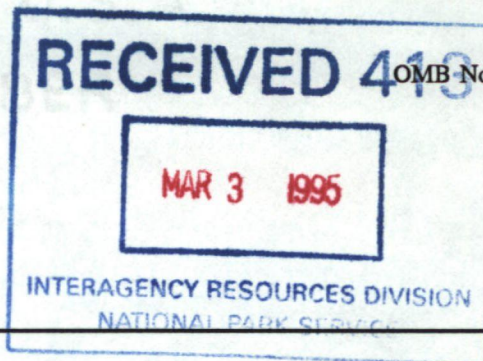


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OMB No. 10024-0018

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

HISTORIC NAME: El Fortin del Cibolo Historic District
OTHER NAME/SITE NUMBER: Cibolo Ranch Headquarters

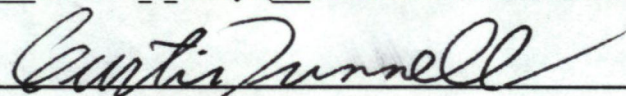
2. LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: Approx. 4 mi. nw of Shafter, west of US 67
CITY OR TOWN: Shafter
STATE: Texas CODE: TX COUNTY: Presidio

NOT FOR PUBLICATION: N/A
VICINITY: x
CODE: 377 ZIP CODE: 79850

3. STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide x locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)



Signature of certifying official

1 March 1995

Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

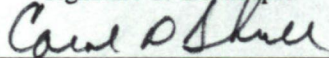
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
☐ removed from the National Register
☐ other (explain):

Signature of the Keeper



Date of Action

4-6-95

5. CLASSIFICATION

OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY: Private

CATEGORY OF PROPERTY: District

NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITHIN PROPERTY:	CONTRIBUTING	NONCONTRIBUTING
	1	3 BUILDINGS
	1	0 SITES
	3	0 STRUCTURES
	0	0 OBJECTS
	5	3 TOTAL

NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES PREVIOUSLY LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER: 0

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY LISTING: Historic Resources Associated with Milton Faver-Agriculturist

6. FUNCTION OR USE

HISTORIC FUNCTIONS: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling; AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: Agricultural Field; FUNERARY: Graves/Burials
CURRENT FUNCTIONS: DOMESTIC: Hotel; AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: Agricultural Field; FUNERARY: Graves/Burials

7. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION: NO STYLE

MATERIALS: FOUNDATION STONE: Limestone
WALLS ADOBE
ROOF ADOBE; WOOD
OTHER WOOD

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (see continuation sheets 7-5 through 7-8).

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Descriptive summary for El Fortin del Cibolo

El Fortin del Cibolo sits approximately 6 KILOMETERS northwest of Shafter, Texas, up river directly adjacent to Cibolo Creek. El Fortin del Cibolo is located on the southwest side of the valley of the Big Cibolo Springs with the Chinati Mountains rising 2,000 feet to the southwest. The fortified adobe residence is parallel to the Cibolo Creek. An acequia runs parallel to the creek, directly adjacent to the residence itself. The walls are constructed of adobe block, with lime adobe plaster as both an interior and exterior finishing material.

The fort is an L-shaped enclosure, 90 feet by 17 feet on an east-west axis, and 90 feet by 17 feet on a north-south axis. A compound is then formed by adobe walls following the east-west, north-south axis to enclose a courtyard that opens to the northwest of the L-shaped structure. All of the walls are constructed of 12 inch by 18 inch by 6 inch adobe blocks which sit on a stone foundation. The enclosing adobe perimeter walls sit directly on the ground. Fortification is achieved by two round towers which sit at opposite corners of the compound. The southeast tower is located at the junction of the two L-shaped plan with its sister tower sitting to the northwest corner of the compound enclosure. The towers are punctuated with openings which could be used when necessary to repel Indian attacks.

Immediately behind the fort is a new structure which contains residential rooms, a kitchen and storage areas relating to the operation of the ranch. This structure was completed in 1993 and is located between the El Fortin del Cibolo and the steeply rising hill to the west. Above the *hacienda* at the top of the hill is a newly constructed mausoleum which covers the grave site of Milton Faver. The grave site itself still retains the original Victorian iron fencing within the mausoleum. Stone walls which delineated the corrals and arable fields have been restacked using the original stone adjacent to the collapsed section of the wall.

The historic springs are located up the creek to the northwest of El Fortin and still provide a continuous flow of water to the acequias. The acequias feed water from the springs down to El Fortin del Cibolo, through several holding ponds, and continue to the southeast until they rejoin Cibolo Creek.

El Fortin del Cibolo was the residence of Milton Faver and was the headquarters for his ranching and farming endeavors. It has been restored according to historic photographs dating from the period when Milton Faver was most influential in this area. Its location along the Cibolo Creek and the construction of its walls are delineated and shown as they existed in Faver's time. A peach orchard has also been planted, stone walls have been rebuilt and the acequias have been cleaned out and rebuilt to flow to the fort and the fields in the historic manner. The historic construction techniques were duplicated and the adobes made on site.

Narrative Description

El Fortin del Cibolo was established circa 1860 and the agricultural production of the Cibolo farms was listed in the census of 1860. The valley of the Big Cibolo Creek sits in the center of Presidio County between the Chinati Mountains and the Cienega Mountains. The Cibolo Creek Valley is the widest and most fertile land in this area.

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The valley sits north and west of the intersection of the Cibolo and Cerro Alto Creeks, and in 1860 provided approximately 150 acres of farmland that was irrigated from the large Cibolo Springs. When originally settled, this area contained extensive native grasses and the valley was fertile with good topsoil. This provided Milton Faver with excellent grasslands for this sheep and goat herds and excellent farmlands for crops that allowed him to produce a surplus for sale to the inhabitants of the area.

Today the landscape of the Cibolo Creek Valley is much harsher, as years of overgrazing of the mountain ranges allowed the invasion of native bushes and scrubs and the loss of the thin topsoil which was originally protected by the native grasses.

A 200 foot hill rises directly to the southwest of the fort compound, from which the grave site of Milton Faver looks down over the Cibolo Creek Valley.

The large springs of the Cibolo are located at the northwestern end of the valley recessed slightly to the west in a canyon. The large spring feeds the majority of water into Cibolo Creek and is surrounded by large trees and grasses. The small spring of the Cibolo feeds into the valley further upstream and also exits out from a small box canyon. This canyon contains native trees and grasses because of the deeper soils from the runoff of the surrounding hillside.

Buildings

The most imposing structure in the valley is El Fortin del Cibolo. It sits on the southwest side of Cibolo Creek Valley facing the valley of Cerro Alto Creek to the northwest. This was the main access point into the valley from the north.

The fortified residence based much of its basic design elements on the other major fortified residence in the area, Fort Leaton, Presidio, Texas. Faver's connection with Fort Leaton is strong because he and his family lived in the Fort for many years. The basic layout of perimeter housing units facing into an enclosed courtyard, although smaller in scale, closely resembles that of Fort Leaton.

The plan of the building is rectangular with the main entrance in the center of the east wall. The rooms which occur along the east and south sides of the L-shaped compound face into the courtyard with exterior openings only in the towers and one window located directly adjacent to the southeast tower. The exaggerated height of this type of single-story structure gave greater protection to those individuals inside the courtyard and allowed the towers and rooftops to be used for defense purposes. Adobe plaster covers the interior and exterior wall surfaces and is the maintenance surface protecting the structural adobe blocks.

The construction materials are simple: adobe blocks and adobe mortar, wood for windows, doors lintels and vegas. Simple, metal hairpin hinges and chapas are used on doors and windows, and window openings are secured with interior wood shutters. The flat roof is hidden behind parapet walls. The vegas bear directly on the adobe walls which sit on a stone foundation. The perimeter walls to the west and north of the courtyard are of adobe blocks resting directly on the ground.

Specific design features on the fortified residence are very few and simple. No attachments were allowed on the exterior of the fortified walls so that they could not be scaled. The size and placement of the windows were severely restricted and all exterior doors face into the courtyard. All of the occupiable spaces face into the courtyard with

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covered work areas provided in the southeast corner of the courtyard for protection against the sun.

Three-panel, double doors were documented in 1936 for HABS. These doors sat within simple timber frames with a flat timber lintel above. The window documented by HABS was constructed with timber sill, jambs and lintel which supported wood grill work within the opening. The window was secured with simple plank wood shutters which were closed and barred from the interior.

The simple construction of the residence leaves few areas for decorative treatment. The most important interior decoration is the detailing of the wood ceilings. The use of cottonwood timber vegas as the basic supports for the roof was enhanced by the use of latillas, which in some cases were placed in a herringbone pattern. The new floors are constructed of tinted concrete to approximate the look of adobe floors.

Outbuildings associated with the fortified structure at El Fortin del Cibolo include the hacienda structure (non-contributing) directly behind (to the southwest) of El Fortin del Cibolo and the enclosure constructed around the grave site of Milton Faver at the top of the hill directly behind the hacienda. The hacienda is also constructed of adobe. Simple columns support the roof structure above the exterior walkways which connect the guest rooms, kitchen and work rooms associated with a working ranch. While the hacienda is not directly connected to El Fortin del Cibolo, there is a screened porch on the south side of the hacienda with side doors that open into the main room of El Fortin del Cibolo across an open walkway. This porch is constructed of large timbers equally spaced along the south facade and screened in. The adobe block walls are covered with lime mud plaster to compliment the original finishes of the adjacent fort. The west wall of the hacienda contains small windows for the bathrooms associated with the individual guest rooms. Further to the north on this west wall is an attached carport for ranch vehicles. The far north section of the hacienda is used for storage and a tack room for the adjacent coral. The north facade has three-panel, double doors similar to those in the fort. The east facade of the hacienda has a courtyard in the foreground. All guest rooms face out onto a covered porch along the west wall of this courtyard. A branch of the acequia flows down through the courtyard as it drops on its way to the south. The porch facade is of simple, square timber columns with no adornment or detail. Beams span between the columns with an adobe parapet directly above. Drops in the elevation inside the courtyard are delineated with dry stacked stone walls.

Directly to the northwest of the hacienda is a new outbuilding (non-contributing) used for storage for the ranch operation. It is separated from the hacienda building by a driveway used for access into the carport of the hacienda and is considered as an extension of the hacienda. Up the hill to the southwest of the hacienda stands a small adobe structure which was constructed over the grave of Milton Faver. It has simple adobe plastered walls, a flat roof and a single wood door which opens into the grave site on the interior. The grave site is marked with a gravestone and a cast and wrought iron fence which delineates the actual grave plot. The hacienda, storage wing and mausoleum were all completed in 1993.

There are several landscape features which directly relate to Milton Faver's occupation and use of the site. Milton Faver developed the acequia system which irrigated the farmland within the Cibolo Valley. He also separated the tilled areas from livestock corrals and range lands with dry stacked rock walls, which in many instances follow along the Cibolo Creek. Faver developed an extensive irrigation system to bring water to the individual arable fields and to retaining ponds used by the livestock. Efficient use of existing natural resources in the valley was the key to Faver's success.

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The dry stacked rock walls have been rebuilt using the rocks which had collapsed, delineating their original location. The acequias have been cleaned and rebuilt with some extensions made where historic photographs showed tree lines in the distance indicating the presence of water. In addition to redefining the different farming areas by means of stone walls, a peach orchard has been replanted based on Milton Faver's reputation for having produced peach brandy.

New roadways have been extended across Cibolo Creek Valley from the old Jeep road associated with Cerro Alto Creek to the northeast. The road which is shown in the 1895 map running down stream from Cibolo Creek, has also been improved for vehicular circulation into Shafter. All new and improved roadways have been held back from El Fortin del Cibolo so that they are located on the opposite side of the acequia from the fort. Access to the hacienda building is around the north side of the coral and into the back of the hacienda.

Alterations

The alterations to the site have been extensive since the deterioration of the adobe was severe and some walls, such as the walls enclosing the compound, had completely collapsed. The roof structure on all of the buildings was reconstructed since most of the vegas and latillas were missing. The walls and floors of El Fortin del Cibolo were protected by corrugated metal roofs and cement plaster which had been added to the structures. The stone coral to the north of the fort was reconstructed in 1993 based on historic photographs. The doorways and windows were reconstructed based on 1936 HABS documentation. The towers to the east and west of the courtyard were reconstructed on their original foundations and coursed out with window locations based on historic photographs. There was still a substantial amount of historic fabric intact at the time of the HABS documentation in 1936. In addition several earlier photographs depict the Fort Buffalo era of the 1920s were located along with photographs of the 1880s showing Milton Faver and the fort.

The restoration and reconstruction of El Fortin del Cibolo was completed between 1990 and 1993. The intent of the work was to return the structure and its surroundings to an historic period that reflected Milton Faver's impact on this part of West Texas. The intention was that Milton Faver would recognize his property if he returned today. The reconstructed elements were based on historic photographs many of which were taken while Milton Faver still occupied the residence. Approximately 75% of the original walls were still in place and protected by corrugated metal roofs. The south gallery and east L were occupied as residences for ranch hands. The restoration and reconstruction also included the site work, rock walls, acequias, peach orchard and corrals associated with the site during Faver's occupation. The construction was completed over a three-year period using local workmen and historic techniques for duplication of the adobes and the decorative wood ceilings.

8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

APPLICABLE NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA

- ☒ **A** PROPERTY IS ASSOCIATED WITH EVENTS THAT HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE BROAD PATTERNS OF OUR HISTORY.
- ☒ **B** PROPERTY IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIVES OF PERSONS SIGNIFICANT IN OUR PAST.
- ☐ **C** PROPERTY EMBODIES THE DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION OR REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER, OR POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUE, OR REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT AND DISTINGUISHABLE ENTITY WHOSE COMPONENTS LACK INDIVIDUAL DISTINCTION.
- ☐ **D** PROPERTY HAS YIELDED, OR IS LIKELY TO YIELD, INFORMATION IMPORTANT IN PREHISTORY OR HISTORY.

CRITERIA CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Agriculture; Exploration and Settlement

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: c.1865 - 1889

SIGNIFICANT DATES: c.1865, 1889

SIGNIFICANT PERSON: Faver, Milton

CULTURAL AFFILIATION: N/A

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (see continuation sheets 8-9 through 8-11).

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

BIBLIOGRAPHY (see historic context statement, Section I).

PREVIOUS DOCUMENTATION ON FILE (NPS): N/A

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

PRIMARY LOCATION OF ADDITIONAL DATA:

- ☒ State historic preservation office (*Texas Historical Commission*)
- ☐ Other state agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☒ Other -- Specify Repository: Files of owner

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CIBOLO RANCH COMPOUND

The Cibolo Ranch compound is significant as Milton Faver's ranch headquarters and home from before 1870 to 1889. Faver bought the property shortly after his move to Presidio County and probably erected the building during the Civil War. The defensive arrangement at Cibolo reflects the frontier conditions during the time. Its utilization of the water resources and the employment of traditional building patterns and materials demonstrate the persistence of local traditions and Faver's adoption and adaptation of the community's culture.

Milton Faver purchased Surveys 17 and 18 which comprised the core of the Cibolo Ranch in 1858. While he may have used the land for sheep and cattle, he and his family were not in residence there until after 1860. The first documented date of their residence is 1870, but the local tradition places them on the property during the Civil War. Sometime between 1860 and 1870, Faver built most, if not all, of the walled compound that eventually sheltered his family and ranch employees. By the mid-1870s the "Sibolo" was known as the headquarters ranch and home of Milton Faver.

The earliest description of the complex comes from Burr C. Duval's diary of a trek through the Trans-Pecos in 1879 and 1880. Duval visited Faver at Cibolo on January 29, 1880. Duval credited Faver with living at the Cibolo Ranch since 1848, an unlikely tenure. His description, however, is probably fairly accurate, if touched with hyperbole:

[Faver's] house is literally his castle, built of adobes, in a quadrangular shape, the corners flanked by huge mud towers. It was evidently constructed with a view to defense and it has served him well on more than one occasion. He cultivates quite a field here, by the aid of Mexican labor, has a peach orchard and, as I can testify, distills his fruit into very good peach brandy.¹

About five years later W. B. Mitchell, the young son of one of the Anglo cattlemen who came into the Trans-Pecos in the 1880s camped near Faver's headquarters. Faver and the ranch made an indelible impression on the boy, as he recalled many years later.

We reached the Faver country three days after leaving Marfa. We proceeded to headquarters, Rancho Cibolo, one of the earliest ranches in the Big Bend. We pitched camp near a

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splendid orchard, which was irrigated from the most beautiful spring that I had ever seen.

The house was a large adobe structure. The walls appeared to be about three feet thick; the roof was made of cottonwood poles, over which was a layer of sotol poles. There was an overall covering of mud, set with broken, jagged bottles to prevent Indians scaling the walls.... Port holes enabled the defenders to shoot from the inside.... The porch was long and wide.... [The door] looked to be eight or ten feet high and four or five feet wide.²

Although there is some local tradition that Faver used the Cibolo also as a trading outpost, there is no evidence of that in any travelers' accounts or documents. The fact that L. C. De Gress applied for a post trader's license at the outpost near Faver's ranch indicates that Faver was not actively trading goods or foodstuffs from the homeplace.

During 1880 army scout camps were established in the vicinity of the Cibolo Ranch headquarters complex. The military presence probably provided some protection for the neighborhood, but the troops' location was determined by the proximity of the Chenati mountains and their mission to protect reconnaissance parties in the mountains.

The Cibolo complex was the homestead of Milton and Francisca Rameriz y Faver during most if not all their married life, and Faver died there in 1889. Mrs. Faver inherited the ranch as part of the estate settlement and subsequently leased it to her brother, Luis Rameriz. After Francisca Faver's death in 1893, Juan Faver inherited the ranch, but appears to have never lived there. After Juan Faver's death in 1913, the ranch was in limbo until the settlement of Juan's estate in 1915. At that time it passed to Juan's son, Avelino Faver, who quickly sold it to J. D. Bunton in 1915. Rameriz probably leased the property until Juan Faver's death, and perhaps held it until the sale to Bunton.

After the sale to Bunton, the Cibolo Ranch compound remained a dwelling for a time. Mrs. Maria Rodriguez y Dutchover remembered living there as a child probably around 1915. She remembered that the compound had only one opening, a large gate in front of the irrigation ditch that passed by the compound. The building had no windows, just gunports or small openings on the exterior. No windows opened into the courtyard, just doors from each room. The dwelling rooms were on the east side, and she remembered no fireplaces. The interior floors were hard-packed dirt, except for the tower rooms. She recalled that a brush-roofed porch ran

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along the east interior wall from the gate to the corner and was floored with flagstone. Mrs. Dutchover remembered that the irrigation ditch flowed from a reservoir north of the house past the compound to the fields and peach orchard.

The Bunton family built a more modern ranch house outside the compound walls in 1916, the old ranch home was used primarily for employee residences and storage. Later, it became a storage facility and fell into disuse. In the mid-forties, Bunton conveyed the property to J. E. White, Sr., and the Cibolo ranch became part of the large White cattle ranch.

1. Duval

2. W. B. Mitchell, "My First Trip to the Big Bend," typescript, W. B. Mitchell Collection, pp. 1-2.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY: approximately 606.6 acres

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION (see continuation sheet 10-12)

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION (see continuation sheet 10-12)

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE: Killis Almond (Architect) Sue W. Moss (Historian)

ORGANIZATION: Killis Almond & Associates, Inc. **DATE:** 9/94; 2/95

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CITY OR TOWN: San Antonio **STATE:** TX **ZIP CODE:** 78210

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

CONTINUATION SHEETS

MAPS (see continuation sheets Maps - 13 through 16)

PHOTOGRAPHS (see continuation sheets Photos - 17 and historic context statement Photos 83 through 86)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

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El Fortin del Cibolo

Verbal Boundary Description

Draw a line between the confluence of Cibolo Creek and Cerro Alto Creek to the northwest where it passes through the confluence of the Ojo del Cibolo and its watershed directly from the north to create a line at the approximate center of the valley of the Grande Cibolo Creek. Draw a line parallel to this center line 1,000 feet to the northeast and 2,500 feet to the southwest. These two lines form the northwest and southwest boundaries of the National Register District. On the northeast boundary-line, from a point at longitude 104 degrees, 18 minutes, 45 seconds; and latitude 29 degrees, 51 minutes, 35 seconds draw a line approximately 90 degrees to the southwest to connect with a point located at longitude 104 degrees, 19 minutes, 40 second; and latitude 29 degrees, 51 minutes, 8 seconds. This line will form the southeastern boundary of the District. Take a point along the northeastern line at longitude 104 degrees, 20 minutes, 22 seconds; and latitude 29 degrees, 52 minutes, 21 seconds and draw a line approximately 90 degrees to the northeast boundary to intersect the point of longitude 104 degrees, 20 minutes, 47 seconds; latitude 29 degrees, 51 minutes, 52.5 seconds. This will serve at the northwestern boundary of the historic District.

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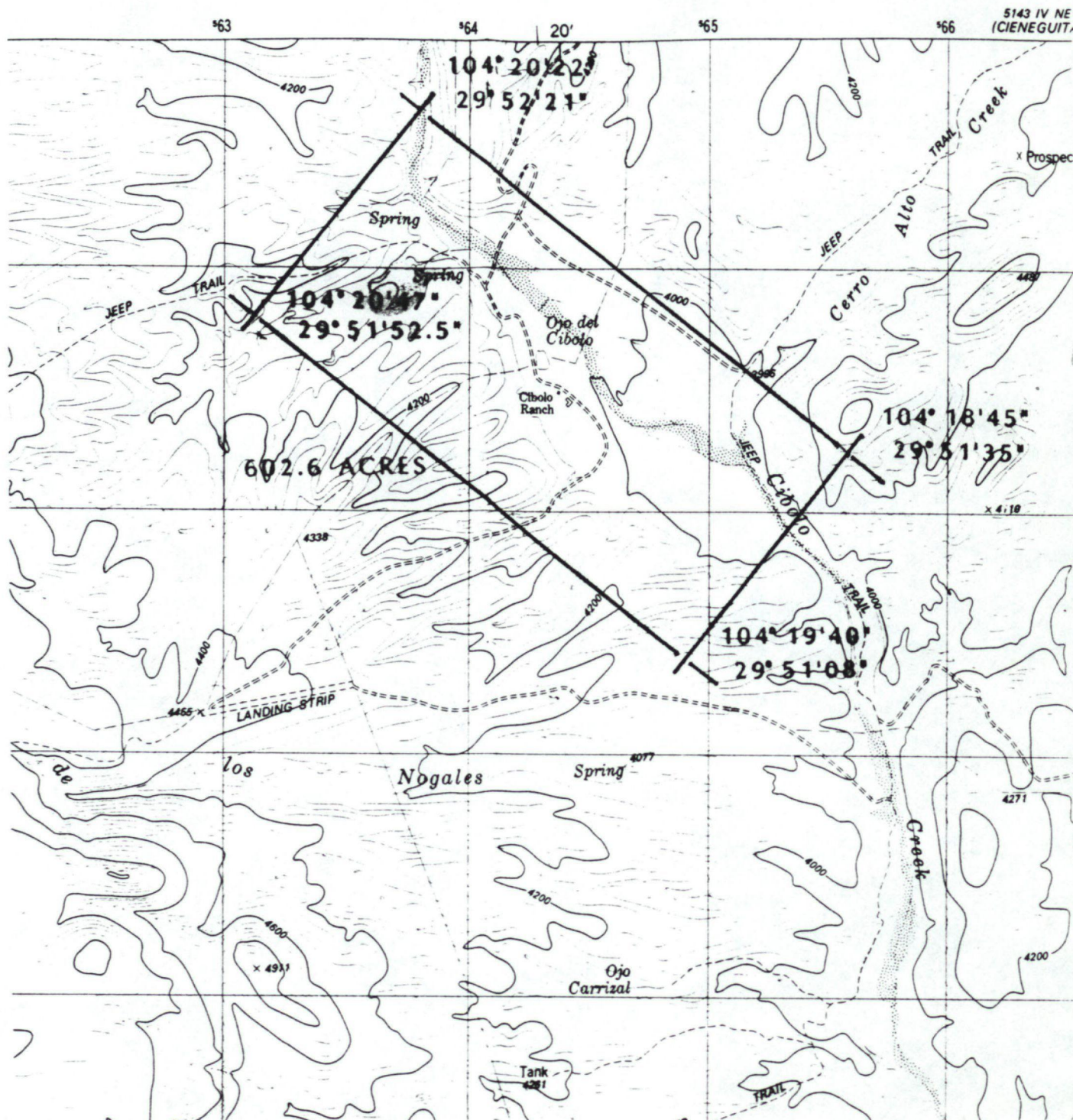
The intent is to create an historic district that covers most of the valley of the large Cibolo Creek which formed the basis for the Milton Faver ranching and farming activities in Presidio County. The northwestern boundary of this District encompasses both the large Cibolo Springs and the smaller Cibolo Springs' headwaters and the center of Cibolo Creek which passes through the valley of Cibolo. The southwestern boundary encompasses the hilltop southwest of El Fortin del Cibolo which is the grave and marker of Milton Faver. The northwestern boundary of the District encompasses most of the valley which originally served as Milton Faver's farmland. The District also encompasses all of the irrigation ditches (acequias) which feed from the large Cibolo Creek past the Fortin del Cibolo and connect with the Cibolo Creek near the southeastern boundary of the District. This District also includes most of the dry stacked rock walls which delineated the division between the arable fields of the valley and the livestock ranges of the surrounding hills. Because El Fortin del Cibolo sits among 25,000 acres of mountainous terrain, the simple rectangular district was determined to be the best designation for this individual site.

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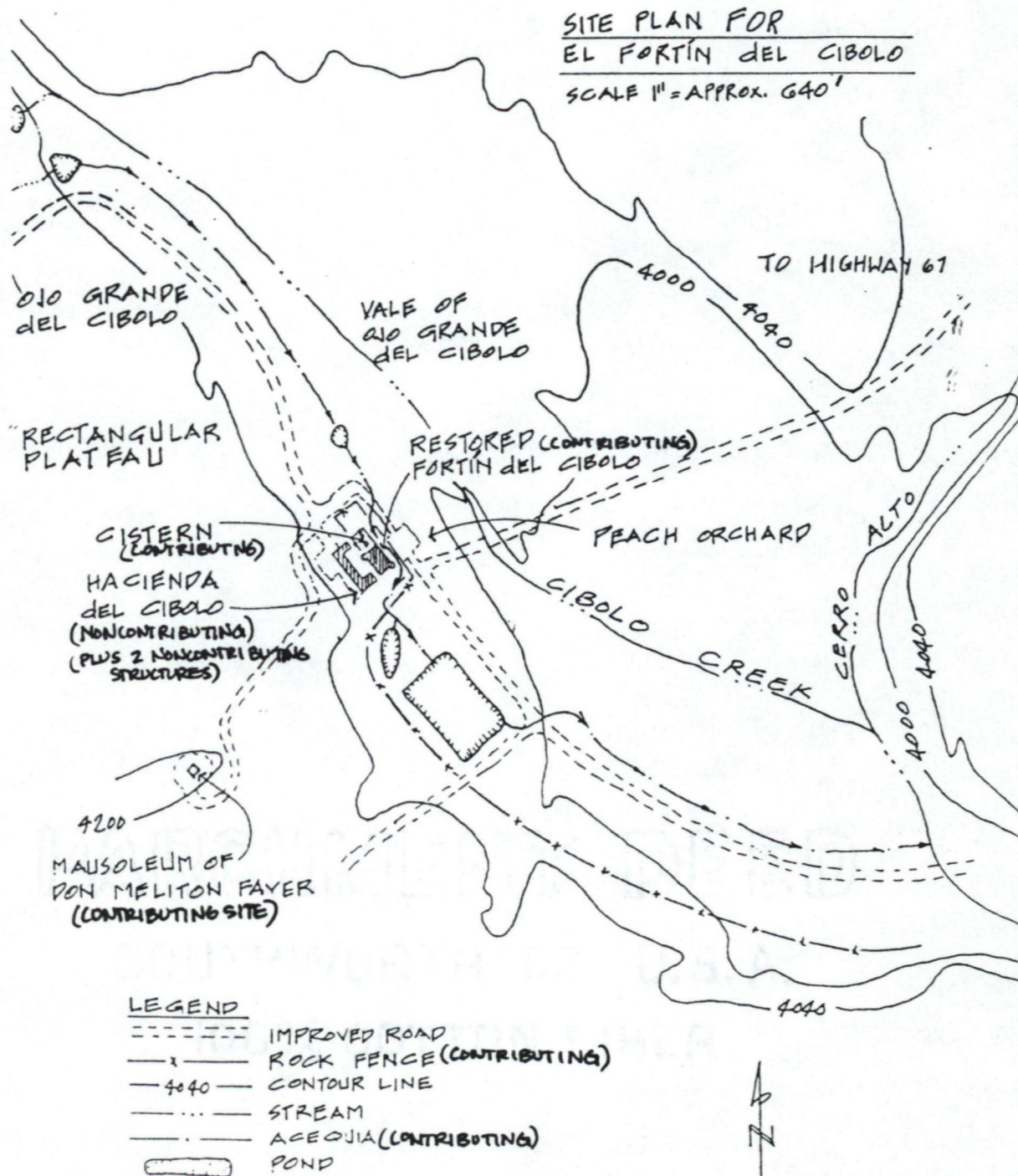
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Illustrations

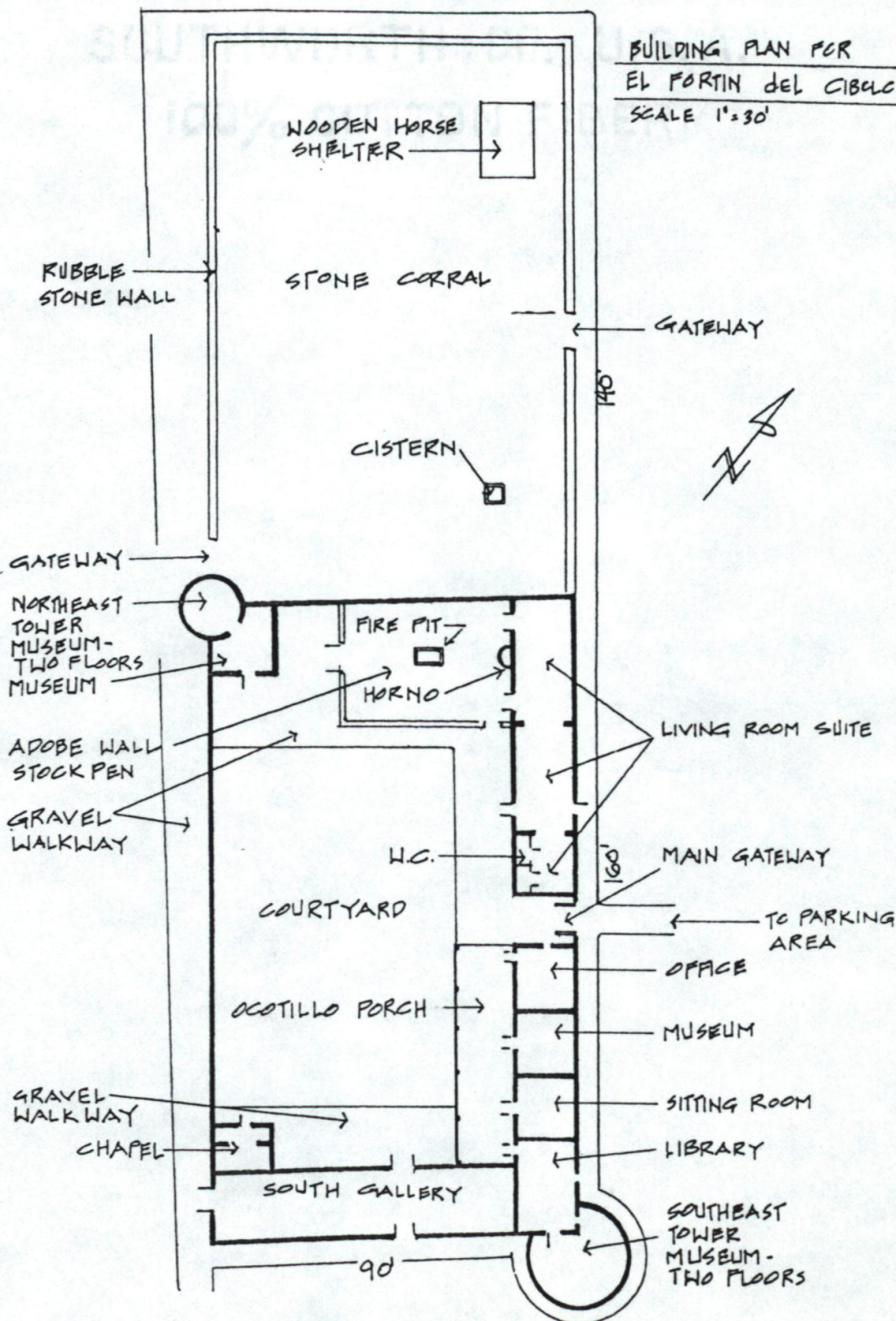


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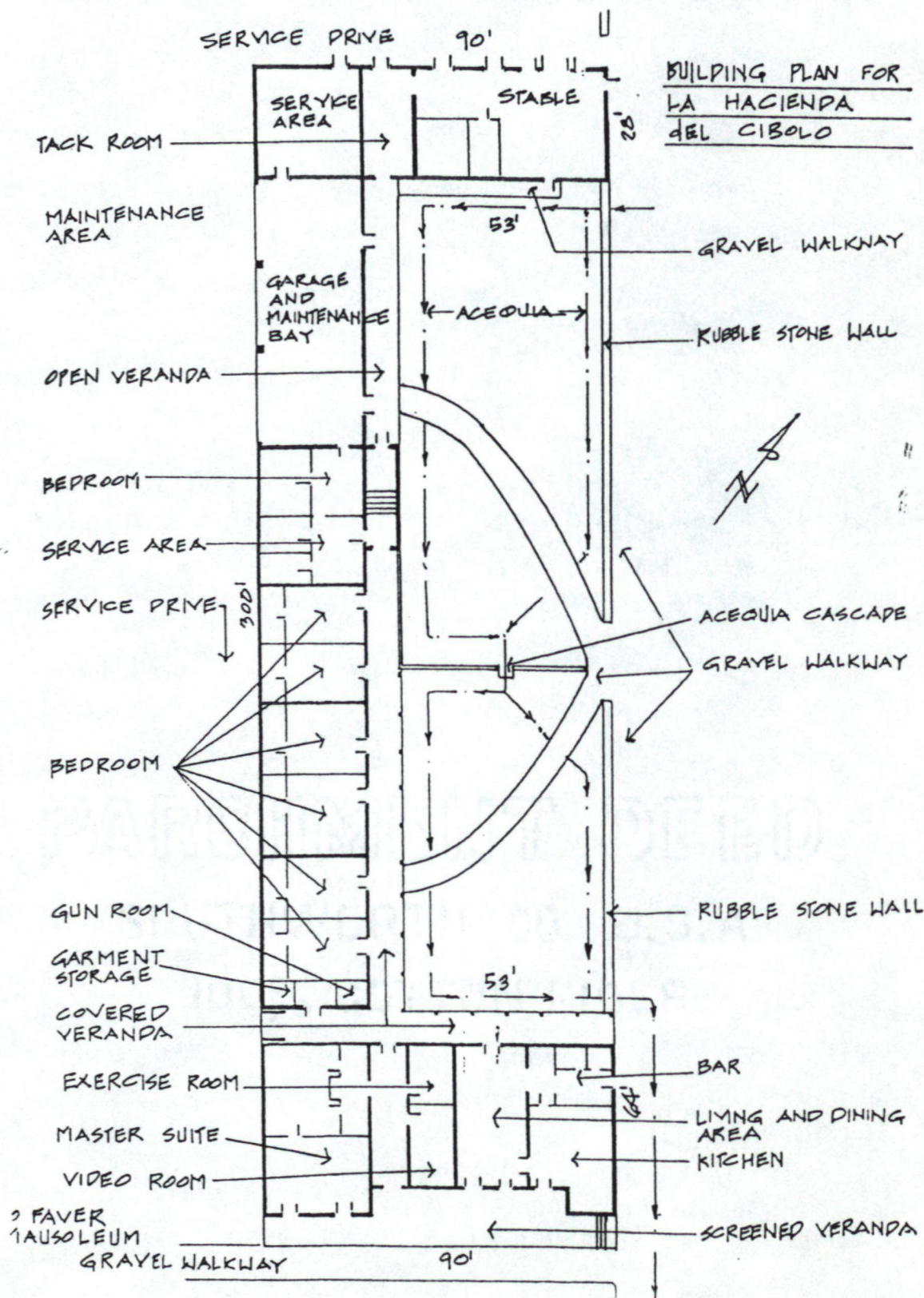


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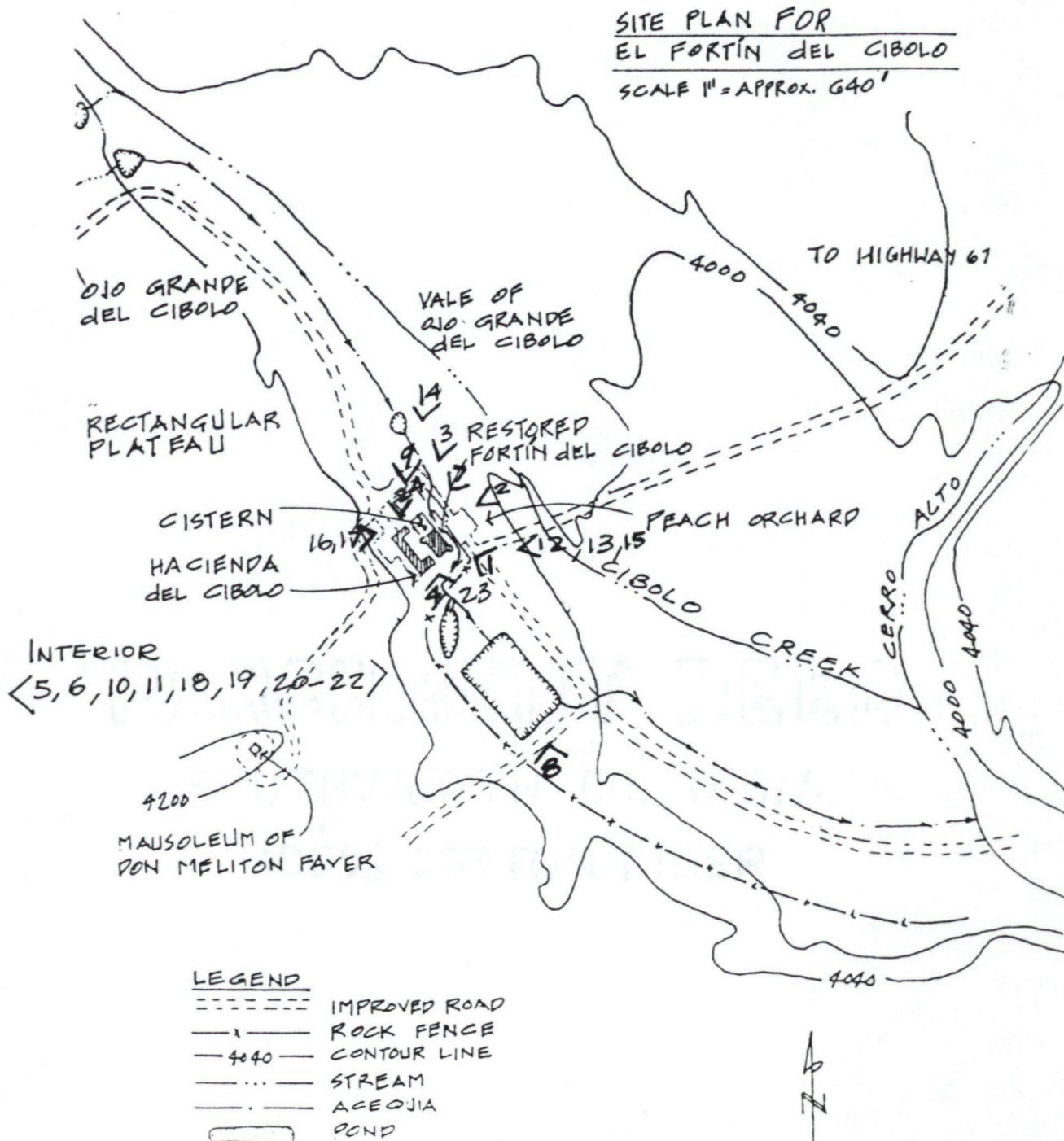
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY El Fortin del Cibolo Historic District
NAME:

MULTIPLE Historic Resources Associated with Milton Faver, Agriculturi
NAME: st, MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Presidio

DATE RECEIVED: 3/03/95
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4-6-95
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3-21-95
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/17/95

REFERENCE NUMBER: 95000366

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: Y DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT

4/6/95 DATE Entered in the
National Register

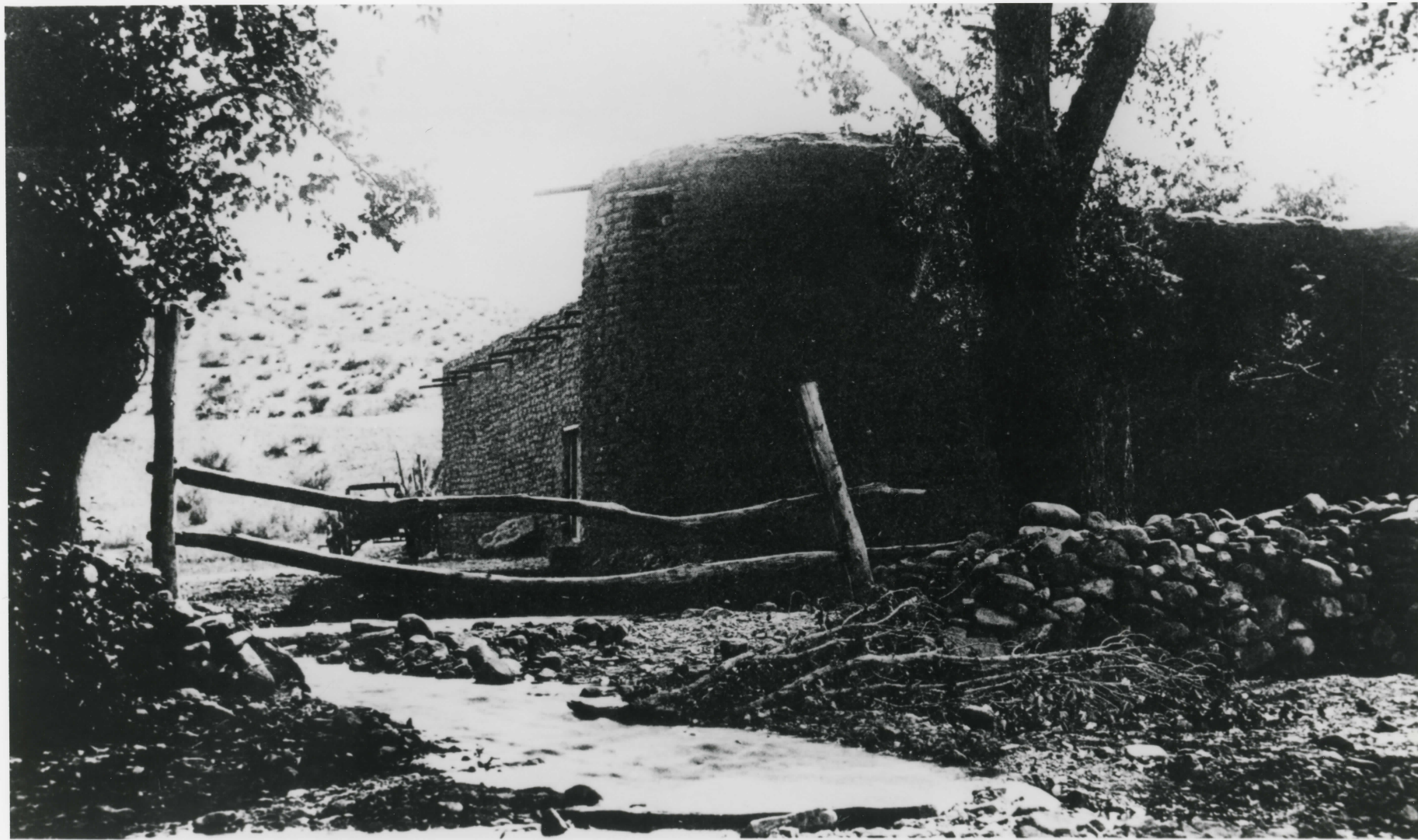
ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE DATE

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



101 - El Fortin del Cibolo
Historic Photo
Date Unknown
S.E. Tower
Irrigation Ditch
in foreground
(c. 1885)

EL FORTIN DEL CIBOLO H.D.
(MILTON FAVER M.P.)
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102 El Fortin del Cibolo
East Wall
Milton Favor &
Irrigation Ditch
in foreground
Historic Photo, date
unknown (c. 1885)

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103 El Fortin del Cibolo
Looking Southwest at
East & North Walls
Historic Photo, date
unknown (c.1885)

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104 El Fortin del Cibolo
(Fort Buffalo)

c. 1920

Looking South at
East wall & Tower

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105 El Fortin del Cibolo
(Fort Buffalo)
c. 1920
Looking East
inside courtyard

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106 El Fortin del Cibolo
HABS 1936
Looking South
inside courtyard

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107 El Fortin del Cibolo
Extension view, looking
Northeast

1936 HABS

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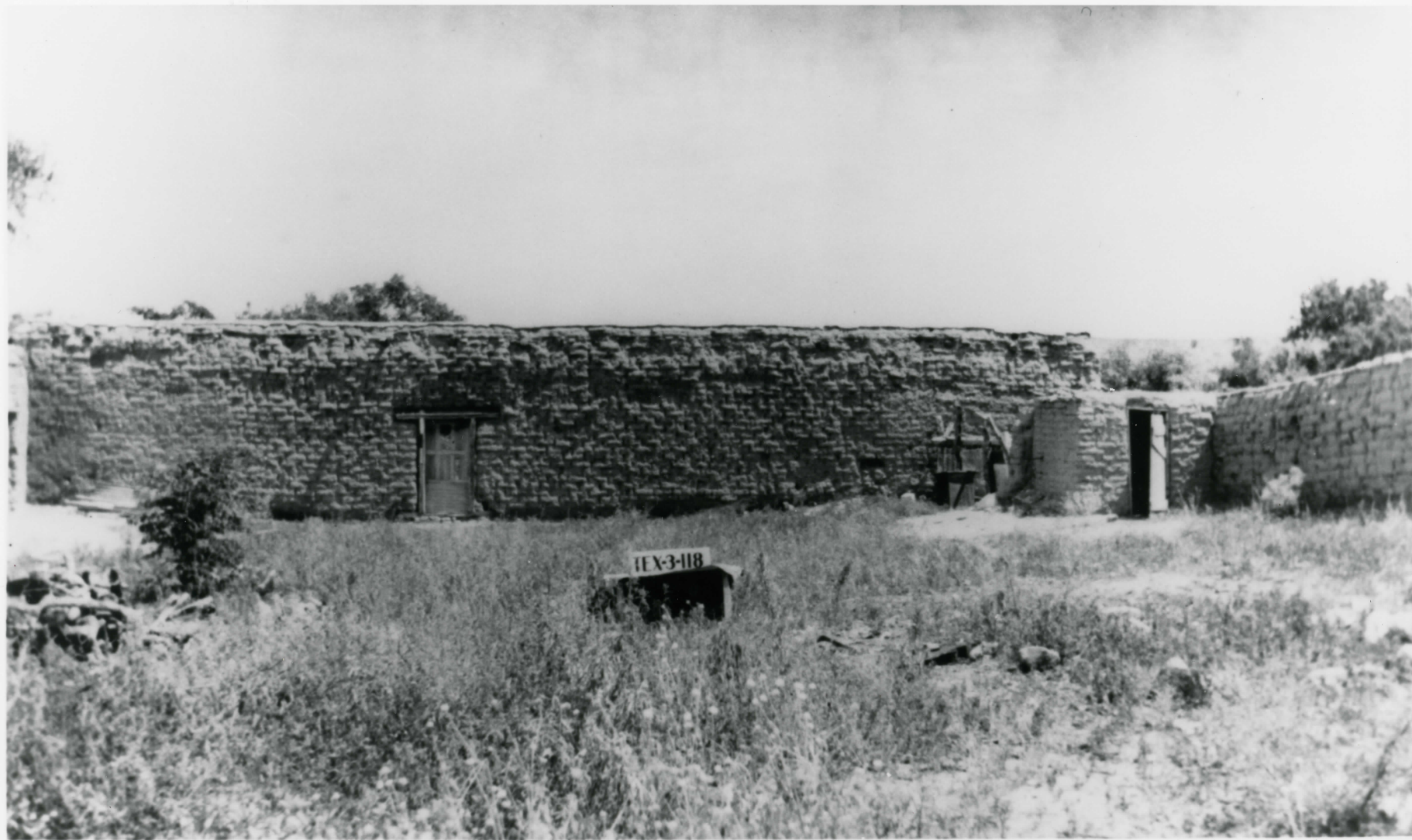
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108 El Fortin del Cibolo
Exterior View
looking North
1936 HABS

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109 El Fortin del Cibolo
Looking South
inside courtyard
HABS 1936

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110 El Fortin del Cibolo
Detail of Door
1936 HABS

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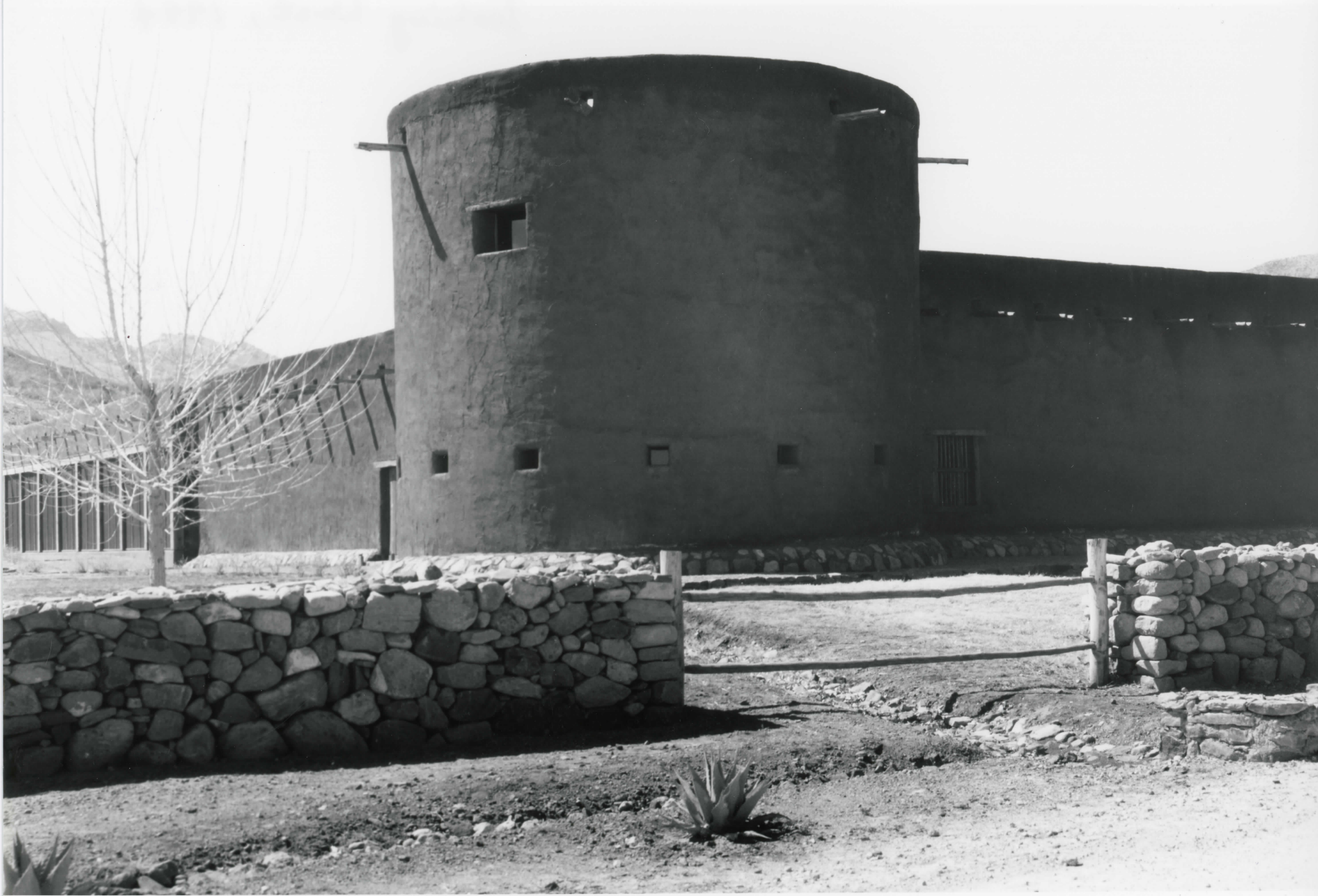
111 El Fortin del Cibolo
Detail of Window
HABS 1936

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119 El Fortin del Cibolo
Reconstructed East Tower
looking West, 1994

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120. El Fortin del Cibolo
Rebuilt Stone Wall
with drainage ditch
below Northeast drive
1994

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121 El Fortin del Cibolo
East View, looking South
1994

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122 Cornales NW of
El Fortin del Cibolo
Looking West
1994

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123 El Fortin del Cibolo
Looking East from
inside courtyard
1994

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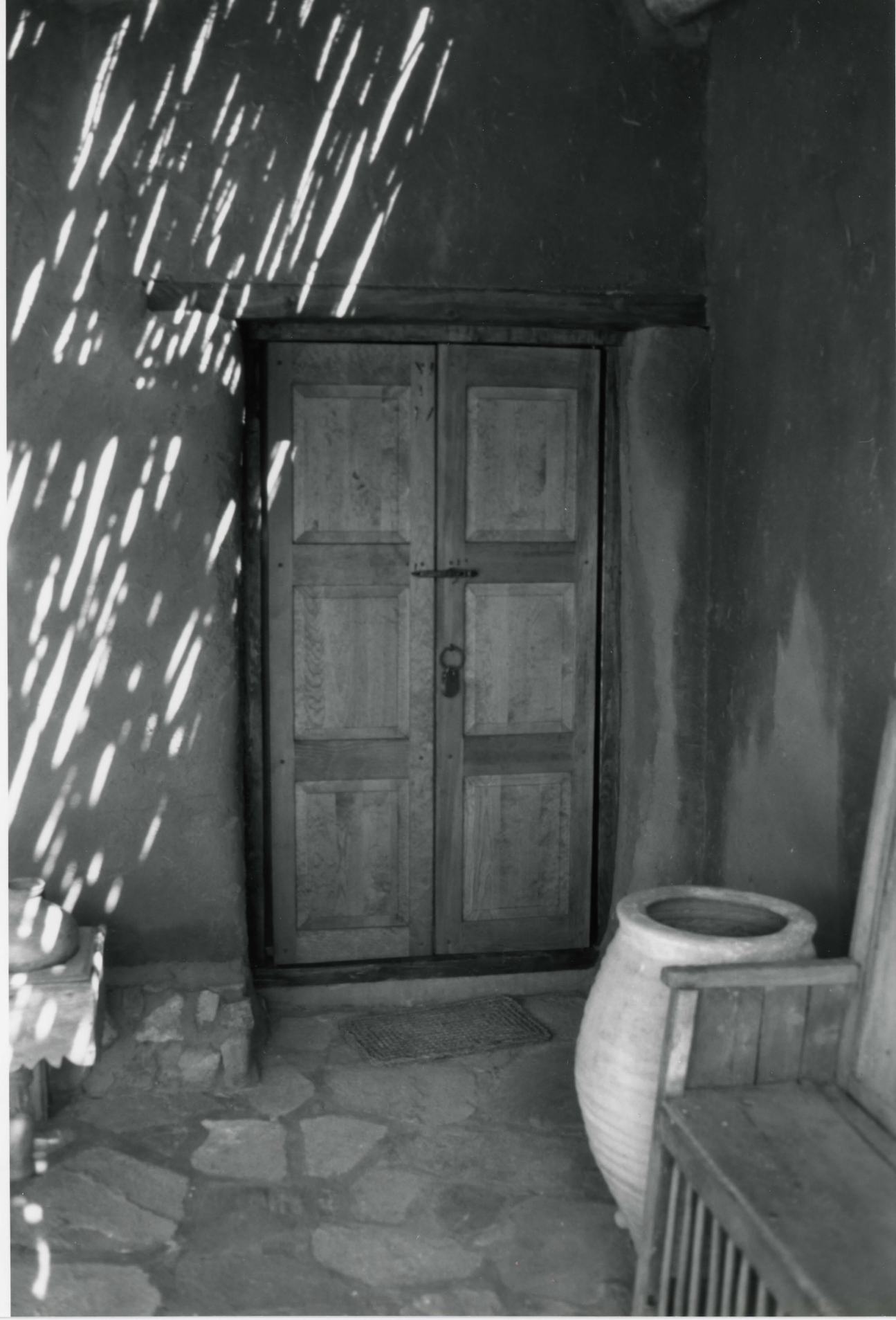
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124 El Fortin del Cibolo
Exterior view of
Reconstructed East
Tower, 1994

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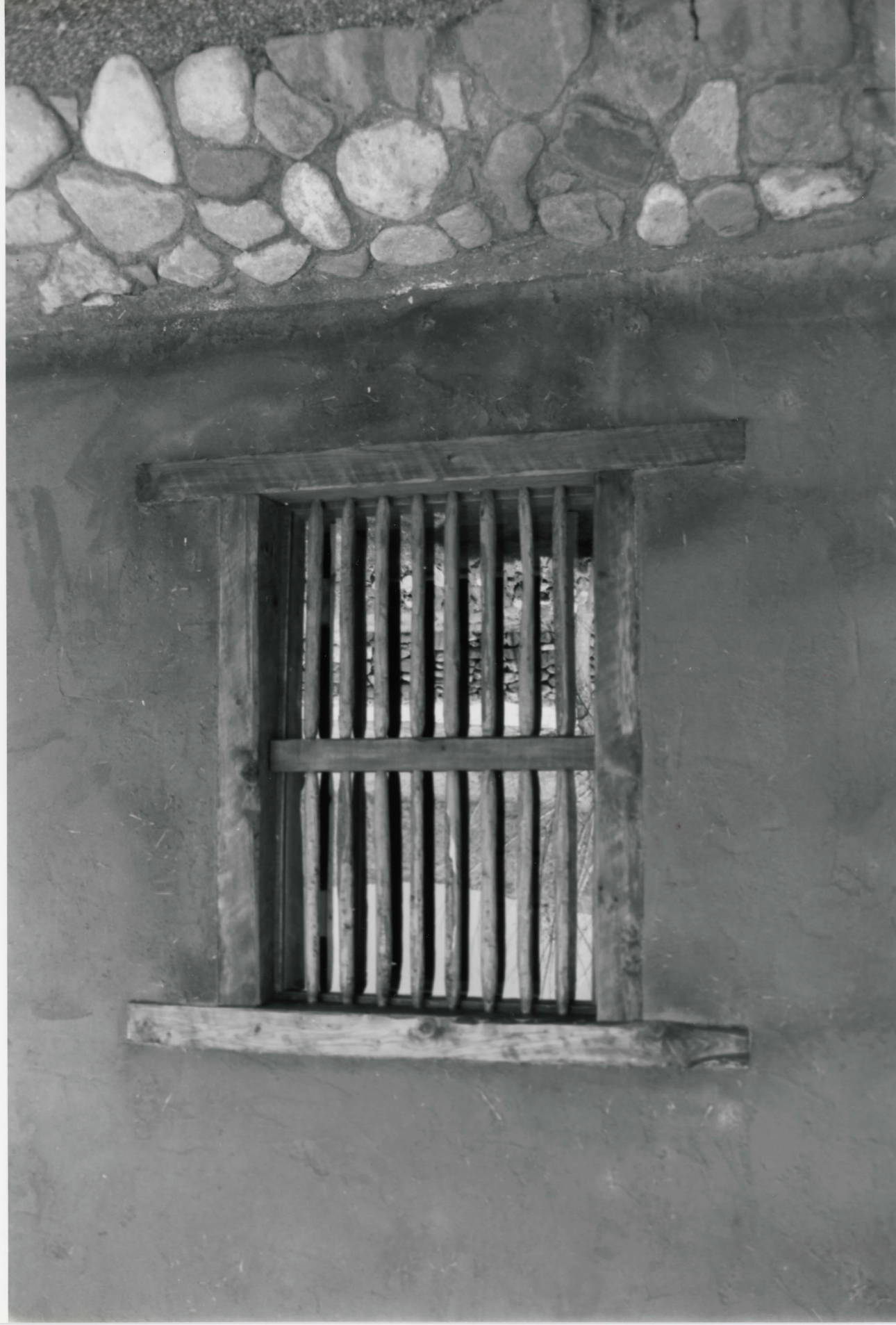
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Detail of Door
1994

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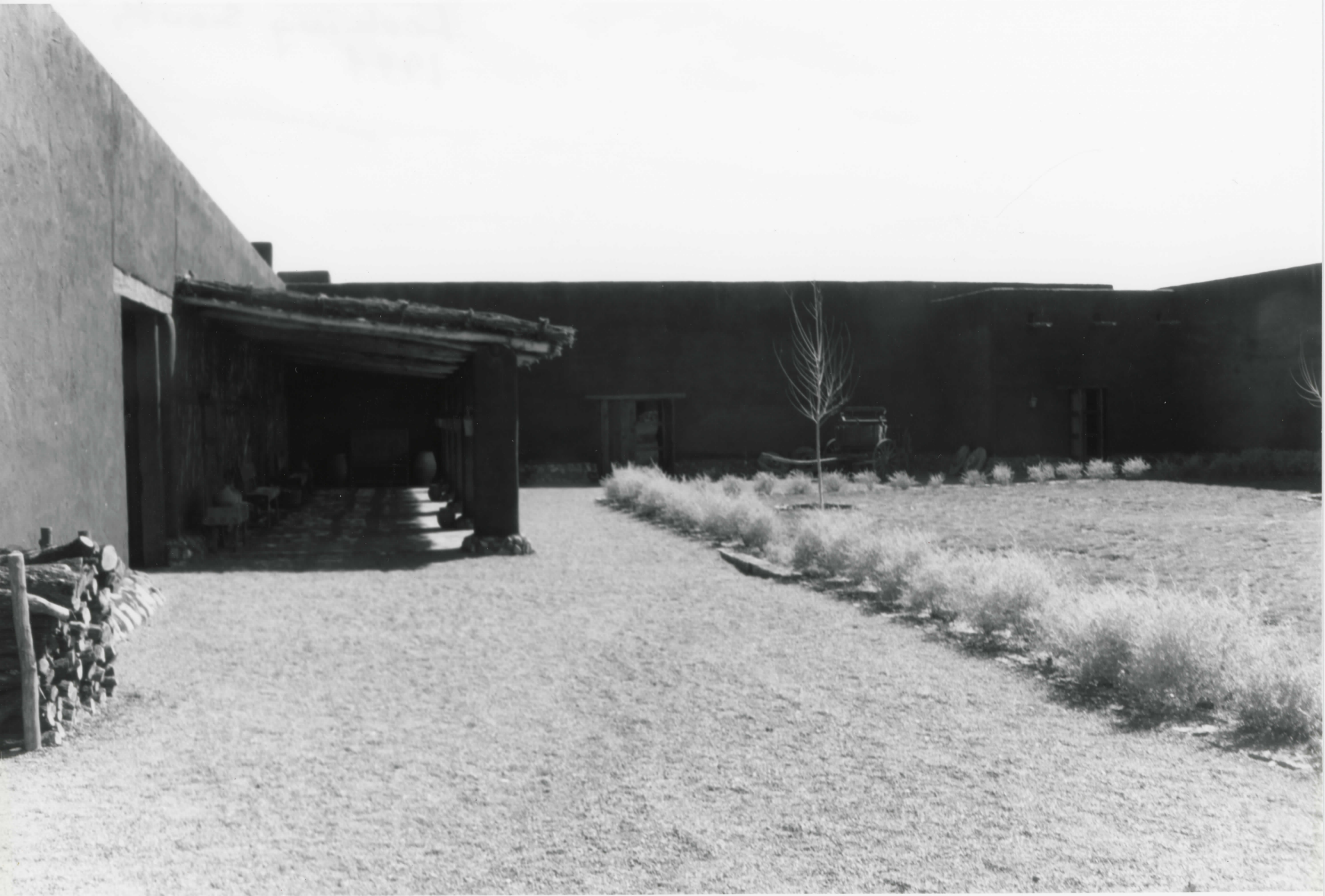
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Detail of Window
1994

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127 El Fortin del Cibolo
Interior of Courtyard
Looking South
1994

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128 El Fortin del Cibolo
Dining Room
Looking East
1994

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129 El Fortin del Cibolo
Dining Room
Looking West
1954

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130 Hacienda built
in 1992 to the
south & west of
El Fortin del Cibolo
1994

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131 Courtyard between
Hacienda & El Fortin
del Cibolo
Looking Southwest
1994

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