

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wyoming
COUNTY: Goshen
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE APR 23 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: Fort Laramie Three Mile Hog Ranch

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Section 26, T.26N., R.65W., of the 6th P.M.

CITY OR TOWN: Fort Laramie

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: At Large

STATE: Wyoming

CODE: 56

COUNTY: Goshen

CODE: 015

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Pat Daly

STREET AND NUMBER: R.R.

CITY OR TOWN: Wheatland

STATE: Wyoming

CODE: 56

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Goshen County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Torrington

STATE: Wyoming

CODE: 56

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: none

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fort Laramie Three Mile Hog is located about six miles southwest of the town of Fort Laramie, Wyoming, and three miles west of Fort Laramie National Historic Site. The site encompasses about 5 acres of land.

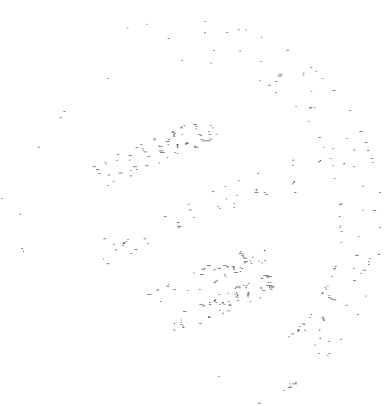
Today the Hog Ranch consists of two structures. The most significant of the two is a "U" shaped building built of lime-grout (an early form of concrete). This grout building contained several rooms, the bar, and a walk-in cellar. The whole north end of this structure is in a state of collapse, and without stabilization in the near future, the entire structure may disappear. The second of the remaining buildings is a wooden barn. It is in an advanced state of decay, and presently only parts of two walls are standing.

It is not known exactly what the Hog Ranch looked like when in operation. One undocumented report states that it consisted of from twelve to fifteen structures, all erected between 1873 and about 1885. The Three Mile Hog Ranch buildings are said to have included a large loopholed barn (loopholes are slits in walls for defense), the grout structure housing the bar, numerous cribs of two rooms each for prostitutes, several shops, a billiard hall and a sod corral.

It is definitely known that the grout building was erected in 1873. No such date is known for the barn.

When Fort Laramie ceased operations as a military post in 1890, this three mile ranch, along with several other hog ranches in the area, ceased operations too.

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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1873 - 1896**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fort Laramie Three Mile Hog Ranch had a notorious reputation, and earned it as a result of its function as a social center for the soldiers stationed at Fort Laramie. There, soldiers spent their pay on cheap beer and hard liquor, cards, and on the ten or more prostitutes always in residence.

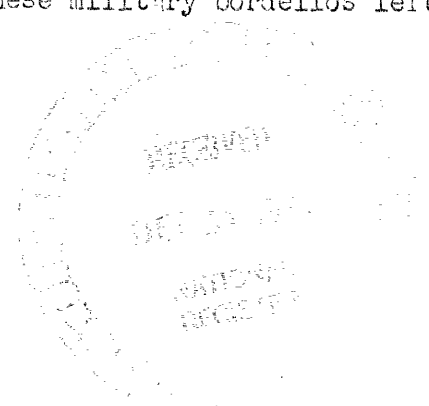
The Ranch was established in 1873 by Jules Ecoffey and Adolph Cuny, both local entrepreneurs. Cuny and Ecoffey were dead by 1877, but the Hog Ranch survived. Ownership changed several times thereafter, but no documentation exists as to who had or ran it after 1877.

The Fort Laramie Three Mile Hog Ranch also had an air of respectability amid the scene of red lights. From 1876 to 1887, the Cheyenne and Black Hills Stage Company operated a hostelry there for its stage passengers. This was a co-existent function along with the bordello, and lasted until the stage line was abandoned in 1887.

To understand just how very significant this establishment was, consider the hardships of soldiering on the frontier; the general lack of recreational outlets typical at frontier forts; a lack of eligible women for marriage, yet hundreds of eligible soldiers; the illegality of alcoholic beverages on military reservations periodically in the 1870's and 1880's; the only town of any size some 85 miles away; the monotony; the boredom. There was a definite need for a social outlet--it existed at the Three Mile Ranch.

In addition, the Fort Laramie Three Mile Hog Ranch is notable today because it is one of the very few of these military bordellos left in the Western United States.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paul L. Hedren, Park Technician

ORGANIZATION: National Park Service, Fort Laramie National Historic Site DATE: December 8, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Fort Laramie STATE: Wyoming CODE: 56

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Paul H. Westedt
Paul H. Westedt
Title: Wyoming S.H.P.O.

Date: December 16, 1974

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

A.R. Mortensen
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/23/75

ATTEST:

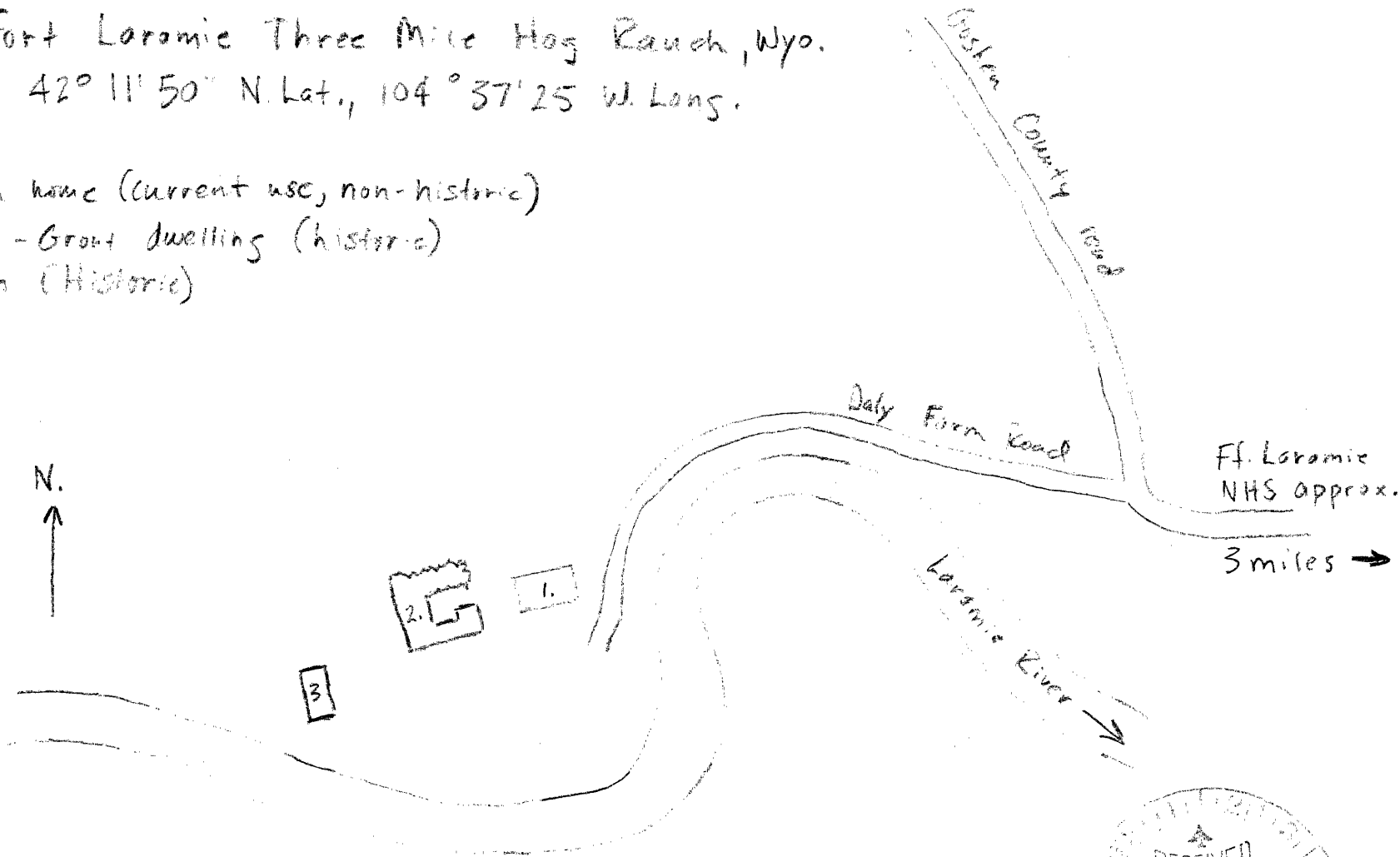
W. H. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: APR 22 1975

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Fort Laramie Three Mile Hog Ranch, Wyo.
42° 11' 50" N. Lat., 104° 37' 25" W. Long.

1. Ranch home (current use, non-historic)
2. Lime-Ground dwelling (historic)
3. Barn (Historic)



No Scale

