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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC * * Palace Station District
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 23 miles south of Prescott, Arizona
on Forest System Road #52, Prescott
National Forest

CITY, TOWN Prescott VICINITY OF

STATE Arizona CODE 04 COUNTY Yavapai CODE 025

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Used as summer guard station

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (if applicable)
USDA, Prescott National Forest

STREET & NUMBER 344 South Cortez

CITY, TOWN Prescott VICINITY OF STATE Arizona

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Nomination Form-Arizona State Register of Historic Sites

DATE 2/21/72 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Prescott National Forest

CITY, TOWN Prescott STATE Arizona

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Original structure was a one room log cabin with loft or attic. Prior to 1910 an addition was made to serve as a kitchen. About the same time, a porch was added to both the front and rear of the building.

In December 1967, the front porch collapsed during a snow storm. This porch was repaired during the summer of 1968 using some of the original material and supplementing damaged material with new, attempting to retain the appearance of the original structure.

Adjacent to Palace Station is a graveyard which may contain 15 burial sites. The original woodhead marker is still on one grave. "Richard Lambuth 1826-1896". Attempts have been made to identify the other graves in the past by the Forest Service. The following are also believed to be buried in the graveyard:

- A. B. Spence 1834-1909
- Clinton H. Beck 1870-1899
- 4 Thompson babies
- 1 Olin baby
- 1 Dozier baby

The fenced area protecting the cemetery contains approximately 1700 sq. ft.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1873-1910	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Palace Station as reported by the book "Arizona Place Names" is one of the oldest structures built by Anglo settlers in Arizona. It served as a stage station upon the Senator Trail between Prescott, the first territorial capitol and Phoenix. The stage station was built about 1873 by Alfred B. Spence. It was abandoned about 1910.

The Palace Station Administrative Site containing 87.18 acres was withdrawn from mineral entry May 12, 1969. This withdrawal is recorded in the Federal Register; Vol. 34, No. 94, May 16, 1969. The withdrawal recognized the historical significance and the need for the site for recreation and public purposes.

The Palace Station played a significant role in the local history of the Bradshaw Mountains in Central Arizona. Constructed around 1873, by Mr. Alfred B. Spence and his family, it is reputed by the book "Arizona Place Names" to be one of the oldest Anglo-built structures in the state. It soon became an overnight stage-coach stop for those traveling between Prescott and Crown King, offering food, drink, lodging, fresh horses, and minor wagon repairs. Palace Station was used for a stage stop until around 1910.

In the early 1900's, Palace Station became important as a freighting center for wagons and teams supplying the numerous miners in the Bradshaws. It has some military significance also, in that General George Crook frequently used Palace as a rendezvous point and bivouac area during the Indian wars. In its waning years of importance, the old house was used as a line camp for cattle operations for a long period.

At its prime, the Palace Station consisted of the main house (still standing), a bunkhouse, milkhouse, barn, corrals, gardens, well, and perhaps other structures. In short, it was well equipped to serve as a local center of commerce and transportation.

The Cemetary has little significance except as it relates to the Palace Station. The names of most of those buried there have been lost through the years. Many of the fifteen were thought to have died as babies. Mr. Spence, the founder and builder of Palace Station, was buried there in or around 1909 at the age of about 75.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- (a) Sharlot Hall Museum
Prescott, Arizona
- (b) Arizona Place Names
- (c) Thumb Butte Ranger District - Historic File

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 8.00
UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 2	3, 7, 0, 4, 5, 0	3, 8, 0, 4, 6, 0, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	Arizona	CODE	04	COUNTY	Yavapai	CODE	025
STATE		CODE		COUNTY		CODE	

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charles R. Scheier, Forester

March 12, 1973

ORGANIZATION

Thumb Butte Ranger District, Prescott National Forest

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

344 South Cortez

TELEPHONE

602-445-7311

CITY OR TOWN

Prescott,

STATE

Arizona

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

for
ZANE G. SMITH, Jr.
Director of Recreation Mgmt.
Federal Representative

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

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

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Dennis McCarthy JHPO

DATE

11-4-75

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HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ACTIVE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

9/30/96

ATTEST:

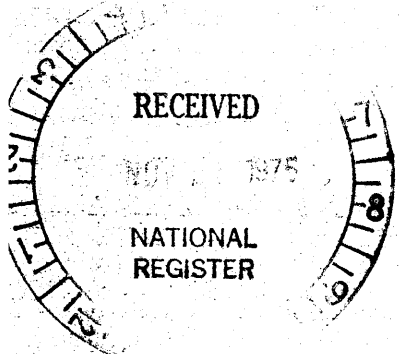
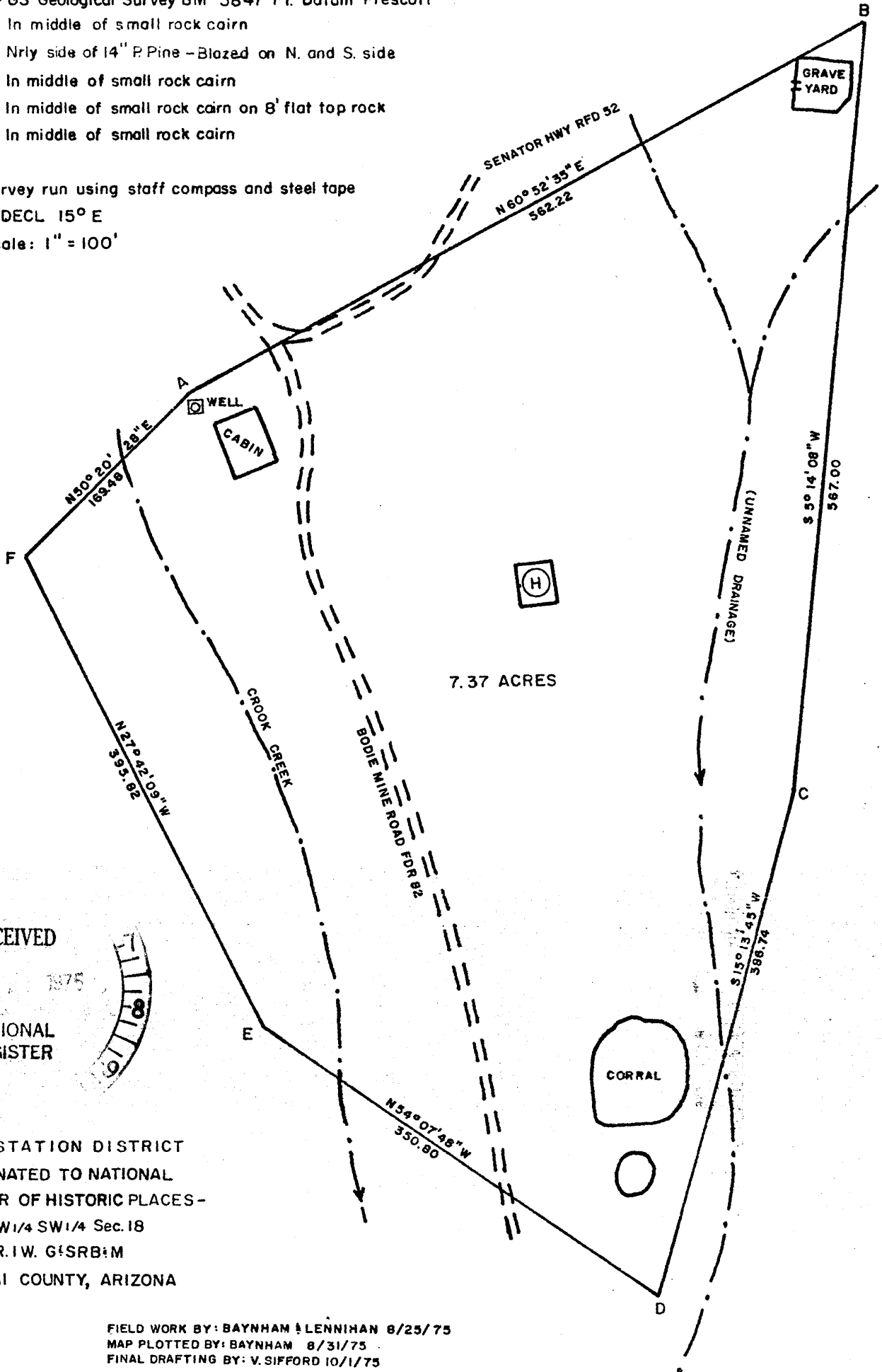
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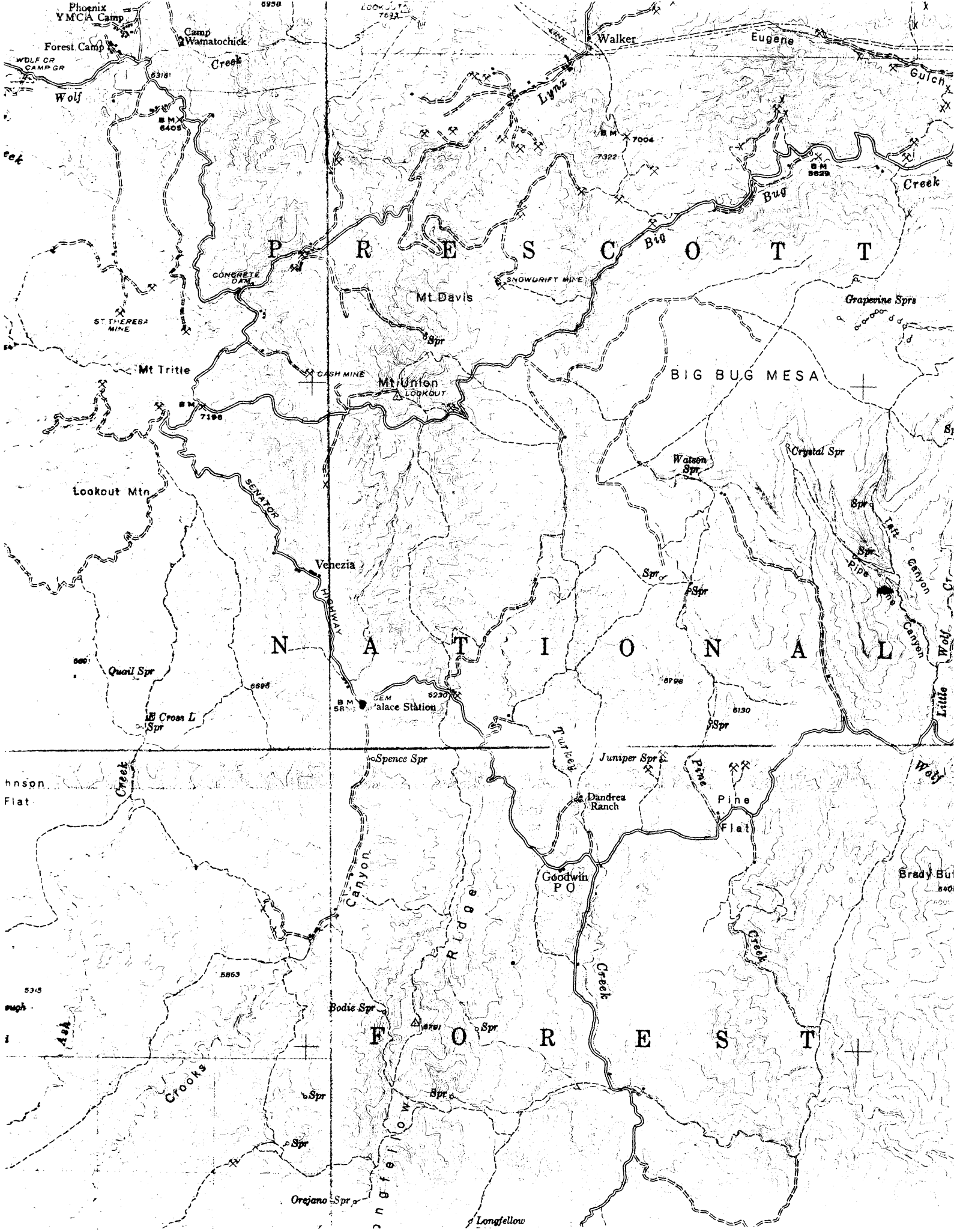
- A - US Geological Survey BM 5847 Ft. Datum Prescott
- B - In middle of small rock cairn
- C - Nrlly side of 14" P.Pine - Blazed on N. and S. side
- D - In middle of small rock cairn
- E - In middle of small rock cairn on 8' flat top rock
- F - In middle of small rock cairn

Survey run using staff compass and steel tape
 DECL 15° E
 Scale: 1" = 100'



PALACE STATION DISTRICT
 - AS NOMINATED TO NATIONAL
 REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES -
 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 18
 T12N. R.1W. G4SRB:M
 YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA

FIELD WORK BY: BAYNHAM & LENNIHAN 8/25/75
 MAP PLOTTED BY: BAYNHAM 8/31/75
 FINAL DRAFTING BY: V. SIFFORD 10/1/75



Phoenix YMCA Camp

Camp Wamatochick

Forest Camp

Walker

Eugene

Gulch

WOLF CR CAMP GR

Wolf

Creek

Lynx

Creek

P R E S C R I P T

Mt Davis

SNOWDRIFT MINE

Grapenine Sprs

ST THERESA MINE

Mt Tritel

CASH MINE

Mt Union

BIG BUG MESA

Lookout Mtn

SELWAY RIVER

Venezia

Watson Spr

Crystal Spr

N A T I O N A L

Quail Spr

Cross L Spr

Palace Station

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hanson Flat

Creek

Spence Spr

Juniper Spr

Dandrea Ranch

Pine Flat

Brady Bu

Canyon

Goodwin P.O.

F O R E S T

Bodie Spr

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Orajano Spr

Longfellow