

# 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: HABS Arizona 17 Survey Area: Fort Lowell

Historic Name(s): Fort Lowell Officer's Quarters No. 2

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 2951 N. Craycroft Road

City or Town: Tucson  vicinity County: Pima Tax Parcel No. 110-09-0350

Township: 13.0 Range: 14.0 Section: 35 Quarter Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage: 1.7

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 (AZ BB:9:SE)

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known (source: \_\_\_\_\_)

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

Construction Date: 1873  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)

Ruin/Uninhabitable

## USES/FUNCTIONS

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

Original use – US Army officer Residence until Fort closed 1891; Subsequently stripped of furnishings and fittings and allowed to fall into disrepair

Sources: Fort Lowell Portfolio II

## PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: July 12, 2007

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



appended \_\_\_\_\_ ended on \_\_\_\_\_  
continuation sheets.

View Direction (*looking towards*)

south

Negative No.: Jpeg Img\_1527

### 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.*)

The summer kitchen exists as a ruin behind Officer's Quarters No. 2. See continuation sheets for picture.

### 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*)

Built with dirt floors and roof , exposed adobe walls, and saguaro latilla ceilings, we can assume Officer Quarters No. 2 was altered for livability as was Ofc. Quarters No. 3, adding interior plaster walls and ceilings, wood floors on sleepers, a metal roof over the dirt roof, and porches on the north and south sides, though the physical evidence to support these changes is not currently visible.

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. There is no extant vegetation near the house, except a very old citrus tree near the back.

4. MATERIALS (*Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property*)

Walls (structure): Unstabilized Mud Adobe Foundation: None (adobe) Roof: Wood framed with sahuaro latillas supporting an earthen roof, covered with metal in late 1880's

Windows: Wood

If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? \_\_\_\_\_

Wall Sheathing: Lime and portland cement plaster

If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? Exposed adobe

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

Typical of indigenous Mexican-influenced adobe construction -

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

Individually listed;  Contributor  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

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CONTINUATION SHEET**

name of property Fort Lowell Officers' Quarters No. 2 Continuation Sheet No. 1

Contiguous with Fort Lowell, 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.

Officer's Quarters are shown on Plan of Fort Lowell to typically have summer kitchens immediately behind and centered on the Quarters. They consisted of two rooms. The kitchen exists behind this building as a partial ruin. This is looking at the kitchen toward the southeast.



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The following location map shows Officers' Quarters No. 2 (#2).

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)

