

Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Nevada
COUNTY:	White Pine
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ENTRY DATE	FEB 25 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:

Lehman Orchard and Aqueduct (#22)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Lehman Caves National Monument

CITY OR TOWN:

Baker *vicinity*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Congressman-at-large

STATE:

Nevada

CODE

32

COUNTY:

White Pine

CODE

033

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
(Check One)

- ☒ District ☐ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☒ Public
☐ Private
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

- ☐ Occupied
☒ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in progress

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

- Yes:
☐ Restricted
☒ Unrestricted
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☒ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Comments
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence ☐ Other (Specify) _____
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious _____
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific _____

4. AGENCY

National Park Service

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Western Region

STREET AND NUMBER:

Box
450 Golden Gate Ave., 36063

CITY OR TOWN:

San Francisco

STATE:

California

CODE

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

White Pine County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Ely

STATE:

Nevada

CODE

32

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

None

DATE OF SURVEY:

☐ Federal☐ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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STATE: NEVADA
CaliforniaWHITE PINE
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☒ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☐ Altered	☒ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Preservation recommended

Located on the flat area below the present park visitor center, this orchard today consists of seven apricot trees, two pear trees and a peach tree. Although quite old, the trees still produce fruit.

The original size of the orchard is not known, but it was much larger than today and it had apple trees in addition to the ones enumerated above.

The aqueduct runs from the monument boundary and ends at the road a distance of about one mile, encircling the flat where the orchard is.

Originally the aqueduct was about two miles long and ran from a creek to the orchard area. Above the orchard the aqueduct formed a "Y" with one branch running to the orchard and the other to a reservoir that had been dug out as an ice-swimming-fishing pond. The aqueduct was a shallow open ditch and at the "Y" a board gate controlled the direction of the flow of water.

Today the aqueduct is plainly visible, although silted in somewhat. The remains of the board control gate can be seen. The reservoir, or pond, no longer exists.

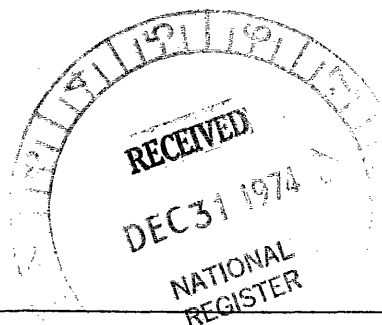
Boundary: The only historic land intended to be embraced around the aqueduct is a swath extending four feet on each side from the center line of the aqueduct and running from where the aqueduct enters Lehman Caves National Monument and terminating at the road at the orchard area, covering a distance of about one mile.

The State highway provides access to the park circles at Park headquarters a large green area roughly elliptical in shape. The boundary of the historic orchard is the inside curb of the road that encloses this elliptically shaped area.

Class VI land: 9 acres

Cost estimate: park maintenance funding adequate

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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) 1891

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Philosophy | ☐ Other (Specify) _____ |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | ☐ Science | _____ |
| ☒ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Sculpture | _____ |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape Architecture | ☐ Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Literature | ☐ Theater | _____ |
| ☐ Commerce | ☐ Military | ☐ Transportation | _____ |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Music | | |
| ☐ Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

3rd Order

Little is known about the history of the orchard or the aqueduct. Both, according to local legend, were installed by Absalom S. Lehman, the effective discoverer of the cave that bears his name. Since he died in 1891, the orchard presumably is over 80 years old. A ring count in 1965 on an apple tree revealed the tree then to be over 75 years old.

Many of the trees were removed in 1934 by CWA crews.

This is an arid area for man and to grow a decent orchard the aqueduct was needed to utilize what water was available. Today the orchard and the aqueduct illustrate the efforts of a man to grow fruit trees in an area where they do not grow naturally.

The Lehman Orchard and Aqueduct represent an early agricultural accomplishment, based on irrigation in an area more suitable for cattle grazing. During the mining period, in 1868, White Pine Mining District, Lehman's fruit, meat, butter and eggs contributed to the food supply, supporting the mining activity. Historic research is needed to determine the full historic significance.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Keith A. Trexler, "Lehman Caves; Its Human Story from the Beginning through 1965," 1966, copy in files of Lehman Caves National Monument.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Nevada	32	White Pine	033
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		DATE:
F. Ross Holland, Jr., Historian		Dec. 1971
BUSINESS ADDRESS:		
Denver Service Center, NPS		
STREET AND NUMBER:		PHONE:
7200 W. Alameda Boulevard		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Denver	Colorado	08

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- ☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ None

Eric Cronhlute
 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

Walter P. Tied DEC 19 1971
 Federal Representative Signature Date
 Deputy Assistant Secretary
 Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A R. H. H. H. H.
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *2/25/75*

ATTEST:
Walter P. Tied
 Keeper of The National Register

Date *2.24.75*



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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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COUNTY White Pine	
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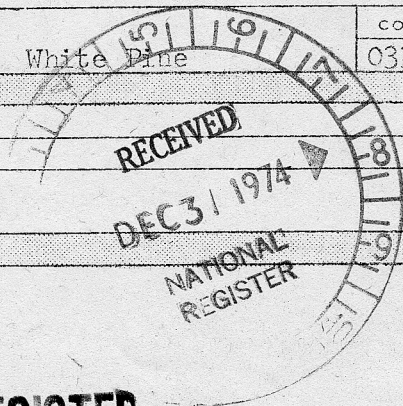
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CITY OR TOWN:			
Baker			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Nevada	32	White Pine	033
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:		F. Ross Holland, Jr.	
DATE OF PHOTO:		December 1971	
NEGATIVE FILED AT:		Denver Service Center	
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			

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View of orchard looking east

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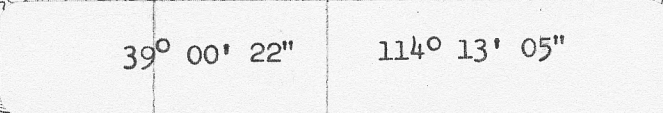


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A topographic map of the Orchard area. The map shows contour lines, a road, and a trail. Key features include:

- Orchard**: Labeled at the top left.
- Lehman Caves**: Labeled in the center.
- NATIONAL MONUMENT**: Labeled at the bottom.
- 6000**: Elevation marker.
- 74**: A circled number in the top right.
- BAKER 5 MI.**: A label on the right side, indicating a distance.

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