



## Property ID: 706407

**GeographicAreas:** Spokane,Spokane County,T24R43E03,SPOKANE SE Quadrangle

**Construction Dates:**

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1922	

**Number of stories:** N/A

**Historic Use:**

Category	Subcategory
Recreation and Culture	Recreation and Culture - Monument/Marker

**Historic Context:** Architecture

**Architect/Engineer:**

Category	Name or Company
Builder	Washington State Historical Society

### Photos



SRS-24-a.JPG



SRS-24d.JPG



SRS-24c.JPG



SRS-24b.JPG



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### Inventory Details - 7/16/2016

**Common name:** Palouse Highway Mullan Road Marker  
**Date recorded:** 7/16/2016  
**Field Recorder:** Stephen Emerson  
**Field Site number:** SRS-24  
**SHPO Determination**

### Detail Information

#### Characteristics:

Category	Item
Foundation	Stone
Form Type	
Cladding	Stone - Cobble Stone
Structural System	Masonry - Stone
Plan	Square

### Surveyor Opinion

**Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:** Yes

**Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local):** No

**Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):** No

**Significance narrative:** Similar pyramidal monuments, as well as monolithic stone ones, are located throughout Spokane County. A number of them are strung out along the route of the road, which went from Fort Walla Walla to Fort Benton in Montana, utilizing several alternative routes at various times. The road was not heavily used, soon being replaced by civilian wagon roads. Most remnants of the road have now vanished, leaving only these monuments to mark the general path of the trail. This particular monument is special, due to the writing on the granite stone: "Captain John Mullan . . . crossed the highway here." Mullan and his men must have been shocked and discouraged to have built a road by hand all this way, only to discover a paved highway at this point. Humor aside, this monument retains excellent integrity of its historic appearance and original construction materials and is eligible for placement on the National Register of Historic Places, under Criterion C, architecture.



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- Physical description:** This monument is a pyramid formed of uniform, fist-sized cobbles, mostly granite. It has a slightly truncated peak. The stones are carefully mortared so that they appear to be dry stacked. Centered on the west side of the monument is a trapezoidal granite stone with these words incised into it: "M-R, Military Wagon Road, located by Captain John Mullan, A.D. 1858-A.D. 1862, Crossed the Highway Here, This Location Monument Erected By Washington State Historical Society, 1922."
- Bibliography:** Emerson, Stephen. A Historic Property Inventory of Rock Structures in Spokane County, Washington. Archisto Enterprises, 2016.