

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.

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.

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

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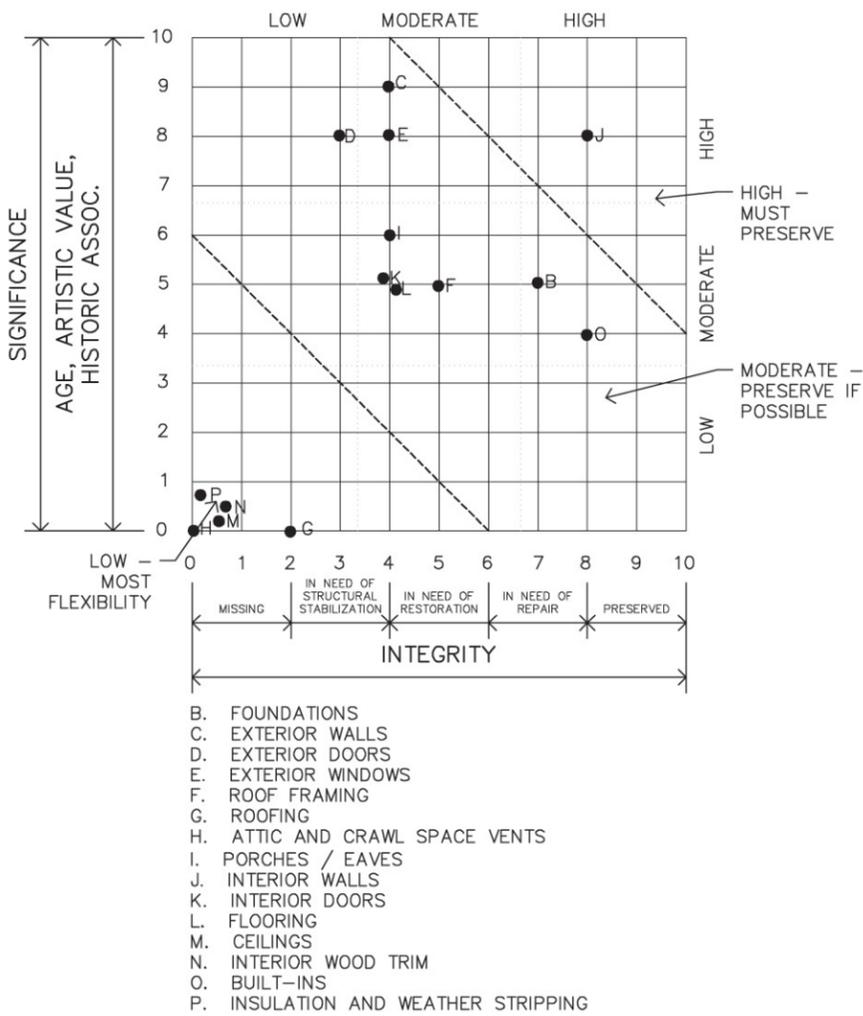
Building 107

Storage / Utility Building

This Transitional vernacular structure was probably one of the earliest buildings on the Ranch. It is located at the heart of the working section of the Ranch and is interconnected with two other structures (108, the Equipment Storage Shed to the west; and 109, an Employee's Residence to the east). The equipment shed is believed to have been added a good deal later. The date of the employee's residence is unknown but is also believed to be a later addition. The bedroom chamber of the residence was probably a high walled courtyard between the two buildings at one time. The 2,150 square feet of interior space includes five chambers arranged from north to south as follows: Salt Storage room, two small Storage rooms, the Blacksmiths Shop, and a large Tack Room. Interior and exterior walls are mud adobe approximately 15 inch thick and 14 feet high. Roof framing is flat wood joists and roof drainage is via sheet metal canales. Doors are wood plank and panel, windows are wood sash, and foundations and floor slab are concrete. (Description from PFA Assessment, 2004.)



View looking west from the east
Photo courtesy of Poster Frost Associates, 2004



Preservation Matrix
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