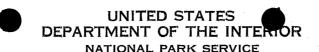
## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL SURVEY OF HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS

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Fort Davis		loo
5. EXACT LOCATION (County, township, roads, etc. If		
Jeff Davis County, Stat	te 118, north edge of to	own of Fort Davis
6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRESENT OWNER (Also o	administrator if different from owner)	
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by Lt. Col. Washington Sewel	Har Jefferson Davis, Fo	errant) ort Davis was established in 1854 ins northwest of the Big Bend. It hes and Comanches, who could be
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Antonio by a fine, natural r	road. Located on the ac	outhern route to California, the
infesting the region. In 18 experimenting in the Southwe and Confederates under Col. few months. The fort was de the old establishment, prima Indians. They built a new p 1880 it was a base of operat part in the wars against Vic as an important stop on the many scattered subposts. The 1880's and established r	358 a train of camels, west, stopped at Fort Day John R. Baylor occupied serted until U.S. trooperily of log constructions, using substantial cions against Kiowas and ctorio and the Warm Springed to Fexico and Calle Indian barrier removements. The post had constructed.	t the hostile Comanches and Apache with which the War Department was ris. The garrison withdrew in 1861 the post, but remained only a parturned in 1867, to find that on, had been all but wrocked by rock and adobe materials. Until Comanches, and played a prominentings Apaches. It continued to ser lifornia, and as the mother post of ed, cattlemen moved into the area outlived its usefulness, and was a remained and impressive than any or tensive and impressive than any or
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This sheet is to be used for giving additional information or comments, for more space for any item on the regular form, and for recording pertinent data from future studies, visitations, etc. Be brief, but use as many Supplement Sheets as necessary. When items are continued they should be listed, if possible, in numerical order of the items. All information given should be headed by the item number, its name, and the word (cont'd), as, 6. Description and Importance (cont'd)...

STATE	NAME(S) OF SITE
Texas	Fort Davis

7. Importance and Description (cont'd)

with the ruins of numerous utility buildings and other miscellaneous structures, complete the physical layout. It is picturesquely located in the heart of the Davis Mountains near the Davis Mountains State Park.

A private concern operates a guest ranch on the site under lease from the D. A. Simmons estate. On the date of visit the lease, according to a local informant, had two years to run. The Fort Davis Historical Society, which has long been active in attempting to preserve the fort and secure its admission to the National Park System, operates a small museum and trading post in a building that has been constructed for the purpose on the northeast edge of the parade ground. The property is for sale, but because of its historical value, the price has been set, according to Mr. Barry Scobes, at \$110,000 for something over \$100 acres. Mr. Scobes, Justice of the Peace in Fort Davis and author of the book cited below, is a moving spirit in the effort to have the fort made a National Monument. According to Mr. Scobes, the spring winds each year do considerable damage, and stabilization is urgently needed.