Form 10-300

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Dutton Hotel, Stage Coach Station - Jolon

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
King City - Jolon Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Jolon

STATE CODE COUNTY:
California 06

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)

District: [ ] Site: [ ] Building: [x]
Structure: [ ] Object: [ ]

OWNERSHIP

Public: [ ] Private: [ ] Both: [ ]

Public Acquisition: [ ] In Process: [ ]
[ ] Being Considered: [ ]

STATUS

Occupied: [ ] Unoccupied: [ ]
[ ] Preservation work in progress: [ ]

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

Yes: [x] Restricted: [ ]
[ ] Unrestricted: [ ]

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural: [ ] Government: [ ]
Commercial: [ ] Industrial: [ ]
Educational: [ ] Military: [x]
Entertainment: [ ] Museum: [ ]
[ ] Religious: [ ] Scientific: [ ]

Ownership: [ ] Transportation: [ ]
[ ] Comments: [ ] Other (Specify): [ ]

None: [ ]

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
U.S. Government

STREET AND NUMBER:
King City - Jolon Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Jolon

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California 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Part of Lot 12 Milpitas Rancho

STREET AND NUMBER:
King City - Jolon Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Jolon

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California 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Monterey County Planning Department

DATE OF SURVEY:
12/1/70

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Monterey County Planning Department

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House, Box 1208

CITY OR TOWN:
Salinas

STATE CODE:
California 06
DESCRIPTION THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

When the property was purchased by William Randolph Hearst in 1929 the adobe and a bivouac area were used for firewood. As time went by, the building gradually began to deteriorate. Last year, 1969, the roof caved in, and it is doubtful if the walls that are still two stories in height will survive the winter rains.

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When the property was purchased by William Randolph Hearst in 1929 the adobe would become a museum, however, it never materialized. In 1940 the U.S. Army acquired the property and the adobe was used as a recreation center.

The building was sold by Ramirez to Bowen and from Bowen to John Lee in 1871. It was sold by Lee to H.C. Dodge, who in turn sold it to Lt. George Button and Captain Tidball. Button became sole owner in 1876, added a second story of adobe construction. In 1877, a second story of adobe construction was added. In later years the Inn was one of the first buildings in the area to have inside plumbing and its own electric lighting system. Commercial electric power did not come into the Jolon area until the late 1930's.

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The wood structure attached to the south end contained a General Store and a post office in the front of the building and a saloon in the rear. The saloon had a huge fireplace, an ornate bar which had been brought around the Horn, and six or eight poker tables. The building on the north end served as a kitchen for the adjoining dining rooms.

During the height of its popularity the first floor of the original adobe had two dining rooms on the north end, one for guests and the other for ranch hands and servants of travelers. The remainder of the first floor contained two parlors and accommodations for the owners. The second story had a central hall with rooms for guests on either side. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. A vine-covere...
The "Dutton Hotel", a California landmark, was a major stagecoach stop for a person travelling between San Francisco and San Diego in the late 1800's. The stages changed horses here and travelers often spent the night at the Inn. Visitors included vaqueros, teamsters, soldiers, miners, Indians, Spanish, Mexican and American settlers, trappers and cattlemen. A familiar name was Tiburcio Vasquez, the noted bandit.

The Inn was located on the original El Camino Real or King's Highway, which followed the trail of the Portola expedition of 1769. It became the nucleus for the settlement of Jolon, which by the year 1876 had numerous families in the area. Other buildings included a dance hall, located across the Camino Real from the Inn, a jail, blacksmith shop, and school. Some five miles to the west was the Mission San Antonio de Padua, first founded in 1771, and which today has been accurately restored.

The store at the Inn was the chief source of supply for foodstuffs, clothing, building supplies, and whatever people needed, for miners from the Los Burros Mining District in the Santa Lucia Mountains and for families who lived in Pacific Valley and other coastal areas. Perhaps twice a year they would visit the Inn, enjoy the hospitality of the Duttons for a few days, then gather supplies and return to their mines and ranches. The first post office in Jolon was located at the Inn.

While it was constructed about 1850 and continued to operate as a hotel until 1929, the "hey day" of the Inn was roughly from 1875 to 1910, until the completion of the railroad and the building of an automobile highway in the Salinas Valley. This new more direct route by-passed the Dutton Hotel by nearly twenty miles. The diversion of traffic reduced Jolon to the status of a "ghost town" within a few years.
### Historic Spots in California

Historic Spots in California by Hoover, Rensch & Rensch
Revised by William N. Abeloe
Stanford University Press 1966

Park and Recreation Plan
Monterey County, California

Monterey County Planning Commission 1944

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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**LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES**

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**APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:**

One acre

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

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**FORM PREPARED BY**

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Monterey County Planning Department
Court House, Box 1208
Salinas, California

**ORGANIZATION**

Monterey County Planning Department

**DATE**

12/1/70

**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 [x]
- State [ ]
- Local [ ]

**Name**

[Signature]

**Title**

State Liaison Officer

**Date**

January 22, 1971

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

[Signature]

Chief, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

**ATTEST:**

[Signature]

Keeper of The National Register

**Date**

JUL 29 1971
6.00 Acres

Dutton Hotel & Gravesite

King City - Jolon

County Road

N 15°46'10" R 428.09'

570°02'20"W 440.43'

579°34'20"W 263.45'

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588°01'00"W

Dutton Hotel & Gravesite