

# 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): Adkins Steel – Fabrication Shed

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

Address: 5444 E. Ft. Lowell Road

City or Town: Tucson  vicinity County: County 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 (AZ BB:9:SE)

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

Builder: Adkins Steel  not determined  known (source: Harry Adkins, 7/26/2007)

Construction Date: 1947-1950  known  estimated (source: Harry Adkins, 7/26/2007)

## 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.

Erected to serve as a steel Fabrication shed. Had several Trolley cranes, welding booth, Etc. Used until property Transferred to City of Tucson.  
Sources: Harry Adkins Interview

## PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 7/26/07

Attach recent photograph of property to this space.



Additional photos may be appended on continuation sheets.

View Direction (*looking towards*)

southwest

Negative No.: IMG\_1631

**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     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*) Rural river plain property, typically used for farming, originally covered with mesquite, grasses

Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance: Now in a residential neighborhood with most vegetation except directly around residence removed or dead. The site was filled with junked cars, machine parts, metal debris, etc., until purchased and cleared by City of Tucson/Pima County.

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

Walls (structure): Steel wide flanges w/lightweight concrete panel infill    Foundation: Concrete

Roof: Steel with corrugated metal roof panels

Windows: None

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

Wall Sheathing: \_\_\_\_\_

If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Roof and wall framing were erected first. Wall panels were cast on-site, on asphaltic-building paper out of perlite-modified concrete (lightweight, insulating) and then hoisted up and into place in wide-flange beam flanges (texture of building paper still evident on interior side of panels)

**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 Steel Fabrication Shed

Continuation Sheet No. 1

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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.

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Continuation Sheet No. 2

The following location map shows the Steel Fabrication Shed (#9).

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)

