# Form 10-306

**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)

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## 1. Name

**COMMON:**

Pinery Station

**AND/OR HISTORIC:**

Butterfield Stage Station

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## 2. Location

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

off U.S. 62/180

**CITY OR TOWN:**

Guadalupe Mountain National Park

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:**

16th District - Texas

**STATE:**

Texas

**COUNTY:**

Culberson

**CODE:**

48

**CODE:**

109

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## 3. Classification

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## 4. Agency

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

**REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS:**

Southwest Regional Office

**P. O. Box 728**

**CITY OR TOWN:**

Santa Fe

**STATE:**

New Mexico

**CODE:**

35

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## 5. Location of Legal Description

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:**

Culberson County Court House

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

Van Horn

**STATE:**

Texas

**CODE:**

48

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## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

**TITLE OF SURVEY:**

None

**DATE OF SURVEY:**

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

**CITY OR TOWN:**

**STATE:**

**CODE:**
"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.
"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."

"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."

"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."

1 Conkling, Vol. 1, p. 391
2 Ibid, p. 391
3 Ibid, p. 393


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.5

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: David G. Battle, Historical Architect

BUSINESS ADDRESS: National Park Service, Southwest Regional Office

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 728

CITY OR TOWN: Santa Fe, New Mexico

STATE: New Mexico

CODE: 35

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation: [X] Yes

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

[Signature]

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/9/74

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Keeper of The National Register

Date 10/7/74
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 Pipe Springs Highway Maintenance Station.
(Number all entries)

**Form 10-300a**

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places**

**Inventory - Nomination Form**

*(Continuation Sheet)*

**Texas**

**County**

Culberson

*For NPS Use Only*

**Entry Number**

Oct 9 1974

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**Plan: Pinery Station**

*After Conkling, Vol. 3, Plate 3.9.*

**Diagram:**

- **Corral:** 67' x 33'
- Rock walls 3' high
- **Stockade**
- Room 10' x 10'
- Room 10' x 14'
- **Blacksmith Shed**
- **Enclosure**
  - Approx. 41' x 57'
  - Rock walls 11' high
- **Flagstaff**
- **Tank**

**Stage Road**

**Aequia to Pine Springs**

**Received**

MAY 26 1974

**National Register**
# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
# NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
# PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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**AND/OR HISTORIC:**
Pinery

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(See continuation sheet)

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Guadalupe Mountain National Park

**STATE:**
Texas

**CODE**
48

**COUNTY:**
Culberson

**PHOTO CREDIT:**
Richard W. Sellars

**DATE OF PHOTO:**
November 27, 1973

**NEGATIVE FILED AT:**
National Park Service, Southwest Regional Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico

**DESCRIPTION**
Northwest wall of enclosure; corral located to left of wall

**PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER**