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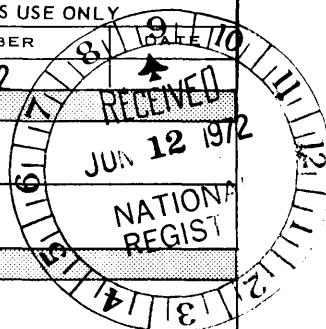
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Idaho
COUNTY:	Jerome
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JUN 27 1972	JUN 12 1972



1. NAME	
COMMON:	Caldron Linn
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Section 5, T11S, R20E			
CITY OR TOWN: 2 miles east of Murtaugh and about 20 miles above the city of Twin Falls			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Idaho	16	Jerome	053

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <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	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Unused

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: State of Idaho			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Omitted lands lack legal description			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
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Size: less than one acre

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)
☐ Altered ☒ Unaltered

(Check One)
☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

While irrigated farming has transformed the land above Snake river gorge around Caldron Linn, the canyon interior, and Caldron Linn itself, remains unchanged except for vegetation. An inconspicuous narrow road reaches the valley floor at Caldron Linn, and at the site itself, little modern agricultural change is visible over the cliffs above.



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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) 1811

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☒ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry☐ losophyExploration X☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ ScienceFur Trade X☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature☐ itarian☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

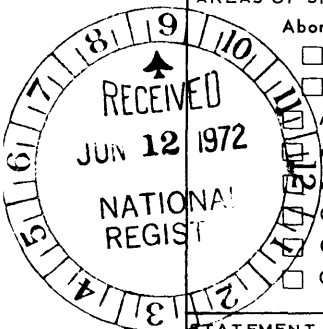
Wilson Price Hunt, leader of the Overland Astorians, thought in the fall of 1811 that canoes could descend from the upper Snake to Astoria. His Pacific Fur Company expedition got by Idaho Falls and American Falls without too much trouble. Below the present Milner Dam they encountered rough water. In the gorge of the Snake about two miles past Milner on October 28, 1811, Hunt lost one of his most experienced and valuable voyageurs, Antoine Clappine, whose canoe hit a partly submerged rock. Four miles farther down, the river was compressed into a tumultuous whirling vortex in a narrow rock chute and falls. This they called Caldron Linn. At Dry creek, another mile downstream, they were able to get out of the rocky gorge of the Snake. Near this site, they cached their supplies and divided into three parties prepared for a long walk to the Pacific Ocean. Almost a year later, on September 29, 1812, Robert Stuart and a few other Astorians returned to reclaim their goods. He reported:

Of all the Canoes left here by the Party last Fall, only three remain and those too much shattered to be good for any thing.... at the Caldron Linn the whole body of the River is confined between 2 ledges of Rock somewhat less than 40 feet apart & here indeed its terrific appearance beggars all description--Hecate's Caldron was never half so agitated when vomiting even the most diabolical spells, as is this Linn in a low stage of water & its bearing in idea such a proximity of resemblance to that of something more infernal....

To the Overland Astorians, the Caldron Linn symbolized the misfortunes associated with their journey. Based on the Astorian's experience, trappers and other travelers avoided canoe trips through Caldron Linn--Shoshone Falls gorge of the Snake river.

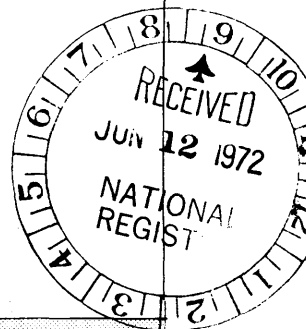
W.P. Hunt's expedition overland to Astoria, a Pacific Fur Company post at the mouth of the Columbia, explored much of southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. John Jacob Astor's Pacific Fur Company failed two years later, but Washington Irving's account of the enterprise in Astoria became a fur trade classic. Many of Astor's partners and men remained in the Pacific Northwest, where they had a leading part in the development of the fur trade.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington Irving, Astoria.
 Philip A. Rollins, Discovery of the Oregon Trail: Robert Stuart's Narratives (New York, 1935).



10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Idaho	16	Jerome	053
Idaho	16	Twin Falls	083
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Dr. Merle Wells, State Liaison Officer		
ORGANIZATION Idaho State Historical Society	DATE Sept. 2, 1971	
STREET AND NUMBER: 610 North Julia Davis Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Boise	STATE Idaho	CODE 16

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Merle Wells

Title

State Liaison Officer

Date

September 2, 1971

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

Robert K. Gentry
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

6/27/72

ATTEST:

William M. Smith
 Keeper of The National Register

Date

MURTAUGH QUADRANGLE IDAHO

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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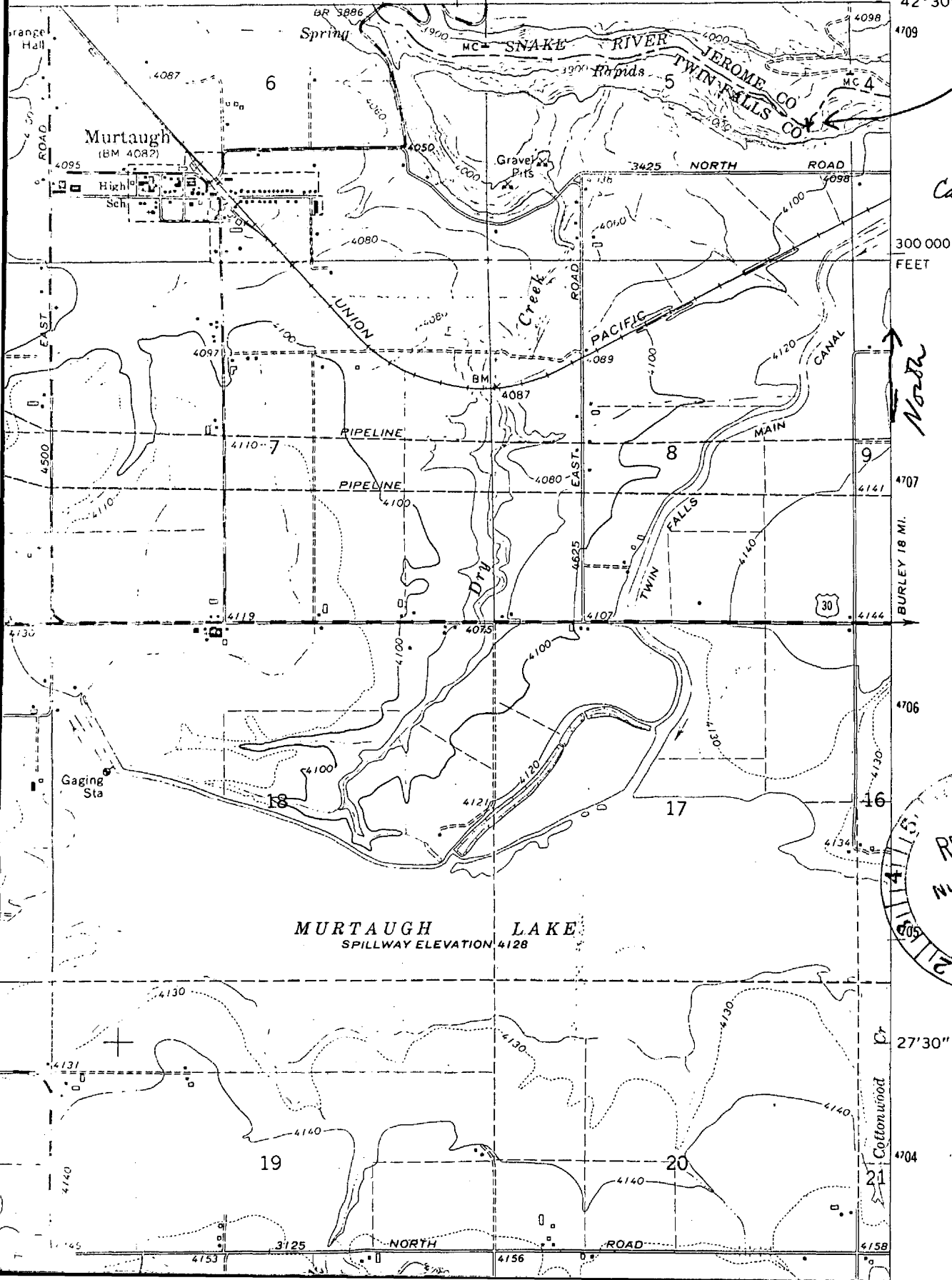
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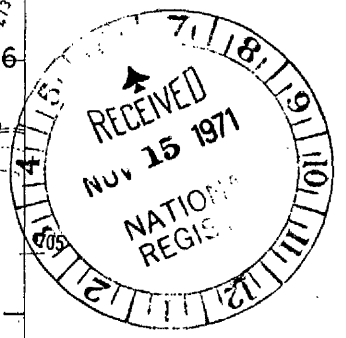
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42° 30'



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42° 29' 50"
114° 07' 35"
Caldron Linn



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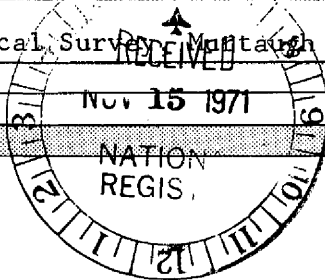
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: United States Geological Survey, Murtaugh Quadrangle, 7.5 min			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1965			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





CALDRON LINN

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Idaho State Historical Society

DATE OF PHOTO: 1970

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

Idaho State Historical Society

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Looking upstream at the point where the Snake River comes through
Caldron Linn.