

STATE: **Second**  
**Idaho District**

COUNTY: **Cassia**

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

**1. NAME**

COMMON: **Granite Pass**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Section 34, T16S, R22E**

CITY OR TOWN: **Less than one-half mile north of the Utah line, south and west of Burley**

STATE: **Idaho** CODE: **16** COUNTY: **Cassia** CODE: **031**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: **Bureau of Land Management (copy of the nomination form has been sent to the Federal agency that owns the land)**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Cassia County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Burley** STATE: **Idaho** CODE: **16**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **160 acres**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

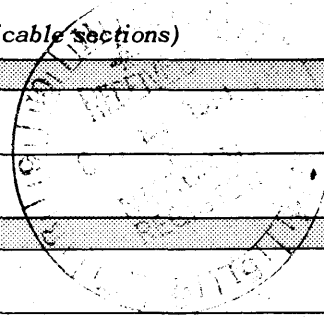
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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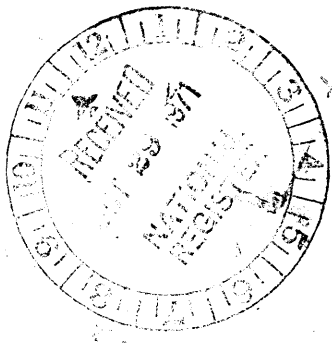


7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Granite Pass has not changed too much since the days of the California Trail. An unimproved road leads up to the pass from the Raft River side; west of the pass, the original California Trail, undisturbed by later traffic, can be seen as it winds westward down to Goose creek. /



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                |              |                          |                |                                     |                 |                          |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Aboriginal     | Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Urban Planning  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric    | Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi-  |                                     | Other (Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic       | Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____           |                          |
| Agriculture    | Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____           |                          |
| Art            | Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____           |                          |
| Commerce       | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human-  |                                     | _____           |                          |
| Communications | Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____           |                          |
| Conservation   | Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____           |                          |
|                | Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____           |                          |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The Joseph B. Chiles Party on a return trip from California to Missouri more than likely discovered the route through Granite Pass in 1842. Chiles the previous year had been with the Bidwell-Bartleson Party from Missouri to California. The route traveled by them diverged from the Oregon Trail, going south along Bear River just west of Soda Springs. This attempt to blaze a new trail to California led to near disaster for the emigrants northwest of Salt Lake. Chiles profited from the mistake the next year. While guiding another group from California, he cut across from the upper Humboldt to Fort Hall, forsaking the desert wasteland. In 1843 he pioneered a route from Fort Boise into the northern Sacramento Valley, but sent most of his California bound emigrants with Joseph R. Walker directly from Raft River through Granite Pass to the Humboldt. Certainly by that time, Granite Pass came into use as the solution to the difficult problem of how to get from the Oregon Trail west of Fort Hall to the upper Humboldt and on to California. No route to California south of Granite Pass proved acceptable. Even the California traffic that went by Salt Lake after 1848 had to turn north to upper Raft River and seek out Granite Pass even though this way was eighty miles farther and several days longer than the Fort Hall route.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dale L. Morgan, ed., The Overland Diary of James A. Pritchard from Kentucky to California in 1849 (Denver: The Old West Publishing Co., 1959).  
 David M. Potter, ed., Trail to California, the Overland Journal of Vincent Geiger T. Wakeman Bryarly (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1945).  
 George Stewart, The California Trail (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., 1962).

HR  
 NO  
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	41° 59' 45"	113° 51' 42"	<del>41°</del>	<del>59'</del>	<del>32"</del>
NE	41° 59' 45"	113° 51' 07"			<del>113° 51' 24"</del>
SE	41° 59' 19"	113° 51' 07"			
SW	41° 59' 19"	113° 51' 42"			

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Merle Wells, State Liaison Officer

ORGANIZATION: Idaho State Historical Society

DATE: Sept 2, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 610 North Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Boise

STATE: Idaho

CODE: 16

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12. STATE OF CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designee Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby certify that this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Merle Wells

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: September 2, 1971

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

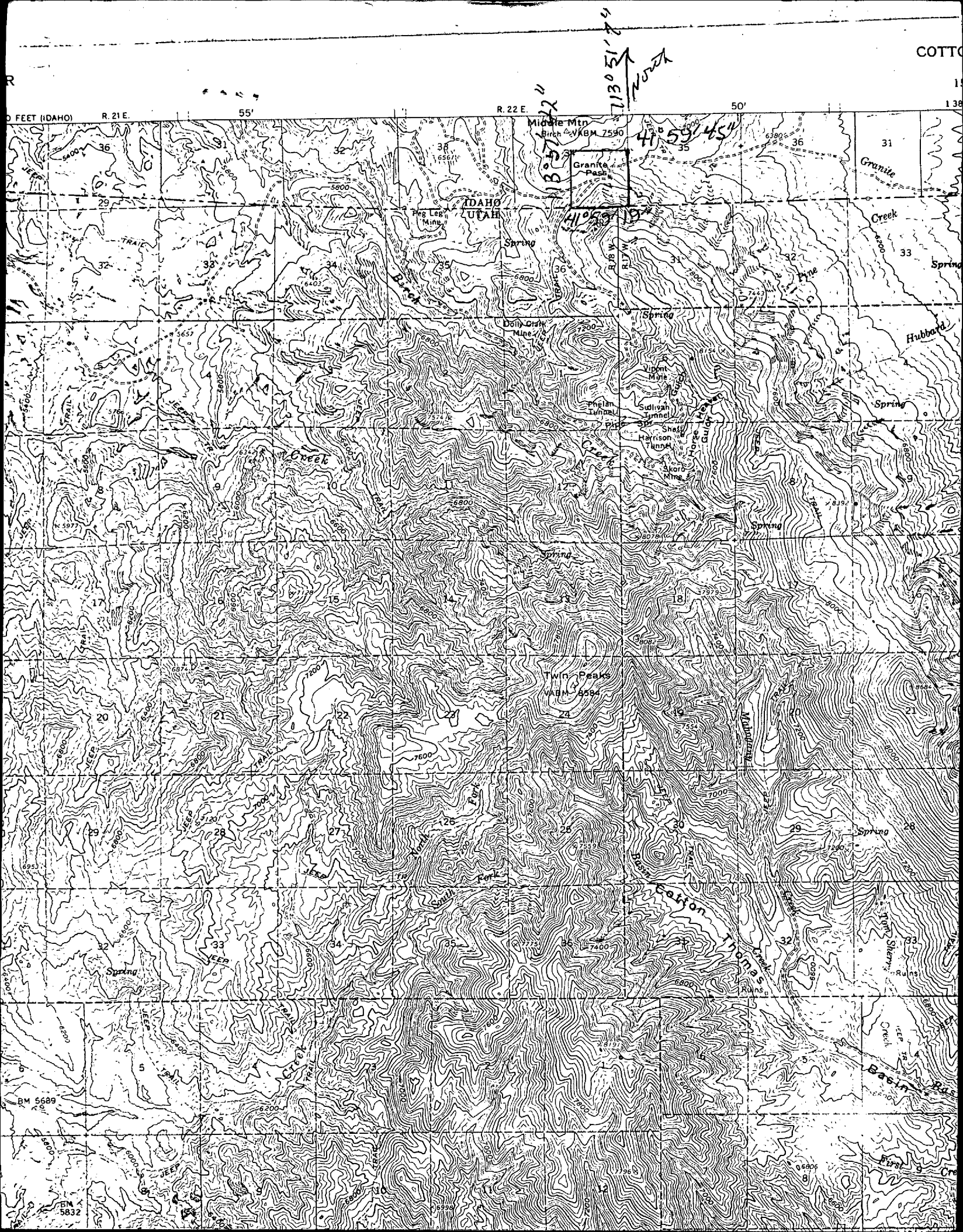
Robert M. Utsey

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/28/72

ATTEST: William A. Sturtevant  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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0 FEET (IDAHO) R. 21 E. 55' R. 22 E. 50'

Middle Mtn.  
Birch VBM 7590

Granite Pass

IDAHO  
UTAH

Spring

Dobbins Mine

Spring

Vident Mine

Sullyah Tunnel

Shatt Harrison Tunnel

Skorb Mine

Twin Peaks  
VBM 8594

Canyon

Basin

BM 5689

BM 5832

713° 51' 8" NORTH

41° 59' 45"

41° 59' 19"

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: United States Geological Survey Topographic Sheet: Cotton Thomas Basin			
SCALE: 1:62,500			
DATE: 1959			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			