wauer, Roland H. Historic Resources Management Plan,
Big Bend National Park. National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, 1968.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	O R	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 29 ° 08' 30"	Degrees Minutes Seconds 103 ° 31' 35"			
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SE	Degrees Minutes Seconds 29 ° 07' 05"	Degrees Minutes Seconds 103 ° 30' 05"			
SW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 29 ° 07' 05"	Degrees Minutes Seconds 103 ° 31' 35"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	DATE:
David G. Battle, Historical Architect	Feb. 1974
BUSINESS ADDRESS:	
National Park Service, Dept. of Interior, Southwest Regional Office	
STREET AND NUMBER:	PHONE:
P. O. Box 728	(505) 988-6501
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Santa Fe,	New Mexico

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes
 No
 None

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

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/6/74

ATTEST:

Charles A. Mauk
Keeper of The National Register

Date 8-30-74

Federal Representative Signature
Rufing REGIONAL DIRECTOR

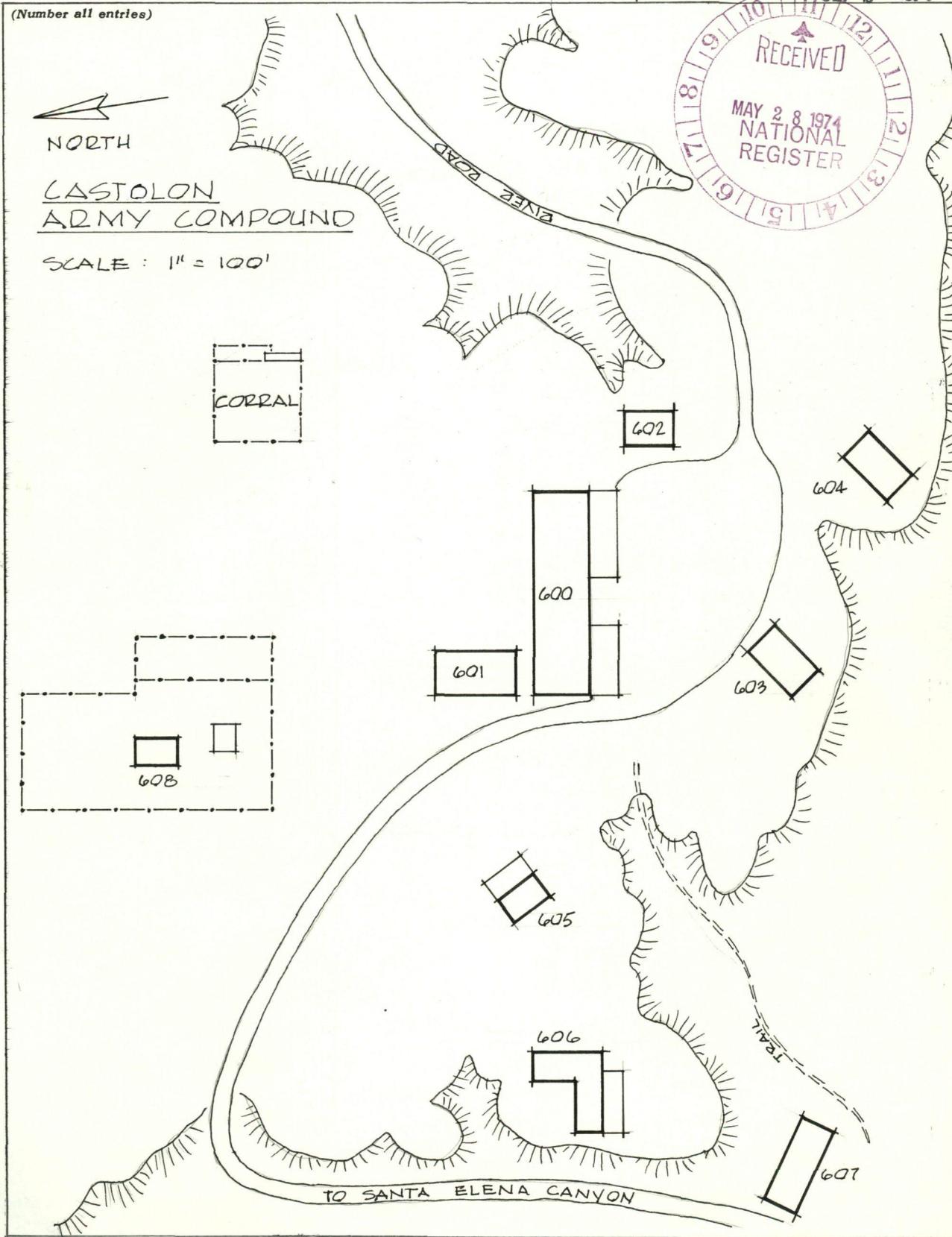
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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED. DATE: July 5, 1973

NAME OF PROPERTY Castolon (Big Bend National Park)

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

1. Name. Need identifying number of each structure. *See item 7*

2. Location. Coding.

3. Classification.

4. Owner of Property. Coding.

5. Location of Legal Description. Fill in please & code.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys. Coding.

7. Description. If possible, give information on individual buildings. (a) Need recommended level of treatment proposed; and (b) need preliminary cost estimate for carrying out the proposed level of treatment.

8. Statement of Significance.

9. Bibliography.

10. Geographical Data.
a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates.

b. Acreage.

11. Form Prepared By. Code.

12. Certification. Must give date of signature - see Manual.

Photographic Coverage. Need black & white photos; not color. See "How to Complete National Register Forms." Also need black & white photos not larger than 4 x 5 of each structure for the LCS.

Map Coverage.

Other.

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED:

[Signature]
C. O. Meek

ROUTING AND REVIEW SLIP

THE ENCLOSED NOMINATIONS ARE ROUTED TO YOU FOR YOUR PROFESSIONAL REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE CORRECTNESS AND ADEQUACY OF THE STATEMENTS AND EVALUATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, SUPPLYING ADDITIONAL OR CORRECTIVE INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE. REVIEWER WILL SIGN HIS NAME HEREON FOR LATER REFERENCE IF NECESSARY. USE ADDITIONAL SHEET FOR COMMENT IF NEEDED AND ATTACH HERETO.

3 PA NOMINATED PROPERTY: Castolon

FROM AREA OF: Big Bend NP

PA CHIEF ARCHEOLOGIST:

No Comment

SIGNED:

Jackson W. Moore, Jr.

2 PH CHIEF HISTORIAN:

No Comment

SIGNED:

Harry W. Gandy

1 PC CHIEF HISTORICAL ARCHITECT:

OK

SIGNED:

W. H. Judd

PC REGISTRAR, LCS

5 PR KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER:

RECOMMENDED FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 ENTERED ON THE LCS May 1974

INT 493774 REG 343-2532

C. O. Meek

Registrar, LCS

MAY 28 1974

PLEASE RETURN TO REGISTRAR, LCS BY

Castolon ("Castolor Army Compound" + "Old Castolon") District
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WORKING NUMBER 5.28.74. 872

TECH REVIEW

Photos 12Maps 1

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CONTROL REVIEW

Very Incomplete

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OK

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HISTORIAN Strange nomination - agree with JAN -
The heavy restoration on some of these bldgs almost
disqualify them for the W.R.Return
W. R. Luce
8/2/74ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN I think the "minor details" are pretty significant - like
when the structures were built, what the whole area is like (800 acres nominated),
what the relationship between the army compound + the stores was - why "old Castolon"?
What was going on there that allowed cartridge to engage in all the activities
accept D. McFadden 31 Aug 74Return
JCF
8/1/74ARCHEOLOGIST The site seems worthy, but it is lacking in minor
details as to when the soldiers occupied the fort.Accept
M. Barnes
10 July 74

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Return
Cole
8/26/74

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

The significance is justified in the
form as is - more information could be
given but is not necessary for our purposesAccept
Hough
for whatever
8/30/74National Register write-up 11/14/74

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry 11/5/74

Re-submit _____

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mentioned in #8?



United States Department of the Interior
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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SOUTHWEST REGION
P. O. BOX 728
SANTA FE, NM 87501

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Brewster Co.

APR 12 1976

Memorandum

To: Keeper of the National Register, WASO
From: Regional Historical Architect, Division of Cultural Resources,
Southwest Region
Subject: Castolon Historic District, Big Bend

As we reviewed our National Register entries for our List of Classified Structures work, we discovered an error on the coordinates for this district. They should be:

<u>Corner</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
NW	29° 08' 30"	103° 31' 30"
NE	29° 08' 30"	103° 30' 05"
SE	29° 07' 05"	103° 30' 05"
SW	29° 07' 05"	103° 31' 30"

By UTM reference these coordinates would be:

NW	13 - 643500 - 3224440
NE	13 - 645800 - 3224440
SE	13 - 645800 - 3221825
SW	13 - 643500 - 3221825

We also wish to inform you that the Cotton Gin, Building #BBH-609, listed as a part of this nomination, was destroyed by flooding of the Rio Grande in October 1974.

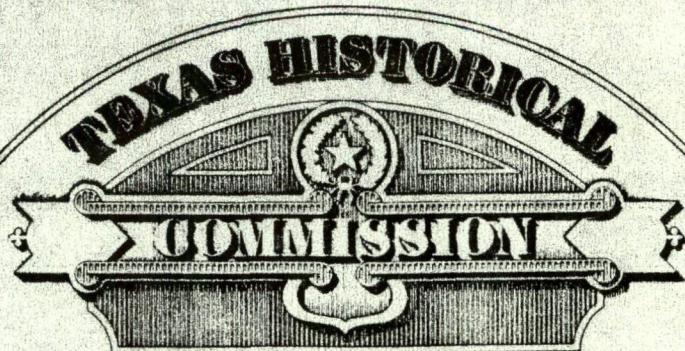
David S. Battle



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JUN 28 1976

TRUETT LATIMER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



P. O. BOX 12276
AUSTIN TEXAS 78711

March 17, 1981

Joy Bush, Carol Ebright
Archeologists
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
National Register Department
Pension Building
440 G Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Joy and Carol:

Review of National Register site files here in Austin has uncovered some typographical errors in older nominations. Included with this letter are corrections in the form of continuation sheets for each of the files in question. The sites are:

1. Mission Nuestra (Victoria County) Item 10
2. Geddis Canyon (Terrell County) Item 1 and Sketch Map
3. Hinòjosa Site (Jim Wells County) Item 1
4. Sublett Farm (Brewster County) Item 10
5. Castalon Site (Brewster County) Item 10

Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,

Ulrich Kleinschmidt

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Archeologist
National Register Program
Austin, Texas

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 10 PAGE 1

Castalon ("Castalon Army Compound" and "Old Castalon") 41 BS 442
(Brewster County, Texas) (On Register 9/6/74)

Longitude Coordinates for the NW and SW points were typed incorrectly
and should read:

NW 103 31 35
SW 103 31 35

All other references are current.



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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF PHOTO: October 1964

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Castolon Army Compound: Granary and Tack Room BBH-608

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Castolon: Derrick Residence, BBH-111

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Castolon: Cotton Gin BBH-609

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Old Castolon: L to R - Cafe and Residence, BBH 617; Shed BBH-616;

Old Castolon Store, BBH-618

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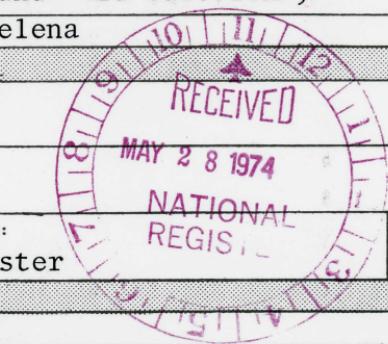
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Castolon Army Compound: Latrine BBH-602

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Castolon Army Compound: Officers Quarters, BBH 603

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Castolon Historic Compound: Recreation Hall (Utility Building) BBH-601

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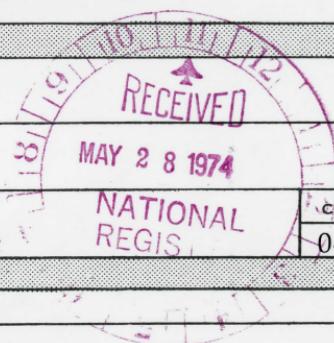
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Castolon Army Compound: Officers Quarters, BBH-604

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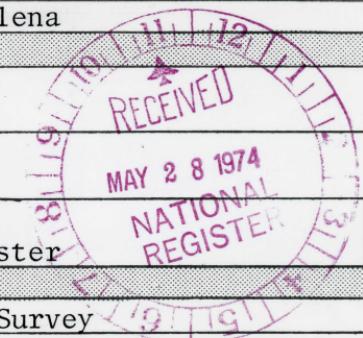
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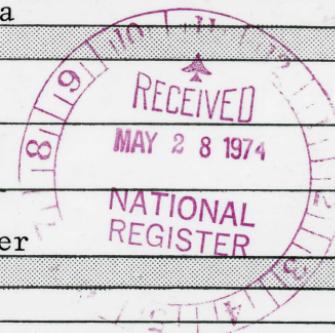
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Castolon Army Compound: Garlick House BBH-606

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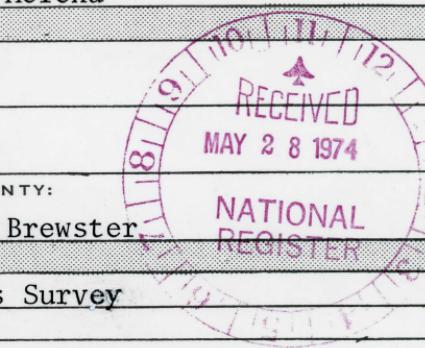
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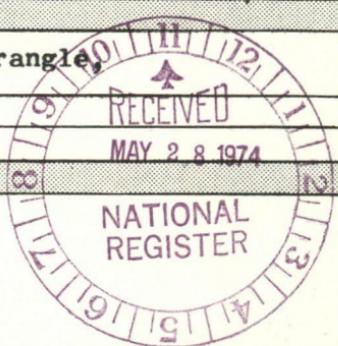
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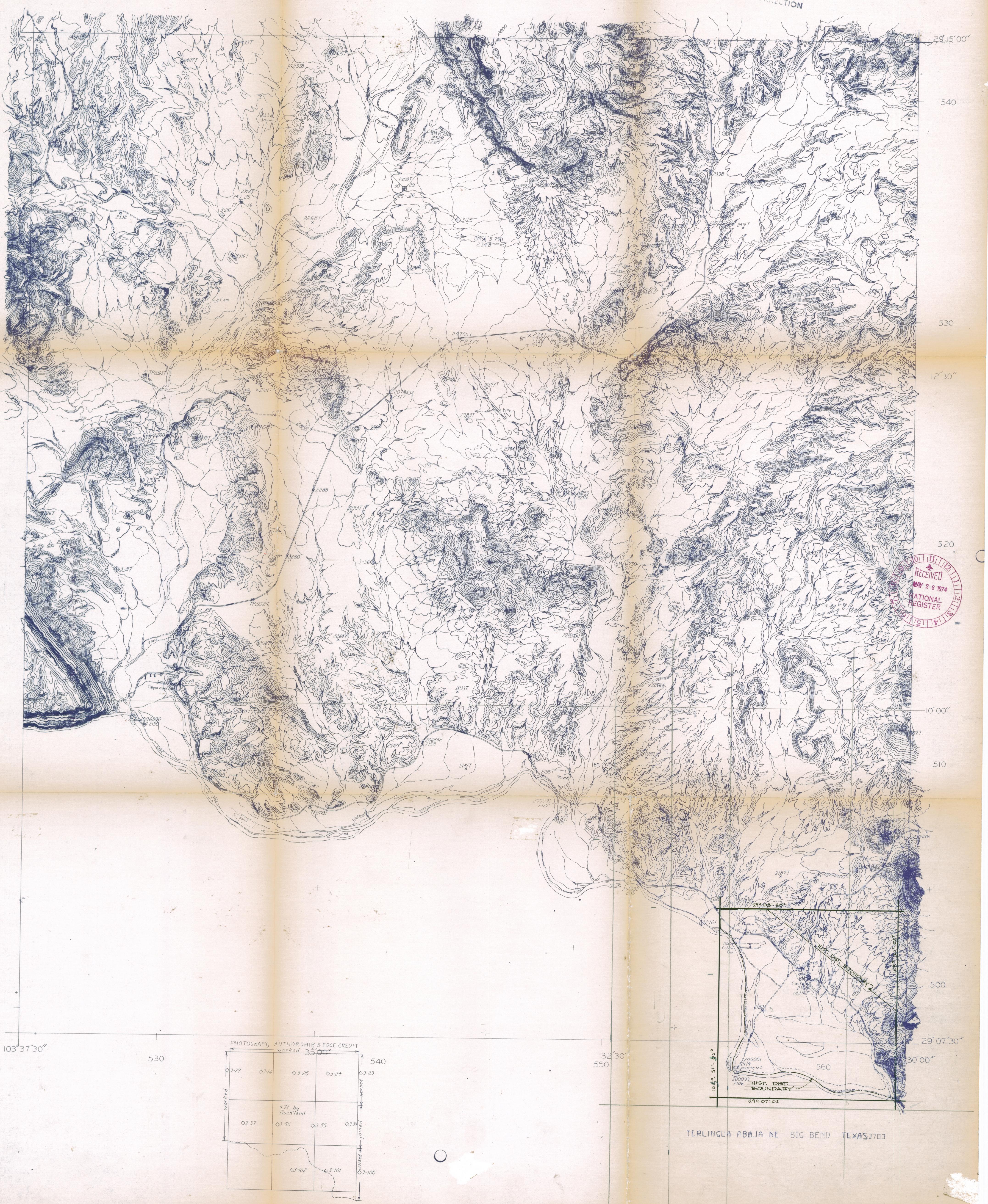
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Keeper of the National Register, WASO
Acting
REGIONAL Director, Southwest Region
FROM: Director, Southwest Region
SUBJECT: National Register of Historic Places

The enclosed National Register nominations are being resubmitted following changes made per your review and comments dated July 11, 1973. They have been approved by the State Historic Preservation Officer of Texas. Other forms are being processed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, and they will soon follow to complete the list of National Register nominations for Texas presently being prepared by this office.

The enclosed nominations include:

Big Bend National Park (4)
Castolon
Homer Wilson Ranch
Mariscal Mines
Luna Residence

Guadalupe Mountains National Park (2)
Pinery - Butterfield Stage Station
Wallace Pratt Lodge

Lake Meredith Recreation Area (1)
McBride Ranch House

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Dunn Ranch

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Also Notified

Hon. John G. Tower
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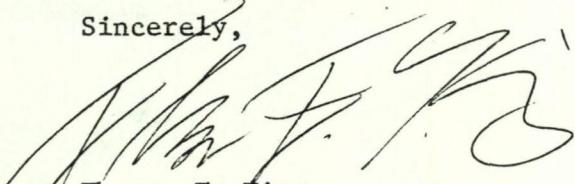
Dear Mr. Cone:

The Memorandum of Agreement for the proposed Development Concept Plan dated February 1980, affecting the Castolon Historic District, Big Bend National Park, Texas, has been ratified by the Chairman of the Council. This document constitutes the comments of the Council required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and completes compliance with the Council's regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). A copy of the Agreement is enclosed.

In accordance with Sections 800.6(c)(2) and 800.9(e) of the regulations, a copy of this Memorandum of Agreement should be included in any environmental assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking to meet requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and should be retained in your records as evidence of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Council appreciates your cooperation in reaching a satisfactory resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,



Thomas F. King
Director, Office of Cultural
Resource Preservation

Enclosure

Advisory Council On Historic Preservation

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the National Park Service (NPS), Southwest Region, proposes to adopt the Development Concept Plan for the Castolon Historic District, Big Bend National Park, Texas, dated February 1980, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section I.A. of the Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement between the NPS, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council) and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, ratified by the Chairman December 19, 1979, the NPS is requesting comment on the Castolon Development Concept Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the NPS, in consultation with the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), has determined that this undertaking, as proposed, could have an adverse effect upon the Castolon Historic District, Big Bend National Park, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat 1320) and Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment," and Section 800.4(d) of the regulations of the Council, the NPS has requested the comments of the Council; and,

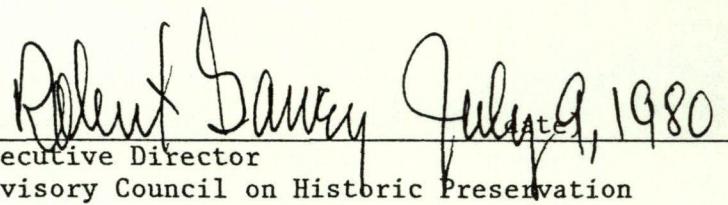
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 800.6 of the Council's regulations, representatives of the Council, the NPS, and the Texas SHPO have consulted and reviewed the undertaking to consider feasible and prudent alternatives to avoid or satisfactorily mitigate the adverse effect;

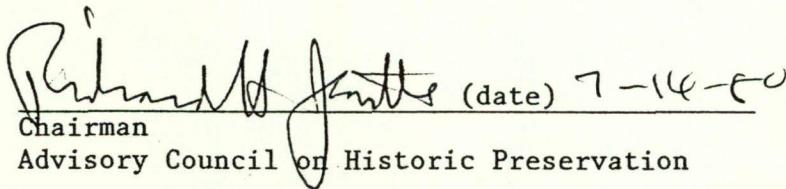
NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed that the Castolon Development Concept Plan of February 1980 will be implemented as summarized in the attached letters dated May 29, 1980, from Wayne B. Cone, Acting Regional Director, NPS, and dated May 19, 1980, to Mr. Truett Latimer, Texas SHPO, from Robert Kerr, Acting Regional Director, NPS, thereby avoiding and/or satisfactorily mitigating any adverse effects on the above-mentioned properties; and,

FURTHER, it is mutually agreed that subsequent actions performed by the NPS in implementing the proposed Castolon Development Concept Plan, as described in the above-mentioned letters, will be carried out in conformance with the above-mentioned Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement.

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Memorandum of Agreement
Castolon Historic District
National Park Service


Robert D. Dauey ^{date} July 9, 1980
Executive Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation


Richard M. Jantke (date) 7-14-80
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Memorandum

To: Director, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service,
Washington, D.C.
Attention: Associate Director for Preservation of Historic
Properties, Keeper of the National Register

From: Regional Director, Southwest Region

Subject: Loss of Derrick House, Castolon Historic District, Big Bend
National Park, Texas

Enclosed is a report on the flooding and loss of the Derrick House, Castolon Historic District, Big Bend National Park, Texas. The National Register form will eventually be amended to reflect this loss, but in the meanwhile, we would like you to be aware that only the site remains in the Rio Grande floodplain.

Two other structures in Big Bend were damaged in the same flood. The wall foundations of the Sublette Farmhouse in Rancho Estelle Historic District became soaked with water. Consequently more of the walls have eroded. At Hot Springs Historic District, one of the adobe houses lost one wall. Both properties have been stabilized but not restored or rehabilitated.

We will continue to keep you advised.

Robert J. F...

Enclosure

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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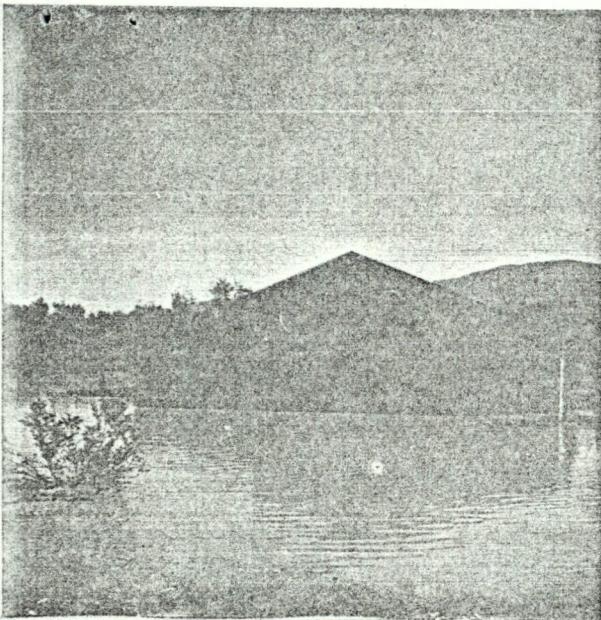
In September 1978, Castolon at Big Bend National Park received 3½ inches of rain within 12 days. At the same time, all of West Texas received comparable precipitation resulting in abnormal runoffs and steadily rising water in reservoirs and the Rio Grande. The rapid release of water from dams on the Rio Conchos in Mexico increased substantially the flow of the Rio Grande.

By October 1, the river had begun to spread over the floodplain and enter the overflow camping area for Cottonwood Campground. The Derrick House, used as a park residence, became surrounded by water with more than 7 inches inside the building. As many of the personal belongings as possible were removed but within 1½ hours the water inside the house was 1½ feet deep. Three hours later the water was 2½ feet deep, and two walls had collapsed. At this point the District Ranger surveyed the damage caused to the house and determined that for safety reasons the residence should be levelled. The enclosed photographs graphically depict the safety hazards.

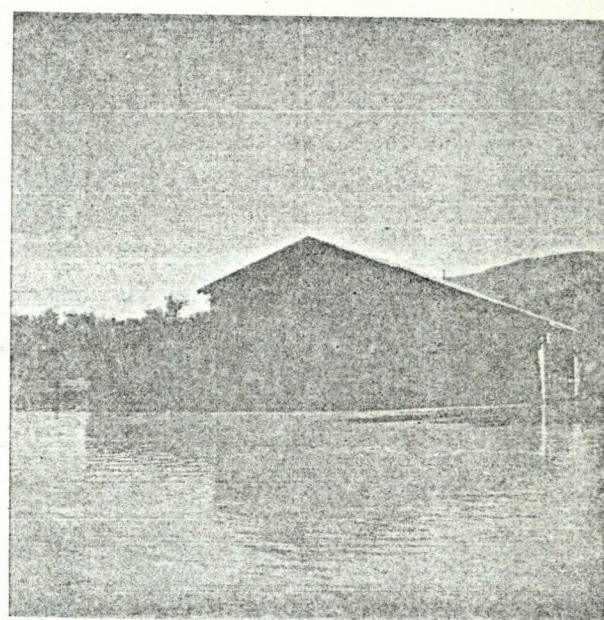
During the salvage operation of the Derrick House all usable material such as lumber, adobe, and roofing was saved to be reused in other maintenance work. The maintenance crew utilized a power winch to remove the roof and other heavy projects. All nonusable material and debris were hauled to the landfill.

The National Register form for Castolon Historic District should be amended to reflect the loss of the Derrick House and state that only the site remains in the Rio Grande floodplain.

At the same time as the flood essentially destroyed the Derrick House in Castolon, two other structures received damage. The wall foundations of the Sublette Farmhouse, also a property on the National Register, became soaked with water and eroded some of the walls. At Hot Springs Historic District water left marks half-way up the motel building, leaving the area saturated with mud and silt. One of the adobe houses lost one wall. Both the house at Hot Springs and the walls of the Sublette Farmhouse were stabilized but not restored or rehabilitated.



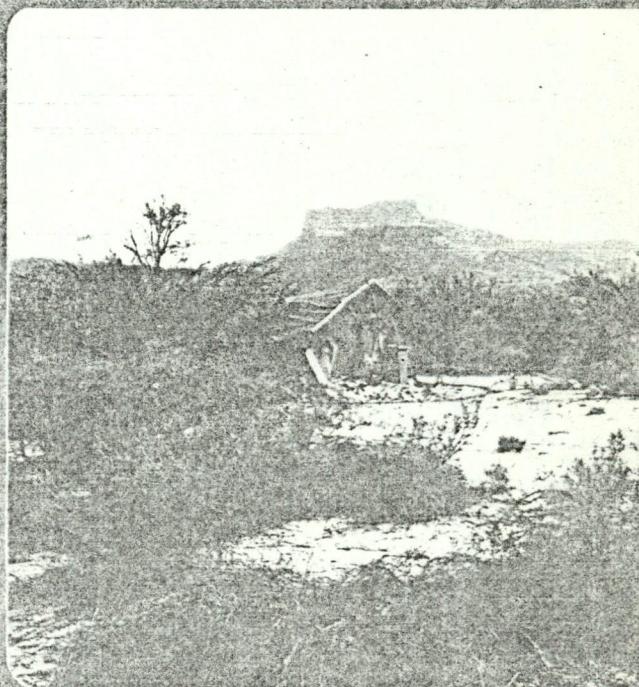
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all but one wall has collapsed



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flood waters have receded

