Form 10-306 (Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wallace E. Pratt, a world-renowned geologist who pioneered the techniques of scientific oil exploration, began construction of a summer place at this site in 1930. As a geologist he recognized the scientific value of the Capitan Barrier Fossil Reef, but purchased the McKittrick Canyon property for its aesthetic qualities, stating that natural beauty in itself is a resource to be valued. An avid conservationist, he was a vigorous proponent of techniques designed to conserve oil and gas resources, and when he began ranching the McKittrick Canyon property upon his retirement from the business world he exhibited no less concern for the ecology of the area. A pioneer in the field of ecological concern, he was 20 years ahead of his time. When health forced his departure from McKittrick Canyon, his concern that the area be preserved in its natural state prompted his donation of the initial 5,632 acres which formed the nucleus of what was to become Guadalupe Mountain National Park.

The architecture of the structures reflects Mr. Pratt's philosophies. Of simple design and pleasing proportions, the structure is constructed almost entirely of native stone. The indigenous character of the structures harmonize beautifully with the setting and they are therefore worthy of preservation on the basis of their architectural merit alone, to say nothing of the significance of their association with Mr. Pratt.



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2. LOCATION

The Pratt Lodge is located at the juncture of the north and south branches of McKittrick Canyon. The mouth of the canyon is accessible by automobile only by obtaining the necessary keys from the National Park Service. From the mouth of the canyon, access may be gained only by foot over a trail along the floor of the canyon, a distance of approximately 2.5 miles.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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NAME OF PROPERTY Wallace Pratt Lodge (Guadalupe Mountains National Park)
The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.
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2. Location. Code
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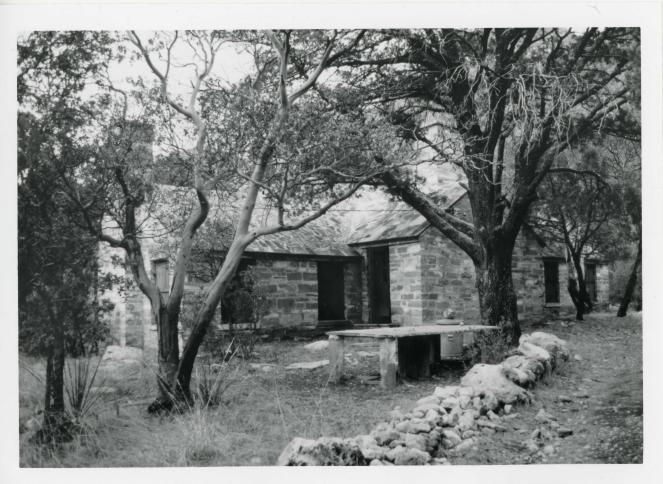
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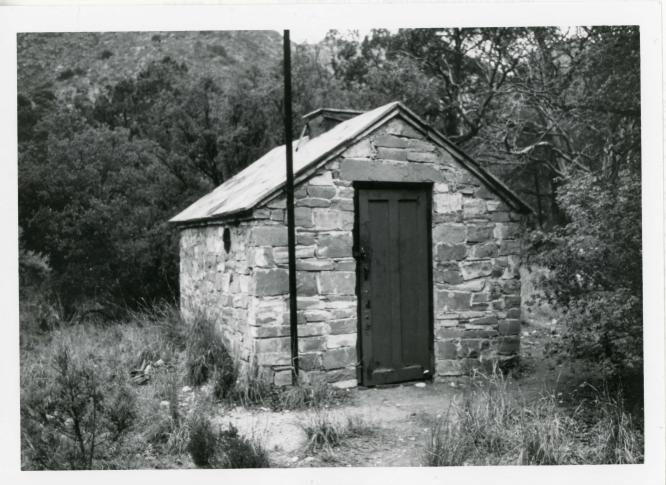
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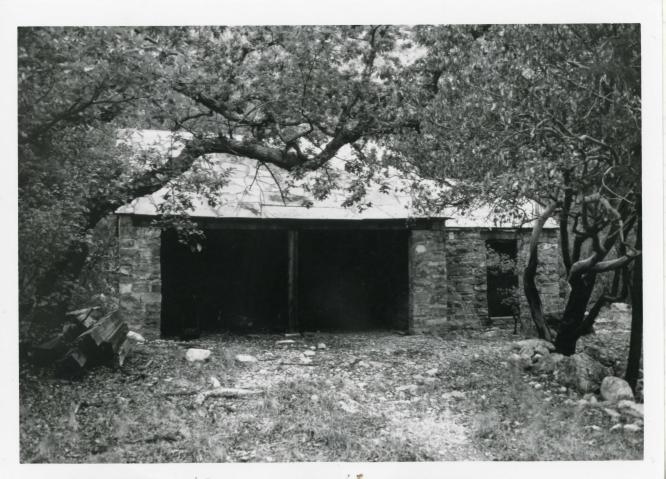
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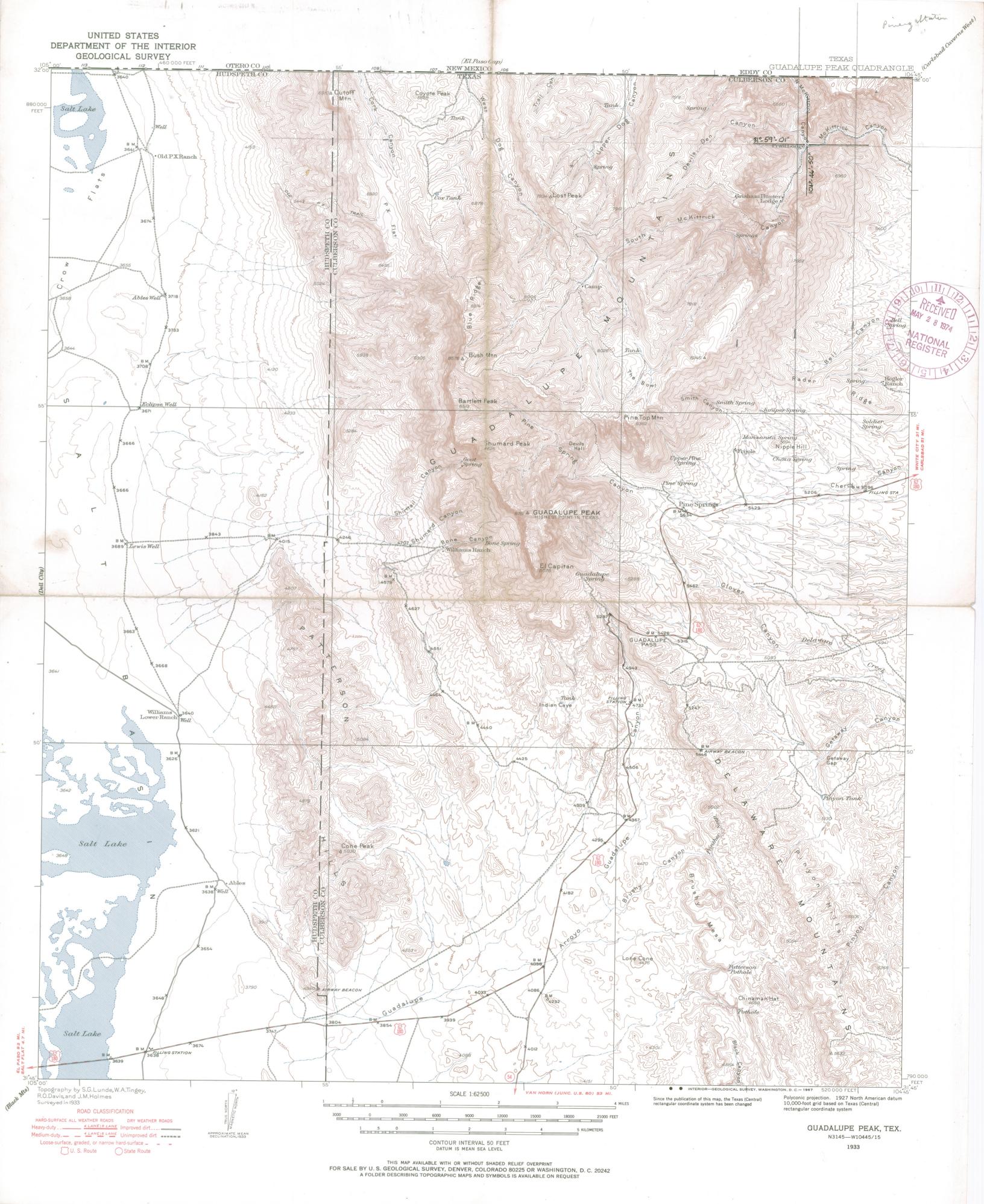
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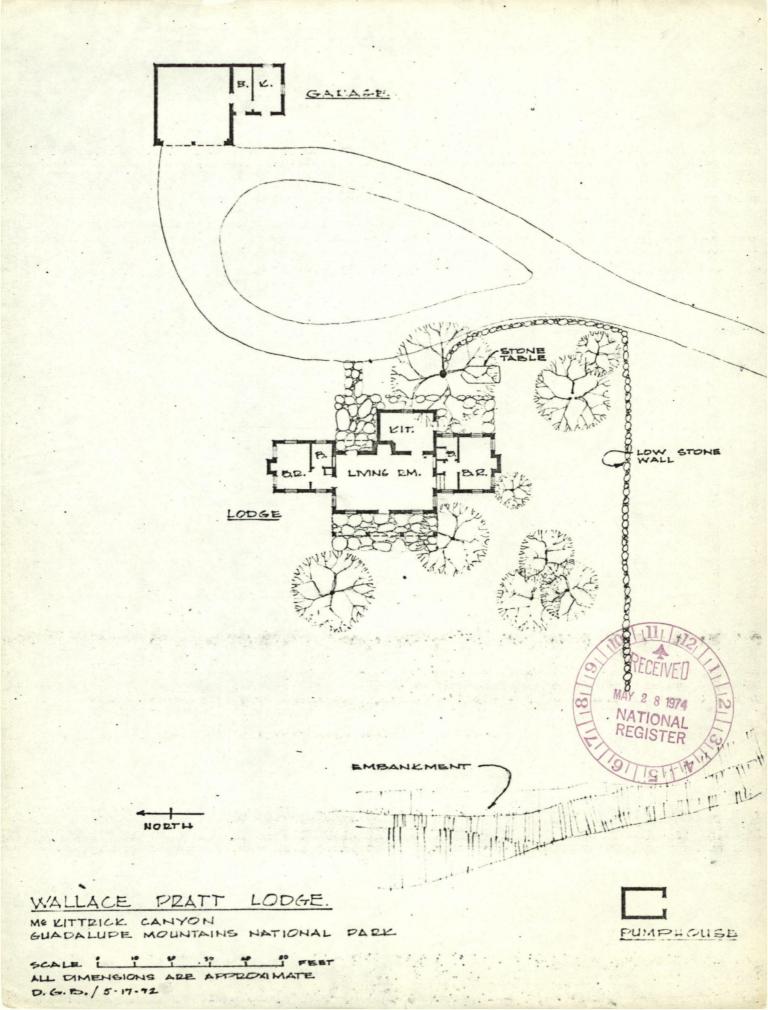
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Memorandum

To: Douglas P. Wheeler

Federal Representative for Executive Order 11593

Department of the Interior

From: A. R. Mortensen

Director, Office of Archeology and Ristoric Preservation

Subject: National Park Service Nominations for Listing the Wallace

Pratt Lodge and the Homer Wilson Ranch on the National

Register

Pratt Lodge and the Homer Wilson Ranch. Although they include interesting structures of the 1930's, neither property appears to be of sufficient architectural or historic significance to merit qui exception to the 50 year criteria of the National Register. If the National Park Service can supply additional information that demonstrates exceptional significance, we will be happy to review the nominations again.

(Sed.) A. R. Mortensen

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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We have reexamined the above forms and are returning them to your office with the request that they be given further evaluation.

Although of rather recent construction we believe that these sites have significance within the local context and understand that the National Park Service proposes to preserve and exhibit them as such. If after reevaluation you continue to believe that the statements of significance are inadequate we shall return them to the National Park Service so that they might be strengthened.

Douglas P. Wheeler

Enclosure





United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE

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Date Entered

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Name

Location

Pratt, Wallace, Lodge

Guadalupe Mountain National Park Culberson County

Also Notified

Hon. John G. Tower

Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen

Hon. Richard C. White

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the Interior

Mr. Douglas Wheeler, Department of

Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director Texas State Historical Survey Committee Post Office Box 12276, Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711

State Historic Preservation Officer

Regional Director, Southwest Region

the Interior

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NR Data Sheet

DATE: Reviewer INITIALS:

3/26:/75

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Pratt, Wallace, Lodge OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER At junction of N and S branch of McKittrick Canyon CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITY, TOWN Guadalupe Mountain VICINITY OF code COUNTY Culberson109 TХ 048

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle)

PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY National Park Service

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

(FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME) NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N.ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN

WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

ENVIRONS Substantially intact-3 Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-1 _unknown .-5 _unknown -6 _ unknown - 4 _ not applicable - 8 - not applicable - 7 _ Not applicable-9 -Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

EXCELLENT CONDITION -_G000

_FAIR

_DETERIORATED _RUINS UNEXPOSED _Unexcavated

LUNALTERED LORIGINAL SITE _ALTERED MOVED _Reconstructed _Unknown _Excavated

Yes-restricted

ACCESS -

Yes-unrestricted No access

Unknown

historic district?

NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? IF YES, NAME:

YES NO

ADAPTIVE USE:

Saved?

NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

YES

SIGNIFICANCE:

_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE __REMGION _ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC _entertainment _LAW/Gov't/politics Iscience - 23 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC _CONSERVATION _health AGRICULTURE _ECONOMICS _LITERATURE _recreation ARCHITECTURE - 4 _EDUCATION _MILITARY _SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN _settlement _ART _ENGINEERING _MUSIC _socio/cultural __COMMERCE _EXPLORATION __PHILOSOPHY _TRANSPORTATION _urban & commun _COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY __POLITICS/GOVERNMENT _OTHER (SPECIFY) planning INVENTION

Claims

"first" YES

ee oldest' YES

" "only" YES

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer: artist/artisan: builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal (1) Wallace E. Pratt - geologist - proviered techniques of scientific oil experiation.

appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1930

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION)

RIVATE STATE

LOCAL GOV"T

WINITATELY CO.

OTHER

FEDERAL 'AGENCY: National Park Service

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre)

4 acres

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here) Stone, ashlar; 1 story, central block with symmetrical wings, gabled roof sections, interior and exterior end chimneys center block full-width shed entrance porch, roof sections of heavy timber, sheathed in flagstone; stone pumphouse and garage. Built as a summer residence for world-reknowned geologist, wallace E. Pratt; his donation of the property to the Park Service formed the nucleus of Guadalupe Mountain National Park.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)