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5. Classification **Ownership of Property Category of Property** Number of Resources within Property (Check as many boxes as apply) (Check only one box) (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.) Contributing Noncontributing Х building(s) X private 1 buildings public - Local district district public - State site site public - Federal structure structure object object 1 Total Name of related multiple property listing Number of contributing resources previously (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing) listed in the National Register N/A N/A 6. Function or Use **Historic Functions Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions) (Enter categories from instructions) Vacant/Not in Use Government-Post Office, Vail, Arizona Branch Commerce/Trade-general store, bar, gas station Domestic-institutional housing, staff housing 7. Description **Architectural Classification** Materials (Enter categories from instructions) (Enter categories from instructions) foundation: Stone (limestone rubble) Other-Adobe and stone rubble walls: Adobe and Stone-rubble Corrugated Tin roof: other: 1,070 square feet

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a summary paragraph that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

Since 1908 this ordinary adobe has been a focal point for government, communication and commerce in Vail and the surrounding region. All other traces of Vail's railroad, mining, and ranching roots at the original town site are gone. They have been erased by time, growth, and development. Humble in appearance, the Old Vail Post Office is typical of adobe construction in Arizona Territory between 1880 and 1912. The Old Vail Post Office is a single story, adobe and stone rubble building. It was built almost entirely from locally available building materials. It is located between the east and west bound Union Pacific Railroad passing tracks in Vail, about twenty miles southeast of Tucson. Constructed in 1908, it measures 50 X 21 feet. It may have been built in two phases. The western and largest section is made from adobe bricks. This portion was most likely the first constructed. The eastern end is constructed of stone rubble, and may have been constructed after the larger adobe room on the west end. The three eastern rooms were used as living guarters by postmasters, clerks, and their families. The ceiling and roof are framed with 2x material which may have been salvaged from shipping crates. Six of the ceiling planks are marked with Vail, A.T. (Arizona Territory) or a P for the town of Pantano. Pantano was located nine miles to the east. The original wood floor remains in the eastern three stone rubble rooms. The buildings' current appearance is poor. The 1950's concrete coating is sloughing off the exterior. In 2008 the building was stabilized by a crisscross system of 4"X6" interior and exterior wooden supports. The Old Vail Post Office is the sole remaining building on the original Vail town site left to interpret the early history of Vail.

Narrative Description

Location

Still in its original location this simple adobe and stone rubble building sits adjacent to what was a major east west arterial roadway, Highway 80, and the railroad's Sunset Limited route. It characterizes the connections between the economic and cultural forces that converged at Vail in the late 19th and early 20th century. *Vail's Siding*, as Vail was originally called, was established in 1880, and appears as early as 1883 on the Pima County Roskruge map¹. The building's character defining features are a direct result of a local response to the expansion of the United States population westward, particularly the growth of the Southern Pacific railroad and mining in the Helvetia District located to the south in the Santa Rita Mountains. Walter and Edward Vail, recognizing the economic possibilities deeded a right of way through their land to the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1880. A second right of way was deeded in 1887 by Walter Vail and J. Vosberg when the Southern Pacific relocated the entire section of passing tracks between Vail and Pantano. Vail is located on the last stretch of flat land before the railroad tracks enter the Cienega Creek and make their way up the incline towards Dragoon Summit. This particular stretch of rail was the most difficult and expensive to build and maintain across the entire southern rail route across Southern Arizona.²

As mining increased in the Santa Rita Mountains to the south, Vail became the break point for ore shipment from the Helvetia Mining District. It was also a shipping point for cattle from local ranches. The Tucson to Helvetia Stage line changed horses at Vail, the livery and horse corral was located on the west side of the

¹ Pima County Roskruge Map. 1883. Pima County Board of Supervisors.

² Myrick, David F. Railroads of Arizona, the Southern Roads. Vol. 1. Berkeley, California: Howell-North, 1975. Print. 105-116

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adobe location along the wagon road that led west towards Tucson. ³ This road is located approximately 12' from the north side of the Old Vail Post Office; it would become U.S. Highway 80. This main east west arterial road brought business to the adobe which at one time also sold gas to travelers from a pump located on the north side of the building⁴. No trace of these pumps remains.

Design

This simple, rectangular 50'X21' adobe building, constructed of 12" adobe bricks is defined by its ordinariness. It utilizes many salvaged materials as evidenced by the use of 1" X 12" railroad wooden packing crates in the ceiling and the use of salvaged 2"X 4" boards overlapped and joined to create ceiling joists. It reflects the hardy, 'can-do' and 'make-do' entrepreneurial spirit so characteristic of the individuals who made a life for themselves in frontier Arizona. The larger room on the west end of the building was utilized for business. The three smaller rooms on the east end were used for living quarters. The interior is divided into four rooms and retains its original configuration.

Materials

The Old Vail Post Office is constructed from locally available materials; adobe, stone rubble, and lime plaster. The corrugated tin roof panels are supported by salvaged wooden shipping crates. The tin roof panels, windows, and nails may be the only items that were purchased. Construction of the adobe began in late May of 1908. It replaced an earlier wooden building located on the same site that burned on May 22, 1908⁵.

A shallow stone rubble foundation is present under all walls with the exception of the northwest corner which is supported by a concrete stem wall. This corner collapsed in 1976 and was replaced with a mortar and stone corner section. The original wood flooring remains in the three eastern rooms, but is covered with plywood. The wood floor in the larger, adobe room on the west end of the building was removed between 1973 and 1974 when the building stood vacant. A cement floor was poured by Arthur Kelley in 1976⁶.

The center window on the south side of the building was taken out and the adobe bricks removed in 1976 to create a doorway into a shed that adjoined the building. The shed was used to store hay and feed for the Kelley's Feed Store.

The white lime plaster that originally coated the building is present on much of the exterior under a layer of earth-tinted cement. Photographs indicate this second exterior coating was applied about 1950. The mastic bonding the stone rubble, as well as the original lime plaster coating the buildings' exterior contains lime-pops indicating locally obtained, non-commercially prepared material. The interior walls retain their original, character defining, and smooth mud plaster⁷. The side-gabled roof is made from corrugated tin whose rust colored patina is a testament to its age. The roof is framed with 2x boards, possibly salvaged from shipping/packing crates. The tin roof, ceiling boards, and trusses are original. Six of the ceiling boards are marked Vail A.T. or P (town of Pantano).

- ⁴ Herman, Jack. Personal interview
- ⁵ Store Burns. Arizona Daily Star
- ⁶ Kelley, Chauncey. Personal interview
- 7 Yubeta, David. Personal interview

³ Tucson City Directory 1902.

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Setting

The Old Vail Post Office remains in its original setting between the active east and west bound Union Pacific railroad passing tracks. A section of the original Highway 80, still unpaved, is located about 12' from the north side of the building. The buildings' functions were defined by these transportation routes, and the economic forces within the region. The Southern Pacific railroad came through in April 1880. Walter Vail granted an easement to the Southern Pacific, and a railroad stop was established on that right of way. The train hasn't stopped in Vail since the passenger station was removed in 1947. Highway 80 was relocated one mile to the south in 1931, and replaced by 110 in 1960. The Old Vail Post Office along with the Shrine of Santa Rita, built in 1935, to the east define the township of Vail, the town between the tracks.

Workmanship

Constructed of locally available materials, the railroad would have made materials such as nails, glass, and corrugated metal roofing more readily available. Dimensional lumber is used around the window and door frames. The living quarters at the east end of the building retain their original wood floor. The boards are placed on sleepers resting on dirt. Plywood covers the original floor boards. The largest room at the west end of the building has a cement floor poured in 1976 by Art Kelley. The original wood floor in the large, western room was removed between 1973-1974 when the building was unoccupied.

A 1"-2" layer of dirt rests on top of the 1"X12" wooden ceiling boards. This may have been intended as insulation⁸. The principal portion of the Old Vail Post Office is constructed of 12" mud adobe bricks on a stone rubble foundation. The bricks were probably produced on site. The interior walls of the adobe portion of the building retain their original, smooth, mud plaster. This is a defining element of the building. When the northwest corner of the building failed in 1976, Gerald Helzer, a local resident, rebuilt it using stone and masonry construction. The three rooms at the east end of the building that comprise the living quarters are constructed of stone rubble bonded with lime cement. The lime mortar material is characterized by small 'pops' suggesting it was produced locally.

The initial exterior white lime plaster appears to have been made of locally obtained materials. The original white appearance of the building was changed by an earth-tinted cement plaster applied about 1950. Vail was not connected to the main electrical grid until 1955. Electricity was brought to the building in about 1958.

Feeling

The buildings' overall feeling is poor. The door and window openings are deteriorated and boarded over. Bats and rodents have taken up residence inside the building between the outer walls and the tin roof. The boards that shore up the building are visible on its exterior.

Association

The adobe conveys its connection with the early days of Vail through its mortared adobe and stone rubble walls, smooth interior mud plastered walls and other salvaged building materials used in its construction. It demonstrates the creativity of early, enterprising individuals making a life in the Arizona Territory. The buildings' simple design and materials help it continue to convey a strong association with the territorial and railroad eras of Arizona despite the changes that growth has brought to the surrounding community and local

⁸ Old Vail Post Office Building Condition Assessment Report. Poster and Frost Associates. 2005.

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roadways. Still unpaved, a section of the original Highway 80 sits just 12' north of the building. The Old Vail Post Office has been a grocery store, a stop for the Tucson to Helvetia Stage, a bar, post office, and gas station⁹. Because of these functions it served as a focal point for not only Vail, but the surrounding region. It is the oldest building on the original town site of Vail, and the only building from the railroad and territorial era. The Shrine of Saint Rita in the Desert, built in 1935 sits directly east of the adobe¹⁰. The buildings are separated by Colossal Cave Road. Both are located between the east and west bound railroad tracks on the original town site, defining the town site of Vail.

 ⁹ 1899-1900Tucson City Business Directory.
 1902 City of Tucson and Southern Business Directory.
 1903-1904 Pima County, A.T. Directory.

¹⁰ Grigsby, Ann M. Whispered Prayers in the Arizona Desert: The History of the Shrine of Santa Rita. Tucson: Ann M. Grigsby, 1996. Print.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

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- В Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- Property embodies the distinctive characteristics С of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

Property has vielded, or is likely to vield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

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	A	Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
	в	removed from its original location.
L	c	a birthplace or grave.
1	D	a cemetery.
	E	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
_	F	a commemorative property.
L	G	less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Government-Post Office, Vail

Commerce-General Store, Bar, gas station, feed

store

Transportation-Southern Pacific Railroad, Tucson

to Helvetia Stage Stop, Highway 80

Period of Significance

1908-1973

Significant Dates

May 22, 1908 Wooden Mercantile and Post Office building

burns

June 1908 Schley Mercantile and Post Office re-opens

1908-1973 Post Office

(building sits on site of wooden building dating to perhaps 1887, it burned in 1908. Most of the above functions also took place in the wooden building).

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Otto Schley 1908

C. Whitehead builder 1908 (for Otto Schley)

Period of Significance (justification)

1908-1973

The building was constructed in 1908 and served as a Post Office until 1973.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria

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Only the adobe Old Vail Post Office is left to interpret the beginning of Vail. A regional hub for government, transportation, communication, and commerce for over 100 years, it is the sole surviving building from the railroad and territorial era on the original Vail town site. The adobe Old Vail Post Office tells the story of the economic and cultural forces that converged at Vail in the late 19th and early 20th century. It is located along a surviving stretch of the old wagon road that became Highway 80, between the east and west bound railroad tracks and within a mile of where Cienega Creek and the Pantano Wash merge. These creek beds served as early transportation routes. The adobe was built in May and June of 1908¹¹. The original wooden building on this site, according to local tradition was built about 1887 by or for Walter and Edward Vail of the Empire Ranch. The wooden building burned the night of May 22, 1908 and was replaced by the current adobe building-the Old Vail Post Office. Otto Schley had it built.

Narrative Statement of Significance (provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance)

Vail began as Vail's Siding, a service point for the Southern Pacific Railroad, when Walter & Edward Vail deeded 100' of right of way to the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1880. Railroad tracks made it to Vail's Siding in April 1880¹². The steep grade leading to Dragoon Summit to the east, along with the intense seasonal flooding of Cienega Creek and the Pantano wash made the section of track located between Vail and the town of Pantano, nine miles to the east, the most expensive and difficult to build and maintain for the Southern Pacific Railroad across the entire southern Arizona railroad route. Vail's Siding (Vail) was located on the last piece of flat terrain before the railroad tracks entered the stream bed of Cienega Creek.

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

Cienega Creek is just about one mile to the northeast. It has defined the regional settlement and transportation patterns of the area. The nature of the landscape, and the available water in Cienega Creek made this a natural route. The prehistoric Hohokam used it as a pathway through the watershed between the Rincon Mountains and Empire Mountains. This same route was later used by the Mormon Battalion, the San Diego to San Antonio Stage Line as well as by the National Mail Route and Butterfield Stage Line. Pinckney Tulley and Estevan Ochoa hauled freight through, supplying Tucson with goods. Vail is located on the last flat stretch of land as the landscape changes and begins to gain elevation towards Dragoon Summit to the east. Vail's strategic location helped make it the main shipping point for mines in the Helvetia Mining District including Cuprite, Helvetia and other mines in the Santa Rita Mountains¹³.

When the Southern Pacific Railroad realigned both sets of passing tracks in 1887 they renegotiated easements for the tracks. In the 1887 right of way agreement between Vail and the town of Pantano, the next town to the east, Vosberg and Vail stipulated that the Southern Pacific Railroad would build a wooden board-and-batten style building to be used for commerce in Pantano, and that it would be rented to them for \$5.00 annually. They also required that the Southern Pacific built them a cattle corral that would hold 20 boxcars of cattle. This same type of building and set of corrals' was present at Vail. Most likely they made the same arrangement for Vail's Station in the 1887 easement agreement. According to local tradition, the Old Vail Post

[&]quot;Will Rebuild." Arizona Daily Star [Tucson, AZ] 27 May 1908; 7. Print.

¹² Myrick, David F. Railroads of Arizona, the Southern Roads. Vol. 1. Berkeley, California: Howell-North, 1975. Print. 105-116

¹³ "Mining Matters." Arizona Daily Star [Tucson, AZ] 25 May 1899: 4-4. Print.

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Office was constructed around 1890 for the Vail brothers to use for local business ventures. This reflects the continuous history of mercantile and communications functions on the site.

In 1908 the wooden building, probably constructed in 1887, that served as Post Office and Schley's Store burned¹⁴. It was quickly rebuilt 'out of brick' (adobe), shortly after the May 22, 1908 fire¹⁵. Postal service was delivered out of the adobe building from 1908 through 1973. The adobe and earlier wooden building served as a stage stop from 1898-1912, a bar from 1902-1912, a gasoline station from approximately 1915-1930, a general merchandise store from 1887-1973 and a feed store from 1975-1992¹⁶.

Otto Schley who operated a mercantile and post office on the site beginning in 1905, was quoted in the Arizona Daily Star saying that he would rebuild after fire destroyed his wooden store, and this time the building would "be of brick". Schley had insurance that covered the wooden building and the \$10,000.00-\$12,000.00 in merchandise it held inside¹⁷. It appears that he began rebuilding within a few weeks of the May 22, 1908 fire and that he was re-opened for business by June 1908. In the fall of 1908 Otto Schley had a very nice house, "Casa Blanca", built on the north side of the eastbound railroad track. It is not unreasonable to think that perhaps some of the insurance money was spent to build his new residence. That would account for the use of so many salvaged materials used in the construction of the adobe Old Vail Post Office.

Postmistress Mary Jane Warner retired in 1973¹⁸ and the mail delivery moved to the 'Lone Pine' location along the I10 frontage road to the south. The adobe building and property were put up for sale at this time. Vandalism occurred between 1973 and 1974 when the building was vacant. The original wood flooring in the western, large adobe room was removed, windows were broken and doors taken. The building was purchased in 1974 by Arthur and Mary Jane Kelley who began operating a feed and general store inside. A concrete slab was poured outside of the center south-facing window. The window was removed along with the adobe bricks beneath it to create a doorway that was used as an entrance to the storage building used for hay and feed that butted up against the building. Electric and telephone service were the only utilities ever supplied to the building, these were improved at this time.

This humble building is associated with several regionally significant individuals and families. Walter and Edward Vail who built up the Empire Ranch; the Tatters field/Monthan family¹⁹, early homesteaders in Township 16 where the Old Vail Post Office is located, and for whom Davis Monthan Airbase is named, Audie Murphy who was awarded the Medal of Honor in WWII; Carolyn Beach who spearheaded the building of the Shrine of Santa Rita in 1935 in memory of her first husband Jokichi Takamine who had isolated adrenaline and also arranged for the cherry trees to be sent to Washington D.C.²⁰; and Mary Jane Warner, who served 39 years as Postmistress, from 1934-1973.

¹⁴ Business Directory

¹⁵ "Will Rebuild." Arizona Daily Star [Tucson, AZ] 27 May 1908: 7. Print.

¹⁶ Business Directories

¹⁷ "Store of O. Schley at Vail Burned." Arizona Daily Star [Tucson, AZ] 23 May 1908: 8-8.

¹⁸ "Vail postmistress ends 39-year job." Arizona Daily Star [Tucson, AZ] 30 May 1973.

¹⁹ Monthan, Gearge. Personal Interview. 1 August 2009. Vail Preservation Society.

²⁰ Grigsby, Ann M. Whispered Prayers in the Arizona Desert: The History of the Shrine of Santa Rita. Tucson: Ann M. Grigsby, 1996. Print.

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Walter & Edward Vail's Empire Ranch would grow to one million acres, their many mining and business ventures expanded their empire into California. The original wooden building was probably built as part of the 1887 easement agreement between J. Vosberg and Walter Vail that allowed the Southern Pacific to relocate the entire stretch of passing tracks between Vail and the town of Pantano. Vosberg and Vail, as a stipulation of their easement at Pantano required the Southern Pacific to build a board and batten building for commercial use that they would rent to the partners for \$5.00 annually and cattle corrals capable of holding 20 boxcars of cattle. The original building at Vail's Station and cattle corrals match this requirement. A 1900 Eagle Milling receipt for flour signed by Edward Vail²¹, matched to an entry in his business ledger²² demonstrates their business interests at Vail's Station.

In 1902 in the wooden building that preceded the adobe, a bar was being operated by D.C. Cage. Crane & Fraker were operating the livery at the west side, changing out the horses for the Tucson to Helvetia Stage that was operating daily from Tucson, heading south from Vail's Station. D.O Crane and John Fraker were some of the earliest homesteaders in Township 16. Their farm supplied hay to both ends of the *Tucson to Helvetia* Stage Line²³.

In 1901 the Southern Pacific Railroad deeded the land to the United States Postal Service and Harry A. Mann who was also the Southern Pacific Railroad agent became Vail's first Postmaster. The first postal services were delivered out of the Vail Passenger Station. It was located 25' north of the east bound track. Like many others of the time, Harry Mann had many enterprises going. In addition to being the Southern Pacific Rail Road and Wells Fargo Agent, he also had mining interests. He was president of the Empire Valley Mining Company.

By 1903 Henry Jefferson Dowdle was operating a grocery store in the original wooden building. He was a prominent citizen in Vail, Tucson, the Santa Rita Mountains, and Gila Valley. Sawmill Canyon in the Santa Rita Mountains was originally called Dowdle Canyon. About 1903 Dowdle purchased a ranch from Walter and Edward Vail along the Cienega. When the family left Vail, they moved to the Gila Valley, ranching at Stockton Pass, San Simon, and Bailey Wells Ranch. He helped to organize the Bank of Safford, served as Graham County Recorder, county supervisor twice, and established a much needed school²⁴. Dowdle sold his business interests in 1905 to Otto Schley.

In 1905 Otto Schley was operating *Schley's Store* in the wooden building that was on the same site as the Old Vail Post Office. Schley became Postmaster and moved postal services to the current site, 100 yards south of the Southern Pacific Passenger Station. The site that the old Vail Post office occupies became the site of a U.S. government presence in Vail²⁵.

The Tattersfield/Monthan family settled in Vail in about 1908, they ranched, cultivated crops and orchards, and sold the produce in Tucson. Alma Monthan Tattersfield filed a homestead claim in Township 16 in 1924 adjacent to the land they had purchased from Crane & Fraker in about 1908. Their ranch along Cienega Creek was located a half mile north of Vail at what would become known as Rancho del Lago. There were four sons; Eric, Oscar, Guy, and Carl. In 1917 their mother and Vail homesteader Alma Tattersfield marched them down to the Pima County Courthouse and had all of their last names changed to Monthan, her maiden name. All of

²¹ Eagle Milling receipt. 1900. Raw data. Vail Preservation Society.

²² Vail, Edward. Business Ledger. Arizona Historical Society.

²³ 1903-1904 Pima County Directory. 133.

²⁴ Plaza of Pioneers. Tucson Museum of Art, 1982.

²⁵ Arizona Territory: Post Offices and Postmasters. 1961.

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the Monthan-Tattersfield sons except Guy served in WWI. Oscar became a pilot in the Army Air Corps, and in 1924 was killed in an airplane accident in Honolulu²⁶. In 1928 the new air base in Tucson was named Davis Monthan, in honor of Lt. Oscar Monthan and Lt. Samuel Howard Davis, another soldier killed while on active duty.

In 1919 Guy Monthan married Jessie Rae, the daughter of Sarah Eveleen Rae Schley²⁷, wife of Otto Schley (d. 1914) Postmaster at Vail. Sarah served as a Postmistress in Vail on and off until 1929, after the death of her husband Otto. Carl Monthan married Mary Kruse, the daughter of Kruse Davis, Vail's seventh Postmaster.

Mrs. Carolyn Beach, who had the Shrine of St. Rita in the Desert built in 1935 to honor the memory of her first husband, scientist Jokichi Takamine, who is credited with isolating adrenaline, was instrumental in recruiting Vail's ninth postmistress, Dovie Woolsey. On a Sunday in 1929, Carolyn met a weary traveler named Dovie Woolsey, and her family. They had run out of gas in front of the post office and store. Carolyn found out that Dovie played the piano, and convinced her to stay in Vail and play for the small congregation, and to assume the vacant postal position. Dovie became Vail's ninth postmistress.²⁸

From 1934 to 1937, Civilian Conservation Corps Camp SP-10-A personnel dropped off and picked up their mail at the adobe, and visited with a young Mary Jane Warner. Mary Jane took over as Postmistress when her mother, Dovie Woolsey, died in 1934. She would serve at Postmistress for 39 years, and also serve as clerk of the Vail School Board for 20. During the 1950s and 1960s, World War II Medal of Honor awardee Audie Murphy was a familiar sight at the Old Vail Post office, picking up his mail there. His signature appears in the log books kept by Mary Jane²⁹.

Most of the original furnishings in the Post Office were sold by retiring Post Mistress Mary Jane Warner in 1973³⁰, or disappeared while the building stood vacant. One wooden merchandise display case dating at least to the 1920's remains in the building³¹, marks in the wood indicate that it was made using hand tools. Several other items relating to the building's commercial and postal history are currently at Colossal Cave Mountain Park; one section of metal Post Office boxes, two large metal scales, and the National cash register purchased by Otto Schley. It was a special order, its front plate says, "Otto Schley & Co." It was used in the Old Vail Post Office until it closed in 1973. These items were purchased by Joe Maierhauser, operator of Colossal Cave Mountain Park in 1973 from Mary Jane Warner³².

The only telephone in Vail was inside the adobe Vail Post Office and Store until the early 1950's. This reinforced the roll of the Old Vail Post Office as a center for community communications. The phone call delivering the news of the WWII death of Private Bernadino Estrada, the son of a homesteading family³³, and the call to Mr. and Mrs. Dillon telling them of the elopement of their daughter Jane Dillon and Jack Herman in

²⁶ Monthan, George. Personal interview. 1 August 2009. Vail Preservation Society.

²⁷ Monthan, Jesse. Personal interview. 3 March 1983. Arizona Historical Society.

²⁸ Woolsey, Edward. Personal interview. 14 October 2009.

²⁹ Post Office Log Book. Postal History Foundation.

³⁰ Davis, Jacqueline. Personal interview. 24 October 2009.

³¹ Woolsey, Edward. Personal interview. 14 October 2009.

³² Maierhauser, Joe. Personal interview. 2003. Colossal Cave Mountain Park.

³³ Mayer, Fred. Personal interview. 11 March 2009. Vail Preservation Society.

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the 1940's came on this phone³⁴. Postmistress Mary Jane Warner took the news to their families. The Old Vail Post Office did, and continues to, create a sense of place, and serve as an anchor for the Vail community.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been Requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency Local government
- University

Name of repository:

Other-Vail Preservation Society, P.O. 982, Vail, AZ 85641

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

10. Geographical Data

60'X41' (the building Acreage of Property <u>itself measures 50'X21'</u>) (Do not include previously listed resource acreage)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property)

Pima County, Arizona, Pima county Recorder Book 10, page 65. Township 16S, Range 16E. Assessor's Parcel number 004G7

Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected)

The building sits on the northeast corner of a 4.78 acre parcel owned by Patty and Chauncey Kelley. There are no other buildings within 50', and no other buildings from the territorial era. The other buildings are commercial or residential.

11. Form Prepared By	
name/title J.J. Lamb, Director	
organization Vail Preservation Society	date May 8, 2010
street & number 2954 E. Cardenas Dr.	telephone 520-419-4428
city or town Vail (unincorporated)	state AZ zip code 85641
e-mail Vailpreservationsociety@gmail.com	

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

1. Maps: A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.

2. Continuation Sheets-1

3. Additional items: (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Aerial photograph (photo copy) showing location and surroundings of the Old Vail Post Office.
 Post Office Department Appointment Division Form. November 22, 1900.
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 Mary Jane C. Warner dies at 79; Vail leader. *Arizona Daily Star*, July 1, 1985.
 Santa Rita of the Desert, Haven of Peace and Rest. *Arizona Daily Star*, March 31, 1935.
 Arizona Album. Postmaster J. Knox Corbett Pauses in Sunday Ride.

16. Vail Post Office & Store at Vails Station. Timeline.

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property:	Old Vail Post Office
City or Vicinity:	13105 E. Colossal Cave Rd., Vail
County:	Pima
State:	Arizona
Photographer:	May 2010 photos-J.J. Lamb, historic photos-unknown
Date Photographed:	May 2010, historic photos-dates unknown
Location of Original Digital Files:	2954 E. Cardenas Dr., Vail, AZ 85651
Number of Photographs:	14

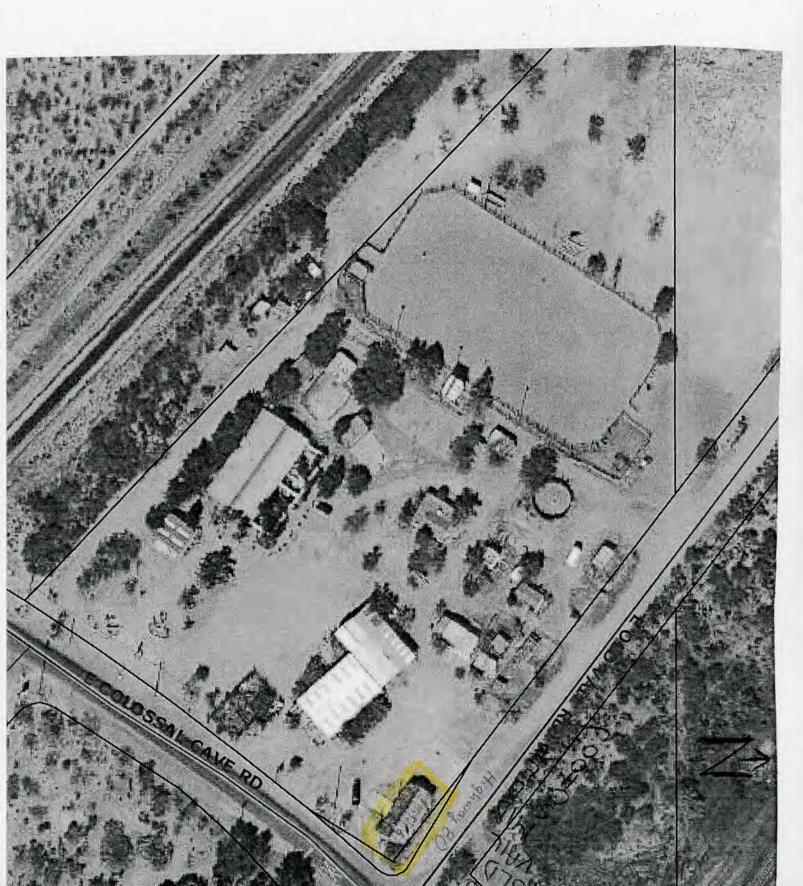
Description of Photograph(s) and number:

- 1 of 14-North side of Old Vail Post Office showing main entrance doorways. Camera facing south.
- 2 of 14-North side of Old Vail Post Office showing Shrine of Santa Rita to east. Camera facing south.
- 3 of 14-East side of Old Vail Post Office. Camera facing west.
- 4 of 14-South side of Old Vail Post Office and concrete slab that was used for hay and feed storage. Current food vendor. Camera facing north.
- 5 of 14-West side of Old Vail Post Office. Camera facing east.
- 6 of 14-View looking at northwest corner of Old Vail Post Office. Camera facing southeast.
- 7 of 14-View of Old Vail Post Office from north side of east-bound railroad track showing Colossal Cave Rd. and Shrine of Santa Rita to the left (east). Camera facing south.
- 8 of 14- AT written on ceiling board on northeast corner of large window on interior of Old Vail Post Office.
- 9 of 14- P (for Pantano) located on ceiling board in center of west end of building.
- 10 of 14-pieced roof joist interior support. Use of salvaged materials.
- 11 of 14- Interior mud plaster of Old Vail Post Office.
- 12 of 14-Old Vail Post Office sometime between 1935 and 1945. Camera facing south.
- 13 of 14-Old Vail Post Office and Shrine of Santa Rita sometime between 1935 and 1945. Camera facing southeast.
- 14 of 14-Interior photo of Old Vail Post Office taken 1962 showing Postmistress Mary Jane Warner. Camera facing south.

Property Owner:	
name Jonathan Kelley and Patricia Kelley	
street & number 13105 E. Colossal Cave Rd.	telephone 520-762-5301
city or town Vail	state AZ zip code 85641

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.



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(LOCATION PAPER :

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Post Office Department,

No. 1011.

OFFICE OF THE FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., -NOV-20-1960-100 . 100 .

of ______, it will be necessary for you to carefully answer the subjoined questions, get a neighboring pertmaster to certify to the correctness of the answers, and return the location paper to the Department, addressed to me. If the site selected for the proposed office be not on any mail route, only a "Special Office" can be established, to be supplied with mail from some convenient point on the nearest mail route by a special carrier, for which service a sum equal two-thirds the salary of the postmaster will be paid by the Department.

You should inform the contractor, or person performing service for him, of this application, and require him to execute the appended certificate as to the practicability of supplying the proposed office with mail.

Very respectfully,

Fourth Assistant Postmuster General.

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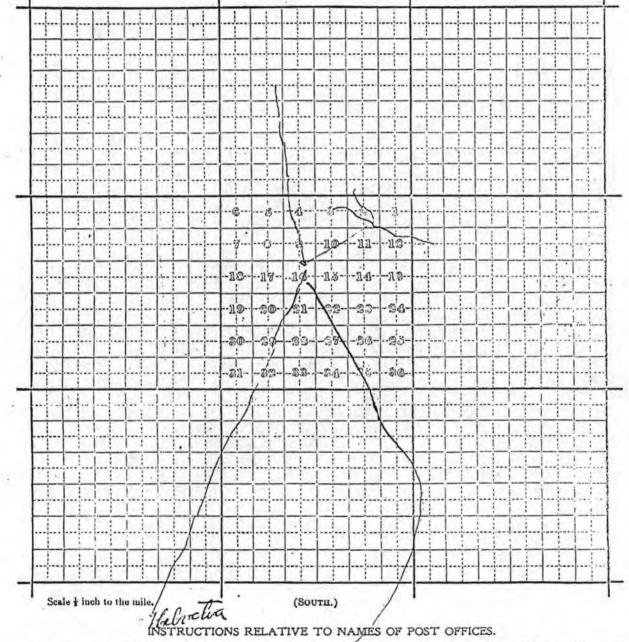
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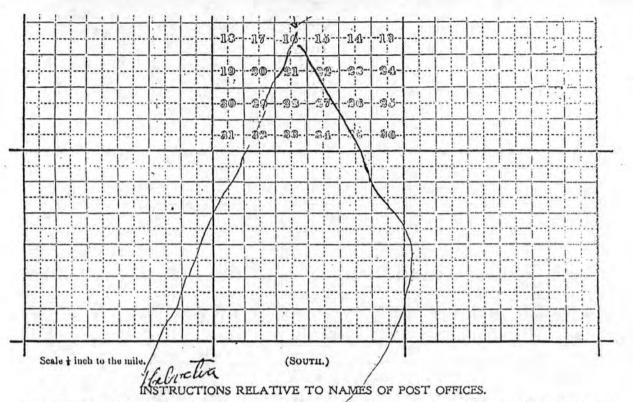
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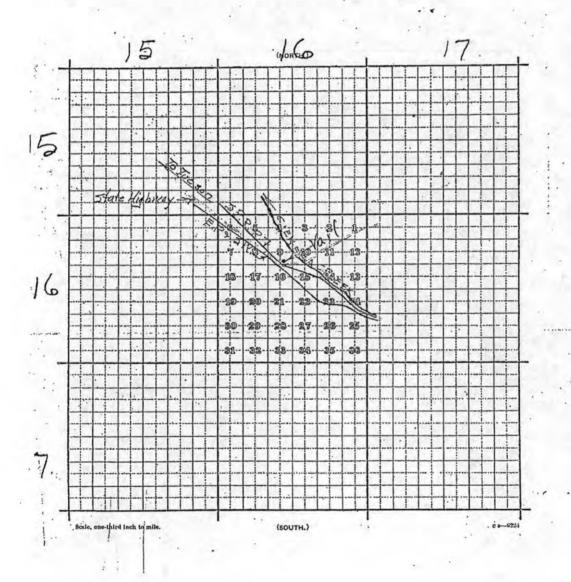
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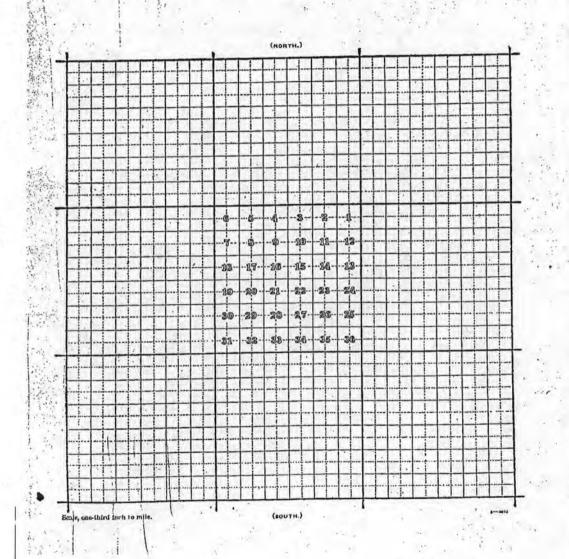
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Post Office Department FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL RETURN TO Hashington DIVISION OF TOPOGRAPHY MAY 23 1946 Postmaster, 1.... ARIZA The following information is required in order that your post office may be shown in its proper location on postal maps. Please complete this form immediately and return it without delay with the map or sketch described on the reverse side. mye A letter of reply is not necessary. Walter FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL. arizona 1. Street address of post office County 16 2. Township _ (If location is described by section, township, and range, fill in line 3.) 3. T.E. quarter of section 16 Township 16 Nor S. ____ Range 16 E. 4. Nearest adjoining county Lochi SC. How far: Shortest air distance? _____ By road?_ Distance 17 TIL 5. Nearest U. S. or State highway 45. 80 Direction from P. O. 5 14 Name of railroad Jouther Htacif 6. Name of nearest railroad station ____ 7. Distance by road to railroad station 300 feet Direction from post office North + Fouth Direction from post office North - South 8. Shortest air distance to nearest tracks .300 feet 9. Streams or bodies of water nearest to your office: Direction fr 10. Post offices nearest to your office (one in each general direction) : East anTono ITTa Hesi Finto 20 11 UCSON From where? East + HIest SPRR. 11. How is mail supplied to your office? rural route, etc.) POST OFFICE DEPT. Fourth Astertant P M G (Date) JUN 1 0 1946 (Signed) ÷ Division of Topography Post office 44-5 4901-2-R (OVER)

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TPORTANT .-- A map showing the location of your post office must be submitted with the return of this paper. A may map such as prepared by State, county, or local agencies is preferred, if it can be furnished without expense to the article. Be sure, however, to mark on it the exact site of the post office, placing a small dot in the proper square or block on the proper side of the street.

Range

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If no map can be furnished it is necessary to draw a sketch on one of the diagrams below.

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INSTRUCTIONS

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These diagrams are furnished simply to make it easier to draw a sketch that will show correct distances from your P.O. Tueson post office.

SQUARE DIAGRAM

Use this diagram if your post office is located in an area described by section, township, and range, and you have filled in line 3 on the other side. Otherwise use the circular diagram.

Place a small dot representing your post office in the proper quarter-section and fill in the blanks for township and rango numbers.

Then draw the following features: (Note that one-half inch on the paper equals 1 mile on the ground.)

a. Adjacent post offices (show with small dols and name).

b. Railroads (show by single line with cross marks; name).

c. Highways (show by double lines: close logether and mark U.S. and State numbers: name in margin the post office to which each road leads).

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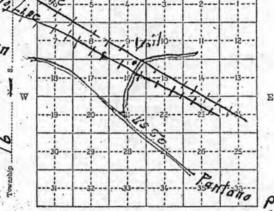
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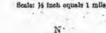
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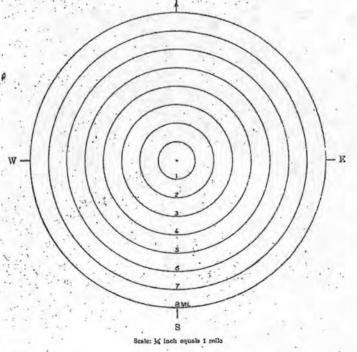
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A parcel of land 50 feet in width, the southerly line of which is the northerly line of the Southern Pacific Bailmoad right-ofway, extending southeasterly from Vail Connection Road to the southerly extension of the easterly line of Parcel IIT in Sect recorded in Docke: 4343 at page 227; and a parcel of land 100 feet in width, the southerly line of which is the northerly line of the Southern Pacific Bailmoad right-of-way, from the easterly line of raid Parcel III to the east line of said northeast quarter, conveyed to Piaa County by Decida recorded in Docket 4343 at page 221 and 223.

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To have and to hold the said property as Trustee with full power and authority to cell, convey and mortgage the same and overy part thereof and dedicate portions thermof to the public use and to deal with said property and every part thereof in all cher ways and for such considerations as would be lawful for any person coming the same so to do.

Subject to current taxes and assessments, and to all easements, restrictions, reservations, encumbrances and other matters affecting said property, of record in the office of the County Recorder of Pima County, Arizona.

Dated this 30 day of _ October 19 72 1/11 J . Gordon RIZONA) 155. AMA ment was acknowledged before me this 30 day of Dit , 19 7 Z-J. Cordon. Lus Ash Notary Public 800x 4369 PME 178

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	For the consideration of Ten Dollars, and other valuable considerations, the undersigned TRANSAMERICA TITLE. INSURANCE COMPANY, an Arizona composition, as Trustee, the Granter horein, does hereby subject to ALLAN D. SHADRON and JEANNE I. SHADRON, husband and wife the Grantee, the following real property situated in Pine County, Atleona, fogetier with all fights and	
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	Subject to all tases and other assessments, reservations in patents and all easements, rights of w.y. encumbrances, liens, covenants, conditions, restrictions, obligations and liabilities as may appear of record.	
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/ LLAN D. SHADRON and JEANNE L. SHADRON, husband and wife

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And I or we do warrant the title against all persons whomsoever, subject to the matters above set forth.

Dated this 20th day of ... October . 1966

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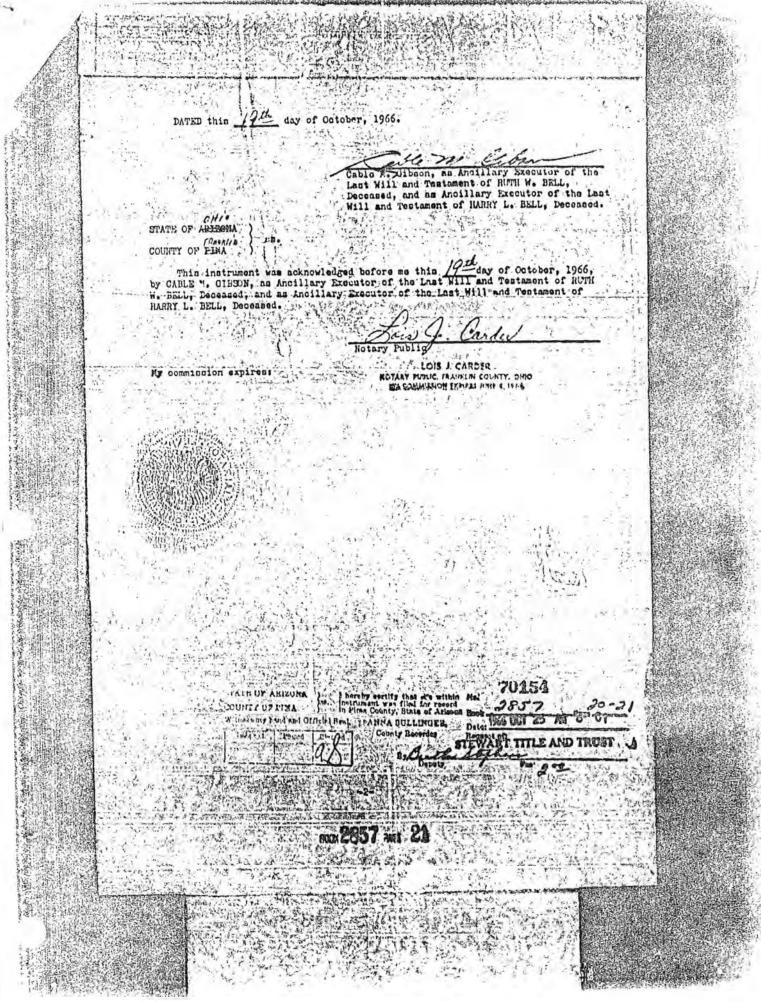
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My commission will expire by Commission Famires Viay 17, 1980

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Vail postmistress ends 39-year job

By MICHELINE KEATING

Some people waste their lives rushing hither and yon in search of fulfillment and never finding it.

Others find happiness and reward tucked away in the byways of the world.

Mary Jane Warner will say goodbye tomorrow to the building that has been her home and her office for 39 years — the post office at Vall, Ariz.

Her life has not been what she planned, but looking back upon it now she wouldn't change a single day.

When she arrived at the tiny outpost in the foothills of the Rincons between Tucson and Henson there was the post office and general store, a three-room schoolhouse and a whistin stor schoolhouse and a

Today in this sree of the spreads, Vali romains much the same.

There is a new schoolhouse, credited largely to Mary Jane who served 20 years on the school board, a committment of which she is justly proud.

There is a Roman Catholic church, the gift of Mrs. Charles Beach.

The railroad station and the general store have given way i to the highways and automo- : bile for shopping.

But the old adobe post office where Mary Jane has lived and worked for 39 years is unchanged. Only the American flag flying above marks it as something more than an out.

"I've only had gas and electricity for the past 15 years," she reminisced, leaning on the window counter of the post office half of the building. "I still have to hauf in all my water. But I've loved every minute of my life here. The people are so nice. People are what make life worthwhile."

Mary Jane came to Vail to bury her mother. Her mother had come to the Southwest with the vain hope of rebuilding the health of her tubercu-

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Continued from Page 17 lar husband, Mary Jane's stepfather.

First the father died, then Mary Jane's nother, who had been supporting the family as the Vail postmistress and manager of the general store. They left three small children.

"I had been working for Ford in 'Tulsa for slx years, when mother died," Mary Jane said. "I took a leave of absence to come here to settle mother's affairs and find homes for the children. If anyone had told me then that I'd still he here 40 years later, I'd have laughed at then.."

Before she realized fully what was happening, Mary Jane had been appointed Vail postnutstress and was settled in the tlay rooms at one side of the post office building rearing her ready-made family.

"Now the children are all married and away raising their own families and here I am about to change my whole way of life at 68," she explained.

She says she was frightened to death of the wild and woolly west when she started her life at Vall.

"I cried myself to sleep almost every night," she said, now laughing at the memory of it. "I was scared of almost everything here. Before going to bed I'd make the kids take flashlights and look under every piece of furniture. I don't know what we'd have done If we ever found anything."

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the counter and nuzzled her affectionately.

"ilappy has a dog house ontside, but he prefers to sleep indoors," she said, matter of factly.

Mary Jane is a small, spry woman with lively brown eyes and thick, beautifully coiffed greying hair, who looks much younger than she is.

She has her future well planned. She has bought a mobile home and has it parked on a lot on East Blacklidge Street in Tucson.

"I'm starting out with everything new," she said excitedly. "I've been going through my keepsakes. I won't have room for all of them in my new place and it is hård deciding what to keep and what must be discarded."

She has sold many of her possessions. A poster for Camet cigareties, which has decorated the post office wall for as long as Mary Jane has been there, was purchased for \$200 by a woman whose son collects them.

Her 1906 each register, now a collector's item, brought in \$400.

"It hurt to sell my piano," she said, "but it is too big for the new place. The accumulation of 40 years is terrific."

She looked wistfully about the dingy recesses of the post office and sighed.

"I expect l'il have some crying jags at first," she saul softly. "I'll try to be lazy, but that will be hard for me. But with my years, maybe it will be ensior than I think. I like to read. I the to knil. And I want enough water to grow them here."

But first Mary Jane is going to travel.

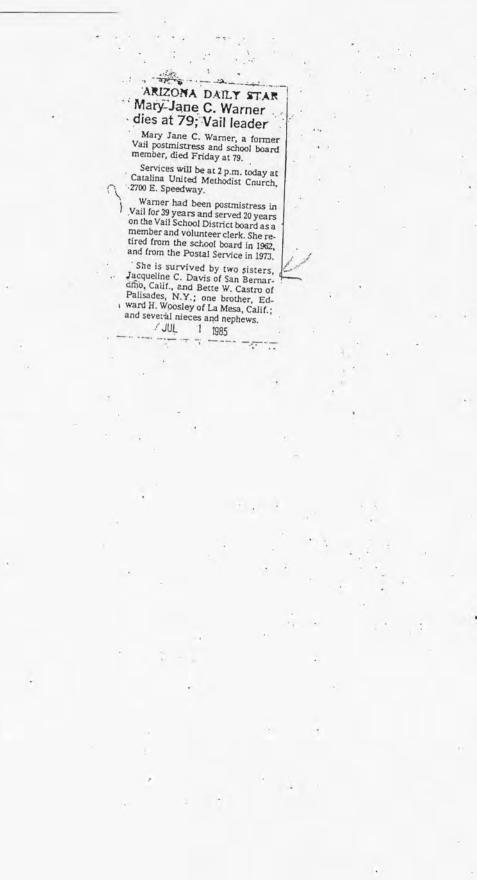
"I'm using the money from the sale of the things for a trip to Australia and the South Pacific islands," she said. "I want to see places I've never seen before."

The memories she will take with her are her friendships with the neighborhood ranchers, her 20 years of service as the volunteer clerk on the school board and the rewards of her 39 years of postal service.

"When I slarted here I was paid \$75 a month. This year my salary was \$12,000," she said with pride in a Job well done. "I'll have \$500 a month pension which will see me llurough the rest of my life. Looking back. I wouldn't change a mhute of it."

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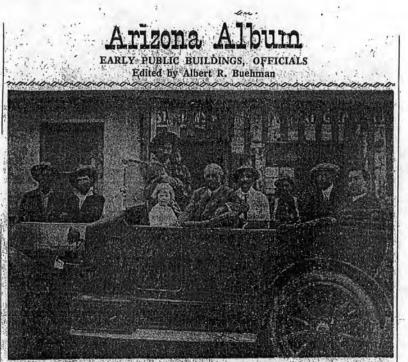


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POSTMASTER J. KNOX CORBETT PAUSES IN SUNDAY RIDE

It was a sunny Sunday afternoon back in 1913 when four men and a little girl took a ride to Vall and back in a new Hudson touring car belonging to J. Knox. Corbett, pioneer businessman and post-master. Postinaster Corbett is shown here in the front seat of his new car with his small granddaughter, Gulita. This picture was taken in front of the Vail store by one of the passengers on the ride, Tucson Attorney Arnold T. Smith. The man in the white shirt is Otto Schley, owner of the Vail store and bar.

T PAUSES IN SUNDAY RIDE Passengers in the rear seat of the sporty touring car with the top down were (with cap) L. H. Fahnstock, assistant cashier of: the Consolidated National Bank, and George M. Daum, long-time postal em-ploye who retired in 1955 after over 40 years of postal service in Tucson. Corbett and his guests stopped at Vail-for a cold drink and this picture was snapped at that time. The two men be-hind, the hood of the car and the man standing on the running board holding a child are unknown. (Photo Courtesy of George M. Daum.)

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Post Masters

Name	Appointed	Commissioned	Took Possession		Remarks
Harry A. Mann	1901	1903			
Otto W.H. Schley	10.16.1905				
Andrew Duffey	10.02.1907	11.02.1907			
Otto Schley	1909				
Richard Mason	12.17.1915	01.07.1916		01.23.1916	Resigned
Duffy, A.C.	1914-1916				
	Otto Schley li	isted as mail contractor (d. 1914, Sarah?)		
Kruse Davis	09.19.1917	10.12.1917		12.08.1927	Resigned
Richard Lee	12.13.26				
Sarah E. Schley (actin	g) 12.08.1927		11.01.27	01.04.1928	
(Eveleen –called Evie)	10.24.1927			07.15.1929	
Dovie Woolsey	10.24.1929	12.07.1929	09.11.1929	04.21.1934	Died
	10.03.1929				
Mary Jane Warner	05.25.1934	04.22.1934		05.31.1973	Retired
Ruth Lucy Latke Mo	atthews-during	the 1950's she took care	of Post Office for Mary Jar	ne Warner whe	en she was on vacation
Patricia Meyer	06.22.74				Lone Pine
John Hudson	2003-2005				

Vail, Vail's Station/Post Office Timeline

1880About April 15th the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks make it to Vail's Station....in 1880, and the railroad point from which supplies were freighted to mines was named for him. Arizona PlaceNames . 1960. p. 286

1881 Vail Pima Co. Station S.P.R.R., 20 miles east of Tucson, between Empire and Rita stations. Established 1881. After Walter Vail of Vail and Gates, cattlemen of this region as early as 1880. Walter Vail had the ...There is another station by this name on adjacent E.P. & S.W.R.R. between Esmond and Pantano stations 20 miles east of Tucson. About 3 miles north of other Vail station. Barnes, Arizona Place Names, 1988. p. 466

...The Vail station is between the Empire and Rita stations on old railroad maps. In 1883 a post office was established at Pantano... (nine miles east of Vail)

- 1883 Cienega is 29 miles east of Tucson (this is probably the station located to the east) J.O. Dunbar hotel and saloon and corral 1884 listing-hotel and liquors
- 1887 ??wooden building constructed per Vosberg /Vail & SPRR easement on site of Old Vail P.O. Used for commerce, and By 1904 for Mail delivery.
- 1894-1899 RR Work Orders associated with Vails
- 1899-1900 Tucson=Helvetia Stage. DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAY. Leaves San Xavier and Occidental Hotels at 9 a.m., Fare \$2.00 Davis & Barkley, Prop's. Population?
- 1900 U.S. Postal Service Certificate authorizing mail service to Vail through the Southern Pacific. First mail service at the SPRR Passenger Station built in 1900. Harry Man(n) first Postmaster. Mann is also the SPRR and Wells Fargo Agent. La Cienega Ranch-C.O. Crane
- Vails, Population 100.
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 Cage, D.C., gen. mdse., and bar.
 Crane & Fraker, liveray and rancers (sic)

Mann, H.A., postmaster and S.P.R.R. agt. 1902 Pima County Directory, p. 152, AHS

Population 100
 Vails/Vails Station
 Post Office and Stage Station (to Helvetia and Cuprite mines)
 Post Office/mail delivery opens with Harry Mann as first Post Master out of the S.P. R.R. Passenger Station

1904 Population? Henry Jefferson Dowdle, general merchandise (Ranching also)

Population 15 Mining – Leading Industry Man H.L Postmaster and Southern Pacific Agent and Wells-Fargo Exp. Dowdle, Henry, general merchandise Otto W.H. Schley-becomes Postmaster and moves mail service to wooden building on site of current Old Vail P.O. (Business partnerships with H.A. Mann and Dunham purchased land from Praxedis Ode Andrade for \$1.00-quarter between sections 18 and 19, Township 17 south, Range 17 east) Otto Schley-guano mining w/partners in Colossal Cave

1907-1908 Population 15

Leading Industry – Mining Schley, Otto-Postmaster Schley & Co Otto, general Merchandise Williams E.R., Stage Line to Helvetia Lecenega (sic) Land and Cattle Co, E.A. ARfwedson mgr. Farley, T.H.-restaurant Duffy, A.C. Southern Pacific Agent, Wells Fargo Express Co. Vail Stage Line, Vail to Helvetia. Stage and mail daily from Vail. **May 22, 1908-Wooden mercantile and Post Office burns. May-June 1908-Adobe Post Office and Mercantile built** Fall 1908-'Casa Blanca' built as home for Otto and Sarah (Evie) Schley

1909-1910

1905

Population 15 Leading Industry – Mining Schley, Otto – Postmaster

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Schley & Co Otto, general merchandise Duffy, A.C., Southern Pacific Agent, Wells, Fargo Express Co Lecenega (sic) Land and Cattle Co, E.A. Arfwedson mgr. Alex Berger, daughter-Helen, son-Samual Parker, Tom, stage line to Helvetia Davis, C.E., Rep Helvetia Copper Co.

1911-1912 Population 15 Leading Industry-Mining Schley, Otto-Postmaster Schley & Co Otto, general merchandise, mail contractors Duffy, A.C., agent Southern Pacific, Wells, Fargo Express Co. La Cienega Land & Cattle Col, RR Schweitzer mgr. Vail Stage Line ran to Helvetia-stage and mail from Vail daily

1914-1915 Population 15

Leading Industry-Mining Otto Schley-Mail Contractor, general merchandise, saloon La Cienega Land & Cattle Co., J.J. Lynn mgr. Duffy, A.D., Southern Pacific Agent, Wells Fargo Express Co., Postmaster Postmaster and mercantile owner Otto Schley dies-1914

1915-1916 Population 25

Leading industry-Mining Duffy, A.C. Postmaster, Southern Pacific Agent, and Wells Fargo Express Co. La Cienega Land & Cattle Co., Monthan Bros. mgrs. Mrs. S.E. Schley-general merchandise

Mining

Vail's, Vail's Station

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Helvetia Mining District

The northern end of the Santa Rita range is within the lines of the Helvetia District, which adjoins the Greaterville and the Empire Districts. The shipping point for most of the mines in the Helvetia is Vails Station, on the main line of the Southern Pacific. The ores of copper predominates. Black Horse and Goodenough Group. Two claims. Shipments have been made of copper ore. Eight miles by wagon road to Vails Station. Cuprite Mining and Smelting Company Eight claims copper sulphide ore. Copper Mountain. Five claims; copper sulphide ore. J.K. Brown- Eight claims. Thos. Deering Group. –Five claims; copper sulphide ore. J.K. Brown. - Eight claims. Thos. Deering Group. –Five Exlips. Nineteen acres, patented. Helvetia Copper Company. Area is estimated by acre (2,500), half patented. Formerly Hughes property. Ores copper carbonates and yellow sulphide. At and near contact of limestone and granite. Equipped with 150-ton smelter, now idle (1908-1910). Railway to the Santa Cruz projected. Iowa Mining and Smelting Company, Blue Jay group. Twelve claims. Ore Shipped to Vails Station, sixteen miles.

Schley & Phelps Group. Eleven Claims: copper ores. Narragansett Eight claims; contact deposit; copper ore. New York Copper M. and Smelting Company, eight claims.

Cuprite

Rosemont

Guano Mining - Otto Schley & Partners 1905 at Colossal Cave

Early Businesses in Vail area

 1883 and 1884
 1899-1900
 J.O. Dunbar hotel and saloon and corral-Cienega Stage Stop-about 7 miles east.
 Tucson=Helvetia Stage Davis & Barkley, Prop's.

Post Office. & General Store Related Biographical Information

Kruse, Davis	1948 Postmaster Vail and later Southern Pacific Agent in Tombstone 1929-1941 Husband of Ida Florene Davis Father of Brooks, Kruse Jr., Rodger, Mary. Father-in-law of Carl Monthan Brother of Nora Arnold,Young,Edward		
Cage, D.C.	General Merchandise and bar		
Crane & Fraker	Livreay (sic) and rancers (sic) Livery and Ranchers, John Fraker and C.D. (Carter) homesteaded in Section 16		
Dowdle, Henry F.	Grocer 1904?-1905, also ranched in the area.		
Kelley, Arthur	Feed Store 1975-1992, husband of Mary Jane		
Mann, H. A.	Post Master and S.P.R.R. agent (Pima County Directory 1903-1904, p. 152) <i>Empire Valley Mining Company</i> — <i>Placer</i> claims; 300 acres; H. A. Mann, president.		
Schley, Sarah Rae	Sarah Eveleen Field Rae Schley, wife of George Rae, and Otto Schley Daughter-Jesse Rae (married Guy Monthan of Rancho del Lago), Son-Paul Schley		
Schley, Otto	Grocer, miner, Postmaster, operated a mercantile. Second husband of Sarah Eveleen Field Rae Father of Paul Schley		
Warner, Mary Jane	Wife of Everett Sister of Bud, Bette, and Edward and Jacqueline Daughter of Dovie Woolsey and Capt. Kerry		
Woolsey, Dovie	Wife ofWoolsey. Dovie's first husband was Capt. Kerry		

Building & Structure information

Boxcar	El Paso and Southwestern, later used by Vail School District as a classroom and for shop class.		
Corral's	for shipping cattle		
Casa Blanca	Home of Otto and Sarah Schley, later used as Vail School District Teacherage		
S.P.R.R. Foreman's Ho	ome Moved to I10 and Kolb Rd. in early 1970's.		
Old Vail Post Office	Originally a wooden building, it burned in 1908. Store rebuilt from adobe in 1908. United States Postal Service operated a post office in building. The building also used as a bar, gas station, general store, living quarters.		
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Matea Romero	Adobe about 1935, prior to that a tin house, midwife delivering babies as early as 1917. Maid for Mrs. Beach, Beaches built her a 16X16' adobe home about 1935 between the rail road tracks.		
Station House	S.P.R.R., concrete floor, adobe walls.		
Freight House	north of adobe about 30'		
Passenger Station	1900-1947, 25' north of the east-bound RR track		
Pool House	Burned in 1930's?		
Wagner's Home	Dances held on weekends. Mrs. Wagner made tamales for dances.		

Businesses at site of Old Vail Post Office (in 18?? wooden building or in 1908 adobe)

Bar	D.C. Cage, Otto Schley
Grocery & Mercantile	D.C. Cage, Henry Franklin Dowdle, Otto Schley, Sarah Schley,
	Dovie Woolsey, Mary Jane Warner
Gas Station	Otto Schley (?), Sarah Schley, Dovie Woolsey
Livery at west end (?)	Crane & Fraker (they supplied feed for both ends of the Tucson to Helvetia Stageline)

Railroad Work Orders

1894, August 10	Camp-spur put in at Vail's Siding. Appr. No. 1320: amount \$275.00
1897, December 6	New Passing-track between Vail's and Pantano, Appr. No. 2522, \$2,366.
1899, July 26	Construction of cistern at Vails for purpose of storing water to be sold to
	Our patrons hauling freight to and from that station. No. 2960, \$200.
1899, August 17	Construct freight house at Vail Station, rough board and batten/shingle
	Roof. 40X40'. No. 2974, \$1020.
1899, October 17	Spur track at Vails
1899, October 13	Spur-Track at Vail for accommodation of the Helvetia Mining Co. The
	Spur to be about 1100'. No. 3046: amount \$800.
1899, December 12	moving the little freight house from Vail Station. No. 3095, \$1310.

Related Locations

Rancho del Lago	Varient names Cienega Ranch, La Cienega Ranch, Vail Ranch Area homesteaded by John Fraker, C.D. Crane, purchased by - Muel Family, Dowdle family?, Alma & Jeremiah Tattersfield.
	Very successful farm/ranch. Fraker and Crane began channeling and damming Cienega Creek in late 1890's, 1908 brought a renewed effort and building of the dam located about one mile east of where Cienega Creek and Pantano Wash merge.
	Putnam Cleveland purchased in mid 1930's. Took out fields and orchards and built a horse race track. Actors Caesar Romero and Fernando Lamas were frequent guests in 1930's and early '40's. Putnam Cleveland had some legal Water disputes with former owner Alma Tattersfield.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 11000044

Property Name: Old Vail Post Office

County: Pima State: AZ

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

February 22, 2011 Date of Action Signature of the Keeper

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 8: Statement of Significance

The box for Criterion Consideration G is, hereby, marked to correspond to the ending date for the period of significance, 1973, which signifies the year the post office ceased its lengthy operation. Although this date is less than 50 years ago, it is the most appropriate date for a property whose exceptional value is based on a long and continuing history of public service and is remarkable example of adobe construction.

The Arizona State Office was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION: National Register property file Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Vail Post Office, Old NAME :

MULTTPLE NAME :

STATE & COUNTY: ARIZONA, Pima

DATE RECEIVED: 1/07/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/14/11 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/01/11 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/22/11 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 11000044

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL:	N	DATA PROBLEM:	Ν	LANDSCAPE:	Ν	LESS THAN 50 YEARS:	Y
OTHER:	N	PDIL:	N	PERIOD:	Ν	PROGRAM UNAPPROVED:	N
REQUEST:	Y	SAMPLE:	Ν	SLR DRAFT:	Y	NATIONAL:	N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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RECOM./CRITERIA	
REVIEWER LACCellard	DISCIPLINE
TELEPHONE	DATE 2/22/11

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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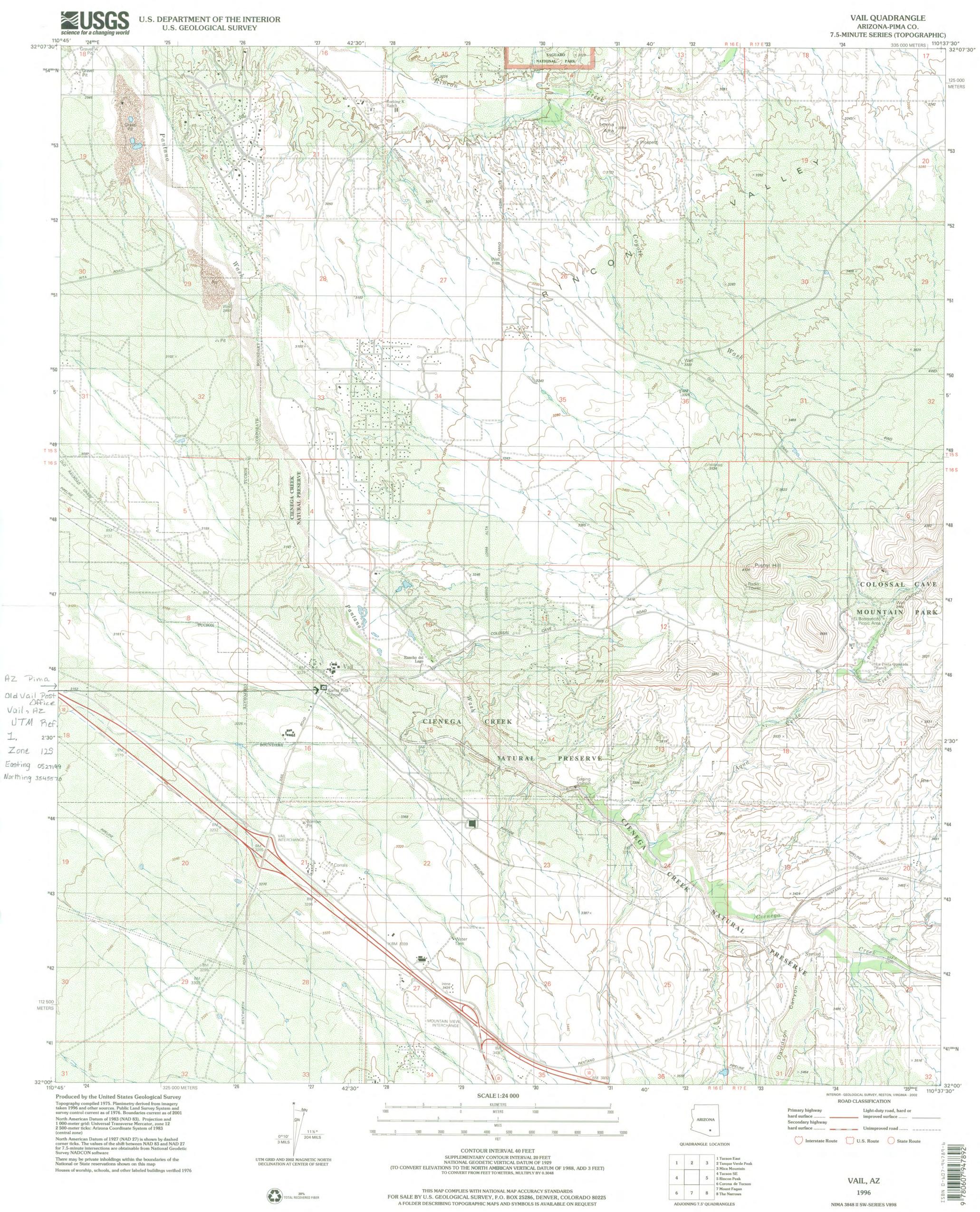
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January 3, 2011

Carol Shull Keeper of the National Register National Park Service 1201 Eye Street, NW 8th Floor (MS2280) Washington, D.C. 2005-5905

RE: Old Vail Post Office Vail, Pima, AZ

Dear Ms. Shull:

I am pleased to submit the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for the property referenced above.

Accompanying documentation is enclosed, as required. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me at <u>vstrang@azstateparks.gov</u> or at 602.542.4662.

Sincerely,

Thiria Stran

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