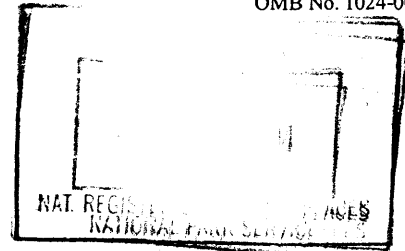


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station

other names/site number 210 Main Street

2. Location

street & number 1835 Old Ranch Road

not for publication

city or town Dragoon

vicinity

state Arizona code AZ county Cochise code 003 zip code 85609

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

James W. Gawn AZSHPO
Signature of certifying official
ARIZONA STATE PARKS
State or Federal agency and bureau

16 APRIL 2004
Date

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): _____

Edson H. Beall _____
Signature of NPS officer Date of Action 7/21/04

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (check as many as apply)		Category of Property (check as many as apply)		Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/>	public-local	<input type="checkbox"/>	district	1	0	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	public-State	<input type="checkbox"/>	site	0	0	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/>	structure	0	0	structure
		<input type="checkbox"/>	object	0	0	object
				1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
 (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Commercial/ Trade	Work in Progress
General Store	

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
No Style	foundation Earth
	walls Wood
	roof Tin
	other Wood

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce
Social History

Period of Significance

1915-1946

Significant Dates

1915

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

J.H. Smith

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property < 1 acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2				4			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Theresa Nola Taylor (w/ assistance of Kathryn Leonard, SHPO National Register Coordinator)		
organization	Project Manager/Caretaker	date	April 15, 2004
street & number	1835 Old Ranch Road- PO Box 281	telephone	(520)586-2560
city or town	Dragoon	state	AZ
		zip code	85609

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name/title	Bank One, N.A. as Trustee of Estate of Elizabeth S. Husband, Deceased		
street & number	PO Box 71 (AZ1-1121)	telephone	602-221-2620
city or town	Phoenix	state	AZ
		zip code	85001

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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				state	Arizona

Section 7: Narrative Description

The J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station is a large, one story building approximately 2473 square feet in size. It is located at and oriented to the three-point intersection of Dragoon Road, Old Ranch Road and Black Prince Road. The building was erected in 1915 by J.H. Smith. The date of construction and the identity of the builder are corroborated by stamped shipping dates on the materials comprising the walls, ceilings, and corrugated tin roof. The stamps derive from various mills and manufacturers and specify the shipping destination as to one, "J.H. Smith, Dragoon, Arizona." All building materials were shipped via the Southern Pacific Railroad Line, which is located 300 feet from the frontage of the building at 1835 Old Ranch Road.

The setting of the J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station is rural. The building's façade was constructed at an angle to purposely orient it to traffic at all three points of the Dragoon/Old Ranch Road/Black Prince Road intersection. The surrounding vegetation consists of mesquite shrubs, soap bush and yucca cactus. The Township of Dragoon is modestly sized, comprised of 200 individuals all residing within a one mile radius of one-another.

The front entry of the store is situated at the northeast corner of the building and consists of two double doors. The double doors would have been entrance to the Grocery portion of building. Candy and cigar counters were displayed prominently in the front portion of the grocery; cloth and shoes were located to the right side, and sundries and linaments were located in the middle. Produce was located in a large bin on the left side of the grocery. Tools and various farm and ranch equipment were located at the back of the store. Passing through the Grocery area, and moving toward the south side of the building, there are two additional rooms that were used as a bar area and gaming area.

These three rooms, comprising the entire east side of the building, represented the original commercial operations of the Filling Station and Grocery. The front façade of the property features a prominent wood and tin roofed awning that would have provided shade for motorists as they fueled their cars. Two ca. 1920s gasoline "bubble" pumps existed in front of this awning, but have since been removed. While fuel was delivered to the filling station by horse and wagon initially, in 1938 Mr. Smith became an independent operator under contract with the Chevron Standard Oil Company. Mr. Smith's deal with Chevron allowed for fuel to be dispensed directly from the adjacent railroad line into above ground tanks, which have also been removed.

The west side of the building houses the original living quarters, which possessed a separate front door and two north facing windows. The northern portion of the residential quarters housed a parlor and great room. The southern portion of the residential quarters housed the kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. Two of the three west

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facing windows look into the great room. The third west-facing window looks into the kitchen. A patio with a wood awning adjoins the bedroom and kitchen on the south side of the building.

An addition to the southern portion of the building was constructed in 1960 to include improvements for septic and bathhouse needs. This improvement enabled the owner to dispense with two public outhouses located 40 feet from the rear of the Grocery. A 3200 gallon septic system was also installed to accommodate store patrons and social customers, as the grocery and filling station was as much a social center, as it was a focal point to obtain goods and services.

The roof is moderately pitched and gabled with oak trusses and beams. The entire roof is sheated with 8-foot by 2 foot corrugated tin panels.

The exterior of the building is comprised of three-inch wide tongue and groove oak and oak barn board. The interior floors are three-inch wide tongue and groove planking, while the interior walls and ceilings consist of two and 1/2-inch wide planks with oak wainscoting. The ceiling heights on both sides of the building are 9 ft. 6 in. in height. Eight doors have been identified as original to the property, salvaged and rehung. Four windows (two in the great room, one in the kitchen, and one in the freight room) have been replaced due to excessive wood rot.

The building is currently being restored and is approximately 40 percent completed. The exterior and interior contain approximately 80 percent of the original building materials.

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Section 8: Statement of Significance

The J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station was the first building in the community of Dragoon to have indoor facilities, a pay telephone, and gas generated electric power. The Grocery was the focal point of town, serving as a Woman’s Club and a Meeting Hall. It was a place where local miners, rail workers and ranchers could gather to discuss the economical and public concerns of the area. The Commercial side of the building also served as a social hall. Ever the entrepreneur, Smith placed pool tables and penny slot machines at the rear of the Grocery. He also held dances for local residents whose remote location gave them no other opportunities for social activity. From its construction in 1915, the J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station was “the” social gathering spot for small desert community of Dragoon.

The Town of Dragoon is named for the Dragoon Mountains, which exist approximately 3 miles to the southwest of the J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station. Dragoon’s rich history dates back to the Indian Wars that occurred in 1860-1870. The Mountains and the Town were both named for the Third Army regiment that patrolled and bivouacked in this area. “Cochise’s Stronghold,” the famed Apache leader Cochise’s base of operations is located on the Eastern face of the Dragoon Mountains.

Within Jordan Canyon, located 4 miles southwest of the Grocery, is the site of Dragoon Springs, which supplied water to indigenous Apache groups within the area. The location of the Springs was exploited as a viable location for the Butterfield Overland Mail Company who erected a stage stop (the third on their route commencing from New Mexico). The Dragoon Springs Stage Station Site is currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Conflict between the Apache and local supporters and defenders of the Butterfield contributed to the clustering of impermanent Anglo settlement around Dragoon Springs; this settlement would eventually coalesce to form the Town of Dragoon.

The historic Butterfield Overland Stage Route ran approximately two miles southeast of the current location of the J.H. Smith Grocery. It was the only thoroughfare available for passage in Southern Arizona until the coming of the Southern Pacific Rail Line. The Southern Pacific constructed its line approximately 300 feet from the frontage of J.H. Smith’s property sometime in the early 1900s. The rail line was built by Chinese laborers; a campsite of these laborers is said to have existed approximately 200 ft northwest off the J.H. Smith building. Locals remember gathering such artifacts as cooking utensils in this area. Although no evidence of this camp exists today, there may still remain buried subsurface archaeological components. As this encampment is not on the same land as the J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station, and possesses a different period of significance, it is not considered part of this nomination.

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In summary, the J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station is the only structure remaining from the early days of Dragoon. Other buildings which used to exist, including the train depot, Peaks Hotel and the Post Office, have collapsed or been dismantled. The Depot, which was formerly located 600 feet northeast of the Grocery, was sawn in half and taken out on flat beds by two local ranchers.

The J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station represents the last commercial remains of Dragoon, Arizona, a small overland stage stop and train stop in rural Arizona. This mercantile and social center approximates the temper and attitude of rural Arizona after the Indian Wars and during its early period of statehood. All of the individuals within the area were dependent upon one another for friendship, camaraderie and strength. The J.H. Smith Grocery and Filling Station supplied more than goods and services, but also functioned as a social focal point and haven for those needing the reassurance that the community would not fail them. It is a prominent reflection of the importance local commerce played in the basic rhythm of rural life.

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Section 9: Major Bibliographical References

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Section 10: Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The northwest boundary of the J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station is physically defined by the intersection of Old Ranch Road and Black Prince Road. The rear boundary of the property extends 120 ft south of Old Ranch Road and 100 ft west of Black Prince Road. The western and southern property lines are demarcated by a fence. The property is defined by the Cochise County Assessor's Office as Parcel 208-78-006. The legal description reads, "Dragoon Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 15."

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the nomination are defined so as to encompass the J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station building, and are coterminous with the legal description of the property.

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 state Arizona

Submitted Photographs

Photo Number	Property	County, State	Photographer Name	Photo Date	Location of Negative	Description of View
1	J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station	Cochise County, AZ	Teresa Taylor	February 17, 2004	Teresa Taylor, PO Box 281, Dragoon, AZ	Front of building, facing south
2	J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station	Cochise County, AZ	Teresa Taylor	February 17, 2004	Teresa Taylor, PO Box 281, Dragoon, AZ	Northwest elevation of building, facing southeast
3	J.H. Smith Grocery Store and Filling Station	Cochise County, AZ	Teresa Taylor	February 17, 2004	Teresa Taylor, PO Box 281, Dragoon, AZ	Northwest and west elevations of building facing east