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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HC+RS

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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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NOT FOR PUBLICATION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

Not applicable

VICINITY OF Lukeville

2

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Arizona

CODE

04

COUNTY

Pima

CODE

019 ✓

2 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

X PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

X UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

X YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

X GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

X PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

National Park Service, Western Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36063

CITY, TOWN

San Francisco

VICINITY OF

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

X FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

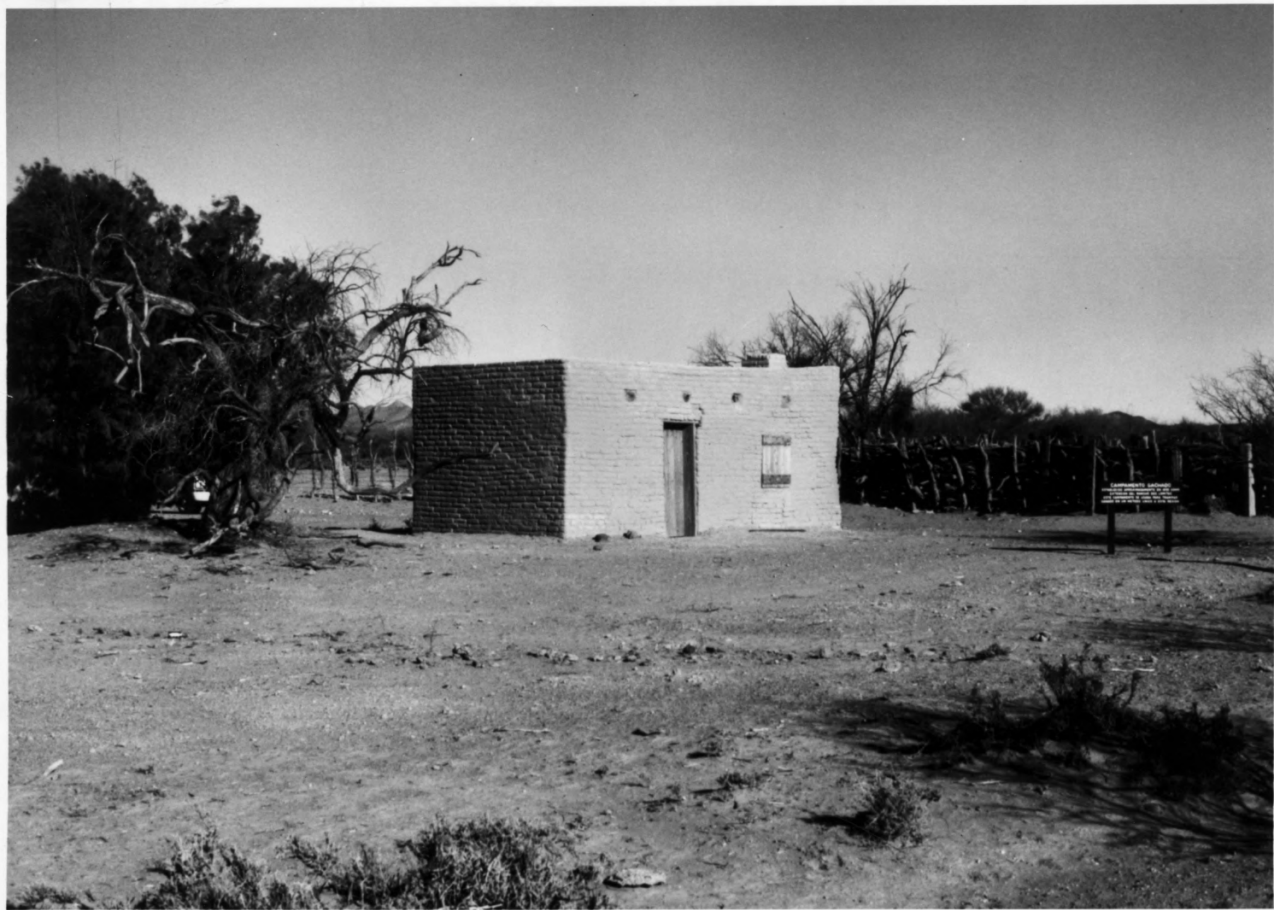
DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Arizona



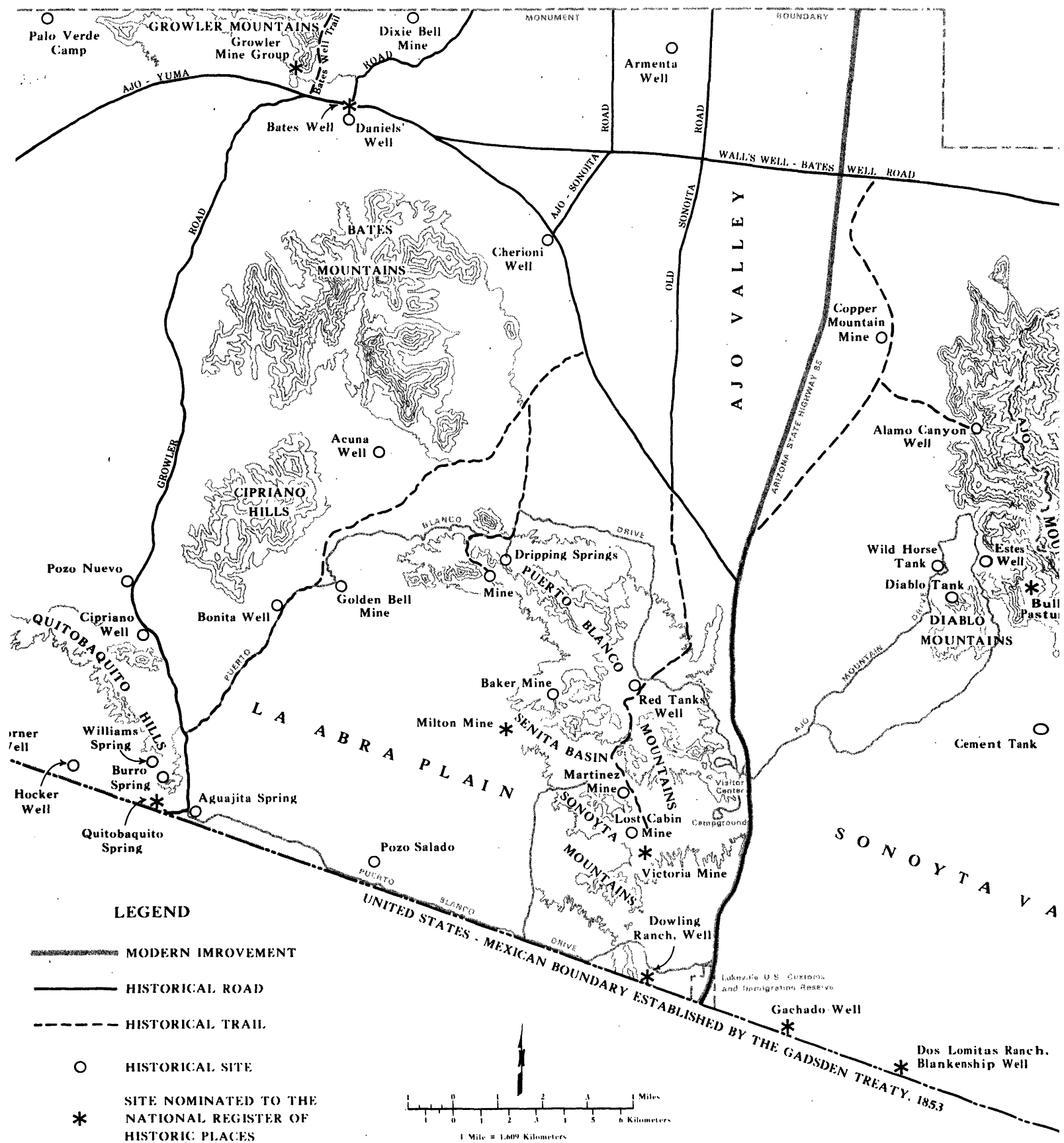
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 - 3.) JEROME A. GREENE
 - 4.) JANUARY, 1976
 - 5.) NEGATIVE: ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT
 - 6.) GACHADO LINE SHACK AND CORRAL, VIEW TO
THE NORTHWEST.
 - 7.) 1 OF 2.

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6.) INTERIOR OF GACHADO LINE CAMP, SHOWING
DETAIL OF CEILING CONSTRUCTION.
7.) 2 OF 2.

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HISTORICAL BASE MAP, ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUM

ARIZONA

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION	
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE	
☐ 1500-1599	☒ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE	
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER	
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION	
☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☒ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		☐ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	1917-19; 1920s	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Lonal Blankenship, Robert Louis Gray
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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 Lonal 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.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Appleman, Roy E., and Jones, Russell. Blankenship Ranch. Historic Structure Report. Washington: National Park Service, 1969.

Greene, Jerome A. Historic Resources Study. Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. Denver: National Park Service, 1977.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 1 2 3 3 1 1 0 0 3 5 2 7 4 0 0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C
D
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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 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

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

12-16-77
Dorothy H. Hall
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State X Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE *William Lebowich*

TITLE

Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE JAN 23 1978

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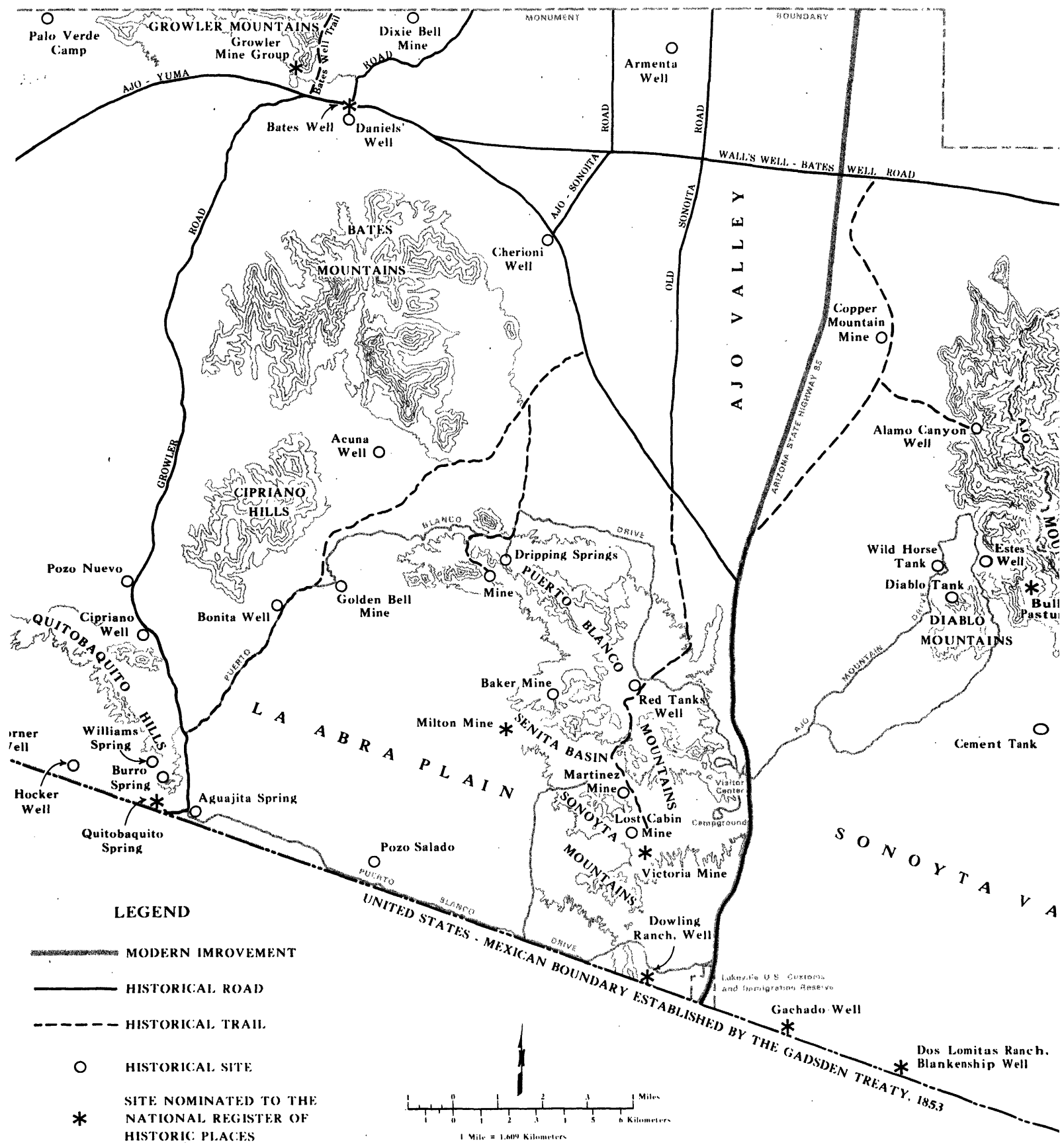
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *William Lebowich*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE *11/2/78*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE *10/25/78*



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