

Victoria Mine Stone Building



Identification:

Preferred Structure Name:	Victoria Mine Stone Building				
Structure Number:	HS09A				
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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:	001197				

Historical Significance:

National Register Status:	Entered - Documented
National Register Date:	09/01/1978
National Historic Landmark?:	No
Significance Level:	Local
Short Significance Description:	The Victoria Mine Stone Building is the major surviving structure of the Victoria Mine, Organ Pipe NM, and was entered on the National Register, at the state level, as the one of the oldest examples of mining activity in southwestern Arizona. Intermittent period of significance, 1880-1941
Long Significance Description:	The Victoria Mine Stone Building is the major surviving structure of the

Victoria Mine, Organ Pipe NM, which was entered on the NR, at the state level, as one of the oldest known examples of mining immediately adjacent to the US/Mexican border in southwestern Arizona. It symbolizes one of the first American enterprises to penetrate this part of the inhospitable Sonoran Desert. The period of significance begins with 1880 then Cipriano Ortega acquired the site and called it "La Americana," through Mikul Levy's purchase of it in 1899 through his death in 1941.

Early on in its existence the Victoria Mine produced silver ore in large quantities, but Levy extracted only about \$30,000 and subsequent claimants realized around \$10,000 total, possibly due to the high water table and the technical problems associated with sinking the shaft below it.

The Stone Building is possibly the structure used as Mikul Levy's store in 1899, although it is currently without a roof.

The Victoria Mine, with its associated surviving stone building and historic scene, including a rock lean-to shelter, a concrete cistern, a stone stairway, some headframe timbers and a large covered shaft hole, was entered on the National Register of Historic Places on September 1, 1978.

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	1900	AD			Levy, Mikul G.	Other
2.	Stabilized	1993	AD			NPS	Other

Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function:

Department Store (General Store)

Primary Current Use:

Ruin

Structure Contains Museum Collections?:

No

Other Functions or Uses:

Other Function(s) or Use(s) Historic or Current
No records.

Physical Description:

Structure Type:

Ruin

Square Feet:

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Material(s):

	Structural Component(s)	Material(s)
1.	Foundation	Not Applicable
2.	Roof	Not Applicable
3.	Walls	Fieldstone

Short Physical Description:

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