

Bates Well Ranch Main House



Identification:

Preferred Structure Name:	Bates Well Ranch Main House		
Structure Number:	HS01A		
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Park:	Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument		
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Structure State:	Arizona		
Structure County:	Pima		
Region:	Intermountain		
Cluster:	Southwest		
Administrative Unit:	Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument		
LCS ID:	006597		

Historical Significance:

National Register Status:	Entered - Documented
National Register Date:	05/20/1994
National Historic Landmark?:	No
Significance Level:	State
Short Significance Description:	The Bates Well Ranch House, Organ Pipe NM, is one of the contributing structures to the Bates Well Ranch, entered on the NR, at the state level, under Criterion A, Sonoran Desert cattle raising & B, assoc'n w/Robert L. Gray, Sr.. Period of significance for the ranch, 1935-1976.
Long Significance Description:	The Bates Well Ranch House, Organ Pipe NM, is one of 14 contributing

structures and buildings of the Bates Well Ranch, entered on the National Register, at the state level, under Criteria A, Sonoran Desert cattle raising; and B, cattle-ranching property associated with Robert Louis Gray, Sr. The ranch's period of significance is 1935-1976.

The ranch was one of the fifteen ranches and line camps in the Gray family partnership cattle business which developed the ranching potential of the Sonoran desert country north of the border and dominated the lands of Organ Pipe National Monument for nearly 60 years.

The ranch house was moved from Growler Mine to Bates Well in 1942, 'recycled' as was traditional frontier and the Gray family practice—adaptively using available materials at hand. Probably originating as a miners' cabin, the northern portion was presumably added after its relocation at Bates Well.

The Bates Well property represents a very complete and intact example of the frontier ranching pattern in Arizona typical of the Sonoran Desert during the first third of the twentieth century. It was entered into the National Register of Historic Places on May 20, 1994.

Construction Period:

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Historic

Chronology:

	Physical Event	Begin Year	Begin Year AD/BC	End Year	End Year AD/BC	Designer	
						Designer	Occupation
1.	Built	1936	AD	1936	AD		
2.	Moved	1942	AD			Gray, Henry	Other

Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function:

Single Family House

Primary Current Use:

VACANT (NOT IN USE)

Structure Contains Museum Collections?:

No

Other Functions or Uses:

	Other Function(s) or Use(s)	Historic or Current
1.	AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE	Historic

Physical Description:

Structure Type:

Building

Volume:

2,000 - 20,000 cubic feet

Square Feet:

400

Material(s):

Structural Component(s)		Material(s)
1.	Walls	Stucco
2.	Foundation	Concrete
3.	Roof	Metal
4.	Framing	Wood

Short Physical Description:

2-room, T-shaped bldg w/ corr metal cross-gable roof. Kitchen & large bedrm, 2 entries. Single & DH wood sash, most w/o glass. 1" concrete stucco exterior. "Growler Copper Co., Gila Bend" stamped in gable over kitchen door.

Long Physical Description:

Frame construction, T-shaped plan, intersecting gable roofs of corrugated tin and cement stuccoed wooden walls. Labeled "Early Transitional, Sonoran to Anglo," architectural style, the building was constructed near the Growler Mine and moved to the Bates Well site in 1942, where it was probably enlarged to its current configuration. It has two rooms: a kitchen and a large bedroom. Proof of its humble origins resides in a stamp on the gable over the kitchen door reading, "Growler Copper Co., Gila Bend."