1. NAME
   HISTORIC
   Wall Street Mill

2. LOCATION
   STREET & NUMBER
   Not applicable

   CITY, TOWN
   Joshua Tree National Monument

   STATE
   California

3. CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY
   DISTRICT
   __BUILDING(S)
   __STRUCTURE
   _SITE
   __OBJECT

   OWNERSHIP
   X PUBLIC
   _PRIVATE
   _BOTH

   PUBLIC ACQUISITION
   _IN PROCESS
   _BEING CONSIDERED

   STATUS
   X OCCUPIED
   _UNOCCUPIED

   ACCESSIBLE
   _YES: RESTRICTED
   _YES: UNRESTRICTED
   _NO

   PRESENT USE
   X MUSEUM
   _AGRICULTURE
   _COMMERCIAL
   _PARK
   _EDUCATIONAL
   _PRIVATE RESIDENCE
   _ENTERTAINMENT
   _RELIGIOUS
   _GOVERNMENT
   _SCIENTIFIC
   _INDUSTRIAL
   _TRANSPORTATION
   _MILITARY
   _OTHER:

4. AGENCY
   REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
   National Park Service - Western Region Office

   STREET & NUMBER
   450 Golden Gate Avenue
   Box 36063

   CITY, TOWN
   San Francisco

   STATE
   California (94102)

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
   San Bernardino County Recorder's Office

   STREET & NUMBER
   172 West Third Street

   CITY, TOWN
   San Bernardino

   STATE
   California (92415)

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
   TITLE

   DATE
   _FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

   DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
   CITY, TOWN
   STATE
## Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Wall Street Mill complex consisted of four structures: the mill and its machinery; the well and accompanying pump; a bunk house, now partially collapsed; an outhouse or privy, now almost totally collapsed.

The stamp mill building is framed with heavy timber and built on a downward sloping hillside to take advantage of gravity in the milling process. The roof and some of the exterior walls are covered with corrugated sheet metal, while some of the exterior walls have either vertical or horizontal wooden siding. At the top of the building a long wooden ramp supports the track of an ore tramway which carried ore from where it was unloaded from trucks to the top of the mill above the two-stamp Baker Iron Works crusher. A gasoline engine powered the mill; it was built by the Western Gas Engine Company of Los Angeles under patents dated 1906. It had a speed of 340 revolutions per minute. A Myer concentrating table was used in separating the gold from the ore.

This mill building is generally in good condition, although missing various windows, some floor boards and a stair.

The bunk house was a two storey structure which has partially collapsed in such fashion that it is difficult to ascertain what the original configuration of the building was. The walls are of wood frame construction, built directly on the earth without foundations. These walls are covered with rolled mineral surface paper held in place by broad-headed nails and wooden battens. There is no stair to the second floor and apparently never was one—access must have been by exterior ladder. The ground floor featured a bedroom, a kitchen, and a living room or parlor with a rubble stone fireplace. Crudely and flimsily built and much decayed, this bunkhouse is not regarded as being of significance.

The outhouse or privy, located some distance from the bunkhouse, is in an advanced state of collapse. The roof is missing except for three rafters; part of one side wall is gone; the door is missing; there is a large gap in the front wall beside the missing door. Like the bunkhouse, this ruin is not regarded as being of significance.
SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD
-PREHISTORIC
_1400-1499
_1500-1599
_1600-1699
_1700-1799
X1800-1899
X1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW
_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
_AGRICULTURE
_ARCHITECTURE
_ART
_COMMERCE
_COMMUNICATIONS
_COMMUNITY PLANNING
_CONSERVATION
_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
_RELIGION
_LAW
_LITERATURE
_MILITARY
_MUSIC
_PHILOSOPHY
_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
_INVENTION
_INDUSTRY
_MINING/TECHNOLOGY

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1933-present

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wall Street Mill is of local technological/mechanical significance under the general category of Industry. The significance is due to the fact that it is a complete and operable gold ore crushing mill featuring late-19th Century two-stamp mill machinery. Consequently the significance encompasses the mill machinery, the building which houses it, the well which supplied water for the mill's operation, and the well pump. The adjacent, partially collapsed two-storey bunk house and the nearby collapsed outhouse or privy are regarded as irrelevant to the significance of the property.

The historical background is as follows:

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES
Perkins Papers, Joshua Tree National Monument Library
Fact File, Joshua Tree National Monument Library

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
The boundary is a rectangle, with its longer axis running east and west, the corners specified in the above UTM references.

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Gordon Chappell, Regional Historian

ORGANIZATION
National Park Service - Western Region Office

DATE
June 10, 1975

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
YES X NO

ISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE
In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is X National, Y State, Z Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE
Deputy Assistant Secretary
DATE SEP 5 1975

FOR NPS USE ONLY
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
DATE NOV 1 1 1975

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER