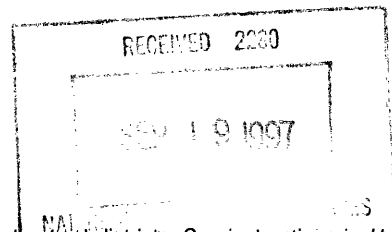
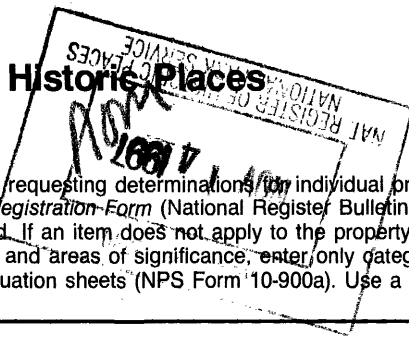


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name BUCKLAND STATION

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 7 Miles South of the Junction of Highway 95 and U.S. 50 not for publication

city or town _____ vicinity

state Nevada code NV county Lyon code 019 zip code 89040

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Ronald M. Jones SAPO 8-29-97
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper S. R. J. J. J. Date of Action 12/29/97

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

- building(s), district, site, structure, object

Table with columns: Contributing, Noncontributing, buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/hotel/Inn, Commerce/Trade/ Trading Post/General Store/ Restaurant/Roadhouse/Tavern, Transportation/ road-related/ Pony Express Station toll bridge/ stage stop

Vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival/Vernacular

foundation stone - granite, walls wood, balloon frame w/clapboard, roof wood - cedar shingle, other adobe

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

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.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics 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.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

- Architecture
- Commerce
- Exploration/Settlement
- Transportation

Period of Significance

1859-1901

Significant Dates

1870

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Samuel Buckland

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Samuel Buckland

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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:

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

Name of repository:

BUCKLAND STATION
Name of Property

LYON NEVADA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Bernadette Francke

organization _____ date June 7, 1997

street & number 5555 Rivers Edge Drive telephone 702/867-2586

city or town Fallon state NV zip code 89406

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

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.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Nevada State Parks

street & number 1300 South Curry Street telephone 702/687-4370

city or town Carson City state NV zip code 89703

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 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 Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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7. Description:

Buckland Station is located on the north bank of the Carson River two miles east of Fort Churchill National Historic Landmark in Lyon County, Nevada. The station serves as a tangible resource that interprets westward expansion, commerce, transportation and ranching on the Nevada frontier during the latter part of the nineteenth century. Built ca 1870, it replaced an earlier stage station on the same site. Samuel Buckland, owner and proprietor, used materials purchased from the then newly decommissioned Fort Churchill to supply his construction needs. The station has been recently purchased by the State of Nevada and is administered by Nevada State Parks. The building is a simplified Greek Revival style, perhaps influenced by wood frame construction at Fort Churchill.

Buckland Station is a two-story rectangular structure with a side-gable roof. Appended to this rectangle is a story and a half ell, only the bottom level of which is accessible. This ell has been extended farther toward the rear(east), taking in what was probably an adobe spring house. This extension is terminated by a back porch. Except for the adobe structure, the entire building is wood balloon framed with wood clapboard siding. Holes in the siding show adobe nogging on the interior of the first floor on the south elevation. The first ell is part of the original construction. At least one subsequent addition followed connecting the adobe spring house to the original building. The latter ell is vernacular in style and was constructed to provide more kitchen and storage space.

Window and doors on the main block and the first ell match suggesting that they were built at the same time. Fenestration are, for the most part, tall narrow six over six double hung though some two over two are scattered randomly, perhaps representing replacement of broken muttons or replacement salvaged from another building. Doors have an ornate panel with

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curved moldings. Originally a full front porch extended across the front of the station but it was removed in the 1950's for road widening along U.S. 95.

The foundation is rubble stone laid to just above grade. The first floor appears to bear directly on the stone footing. Above the floor joists the walls of the balloon framed wood studs extend the full height of the two floors. The first floor joists are supported on wood girders resting on the stone footings. The floor sheathing appears to be a double layer with the bottom layer diagonal and the top layer straight. The second floor interior framing is similar to the first except that joists are supported on a ledger at the center load bearing wall on the first floor and span wall to wall. The interior of the structure is unchanged from its original construction.

The ell buildings are of similar construction to the main structure. The exception in this construction is that there does not appear to be any stone footings. The ells have a lower pitch roof than the main building.

The adobe construction of the spring house consists of a stone foundation with 24" adobe blocks forming the walls and a hipped roof. A back porch of the adobe and rear ell are covered with a shed roof. The entire roof system is covered with cedar shingles.

There are three small agricultural buildings located across the road from the station. They appear to less than fifty years of age and are in a very dilapidated condition. While they appear to have some visual value they should be considered non-contributing.

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8. Statement of Significance:

Buckland's Station is significant as a nineteenth century way station strategically located along the Carson River and the Simpson-Overland Route, a regional transportation road. It represents the momentous phase of western expansion and transportation in Nevada beginning in 1859. Commercial ventures such as the Pony Express and Overland Stage stopped at the site along with wagon trains of emigrants. The building is significant under criterion A, B & C.

Early emigrant and exploration trails have crossed Western Nevada as early as 1841. As the tide of emigration to California swelled, settlement along the Carson River began in the early 1850's. This coincided with the establishment of numerous other way stations and forts along the westward route.

In 1859 Samuel Buckland acquired 1,680 acres in the vicinity of the present day station. With the advent of the Pony Express in 1860, the station became a part of the line from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California. When the Pony Express ceased operations eighteen months later Buckland provided a store for the emigrants coming west and also functioned as the nearest settlement of any kind for the soldiers at Fort Churchill, two miles west. Buckland built a toll bridge, provided supplies, information and respite to those traveling west. He was well known as a innkeeper, businessman, rancher and politician.

Samuel Buckland constructed the existing building ca. 1870, and added a rear addition in 1873. The precise date of construction has been difficult to determine. A kitchen addition was added at the turn of the century which included the joining of an existing adobe structure. Buckland's Station has served as a centerpiece for civic affairs and was used as community hall, residence, school, polling place, and boarding house. The building has been recognized for its historic importance by the placement of a

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state sponsored historic marker in 1973.Historical background and significance:

Samuel Buckland, born September 13, 1826 in Kirkersville, Ohio came west with the California gold rush in 1850. He arrived in Nevada in 1858 and operated a freight business between Genoa, NV. and Placerville, CA. Buckland purchased and sold several ranches in the Carson Valley before moving 40 miles east to acquire 1,680 acres in an area formerly known as Pleasant Grove. Here he developed a profitable farming and ranching business along the Carson River. Buckland contracted with John Butterfield's Overland Stage Company in 1859 and Russell, Majors & Wadell's Pony Express in 1860 keeping the stock and boarding the company's men. Buckland built a toll bridge, operated a tent hotel, sold wholesale and retail groceries, hay and barley. His ranch served as an assembly point for volunteer units participating in the Pyramid Lake Indian War of 1860 before construction of Fort Churchill army post two miles to the west. Buckland's relationship with some of the Pauites was hostile. In an account from Davis' History of Nevada, a Pauite Indian describes him as "scolding and whipping Indians." Buckland joined the volunteers as a scout and appraised the Euro-Americans involvement in the battle as "a foolhardy undertaking." Buckland developed an extensive association with the newly constructed Fort Churchill in 1860 (National Registered Landmark) which included assisting with construction location and selling supplies.

Buckland offered work to 16 year old Eliza Prentis and her sister Margaret when they arrived with a wagon train bound for California in 1860. Eliza married Samuel Buckland that same year. They continued to improve their commercial operations selling provisions to miners heading east to Montana and transporting goods west to Virginia City, the core of the Comstock mining district (National Registered Landmark). Samuel Buckland attempted to create a ninety-seven acre "City of Buckland," near his ranch as evidenced by a survey he had completed in 1862 but it did not materialize. Buckland served as

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County Commissioner in 1861 during Nevada's pre-statehood years and his station served as the County Seat for Churchill County for three years.

Sources indicate that many of the materials for the construction of the present building came from Fort Churchill. The salvageable materials from the decommissioned fort were auctioned off in the spring of 1870. The station contained 19 rooms with two formal parlors downstairs and a ballroom, schoolroom, teachers quarters and seven bedrooms and storeroom upstairs. As an example of the buildings prominence, Samuel Buckland sponsored a Grand Ball in his new hall in 1871 advertising in Virginia City's Territorial Enterprise newspaper that "the best of music will be in attendance and all the appointments in connection with ball will be first class."

Eliza kept up correspondence with Margaret who had moved to Austin. These letters, found at the Nevada Historical Society in Reno, give significant insight into Eliza's life and provide an important source of information. In her letters she chronicles important events such as "our new house is built just back of the old one" (1873), and the great fire in Virginia City (National Historic Landmark) in October of 1875 left "eight thousand homeless people in the streets." The fire could be seen from Buckland Station, a five hour wagon ride from Virginia City. She describes pieces of hymn books and burnt silk that came "clear to our house." Eliza also noted the winter of 1879 as "colder than I ever knew it to be before. Since I been in this country. We put up ice over a foot thick."

Eliza gave birth to eight children: George, Sanford, Charles, Frank, Nelson, Samuel, Eliza and Ann. Five of the children are buried at the Fort Churchill Cemetery; sons, Sanford, Charles, Samuel (Jr.), and daughters Eliza and Ann.

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The construction of the Carson and Colorado Railroad boosted the development of Buckland's farming and ranching business in 1880. It passed through a portion of his property and a rail station was created nearby. The close proximity of a station allowed for easy transportation of goods produced on the ranch.

Eliza Buckland died on January 3, 1884 from an infection caused by a severe cut on her foot. Her son George wrote a touching letter to Eliza's sister Margaret informing her of the death saying "whenever we were outside and would come in the house for a few moments we would always see her with cheerful face and always have a nice warm fire in the room but there is nothing of the kind now." Samuel died twelve months later on December 28, 1884. He had been in ill health and moved to Dayton to live with his son George. Buckland sold his property three months before his death. Both he and Eliza are buried at the Fort Churchill Cemetery. The property was then owned by a series of farming and ranch families.

Nathan and Amos Stinson from Marin County, California, owned the site until 1901. It was then sold to the Charles Kiser Cattle Company which only held title for one year. As a result of Mr. Kisers' death, the property was sold to brothers Lon & Charles Towle, who operated the ranch until 1917. Alice Towle, daughter of Lon Towle, was the second woman to serve in the Nevada Legislature in 1929. D.C. Wheeler Company then held title for two years until 1920 when the station was purchased by the Garaventa Land & Livestock Company. First National Bank of Reno acquired the property in 1942. It was purchased by Norman Biltz & E.L. Cord.

Biltz, a California native, was part of the political machines of banker George Wingfield and Senator Patrick McCarren. Errett L. Cord, manufacturer of the Cord automobiles in Indiana, moved to Nevada and became a powerful force in Nevada politics. Biltz organized several shooting clubs at the Buckland ranch and began

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what he claimed as the first "game management" operations in Nevada. Pheasant were brought in from California and only a percentage, according to state law, were permitted to be shot, which allowed for establishment of a stable game population. Biltz deeded the property to his daughter and son-in-law Mary and John Nash in 1950. The Board of Directors for the "Fort Churchill Shooting Club" in 1959 was comprised of women. They were Dorothy Smith, Fern R. Genteman and Louella Fox. In 1964 Frank Ghiglia bought the property and the family held it for 31 years. George Ghiglia sold the property surrounding Buckland's Station and donated the building to Nevada State Parks in 1995.

The two-story Buckland Station with ell is a simplified Greek Revival structure. It is unclear what influenced Buckland to build in this style. Perhaps Buckland was influenced by memories of buildings during his youth in Ohio or possibly there were buildings at Fort Churchill that incorporated Greek Revival elements. Buckland Station and the surrounding ranch environment adds the civil/commercial history of the Carson River valley to the military history associated with Fort Churchill. Whatever influence the design of the station, its rich history and architectural presence are significant to the settlement and development of Nevada.

Nevada State Park plans for the rehabilitation include restoration of the exterior of the building including roof, siding, windows and foundation integrity. The two parlors and central hall on the bottom floor will be restored. Plans call for the building to be used as an interpretive center.

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Lyon County, NV

Verbal boundary description:

A parcel of land located in a portion of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35 and a portion of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 17 North Range, 24 West, M.D.M. The specific boundaries are identified on the attached map.

Verbal boundary justification:

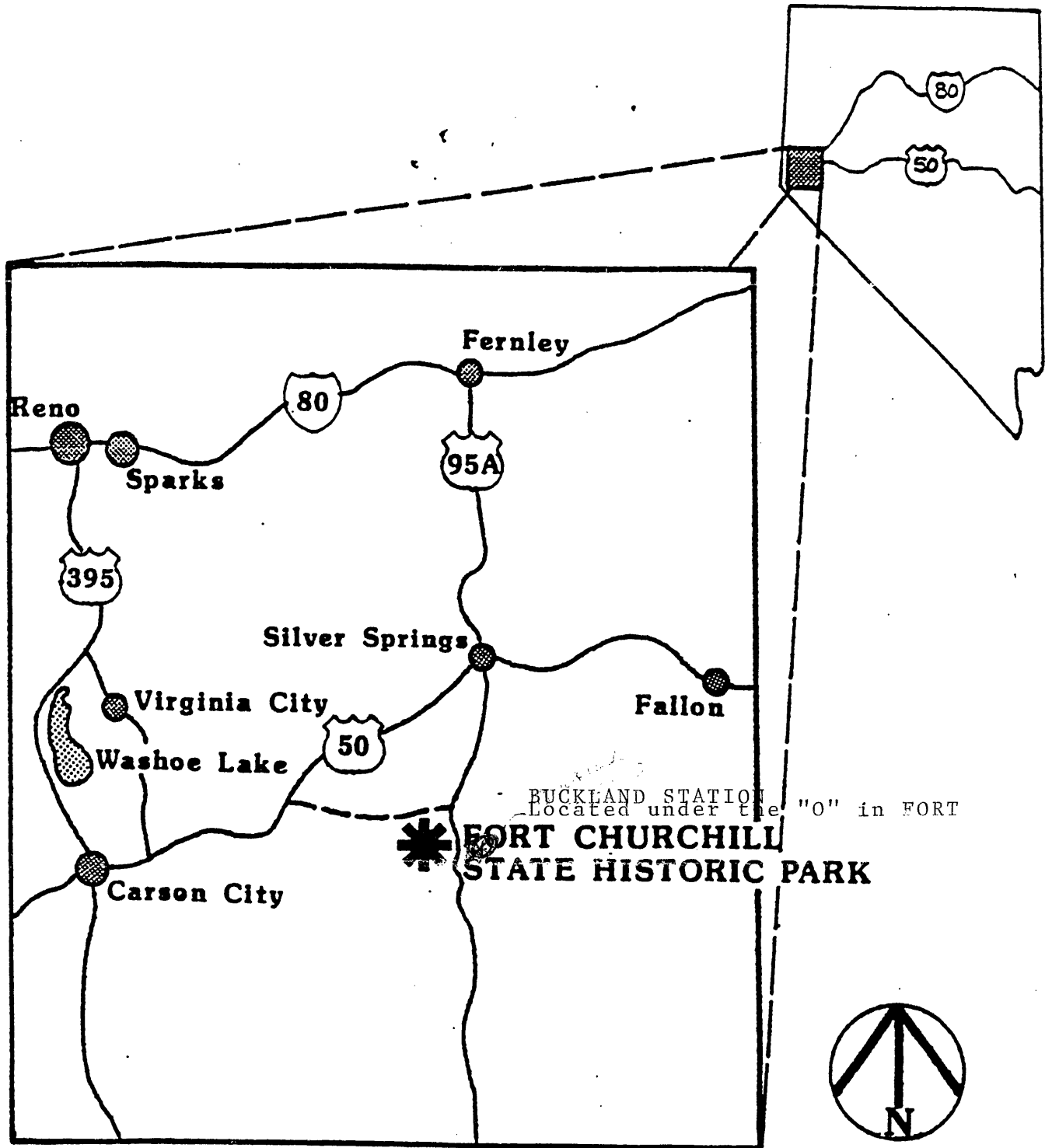
The nominated property includes that section of the parcel associated with Buckland Station that retains historic integrity. The rear or east section of the parcel, approximately 7 acres has been modified by the inclusion of a contemporary ranch house, access road, garage and other contemporary out buildings, used by state parks personnel, and is excluded from the nomination. Likewise the area across the road to the North of the house, which was once part of Buckland's property and now contains three non-contributing buildings is also excluded.

Additional information:

Photograph #1

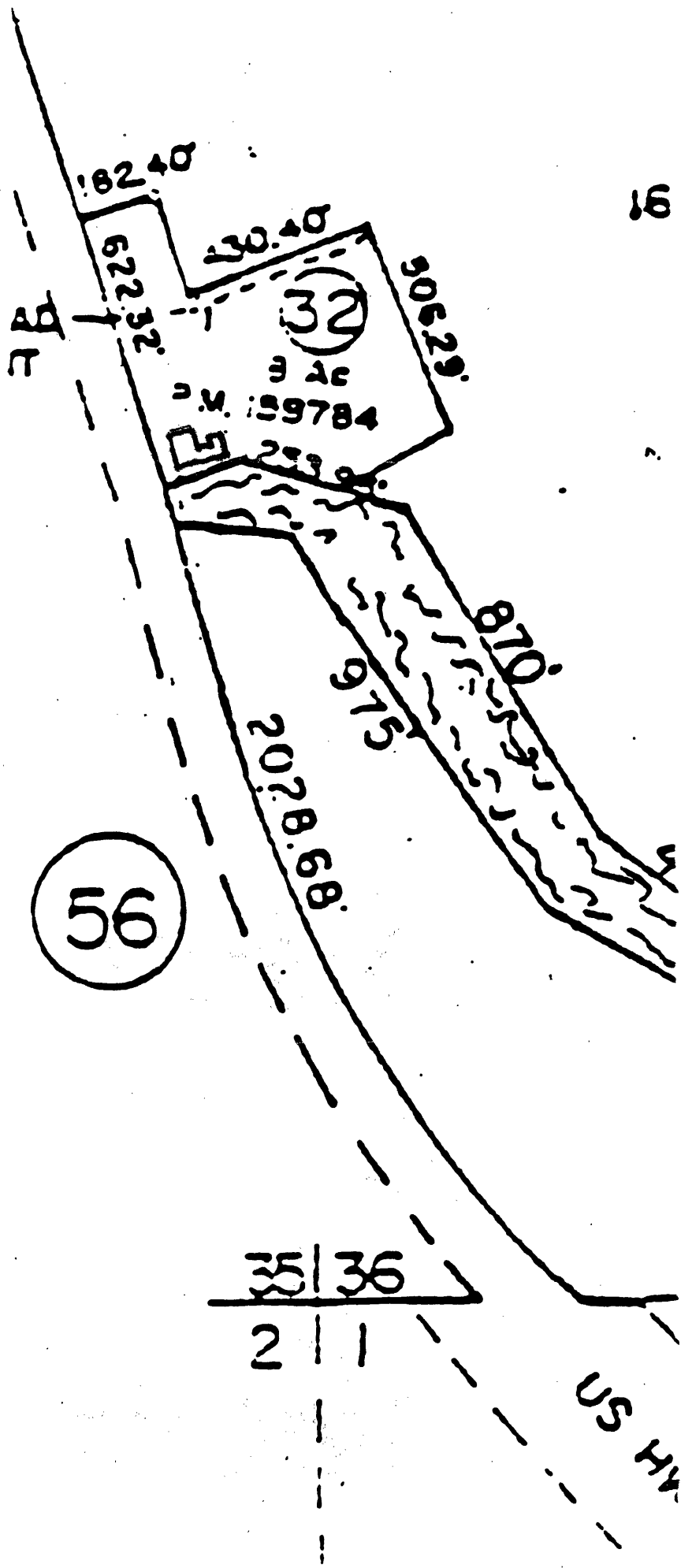
1. Buckland Station
2. Lyon County, Nevada
3. Bernadette Francke
4. June 5, 1997
5. NV, SHPO
6. West Northwest shooting west primary facade and portion of north elevation.
7. #1

Figure 1 - 1
VICINITY MAP



BUCKLAND STATION
LYON COUNTY, NEVADA

Buckland Station
sits on 200 square feet of southwest
corner of Parcel 189784



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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 97001546

Date Listed: 12/29/97

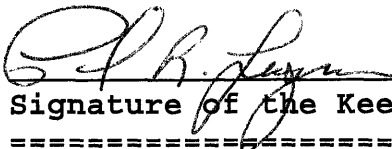
Buckland Station
Property Name

Lyon
County

NV
State

N/A
Multiple Name

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.


Signature of the Keeper

12/29/97
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Location:

The city/town should read: Stagecoach, (x) Vicinity.

Resource Count:

The resource count is revised to delete the three noncontributing resources, which lie outside the boundaries of the nominated property.

Period of Significance:

The period of significance is revised to read: 1870-1901.
[The period cannot predate the resource being nominated.]

This information was confirmed with Scott Brooks Miller of the Nevada SHPO office.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)