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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Pendaries Grist Mill
AND/OR COMMON
Rociada Mill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
One mile (1.6 km) East of Rociada off N.M. 105
CITY, TOWN
Rociada
STATE New Mexico CODE 035 COUNTY San Miguel CODE 047
VICINITY OF Rociada

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fisher
STREET & NUMBER
General Delivery
CITY, TOWN
Rociada
STATE
New Mexico
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
San Miguel County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Las Vegas
STATE
New Mexico

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties
DATE
December 9, 1977
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Historic Preservation Section, New Mexico State Planning Office
CITY, TOWN
Santa Fe
STATE
New Mexico

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

—EXCELLENT
GOOD
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED
—RUINS
—UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED
ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
—MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The "Old Grist Mill" near lower Rociada is a three-story structure currently used as a lounge, general store and entertainment facility. The building, which has been altered several times since its construction in the mid-1870's, measures 80 ft. 6 in. x 27 ft. The first floor is comprised of a game room on the northwest end, restrooms and hallways in the center, a lounge area, bar and refrigeration compartment at the south corner, and the inside central wheel of the mill in the east corner. A stairwell situated near the east entrance leads to the two upper floors.

The second floor is divided into three large rooms. A small general store is located at the southeast end, flanked on the south corner by two large millstones. The stairwell leads to the center section which is used intermittently as a dining area. The greater portion of the second floor (on the northwest side) has been converted into a sizeable dance floor. A bandstand is situated in the north corner.

The mill equipment, conveyor belts, chutes and wheels, are housed on the third floor. This machinery, intact except for many of the belts, is located on the southeast end of the floor while the opposite side is used as a storage area.

The structure has a gable roof, a rock floor at ground level, and wooden floors in the upper stories. The exterior walls, constructed of adobe brick, were stuccoed in the 1950's. At the same time, a large picture window was added at the northwest end on the second floor.

With regard to the mill machinery, the most imposing mechanism is the large inside wheel located in the east corner adjacent to the lounge area. The wheel frame measures 7 ft. x 7 ft. with outside timbers of 1 ft. 4 in. x 1 ft. 6 in. and inside timbers of 7 in. x 1 ft. 3 in. The concrete foundation supporting the inside wheel frame is 1 ft. 10 in. x 7 ft. 6 in. The top of the wooden wheel measures 7 ft. in diameter.

The original water wheel was 18 ft. in diameter and constructed entirely of wood. The octagonal drive shafts still intact were hand crafted by skilled artisans. The original power shaft extends to the second floor where two mill stones, each weighing three hundred pounds, ground flour in two grades -- a fine and a coarse consistency. The mill stones were brought overland by oxen team from Westport Landing (Kansas City). Production output at the mill amounted to approximately eight thousand pounds of flour in twenty-four hours. The flour ranged between 45 and 60 percent of the weight of the grain, depending on the quality of the wheat. The silk milling screens employed at the Pendaries operation were imported from St. Louis, Missouri.

From the third story raw wheat was funneled to the second floor milling section by means of a chute hinged to rotate from one stone to the other, subject to the consistency of the grinding process. It is believed that the finished product was sacked on the second floor and then carried by hand to wagons outside the building. This is indicated by the heavily worn planks on the stairwell steps leading from the first floor to the second floor.

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It is also presumed that the spacious northwest end of the third story was used as a grain storage area. Laborers who worked at the mill were given quarters at the northwest, or non-operational, end of the structure on the first and second floors. At the present time these areas are utilized primarily for recreational purposes; the first floor as a game room and the second story as a dance floor.

The machinery at the Pendaries Mill is in remarkably good condition. Though the mill race and water wheel have been replaced, the internal components remain intact as they were installed a century ago. The third floor equipment lacks only the belts that turned the machinery for feeding wheat into the second floor milling operation.

Major alterations of the structure occurred in the 1950's when the owner, C.D. Leon, placed a large window in the second floor (dance area) at the northwest end. He also repaired the adobe walls and replaced the water wheel. Richard and Dixie Fisher, the present owners, hope to make the mill operational on a limited basis in the near future.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1875 - 1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Jean Pendaries

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pendaries Mill is perhaps the best preserved nineteenth century grist mill in the state of New Mexico.

Built by Jean Pendaries, a Frenchman who immigrated to the United States in the mid-1850's, the mill served as the primary agricultural and commercial center of the Rociada-Sapello area for three generations.

Jean Pendaries was born on July 4, 1825, in the French village of Villebrumier, Department of Tarnet Garonne. He married Marguerite Gaillaguet in Montauban on May 18, 1850 and the couple left France for the New World toward the close of the Crimean War. Within two years after arriving in the United States in 1856, the Pendaries' moved to Las Vegas, New Mexico, where Jean Pendaries built the Plaza Hotel in Old Town. In the 1860's Pendaries sold his Las Vegas holdings in order to purchase a sizeable ranch near Rociada. Subsequent land acquisitions in the area expanded his sheep operations to an extent of more than five thousand acres by the mid-1870's.

In an effort to provide commercial grain produce for this vast agricultural area, Pendaries constructed a grist mill in 1875-76. The first miller employed at the operation was José Maria Trujillo, who was born and raised in Rociada. Upon Pendaries' death in 1909, the mill and property passed into the hands of Jean Pendaries' daughter and son-in-law, José and Marguerite Baca. José Baca later served as the Lieutenant Governor of the state, and in 1931 Marguerite Baca was appointed Secretary of State of New Mexico.

Shortly following Mrs. Baca's political appointment, the couple vacated the ranch. In 1935 they sold the mill and surrounding property to Mr. J.D. Smith of Texas. In the early 1950's C.D. Leon acquired the land from Smith and carried out a number of alterations on the mill, including construction of the water wheel and mill race. By the mid-1970's Leon had sold parcels of the land, most of which now comprises the Pendaries Recreational Development area. The mill, however, was acquired in 1976 by Richard and Dixie Fisher, a young couple who moved from Michigan to operate a general store and lounge in the mill building.

Traditionally, the mill has served as the social center of Rociada. Weekly dances, held on the third floor of the building, continue to attract local inhabitants and a number of tourists.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 3	4 6 4 2 6 0	3 9 6 6 4 1 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Notes
Pendaries Mill is in the center of a 300-foot by 300-foot square, the east side of which is along the unpaved ranch road.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

William L. Cumiford, Project Manager

ORGANIZATION

History of Engineering Program

DATE

Jan. 26, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 4089, Texas Tech University

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CITY OR TOWN

Lubbock

STATE

Texas 79409

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Thomas W. Meade

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

6-9-78

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

Charles E. Johnson
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

2-2-79

ATTEST:

Marcella Berg
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

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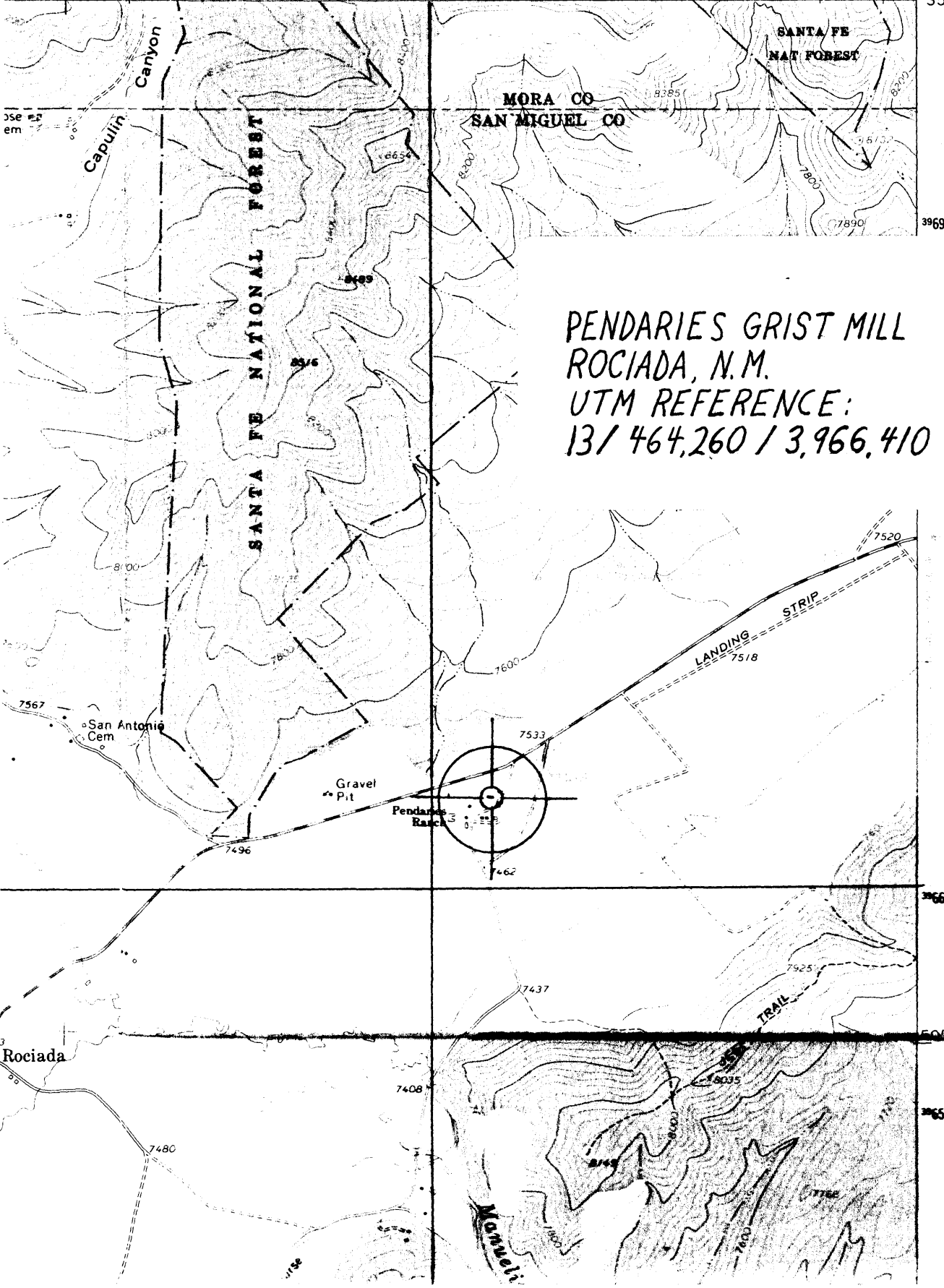
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ROCIADA QUADRANGLE
NEW MEXICO
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

4955 IV NE
(MORA)

25' 463 464 465 190 000 FEET 105°22'30" 35°52'30"



PENDARIES GRIST MILL
ROCIADA, N.M.
UTM REFERENCE:
13/ 464,260 / 3,966,410