

# Bates Well Ranch Small Residence



## Identification:

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Preferred Structure Name: Bates Well Ranch Small Residence

Structure Number: HS01B

Other Structure Name(s):

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1. Cowhand House

Park: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Historic District:

Historic District
1. Bates Well Ranch

Structure State: Arizona

Structure County: Pima

Region: Intermountain

Cluster: Southwest

Administrative Unit: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

LCS ID: 056701

## Historical Significance:

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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 Small Residence, 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, 1913-1976.

Long Significance Description: The Bates Well Ranch Small Residence, 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 1913-1976.

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 Small Residence was constructed around 1935, and is remarkable for the evidence of several devices used in the desert to make life more pleasant such as a desert cooler and a screened box to help protect and preserve food.

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		End Year	End Year AD/BC	Designer	
		Year	AD/BC			Designer	Occupation
1.	Built	1935	AD				

## Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function:

Single Family House

Primary Current Use:

Abandoned/Unmaintained

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:

1 - 2,000 cubic feet

*Material(s):*

	Structural Component(s)	Material(s)
1.	Walls	Wood

2.	Roof	Metal
3.	Foundation	Not Applicable
4.	Framing	Wood

Short Physical Description:

1 room gable roof structure w/ screen door entry each end. Corr metal roof. Wood plank floor. Pipe & frame ramada W side w/ ladder to roof no longer visible. 1x4 siding. No foundation. Desert cooler & screened box to protect & preserve food.

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