

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.

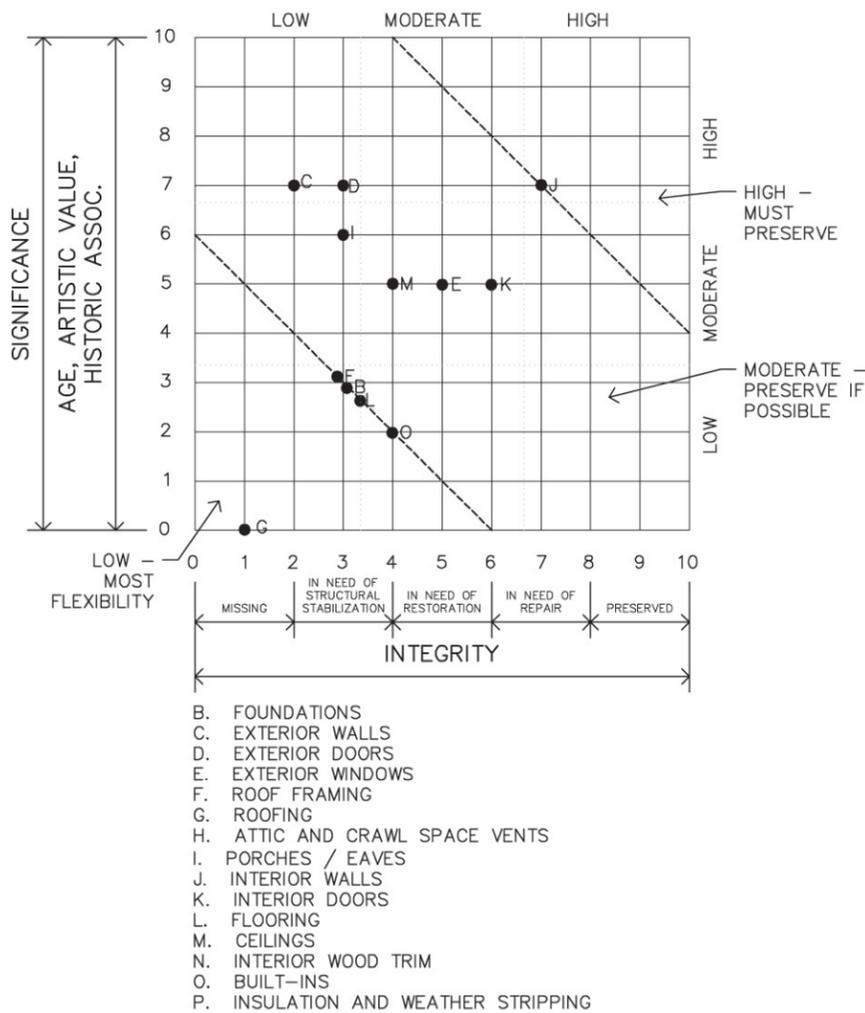
For each of the 10 buildings outlined in this report, a preservation matrix is included that illustrates the significance and integrity of the major architectural features of each building. Many of the buildings display a high degree of integrity and possess many original features. At the same time, 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

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 109 Employee's Residence



Preservation Matrix
Courtesy of Poster Frost Associates, 2004



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

This Transitional vernacular structure is interconnected with two other structures (107 and 108 to the west) and helps to form the working section of the Ranch. The 890 square feet of interior space includes three chambers arranged from east to west as follows: Bedroom, Living room/Kitchen, and Toilet room. This residential structure was probably an addition to the earlier utility building (107), and probably developed over time. It appears that the large eastern chamber may have been a stand alone single-chamber building connected to building 107 by a high-walled courtyard. At some later date (possibly post-1935) it appears that the courtyard was in-filled to create the bedroom chamber. Many of the construction details used on this “addition”, including doors, windows, and ceiling are very similar to those used on other post-1935 structures on the Ranch. The sequence of construction suggests that the north porch may have been added at this time. And later still, possibly, the toilet room addition may have been added to the east. Interior and exterior walls are mud adobe approximately 15 inch thick and 12 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 and steel sash, and floor slab are concrete; no foundations were observed. (Description from PFA Assessment, 2004.)

