

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: Spokane	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Plante's Ferry Park

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Antoine Plante's Ferry

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
East 12308 Upriver Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
Nine miles East of Spokane

STATE: Washington CODE: 53 COUNTY: Spokane CODE: 063

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <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 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) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Spokane County

STREET AND NUMBER:
West 1116 Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: Spokane STATE: Washington CODE: 53

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
West 1116 Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: Spokane STATE: Washington CODE: 53

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Spokane Metropolitan Area Transportation Study

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Spokane City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
N. 221 Wall Street

CITY OR TOWN: Spokane STATE: Washington CODE: 53

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Improvement sponsored by Spokane Valley Junior Women's Club. 20.6 acres - 4 turfed - balance historical monument, restrooms, shelter, playground equipment, footbridge, picnic tables, and flag pole. The specific site herein nominated is the ten acres of the park which center on and surround the monument which marks the spot on the North bank of the Spokane River where in 1851 Antoine Plante built his ferry. At this same site of rough river-bank that is covered with pine forest; in later years several events listed here below in the "statement of significance" took place.

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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) **1851 - 1865**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. Site of first authorized ferry across the Spokane River. Antoine Plante operated ferry from 1851 to 1876.
2. Site of Antoine Plante's residence, first residence in Spokane Valley built in 18~~59~~⁵⁹.
3. Mullan Trail Road crossed river at this place, linking Fort Benton, Montana to Fort Walla Walla, Washington.
4. 1855 - Governor Stevens signed peace treaty with Indians and organized first two territorial militia companies called the Spokane Invincibles and Stevens Guards. Blockhouse built to protect trappers and miners.
5. 1860 - Captain Mullan completed the military road to this spot from Fort Benton.
6. 1865 - Isaac Kellog built bridge here.

Antoine Plante, a French Canadian voyageur who had come over-land with the Astor party, settled in Spokane Valley near what is now the town of Millwood in 1849. In 1861 an act was passed authorizing "Antoine Plante his heirs and assigns to establish and keep a ferry across the Spokane River at or near the point where the military road (Mullan Trail) from Fort Walla Walla to Fort Benton crosses said river".

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Antoine Plant

Plat of T. 25 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ was made in 1878

Survey rec'd. at Washington with letter of Sur. Gen. Sept. 1878.

He was probably in Lots 1-2 or 3 Sec. 4-25-45

In May 25-1885 Jos. F. Fuchs made homestead entry on SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot 4 Sec. 4 on October 19, 1885 John

Zimprick made homestead entry on SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and

Lot 3

Isadore Matsch made homestead entry Oct. 19, 1885 on

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$

From Notebook of J. Nielsen Berry

*1/15/56
EWS/HCC*

*1/15/56
Florence D. Reed
(Plante's Survey)*

February 21, 1956

Wilkinson, Cragan, Barker & Hartins
Law Offices
744 Jackson Place
Washington 6, D. C.

Attention: Donald C. Gormley, Esq.

In re: Your inquiry February 13, 1956 -
The Antoine Plante Marker

Dear Mr. Gormley:

The Antoine Plante Marker is located in Gov. Lot 1 or 2
Sec. 4, Twp. 25, N.R. 44 E.W.M., Spokane County, Washington. *

The land was given by the Spokane Kiwanis Club to the
County of Spokane.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Florence D. Reed
Director

FDS:gl

* Info. from Spokane Title Co. (Mr. Corleum)

Governor Isaac I. Stephens, continued:

SPOKANE, Spokane County

Location:

Monument is large upright boulder in county park seven miles from city center on upriver drive along banks of Spokane river.

Inscription:

1853

GOV. STEPHENS CAMPED

1855

GOV. STEPHENS SIGNED PEACE TREATY WITH INDIANS AND ORGANIZED THE FIRST TWO TERRITORIAL MILITIA COMPANIES CALLED THE SPOKANE INVINCIBLES AND STEPHENS GUARDS. BLOCKHOUSE WAS BUILT TO PROTECT TRAPPERS AND MINERS.

THIS MONUMENT ERECTED IN

1938

BY PATRIOTIC CITIZENS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SPOKANE COUNTY PIONEER SOCIETY, MARKS THE SPOT WHERE THE FOLLOWING HISTORIC EVENTS OCCURRED.

1849 ANTOINE PLANTE BUILT FIRST RESIDENCE IN SPOKANE VALLEY

1851 ANTOINE PLANTE BUILT FIRST RIVER FERRY

1860 CAP. MULLAN COMPLETED FORT BENTON-FORT WALLA WALLA MILITARY ROAD TO THIS SPOT.

1864 ISAAC KELLOGG BUILT BRIDGE HERE.

Boulder presented by Washington Monumental & Get Stone Co.

SPOKANE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION INVENTORY

NAME OF PROPERTY (Both common and historic names, if applicable): Plante's Ferry Park

LOCATION: E. 12308 Upriver Drive, east of Spokane

Building Structure Object Site District

OWNERSHIP: Public Private Both

PUBLIC ACQUISITION: In Process Under Consideration

STATUS: Occupied Unoccupied Being Restored

PUBLIC ACCESS: Restricted Unrestricted No Public Access

CONDITION: Good Fair Deteriorated Unexposed
Altered Unaltered Moved Original Site

DESCRIPTION (Briefly describe present and, if known, original appearance of property):

See attached.

PERIOD: Pre-history 1700s 1800s 1900s

SPECIFIC OR APPROXIMATE DATES: _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Historical, architectural, archaeological, or cultural):

If applicable, briefly write main source(s) of information on back of this form.

Form prepared by: _____
Name Organization

_____ Address Phone Date

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Spokane Story by Lucile Fargo, published by the Northwestern Press, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1957.

History, Government and Resources of the Spokane Area, by Edmund T. Becher, Published by the Spokane Public Schools, Spokane, Washington 1965.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		47 °	41'	54 "
NE	° ' "	° ' "		117 °	14'	38 "
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **9 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
William H. Trogdon

ORGANIZATION: **Eastern Washington State Historical Society** DATE: **4/15/70**

STREET AND NUMBER:
West 2310 First Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **Spokane** STATE: **Washington** CODE: **53**

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 Charles H. Odegaard

Title Director-Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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