

Hocker Well Corral



Identification:

Preferred Structure Name:	Hocker Well Corral
Structure Number:	HS05B
Other Structure Name(s):	Other Structure Name(s) No records.
Park:	Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
Historic District:	Historic District 1. Gray Family Partnership
Structure State:	Arizona
Structure County:	Pima
Region:	Intermountain
Cluster:	Southwest
Administrative Unit:	Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
LCS ID:	056726

Historical Significance:

National Register Status:	Determined Eligible - SHPO
National Register Date:	09/26/1995
National Historic Landmark?:	No
Significance Level:	Local
Short Significance Description:	The Hocker Well Corral, Organ Pipe NM, was determined eligible for the NR as contributing structure to potential district, local level, for Criteria A, Sonoran Desert Cattle Ranching; B, assoc'n w/Robert Louis Gray, Sr.; & D, potential to provide additional info. Period of significance, 1920-1976.
Long Significance Description:	

The Hocker Well Corral, Organ Pipe NM, was determined eligible for the NR as a contributing structure to a potential historic district, Gray Family Partnership Historic District, at the local level of significance, under NR Criteria A, Sonoran Desert Cattle Ranching; B, association with Robert Louis Gray, Sr., "the quintessential frontier cattleman" of the area; and D, potential to provide additional information.

The corral is located at one of the fifteen ranches and line camps in the Gray family cattle business which dominated the lands of Organ Pipe National Monument for nearly 60 years. The Grays, Robert Louis, Sr., and sons Robert, Jr., Henry, and Jack, began the trend of buying up water rights, ranches and line camps in 1919. They utilized the open range via a trigger gate to lure their cattle to water in their corrals at round-up time. Period of significance, 1920-1976.

The Determination of Eligibility for the Hocker Well Corral was signed by the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer on September 26, 1995.

Construction Period:

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Historic

Chronology:

Begin							
Physical	Begin	Year	End	End Year	Designer		
Event	Year	AD/BC	Year	AD/BC	Designer	Occupation	
1. Built	1930	AD	1939	AD			

Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function:

Enclosure/Exclosure

Primary Current Use:

Abandoned/Unmaintained

Structure Contains Museum
Collections?:

No

Other Functions or Uses:

Other Function(s) or Use(s) Historic or Current	
1. Livestock	Historic

Physical Description:

Structure Type:

Grounds/Landscape

Square Feet:

360

Material(s):

Structural Component(s)		Material(s)
1.	Superstructure	Metal
2.	Superstructure	Concrete
3.	Superstructure	Wood

Short Physical Description: Largely collapsed wood & wire corral. Orig approx 60'x60' & made of RR ties & laid up w/ mesquite limbs, now gone. 2 compartments, 1 holding pen and 1 w/ trigger gate & circular conc. tank w/ pipe leading to attached rectangular trough.

Long Physical Description: Largely collapsed wood and wire corral. The corral originally measured approximately 60' by 60' and was constructed with railroad tie posts and mesquite limbs stacked to form walls. The mesquite has been stolen over time for use as firewood. The corral has two compartments. One section served as a holding pen and has a cattle chute while the other one has a trigger gate and two water tanks which provided the water "lure." One tank is a circular concrete tank; the other is rectangular in shape. One must have been filled by overflow from the other because they are linked by a section of pipe. The corral is in poor condition and its integrity is fair to poor.