

STATE OF ARIZONA

HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Please type or print clearly. Fill out each applicable space accurately and with as much information as is known about the property. Use **continuation sheets where necessary**. Send completed form to: State Historic Preservation Office, 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

For properties identified through survey: Site No: _____ Survey Area: _____

Historic Name(s): Fort Lowell Guard House Ruin
(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 5444 E. Fort Lowell Road

City or Town: Tucson vicinity County: Pima Tax Parcel No. 110-09-0330
Township: 13.0 Range: 14.0 Section: 35 Quarter Section: _____ Acreage: 0.8

Block: _____ Lot(s): _____ Plat (Addition): _____ Year of plat (addition): _____

UTM reference: Zone 12N Easting E511668 Northing N3569308 USGS 7.5' quad map: Tucson North (AZ BB:9:SW) and Sabino Canyon (AX BB:9:SE)

Architect: _____ not determined known (source: _____)

Builder: US Army Quartermaster not determined known (source:) Fort Lowell Historic District Portfolio II

Construction Date: circa 1874 known estimated (source: Fort Lowell Historic District Portfolio II)

STRUCTURAL CONDITION

Good (well maintained, no serious problems apparent)

Fair (some problems apparent) Describe: _____

Poor (major problems; imminent threat) Describe: _____

Ruin/Uninhabitable

USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use.

Built as a guardhouse/jail for temporary housing of soldiers committing infractions

Sources: Fort Lowell Historic District Portfolio II

PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: July 25, 2007

View Direction (looking towards)

Attach recent photograph of property to this space. Additional photos may be appended on continuation



south
Negative No.: Img_1642

SIGNIFICANCE

To be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, a property must represent an important part of the history or architecture of an area. Note: a property need only be significant under one of the areas below to be eligible for the National Register.

- A. HISTORIC EVENTS/TRENDS (On a continuation sheet describe how the property is associated either with a significant historic event, or with a trend or pattern of events important to the history of the nation, the state, or a local community.)
- B. PERSON (On a continuation sheet describe how the property is associated with the life of a person significant in the past.)
- C. ARCHITECTURE (On a continuation sheet describe how the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values.)

Outbuildings: (Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)

INTEGRITY

To be eligible for the National Register, a property must have integrity, that is, it must be able to visually convey its importance. Provide detailed information below about the property's integrity. Use continuation sheets if necessary.

- 1. LOCATION X Original Site Moved (date _____) Original Site: _____
- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)

- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property) Set about 7 miles outside of the City of Tucson, on the flats south of the Rillito River, the site was a verdant riparian area, with large cottonwood, ash, walnut and elderberry trees lining the river, bottomlands filled with dense mesquite bosques, and green grasses covering the valley floor.

Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance: The site is now surrounded by typical Tucson suburban residential neighborhood development; bordered on the east by a busy four-lane street. The site, since the purchase from the Sanitarium in 1928, has housed a steel fabrication shop, and was littered with old cars, bits of metal, parts of industrial machinery, and general debris.

- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)
Walls (structure): Adobe/Stone Foundation: None (adobe) Roof: Wood framed with earth
Cover
Windows: _____
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? _____
Wall Sheathing: Exposed adobe/stone
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? _____

- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed; Contributor X Noncontributor to Fort Lowell Historic District
Date Listed: _____ Determined eligible by Keeper of National Register (date: _____)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY (opinion of SHPO staff or survey consultant)

Property is is not eligible individually.

Property is is not eligible as a contributor to a potential historic district.

More information needed to evaluate.

If not considered eligible, state reason: _____

FORM COMPLETED BY:

Name and Affiliation: Arthur Stables, Burns Wald-Hopkins Architects _____ Date: 9/12/07 _____

Mailing Address: 261 N. Court Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701 _____ Phone No.: 520/795-2705 _____

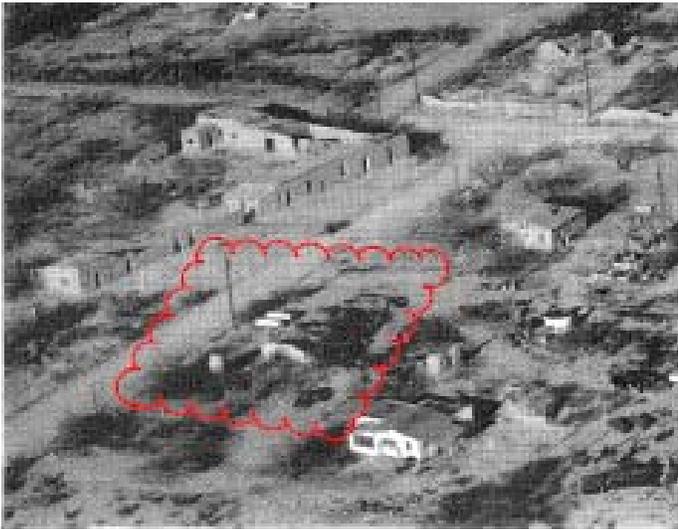
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CONTINUATION SHEET**

name of property Fort Lowell Guard House

Continuation Sheet No. 1

Fort Lowell was established at this location in 1873, near the confluence of the Pantano and Tanque Verde washes with the Rillito River. It was a US Army outpost serving as a supply center for Arizona forts during the Indian Wars. The fort was decommissioned and abandoned in 1891.

This is from a photograph supplied by David Faust of the Arizona Historical Society: It is an aerial, unattributed and not dated, and shows the entire Fort Lowell site. This portion of the photograph shows more extensive ruins similarly located to the existing ruins.



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Continuation Sheet No. 2

The following location map shows the Guard House on the site (#5).

Adkins Steel parcel at Fort Lowell

Location of Buildings and Structures

1. Officers' Quarters No. 1 (ruin, includes kitchen remains)
2. Officers' Quarters No. 2 (partial ruin, includes kitchen building)
3. Officers' Quarters No. 3 (intact)
4. Adobe Building (located west of the Steel Tank Fabrication Shed).
5. Guard House (ruin located north-west of the Steel Tank Fabrication Shed).
6. Adkins Residence (located east of the Steel Tank Fabrication Shed)
7. Water Tower
8. Windmill base
9. Steel Fabrication Shed
10. Circular concrete structure (located south of Officers' Quarters No.1)

