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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC ****
Fern Mountain Ranch
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

N of Flagstaff
STREET & NUMBER
T23N R6E Sec 26 W2 SW4 NW4

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN
Flagstaff

VICINITY OF

3

STATE
Arizona

CODE
04

COUNTY
Coconino

CODE
005

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Richard Wilson
STREET & NUMBER
7326 Paseo del Norte
CITY, TOWN
Tucson

STATE

VICINITY OF

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Coconino County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Flagstaff

STATE
Arizona

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fern Mountain Ranch stands on the western slopes of the San Francisco Peaks, looking across Hart Prairie to Mt. Humphreys. Five of the original buildings (constructed of pine, aspen, fir, and spruce cut from the nearby forests) are still in use.

The house (X-1), which faces east is a rectangular 1½ story log building with a shingle roof. Gable ends are vertical plank and so are the doors. Logs are chinked with mud. The building is approximately 15' x 35'.

The dining room (X-2) was built in a line with the house and is similar in size, shape, and construction. The space between the two buildings was at one time filled in with a one-story vertical plank addition, but this was removed ca. 1934. There is now a small log addition on the northwest corner. There is a small dormer on the east side. Mud chinking has been reinforced with concrete and a concrete foundation has been added. The building is approximately 15' x 35'.

The barn and stable (x-3) has had some additions but the original stalls remain. The structure is approximately 80' long with two 60' wings. The barn was evidently constructed in three sections, all of logs with vertical plank gabled roofs. The logs of the south addition have been squared. The stalls are also of log and have shingle roofs. Corral fences are of log and pasture fences are split rails.

The two small outbuildings are of logs. X-4 is a storage shed with a corrugated roof layered with dirt and is approximately 10' x 12'. X-5 is a 12' x 20' cabin with shingle roof and vertical plank gables.

There are three structures from the 1930s. Building A is a log shed large enough to hold four cars. Building B is a residence built by Wilson of stained logs and appears to have been constructed in four sections. Roofs are shingled and have horizontal plank gable ends. Building C is a small frame playhouse with a shingled roof.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fern Mountain Ranch is notable as a pioneer Arizona ranch which is virtually unchanged. The original buildings are still in use. The ranch also played an important role in the development of the Grand Canyon as a tourist attraction.

August Dillman Freudenberger and his wife settled in Flagstaff in the 1880s. In 1887, they took over the Dags brewery there. (During World War I, Freudenberger dropped his last name and was known as Gus Dillman.)

About 1890 the Freudenbergers decided to go into ranching and acquired the land for Fern Mountain Ranch. They constructed a log house, a barn, and several outbuildings and secured a patent to the land in 1896.

In May of 1892, the Santa Fe Railroad Company started a tri-weekly tourist stage to the Grand Canyon from Flagstaff. The 12 hour trip covered 65 miles and required three relays. The first relay station was at Fern Mountain Ranch 18 miles from the starting point at Flagstaff's Bank Hotel. The ranch stables housed the relay horses.

The ranch was not scheduled as a meal stop but Mrs. Freudenberger always had sandwiches and cold milk or buttermilk ready for the passengers. The cabin adjoining the house was used as a dining room. As many as 900 people traveled this route each year. Theodore Roosevelt once stopped here. After 1901, the tourists traveled to the Canyon by train.

In 1928, the ranch was purchased by Robert T. Wilson, one time Mayor of Corpus Christi, Texas. Mrs. Wilson is a writer. They decided that Arabian horses and half-Arabs would be well-suited to Arizona ranch needs and acquired the famous Army Remount stallion Ribal, importing Arab, Saddlebred, and Thoroughbred mares at the same time. Fern Mountain Ranch then became the first in Arizona to raise Arabian horses. Ribal was of imported English stock and his name is on pedigrees of many outstanding horses. Ribal appears in Historic Photo #10. The ranch is now owned by Wilson's son, Richard, and is leased to the Museum of Northern Arizona.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 The Sun (Flagstaff) 15 February 1974
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.85

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	2	4	3	3	1	4	0	3	9	1	2	1	6	0
ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

B

ZONE		EASTING			NORTHING		

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning on the line between Sec 26 and 27 of the T23N and R6E at the steel pin marking the 1/16 corner proceed N 650 ft. then E 325 ft. then S 650 ft. and W 325 ft. to the Point of Beginning.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marjorie Wilson, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arizona State Parks Board

DATE

October 27, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

1688 West Adams Street

TELEPHONE

(602) 271-4174

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Arizona

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Dorothy H. Hall

TITLE

DATE

11-4-77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

W. M. ...
W. M. ...

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-29-78

DATE

3-26-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

SECTION CORNER $\frac{S22}{S27} \frac{S23}{S26}$ 1943 B.L.M. CAP

T.23 N. R.6 E.

Nail Forest boundary

see phone sheet
WPC-3/9/78



1293.03

POLE FENCE

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2586.06

N 0° 05' 00" E.

GATE

STRUCTURES ON THIS
SIDE ARE NOT PART
OF RANCH.

CARPENTER'S
RESIDENCE

RAIL FENCE

BARBED
WIRE
FENCE

FENCE EXTENDS ACROSS SEC. LINE

SET STEEL PIN
1/16 CORNER



RESULTS OF SURVEY

OF
A PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST
1/4 OF SECTION 27 AND OF A
PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST
1/4 OF SECTION 26, T.23 N.,
R.6 E., G.1 S.R.B.4 M., COCHINO
COUNTY, ARIZONA

SHOWING BUILDINGS.

1 INCH = 50 FEET

JULY 1970

SOUTHWEST SURVEYS, BOX 691, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

SCALE APPROXIMATES 1" = 100'-0" ASIA 12/20/77