

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.

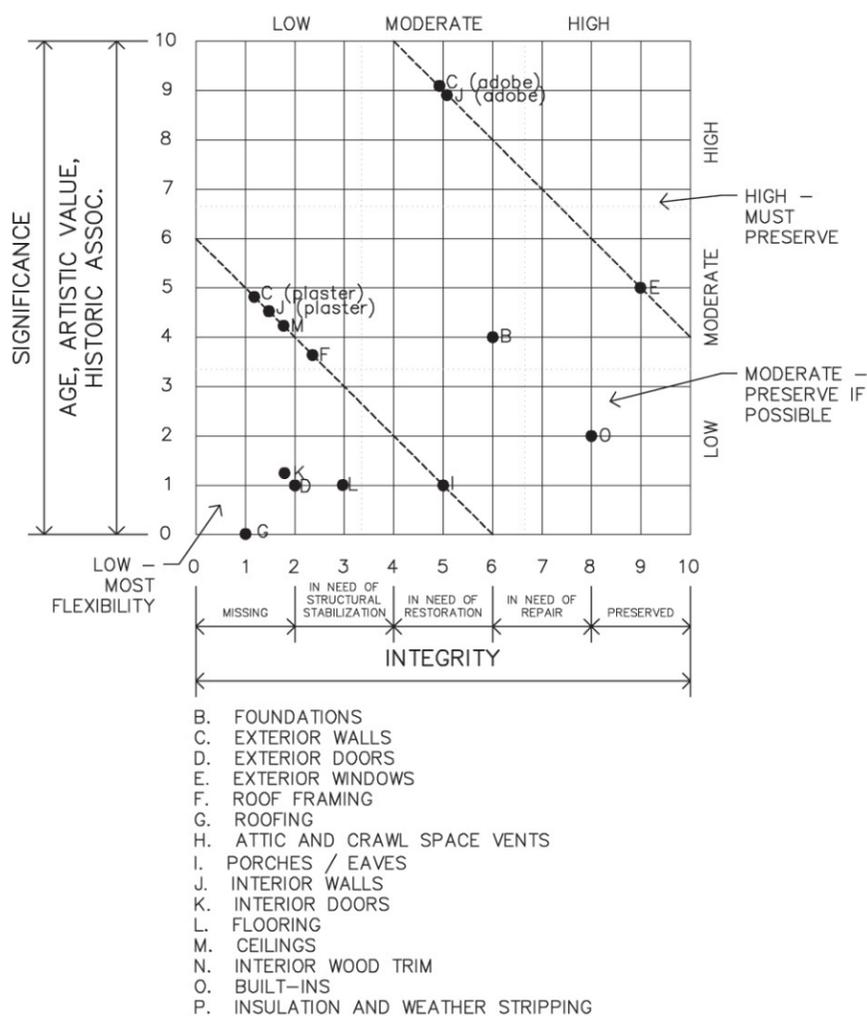
Building descriptions included in this report were borrowed from the National Register Nomination prepared by Scott O'Mack and

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

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 2004 Building Assessment Reports for 10 Buildings at Canoa Ranch. Poster Frost Associates. Prepared for Pima County.

Building 106 Employee's Residence



View looking northwest from the southeast
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This modest Spanish Colonial Revival dwelling is located just on the south side of the driveway that separates the Howell residences from the working areas and employee's houses. As such it is situated between the more Anglo styled gabled roofed Ranch houses (to the north) and the older, more Hispanic high walled Transitional structures (to the south). It appears to be the last structure built in this section of the Ranch but may have been intended to blend with the older flat roofed buildings south of the drive. The 1,124 square feet of interior space includes an entry vestibule (possibly an enclosure of an earlier porch), living room, dining room, kitchen, bath, bedroom, closets, and an inaccessible chamber on the south west corner (an additional bedroom, or possibly a rear porch). Exterior walls are mud adobe approximately 12 inch thick and 11 feet high. Interior walls are wood stud with metal lath and plaster. Roof framing is flat wood joists and roof drainage is via sheet metal canales. Windows are steel sash. Doors are flush wood and appear to be modern era replacement doors. (Description from PFA Assessment, 2004.)

Preservation Matrix
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