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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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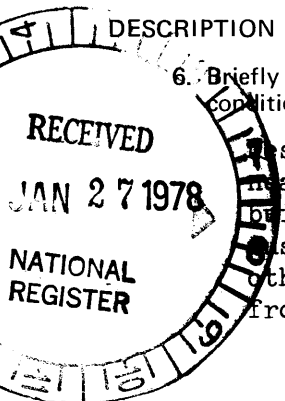
IDENTIFICATION

- Common name: Desert View Tower
- Historic name, if known: n/a
- Street or rural address: Vicinity of Jacumba Ocotillo vic.
 City: _____ ZIP: _____ County: Imperial
- Present owner, if known: Dennis A. Newman Address: 12745 Via Esteria
 City: Del Mar ZIP: 92014 Ownership is: Public Private
- Present Use: Museum Original Use: _____
 Other past uses: _____

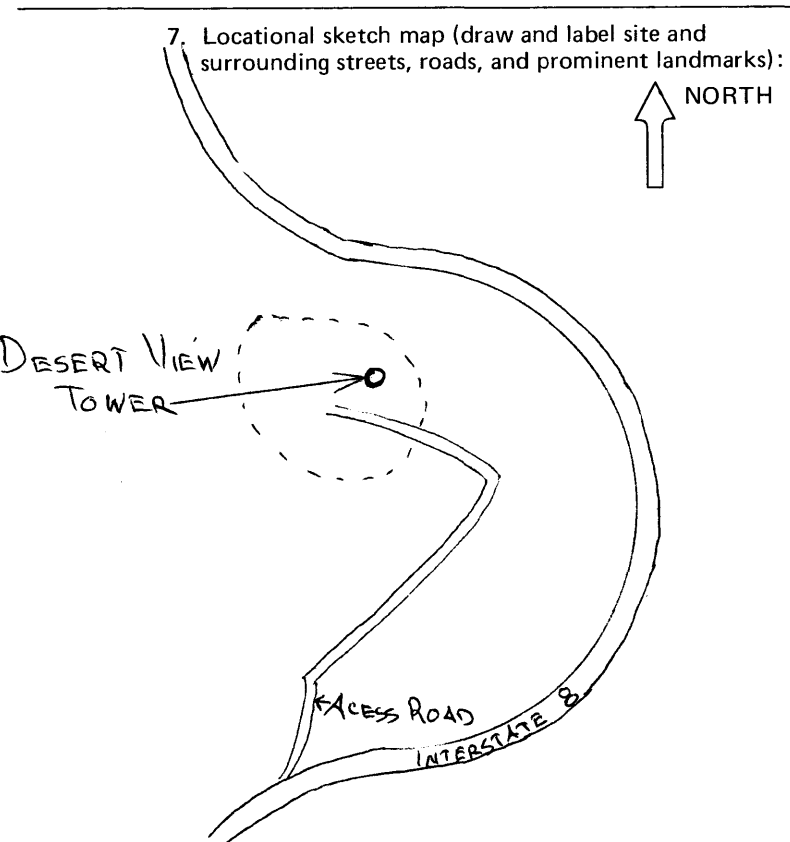
DESCRIPTION

6. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Desert View Tower is an observation tower surrounded by a sculpture garden near Jacumba, California. The tower is a three story circular structure built out of native stone, with walls four feet thick, which once housed a museum. Most of the Native stone sculpture represents reptiles although other animals were also sculpted. The site shows some deterioration from weather and vandals, but retains its integrity of design.



7. Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



8. Approximate property size:

Lot size (in feet) Frontage _____
 Depth _____
 or approx. acreage 5 acres.

9. Condition: (check one)

- a. Excellent b. Good c. Fair
 d. Deteriorated e. No longer in existence

10. Is the feature a. Altered? b. Unaltered?

11. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary)

- a. Open land b. Scattered buildings
 c. Densely built-up d. Residential
 e. Commercial f. Industrial
 g. Other

12. Threats to site:

- a. None known b. Private development
 c. Zoning d. Public Works project
 e. Vandalism f. Other deterioration

OVER-

13. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): April, 1975

NOTE: The following (Items 14-19) are for structures only.

14. Primary exterior building material: a. Stone b. Brick c. Stucco d. Adobe e. Wood
 f. Other _____
15. Is the structure: a. On its original site? b. Moved? c. Unknown?
16. Year of initial construction _____ This date is: a. Factual b. Estimated
 Artist Bert L. Vaughn
17. ~~Architect~~ (if known): _____
18. Builder (if known): _____
19. Related features: a. Barn b. Carriage house c. Outhouse d. Shed(s) e. Formal garden(s)
 f. Windmill g. Watertower/tankhouse h. Other sculptures _____ i. None

SIGNIFICANCE

20. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site when known):

Desert View Tower is significant because it is an important example of twentieth century environmental folk art. The tower was built in 1923 and a folk art environment was created during the depression. The site is located near a section of the old emigrant trail where it is said that various pioneer groups passed by in the nineteenth century. Many of the sculptures demonstrate considerable talent although the name of the artist is unknown. Because of its uniqueness and proximity to a heavily traveled highway, Desert Tower receives many visitors.

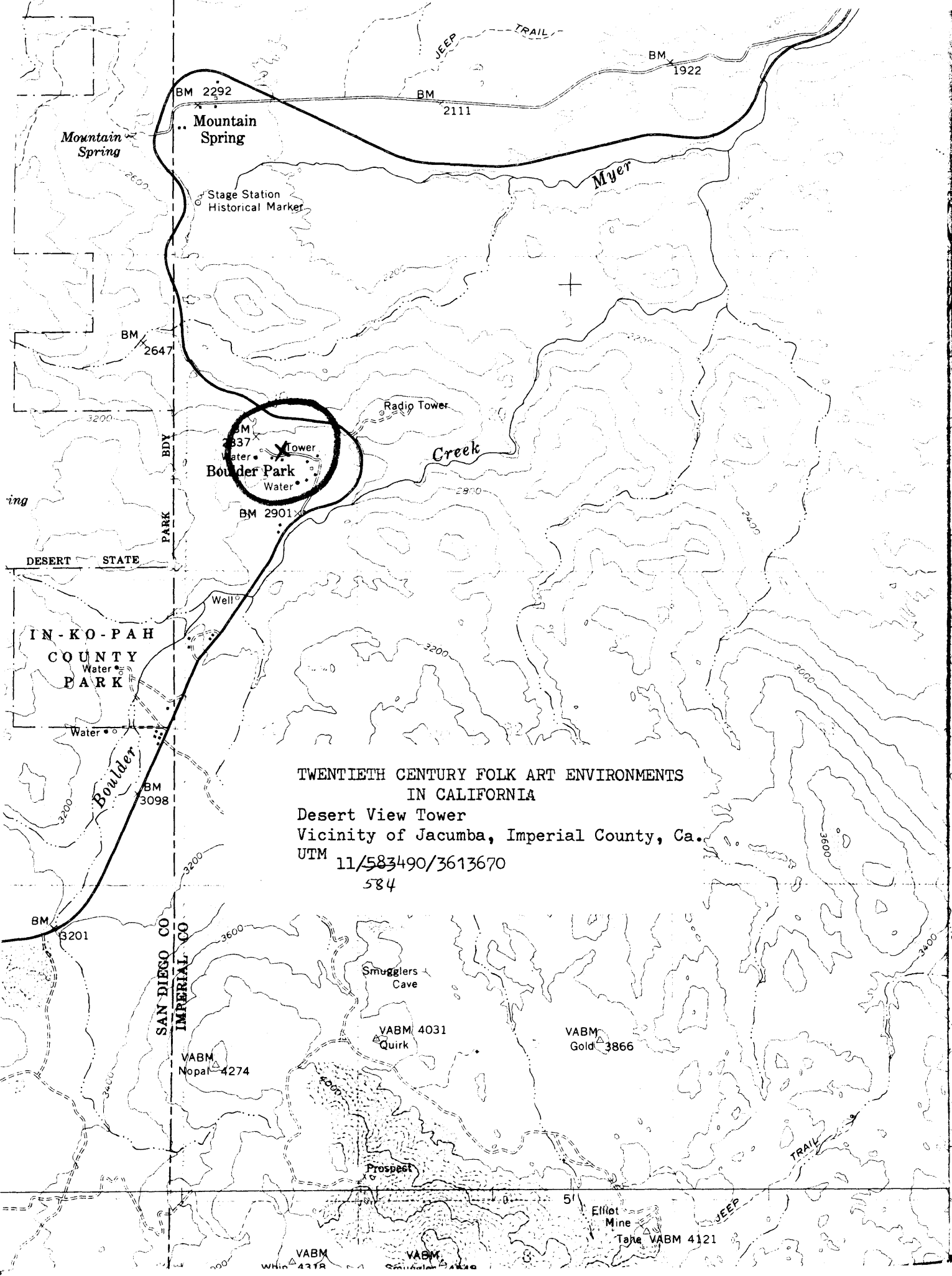
21. Main theme of the historic resource: (Check only one): a. Architecture b. Arts & Leisure
 c. Economic/Industrial d. Exploration/Settlement e. Government f. Military
 g. Religion h. Social/Education

22. Sources: List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews, and their dates:

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IN CALIFORNIA

Desert View Tower
Vicinity of Jacumba, Imperial County, Ca.

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