

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wyoming	
COUNTY: Sweetwater	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70-2-49- <del>119</del> 003	DATE 2/26/70

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Granger Stage Station

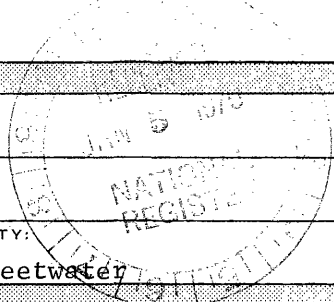
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Ham's Fork Station, South Bend Station.

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
NW 1/4 <sup>32</sup> NE 1/4 <sup>19</sup> Section ~~20~~ <sup>11</sup>: T. ~~20~~ N., R. ~~8~~ W.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Granger

STATE: Wyoming CODE: 49 COUNTY: Sweetwater CODE: 037



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Historic Site
Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
State of Wyoming, administered by the Wyoming Recreation Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
604 East 25th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Cheyenne STATE: Wyoming CODE: 49

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Wyoming Recreation Commission

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre.

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Wyoming Recreation Commission Survey of Historic Site, Markers & Mon.

DATE OF SURVEY: Summer-Fall 1967 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Wyoming Recreation Commission

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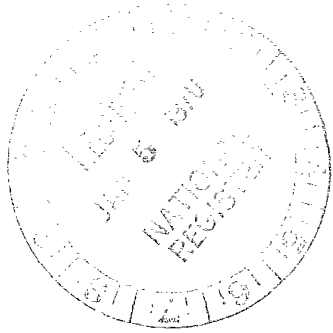
**7. DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Only one original dwelling remains at the site of Granger Station. This building is rectangular, 56 feet long and 22 feet wide. The two foot thick walls are constructed of cut native stone and put up with lime-sand mortar. The interior is divided into two rooms which have chimneys, 6" wooden floorings and 3" beaded ceilings. Three doorways face south and one faces north. Two windows face west and one faces east. None of the original doors or windows are intact in the station, the roof has been shingled in recent times. Over the years the building has deteriorated and is presently badly in need of restoration.

The site, adjacent to the town of Granger, consists of approximately one acre covered with sparse vegetation. A granite marker has been erected north of the station which reads "The Old South Bend Stage Station - Built 1850 - Gift of E. J. Brandly and Family to the State of Wyoming in memory of Mrs. E. J. Brandly - On the Oregon Trail and Pony Express."



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1856

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                |              |                          |                |                                     |                           |                                     |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Aboriginal     | Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Urban Planning            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Prehistoric    | Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi-  |                                     | Other (Specify)           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic       | Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <u>Overland migration</u> |                                     |
| Agriculture    | Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                           |                                     |
| Art            | Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                           |                                     |
| Commerce       | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human-  |                                     |                           |                                     |
| Communications | Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                           |                                     |
| Conservation   | Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                           |                                     |
|                | Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                           |                                     |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

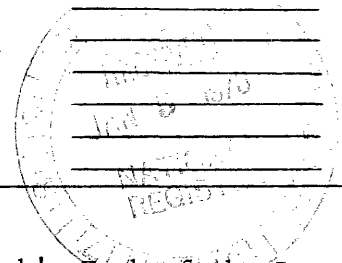
The area surrounding Ham's Fork confluence with Black's Fork of the Green River is rich in history and three major eras of overland travel are represented there. As early as 1824 the fur trappers and traders began traversing the region and continued to frequent the two streams until the decline of the fur trade in the late 1830's. In 1834 the trappers held their annual rendezvous along the banks of Ham's Fork about twenty miles upstream from Black's Fork.

The year 1841 marked the beginning of the great covered wagon exodus from the eastern states to California and Oregon. The trail followed by thousands of the emigrants on their way westward crossed Ham's Fork a few hundred feet above its mouth. In later years a ferry was operated across Ham's Fork to serve the needs of those emigrants pushing on to Fort Bridger and the valley of the Salt Lake. Many paused at the crossing to rest and graze their stock, wash their clothes and enjoy the clear cold waters rushing down from the mountains. As the trail became well established, stage coaches carrying passengers and mail began to utilize it. A stage station came into being near the junction of Ham's Fork and Black's Fork around 1856 and was called Ham's Fork Station.

During the Mormon War advance units of Colonel A. S. Johnston's military forces moving towards Utah reached the vicinity of Ham's Fork late in the summer of 1857. Colonel E. B. Alexander encamped and established Camp Winfield about fifteen miles north of the Ham's Fork junction. After several weeks the main body of the Utah expedition arrived, the troops left Ham's Fork and proceeded on to Fort Bridger where they established a military base. Troops from the Fort returned in 1858 and constructed a very substantial wagon bridge over Ham's Fork and greatly improved the old fording place nearby on Black's Fork. (The remains of the military footings are still discernible a few rods distant from the Granger Station.)

Throughout the 1860's there was considerable activity around Ham's Fork Station. First came the fleeting operation of the Pony Express in 1860 and 1861. During the year 1862 the Overland Stage operation was changed from the South Pass route to a new line that used the Bridger's Pass and Bitter Creek route. The new Overland Trail rejoined the old original route at Ham's Fork. Ham's Fork Station lost its identity at

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- \_\_\_\_\_, Manuscript prepared by Paul Henderson, Manuscript file, Wyoming Recreation Commission.
- \_\_\_\_\_, Annals of Wyoming, Volume 32, Number 1. (Cheyenne: Wyoming State Archives and Historical Department, April 1960) p. 19 - 20.
- \_\_\_\_\_, Annals of Wyoming, Volume 31, Number 2. (Cheyenne: Wyoming State Archives and Historical Department, October 1959) p. 6, 217 - 218.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		41° 35' 26"	109° 58' 37"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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460

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Bill Barnhart, Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **Wyoming Recreation Commission**      DATE: **Dec. 19, 1969**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**604 East 25th Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Cheyenne**      STATE: **Wyoming**      CODE: **49**

**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: *Paul Henderson*

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: December 19, 1969

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

*Ernest Allen Cannally*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: FEB 26 1970

ATTEST:

*William J. Mustang*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: FEB 11 1970

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Granger Stage Station (Continuation Sheet)

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8. Statement of Significance - page - 2

that time to become known as the South Bend Station. The new designation was derived from the fact that near the Station the Black's Fork makes a sudden bend from its northeasterly course to assume a southeasterly course toward the Green River.

The Union Pacific Railroad construction arrived at Ham's Fork in 1868. The old stage station and the immediate vicinity became overrun with workers when a rail camp was located near the site. A sidetrack, station buildings and a water tank for locomotives were set up and the place was named Granger. Granger then became an active rail station along the line of transcontinental highway. To commemorate the pioneers that had passed along the way in previous years, Clarence E. and Eva Adams deeded the site of the historic stage station and one acre of land to the State of Wyoming on August 21, 1930. The State Historical Landmark Commission erected and dedicated the existing monument May 27, 1931. Since that time Granger Stage Station has been maintained by the State as a historic site.

