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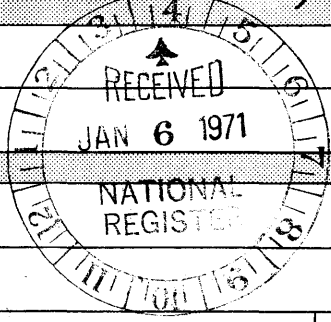
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	California	
COUNTY:	Kern	
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ENTRY NUMBER	715060029	DATE
		5/6/71



**1. NAME**

COMMON: Fort Tejon State Historic Park

AND/OR HISTORIC: Fort Tejon

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 38 miles south of Bakersfield on U.S. 99

CITY OR TOWN: Near Lebec

STATE: California CODE: 06 COUNTY: Kern CODE: 029

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Department of Parks and Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER: 1416 9th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento STATE: California CODE: 06

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER: 1416 Truxton

CITY OR TOWN: Bakersfield STATE: California CODE: 06

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: California Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee

DATE OF SURVEY: 6/47  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Department of Parks and Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER: 1416 9th Street (Resources Building)

CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento STATE: California CODE: 06

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in Grapevine Canyon, Kern County on Highway 99. It is 36 miles south of Bakersfield and 77 miles north of Los Angeles near the small community of Lebec. The present highway runs through the original area of the Old Fort. There are several large old valley oak trees and some willows, cottonwoods, junipers and buckeyes on the post. The sloping site is at an elevation of 3100 feet to 3300 feet above sea level.

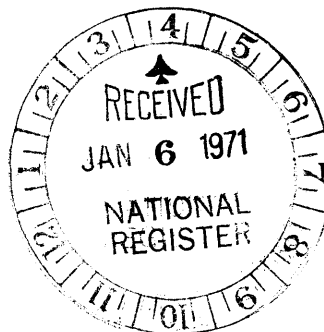
Most of twenty or more original adobe and wood frame buildings are in ruins. One, single story with partial basement, "Barracks Building", has been restored and maintained; one 2-story with partial basement, "Barracks Building", has been restored and maintained; one 2-story "Officers' Quarters" building has been restored and maintained; one single-story "Orderlies' Quarters" building has been stabilized. The buildings have adobe walls on rock footings; floors are of wood on wood framing; ceilings and roof structures are of wood; roof coverings are rough wood shakes.

The existing buildings and ruins are situated around a "Parade Grounds" approximately 400 feet by 400 feet.

The park office and orientation center building (const. 1958) is located on the northerly edge of the "Parade Grounds". Nearby is the "Peter Lebec Oak" bearing a plaque commemorating this Early Pioneer and Explorer.

Beginning at a point about 5,800' westerly of U. S. Highway 99 on the boundary of Los Padres National Forest and about 2,800' north of the SW corner of Section 16, Township 9 north, Range 19 west SEM, then north about 2,400', then east about 3,500' then southeasterly along the westerly line of U. S. Highway 99 about 3,500', then west about 5,700' to the point of beginning.

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**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) June 24, 1854 to September 11, 1864

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This military post was established by the United States Army on June 24, 1854, to suppress stock rustling and to protect Indians in the San Joaquin Valley. As regimental Headquarters of the First Dragoons, Fort Tejon was an important military, social, and political center. Camels for transportation were introduced here in 1858. The fort was abandoned September 11, 1864. Subsequently, it became headquarters for the Tejon Ranch until acquired by the State in 1940. Considerable restoration-reconstruction is planned for the area.

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