

DATA SHEET

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries & complete applicable sections)

STATE: **TEXAS**
 COUNTY: **POTTER**
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: **APR 29 1975**

1. NAME

COMMON:
 AND/OR HISTORIC:
Mc Bride Ranch house

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
 (see continuation sheet) *N of Amarillo, TX*
 CITY OR TOWN: *Amarillo, TX* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Lake Meredith Recreation Area **13th District - Texas**
 STATE: **Texas** CODE: **48** COUNTY: **Potter** CODE: **375**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input 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 checked="" 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. AGENCY

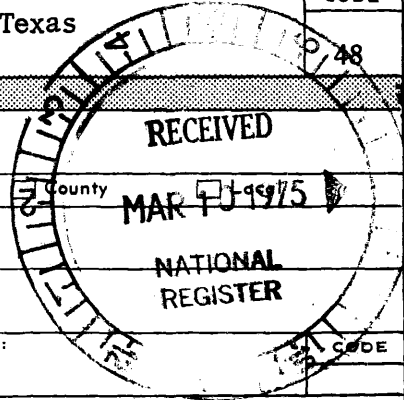
U. S. Government, Site is on BOR lands, is administered by NPS
 REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Bureau of Reclamation/NPS
 CITY OR TOWN: **Washington, DC** STATE: **DC** CODE: **11**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Potter County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: **Amarillo** STATE: **Texas** CODE: **48**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State
 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 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 ranch house is a partial dugout constructed of native limestone. It is a two room structure, the rooms being separated by a frame wall and a limestone fireplace facing into the north room. 12 x 12" bridge timbers form the ridge beams, which span from the end walls to the fireplace. The roof has a pitch of approximately 1 1/2:12, and is constructed of 2 x 6" joists approximately 18" on center. It is sheathed with 4" T & G fir flooring, and is roofed with 30# asphalt-impregnated rolled roofing secured at the seams with wood lath to prevent curling in the high winds typical of the area. The structure has 6 over 6 single hung windows in the north and west walls, and 6 light fixed windows in the south and east walls. The exact type of original door is unknown, but the structure presently contains 2 over 2 paneled doors typical to the area and period. All window and door openings were spanned by shallow segmental arches. The floors consisted of a trowelled mortar made in place with slaked quicklime paste and natural soil. The stone walls were plastered with a lime plaster made with sand from the nearby creek bed. All the lime was fired in a kiln on the ranch about 1/2 mile from the ranch house.

This structure has been carefully restored by the National Park Service in accordance with an approved Historic Structures Report prepared by A. Lewis Koue in 1970, with the exception that the windows and doors were replaced rather than just screened, the floor was repaired, and some replastering of the interior walls was undertaken. Wherever possible, the interior plaster (including the graffiti, some of which is in itself a historic document) was preserved. Additional historical research was carried out prior to the work in the form of personal interviews with Mrs. Monte Rockwell, daughter of Dave McBride and resident of the structure during part of her childhood. This resulted in one correction to the Koue report (the porch was never finished; the photograph contained in the report, rather than being taken during construction, was taken late in the occupancy of the McBrides, and shows it in a state of disrepair). These interviews also provided the basis for the type of windows and doors used in the restoration.

The restoration work consisted of straightening the toppling fireplace chimney, straightening the collapsing east wall and installing a subsurface drainage system and retaining wall to prevent future damage to the wall, reconstruction of the roof (substantial amounts of the roof remained to give us documentary evidence, but none was sound enough to be retained), repointing of the stone walls, replacement of the doors and windows, and repair to the interior floor and plaster. The chain-link fence surrounding the structure, although a visual intrusion, was retained for the time being to protect it from vandalism, since the structure is located in an infrequently patrolled area.

The remains of two other minor structures associated with the ranch house are still in existence. According to Mrs. Rockwell, there was an ice house constructed of salvage bridge timbers and insulated with hay bales. This structure has totally collapsed and there remains only a pile of heavy timbers within the fenced area. There is also a dugout storage shed or garage near the road several hundred feet to the south of the house. This structure does not date to the McBride period. It is relatively intact, but unsound.

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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McBride House is the oldest remaining ranch house in Potter County and has been designated as being worthy of preservation by the Potter County Historical Survey Committee.

The initial establishment of ranches in the Lake Meredith area began in the late 1870's. At this time cattle companies were staking huge tracks of land throughout the Texas Panhandle. In 1897 David Nicholas McBride purchased four sections of land from a British concern, the American Pastoral Company, one of the large land and cattle companies which operated in this area. For a few years McBride and his family lived in a frame house on the land. Then, in 1903, he built his new home, a limestone rock building, in the area now known as McBride Canyon. Today the structure is the oldest remaining ranch house in Potter County and is one of the most substantial structures in the park which dates from the early ranching era. As McBride Canyon has become a focal point for recreational activities, the house is very accessible. It constitutes a worthwhile reminder of the initial and still important economic pursuit by Anglo-Americans in this area.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"The History of the McBride Ranch House," unpublished manuscript No. 3234, Texas State Historical Survey Committee, Austin, Texas.

Koue, A. Lewis Historic Structures Report, McBride Ranch House.
National Park Service, Denver Service Center, March 1972.

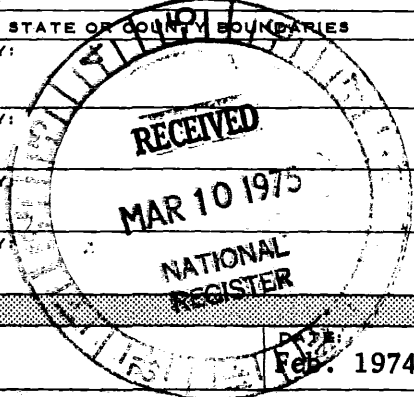
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3.2

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



NO
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
David G. Battle, Historical Architect

BUSINESS ADDRESS:
National Park Service, Southwest Regional Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 728

CITY OR TOWN:
Santa Fe,

STATE:
New Mexico

PHONE:
(505) 988-6501

DATE:
Feb. 1974

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:
 Yes
 No
 None

Just Johnson
State Liaison Officer Signature

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

W. Monteith
Date: MAR 6 1975
Deputy Assistant Secretary

Title _____

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

W. Monteith
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/23/75

ATTEST:
W. Monteith
Keeper of The National Register
Date: APR 22 1975

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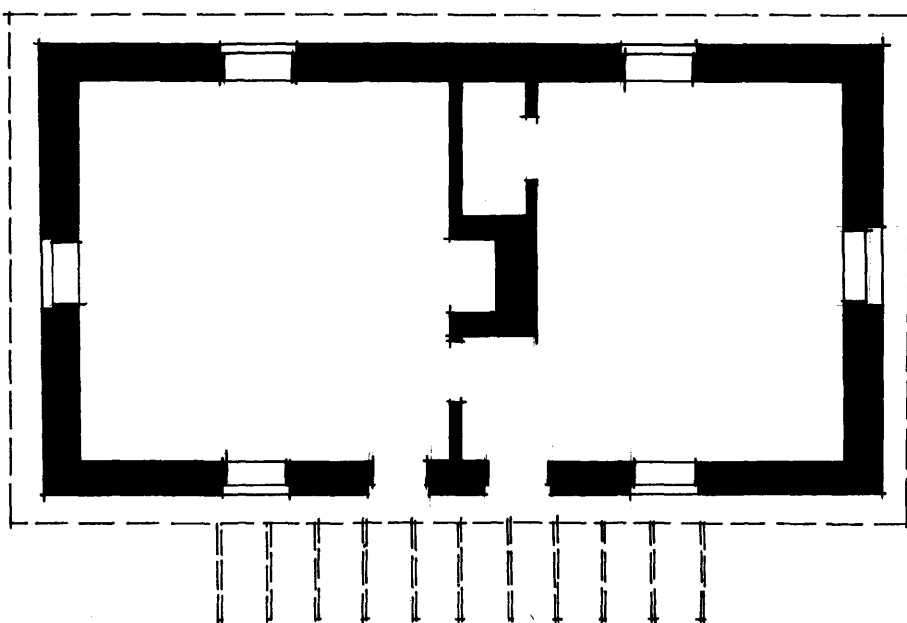
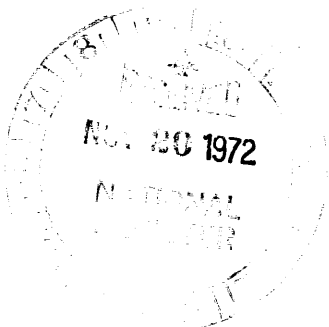
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2. LOCATION

The McBride Ranch House is located at the head of the McBride Canyon in Sanford Recreation Area. It is reached from Texas Route 136 by approximately 6 miles of paved road.



PLAN - McBRIDE HOUSE

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