

Introduction

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES: BUILDING CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT REPORTS AND CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS
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The architectural resources at Canoa Ranch are centered around the Canoa Ranch Headquarters, a collection of buildings and ranch features recently nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. In the great variety of architectural resources present at the Ranch Headquarters, there is a remarkable cohesiveness to the complex based on a uniformity of materials, scale, texture, color and the repetition of architectural features, including shed roofs with tree trunk posts.

In the layout of the site, there is a clear distinction between the Mexican vernacular buildings to the southwest and the architect-designed ranch houses to the northeast. Most of the buildings and site walls are adobe, reflecting the strong Sonoran influence throughout the complex.

For each of the 10 buildings outlined in this report, a preservation matrix is included that illustrates the significance and integrity of the major architectural features of each building. Many of the buildings display a high degree of integrity and possess many original features. At the same time, the condition of several of the buildings is compromised by neglect and lack of maintenance. Currently, several projects are underway to stabilize portions of the complex that are the most compromised. Two buildings, 103 and 105, are scheduled for more extensive rehabilitations later this year. A comprehensive preservation plan, including direction on the periodic maintenance of adobe should be completed with the stabilization plans currently being developed.

Building descriptions included in this report were borrowed from the National Register Nomination prepared by Scott O'Mack and

Janet Parkhurst and building condition assessment reports prepared by Poster Frost Associates. Both resources provide additional descriptions and historical information that are not covered in this report.

Literature Cited in the Architectural Resources Section

2003 National Register of Historic Places Registration for Canoa Ranch (AZ DD:4:74 [ASM]). Scott O'Mack and Janet Parkhurst. Prepared for Pima County Archaeology and Historic Preservation Department, Tucson.
 2004 Building Assessment Reports for 10 Buildings at Canoa Ranch. Poster Frost Associates. Prepared for Pima County.

**Building 103
Guest House**

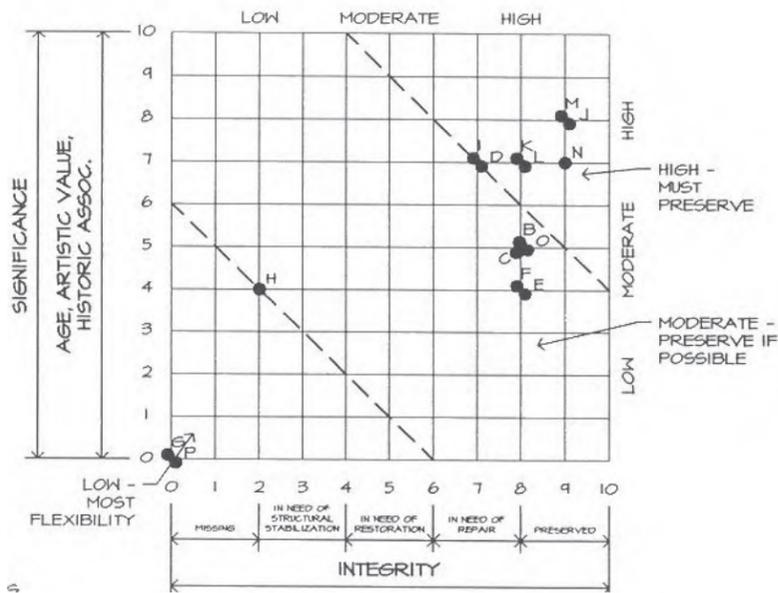


View from the northeast looking southwest
Photo courtesy of Poster Frost Associates, 2004



View from the northeast looking southwest, before addition
Photo courtesy of Diana Hadley, date unknown

This modest guest house of approximately 850 square feet includes a living room, bedroom, and bathroom. It is wonderfully adapted to its desert setting using mud adobe walls and deep shade structures on three sides (a porch, a carport, and a wooden shade lattice). It is remarkably temperate in hot weather. Wood frame and galvanized corrugated metal roofed porches surround simple Spanish Colonial Revival stuccoed walls with double corbel parapet caps. The unspoiled interiors feature walnut paneling, flooring, ceilings, and trim, as well as a quintessential early 1950s bathroom. Foundations and floor slab are concrete, roof framing is flat wood joists, and windows are steel sash. (Description from PFA Assessment, 2004.)
NOTE: Building 103 is scheduled to undergo a rehabilitation project in 2006 and will serve as an office for Pima County staff.



- B. FOUNDATIONS
- C. EXTERIOR WALLS
- D. EXTERIOR DOORS
- E. EXTERIOR WINDOWS
- F. ROOF FRAMING
- G. ROOFING
- H. ATTIC AND CRAWL SPACE VENTS
- I. PORCHES / EAVES
- J. INTERIOR WALLS
- K. INTERIOR DOORS
- L. FLOORING
- M. CEILINGS
- N. INTERIOR WOOD TRIM
- O. BUILT-INS
- P. INSULATION AND WEATHER STRIPPING

Preservation Matrix
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