**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**

Gachado Well and Line Camp

**AND/OR COMMON**

Gachado Well

2 **LOCATION**

**STREET & NUMBER**

Not applicable

(Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument) **NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

**CITY, TOWN**

San Francisco

**STATE**

California

**VICINITY OF**

Tucson

**ZONE**

Arizona

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

2

**COUNTY CODE**

04

**COUNTY**

Pima

**CODE**

019

3 **CLASSIFICATION**

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4 **AGENCY**

**REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (if applicable)**

National Park Service, Western Regional Office

**STREET & NUMBER**

450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36063

**CITY, TOWN**

San Francisco

**STATE**

California

5 **LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.**

Pima County Courthouse

**STREET & NUMBER**

115 North Church Street

**CITY, TOWN**

Tucson

**STATE**

Arizona

6 **REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

**TITLE**

"Historic Sites and Structures Inventory for Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument"

**DATE**

April, 1967

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

**CITY, TOWN**

**STATE**

Arizona
1. GACHADO WELL AND LINE CAMP.
2. ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT, ARIZONA.
3. JEROME A. GREENE
4. JANUARY, 1976
5. NEGATIVE: ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT
6. GACHADO LINE SHACK AND CORRAL, VIEW TO THE NORTHWEST.
7. 1 OF 2.
1) GACHADO WELL AND LINE CAMP, JAN 25, 1978
2) ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT, ARIZONA
3) JEROME A. GREENE
4) JANUARY, 1976
5) NEGATIVE: ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT
6) INTERIOR OF GACHADO LINE CAMP, SHOWING DETAIL OF CEILING CONSTRUCTION
7) 2 OF 2

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located close to the international boundary between the United States and Mexico, Gachado Well and Line Camp is a representative feature of the development of the ranching industry in southwestern Arizona early in the twentieth century. Gachado also provides an exemplary model of a frontier style of architecture unique to the border region. The complex is of regional historical significance.

Gachado Well was named for a gnarled old mesquite tree that once stood near the southwest corner of the corral (from "agachado," meaning "to stoop" or "to bend over"). Dug between 1917 and 1919 by Lonald Blankenship, an early rancher in the area, the well is possibly located on the site of a spring, for Papago Indians claim to have obtained water at Gachado for centuries before the well was placed there.

In 1919 Blankenship sold his water rights and improvements to Robert Louis Gray. Gray and his sons ran several hundred head of cattle in the immediate vicinity of the border, and during the 1930s Gray built an adobe house and a corral at Gachado Well. His sons Henry and Robert, Jr., lived for a short time in the house. In later years it served as a line camp where cowboys stayed while attending the cattle. The Gray's business lasted from the 1920s through 1976. During this period, Gachado Well and Line Camp played an important role in the burgeoning ranching industry.

Today Gachado Well and Line Camp are part of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. The adobe house exhibits a regionally significant form of architecture on the interior and exterior. The corral likewise displays a mode of construction unique to this region of the country. The entire complex warrants preservation.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


GEORGIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The southwest corner of the drift fence, near the junction of the Camino dos Republicas and the right-of-way along the Mexico-U.S. border, comprises a corner of the property. The boundary then travels 360 feet in a northerly direction to a point 45 feet from the northwest corner of the well enclosure fence. It then moves 200 feet in an easterly direction to a point 65 feet from the northeast corner of the corral. It then moves in a southerly direction 318 feet to the drift fence and then 277 feet along the drift fence to the southwest corner of same. Corners are marked with 2" x 2" stakes.

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Jerome A. Greene, Historian

ORGANIZATION
National Park Service, Historic Preservation Division

DATE
April 15, 1977

STREET & NUMBER
755 Parfet Street

TELEPHONE
(303) 234-4582

CITY OR TOWN
Denver

STATE
Colorado

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
YES___ NO___ NONE___

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE
Dorothy H. Kell

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

DATE
JAN 23, 1978

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

GPO 899-214