

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: TEXAS
COUNTY: BREWSTER
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ENTRY DATE SEP 6 1974

HPS NO 174

1. NAME

COMMON:
Castolon (~~Castolon Army Compound~~ and ~~Old Castolon~~) District # see Item ^{Historic} (for I.D. # see Item 7)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
La Harmonia Ranch, Camp Santa Helena

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
(see continuation sheet) along Rio Grande at jct of Park Route 5, 9, & 35.

CITY OR TOWN:
Big Bend National Park

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
16th District - Texas

STATE: **Texas** CODE: **48** COUNTY: **Brewster** CODE: **043**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" 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, National Park Service, Department of Interior

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Southwest Regional Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 728

CITY OR TOWN:
Santa Fe,

STATE: **New Mexico,** CODE: **35**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Alpine

STATE: **Texas** CODE: **48**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

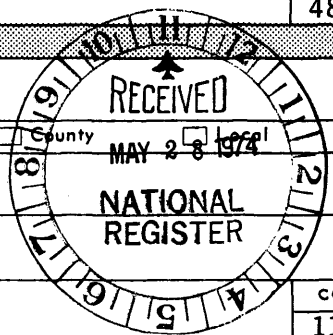
DATE OF SURVEY: **1964** Federal State County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: **DC** CODE: **11**



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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Castolon Historic District contains 2 major groups of structures, distinguished by their origin. The first is commonly called "Old Castolon" and the second the "Castolon Army Compound." All were part of what came to be known as the La Harmonia Ranch. Within the Historic District are the following historic structures:

Old Castolon BBH-618 Old Castolon Store
 617 Cafe and Residence
 616 Shed

Army Compound BBH-600 Barracks (Castolon Store)
 601 Recreation Hall (Utility Building)
 602 Latrine
 603 Officers Quarters
 604 Officers Quarters
 605 Magdalena House
 606 Garlick House
 607 Alvino Residence
 608 Granary and Tack Room

(The Magdalena and Garlick Houses were not part of the Army Compound; they were added later as part of the La Harmonia Ranch. The Alvino Residence is probably one of the oldest structures in the park, dating to ca. 1903. It is located at the base of the bluff on which the other structures are situated, and is not part of the general scene of the army compound.)

Miscellaneous: BBH-111 Derrick Residence
 609 Cotton Gin

Almost all of the structures are constructed of adobe block. The majority have pitched roofs with corrugated metal roofing, although several follow the more indigenous viga, latia, and soil roof system. The buildings vary from good to ruins condition. Buildings 616, 617 and 618 have been restored by the National Park Service. The Army buildings are, for the most part, still in use, being used variously for store, residential, administrative, and storage purposes. Buildings 606, 607, and 609 are in various states of deterioration and 609 is threatened with destruction due to erosion of the river bank. The overall historic appearance of the area has lost much to NPS operation.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1903-1961

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>International relations</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The primary significance of the Castolon Historic District lies in the border relations between the United States and Mexico. The general border unrest of the first part of the 20th century, occasioned by the Mexican Revolution and World War I, resulted in U.S. Cavalry patrols to protect lives and property along the Mexican border. The Castolon Army Compound (known as Camp Santa Helena) was constructed to garrison such troops. Although it was constructed just as these border tensions eased and consequently saw little use by the Army, it is nevertheless a tangible remnant of this facet of our relations with Mexico.

The first store in the Castolon area was begun about 1903 by Cipriano Hernandez in the east end of the so-called Alvino Residence (BBH-607). Acquired by Clyde Buttrill and James Sublett in 1914, the enterprise was moved to the "Old Castolon Store" (BBH-618). Under the partnership of Howard Perry and Wayne Cartledge (acquired in 1919) the Castolon Store continued to serve residents on both sides of the border, first at Old Castolon and later in the barracks building (BBH-600) at the Army Compound. It is still operated by a concessioner under NPS jurisdiction. As manager of "La Harmonia Enterprises," (a name selected "in an effort to restore and maintain peace and order in the area, ... and to promote the idea of harmony between Anglo-Americans and Mexican-Americans in the area") Mr. Cartledge was a storekeeper, rancher, farmer, and trader. To the residents of the area, both Mexican and American, he was also friend, employer, banker, broker, postmaster, lawman, and counselor; and above all, he was honest and fair. That the United States and Mexico have enjoyed good border relations since the end of World War I has been in large part due to men like Wayne Cartledge.

The site and structures at Castolon are significant in that they embrace all of these activities and their consequences, and are tangible evidences of this interesting and important part of our national history.

1 Casey, Clifford B. Soldiers, Ranchers, and Miners in the Big Bend National Park Service, 1969, p. 77

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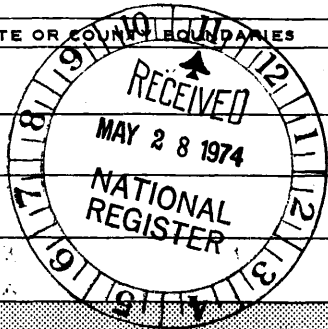
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Casey, Clifford B. Soldiers, Ranchers, and Miners in the Big Bend.
National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, 1969.

Brown, William E. and Wauer, Roland H. Historic Resources Management Plan,
Big Bend National Park. National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, 1968.

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	29 ° 08 ' 30 "	103 ° 31' 35"				
NE	29 ° 08 ' 30 "	103 ° 30' 05"				
SE	29 ° 07 ' 05 "	103 ° 30' 05"				
SW	29 ° 07 ' 05 "	103 ° 31' 35"				
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 800						
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES						
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE			
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE			
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **David G. Battle, Historical Architect** DATE: **Feb. 1974**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **National Park Service, Dept. of Interior, Southwest Regional Office**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P. O. Box 728** PHONE: **(505) 988-6501**

CITY OR TOWN: **Santa Fe** STATE: **New Mexico** CODE: **35**

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- Yes
- No
- None

Quell 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

Paul O. Shalk 5/78/74
Federal Representative Signature Date
REGIONAL DIRECTOR
Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date 9/6/74

ATTEST:
Charles [unclear]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 8.30.74

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2. Location

The Castolon Historic District is located along the Rio Grande River at the junction of Park Routes 5, 9, and 35. It extends northwest from this junction approximately 0.9 mile along Route 9, southeast approximately 1.0 mile from the junction along Route 35, approximately 1/4 mile to the northeast of Routes 9 and 35 sufficient to encompass the post cemetery and the old Castolon structures, and includes all of the floodplain between the Rio Grande and Routes 9 and 35 for the distances mentioned above.



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Castalon ("Castalon Army Compound" and "Old Castalon") 41 BS 442
(Brewster County, Texas) (On Register 9/6/74)

Longitude Coordinates for the NW and SW points were typed incorrectly
and should read:

NW 103 31 35

SW 103 31 35

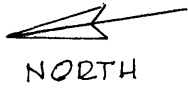
All other references are current.

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CASTOLON
ARMY COMPOUND

SCALE: 1" = 100'

