

# DATA SHEET

Form 10-300  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: NEVADA
COUNTY: ELKO
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE MAR 10 1975

### 1. NAME

\* COMMON:  
RUBY VALLEY PONY EXPRESS STATION

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
SAME

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1515 IDAHO STREET

CITY OR TOWN:  
ELKO

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
NEVADA

STATE  
NEVADA 89801

CODE  
32

COUNTY:  
ELKO

CODE  
007

### 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"/> Object	<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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input 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 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"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Outdoor Exhibit on Museum grounds

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
NORTHEASTERN NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (LONG TERM LEASE: CITY OF ELKO)

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1515 IDAHO STREET (MAILING: P.O. BOX 503)

CITY OR TOWN:  
ELKO

STATE:  
NEVADA 89801

CODE  
32

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
ELKO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
ELKO

STATE  
NEVADA 89801

CODE  
32

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
NONE

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

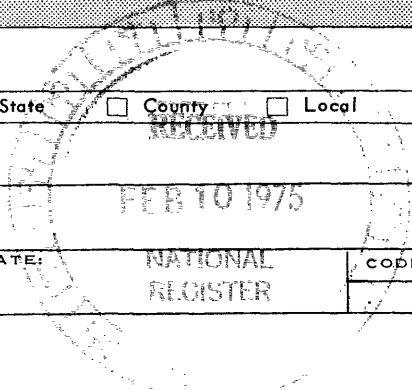
CITY OR TOWN:  
NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE:  
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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

It is the one remaining building of several built as the Pony Express Station and later used as a stage change station, etc. It was located on the Raymond and Sally Gardner Ranch, site of the original station, in Ruby Valley, approximately 60 miles southeast of Elko, its present site.

The structure is a log building with a stone fireplace. The only difference in appearance and construction is that the original sod on the roof was not put on the building after reconstruction on its present site.

It is 11 by 18 feet, random log construction, 2x4 plate added under roof for safety and better joining of the walls and roof, stone fireplace. Two posts inside support the roof. Hitching rails in front of building are built of cabin material, a demolished sister to the existing struction.

The building is an exact duplication or reconstruction of the original building. Logs and rocks were numbered, charted, then put back into the same position when reconstructed.

Several logs are stored in the building for replacement in the event such a happening occurs. Logs are from a sister building.



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**6. 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) April 1860 to October 1861

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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____                                    |
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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation              |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The nominated structure is the only remaining building of the Ruby Valley Pony Express Station, used between April, 1860 to October, 1861, for that purpose. Before and after that period, it was used as a stage and freight stop and change station.

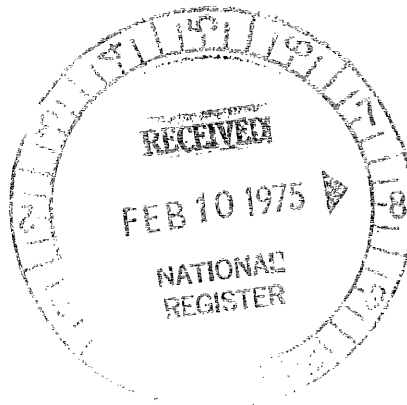
As far as can be determined, there are only two Pony Express buildings remaining in Nevada; this is one of them. The other is in central Nevada.

The station building was moved to this site for preservation and exhibition. There was absolutely no public access when it was on the private ranch in Ruby Valley and deterioration was allowed to run rampant. Removal of the structure to its present site assured its preservation and public exposure for future generations.

The move and reconstruction was done by the Northeastern Nevada Historical Society, parent of the Northeastern Nevada Museum, a private non-profit corporation receiving 50-60% of its operating funds from Elko County through a state law allowing support by county commissioners of non-profit museums.

The building was moved in the summer of 1960 during the Pony Express Centennial. Since that date it has remained in perfect, arrested condition.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

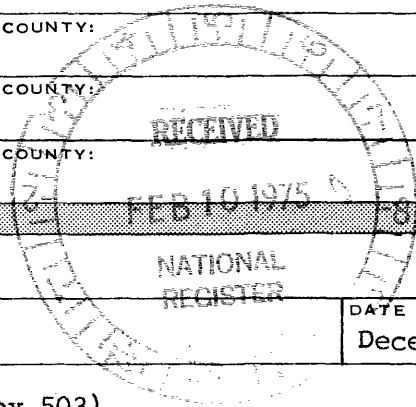
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Building is on one acre of museum grounds.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES None

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Howard Hickson, Museum Director

ORGANIZATION: Northeastern Nevada Museum DATE: December 13, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 1515 Idaho Street (Mailing: P.O. Box 503)

CITY OR TOWN: Elko STATE: Nevada 89801 CODE: 32

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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 Eric Conchite

Title S.H.P.O.

Date 1-30-75

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

A.A. Montross  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/10/75

ATTEST:  
W. J. Mustard  
Keeper of the National Register

Date 3.5.75