

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	TEXAS
COUNTY:	BREWSTER
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	NOV 8 1974



1. NAME	
COMMON:	LUNA RESIDENCE OR LUNA JACAL (BDH 168)
AND/OR HISTORIC:	same

2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER: at base of Pena Mountain in (See continuation sheet) Big Bend National Park	
CITY OR TOWN:	Big Bend National Park
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	16th District, Texas
STATE:	Texas
CODE	48
COUNTY:	Brewster
CODE	043

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" 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 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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<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)	STREET AND NUMBER:
Southwest Regional Office	P. O. Box 728
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:
Santa Fe,	New Mexico
	CODE
	35

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:	
Brewster County Courthouse	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:
Alpine	Texas
	CODE
	48

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY:	
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory	
DATE OF SURVEY: 10-64	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
Library of Congress	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:
Washington	D.C.
	CODE
	11

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7. DESCRIPTION

(Check One)

CONDITION

☐ Excellent☒ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☐ Altered☒ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Rectangular in plan, the rear of the house utilizes a large flat boulder as one end of the structure. Walls of random limestone and sandstone blocks are laid up 3-4 feet high in mud mortar. They are 3' thick at the base and 2' thick at the top. Upright forked poles are set integral with the side-walls with longitudinal poles resting in the forks. Along the central long axis of the room are six similar but longer and heavier uprights supporting center ridge poles in relays. Primary beams extend on either side from center ridge pole to the side supports, flush with the masonry walls. Ocotillo branches, brush, earth, and stone for ballast from the roofing. Jacal curtain walls divided the interior, and the floor is earthen. A door was hung to one edge of the front upright."¹

Level of treatment: Restored in 1971 by the National Park Service, the structure is now in good physical condition. However, the use of soil-cement on the roof is discordant and blatantly not a faithful restoration, and corrections are recommended.

Cost Estimate: \$3,000 initially, \$750.00 P/A thereafter, based on 1973 costs.



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¹ William E. Brown, Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory, October 1964.

B. 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 | Environment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Gilberto Luna was a pioneer Mexican farmer in the Big Bend country who settled in the Alamo Creek drainage, living there all his long life and raising a very large family. He died in 1947 at the age of 109. In the early years, Alamo Wash was on the Comanche War Trail through the Park, and Luna somehow established peaceful relations with these savage warriors and also with the Apaches resident in the vicinity. That he survived the incursions of these raiding Indians is a tribute to his diplomacy. That he succeeded for nearly a century in farming the dry Alamo Creek drainage using the technique of flood-plain farming is only slightly less amazing.

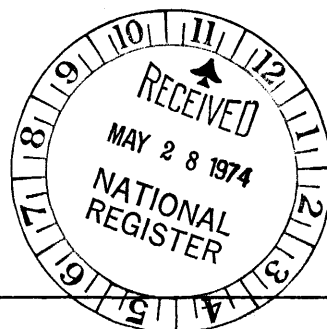
"The Luna Residence is significant as the prime example within the Park of the primitive Mexican house-shelter typical of earliest pioneer settlement."¹

It is also considered to be a prime example of man's adaptation to the environment in the Big Bend National Park.

Additionally, Luna was a widely known personage in the area, "a legend in his own time."²

1 William E. Brown, Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory, October 1964.

2 Guide to Backcountry Roads (see Bibliography)



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Guide to the Backcountry Roads and the River, Big Bend National Park,
National History Association, 1970.

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			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		
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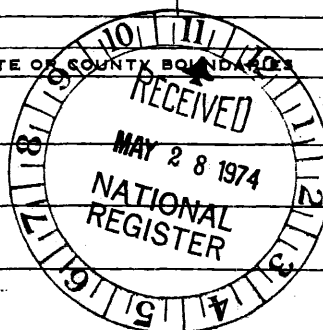
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.5

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

NO
UTM
CD

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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	STATE: New Mexico	CODE: 35

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer Recommendation:

☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ None

[Signature]
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

[Signature] 5/8/74
Federal Representative Signature Date

[Signature]
Acting REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 11/8/74

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 11.7.74

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2. LOCATION

Site

The Luna Jacal is at the base of Pena Mountain, approximately 6 miles south of the Maverick Junction along what is known as "The Old Maverick Road."





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: **David G. Battle**

DATE OF PHOTO: **2/13/72**

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

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

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Luna Jacal, from southwest