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MULE BARN

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Grand Canyon
Coconino County
Arizona

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Location: National Park Administrative Area, Grand Canyon National Park, North Rim, Coconino County, Arizona

UTM Reference: 12/403450/4008250

Date of Construction: 1926

Present Owner: U.S. Department of the Interior

Present Occupant: National Park Service

Present Use: Mule barn

Significance: This building has been altered only by the additional corrugated metal roofing and the replacement of the wooden plank corral fence.

Prepared By: John P. White

Project Information: Project prepared in 1982 under the direction of the National Park Service, Western Region, Marjorie Baer, historian. The team comprised project supervisor John P. White (Associate Professor of Architecture, Texas Tech University), architects Linda Kay Heinrich and Paula Beth Miller (Virginia Tech), and student architect Deborah Rehn Hurst (Washington University, St. Louis). Richard Frear was photographer.

I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Built in 1926, this building has been only slightly altered.

II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Merit and Interest: This building is part of the harmonious grouping of similar style that forms the administrative complex.

2. Condition of Fabric: Good

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: This one-story, three-bay front, rectangular building is approximately thirty feet by thirty-five feet.

2. Foundation: Stone.

3. Wall construction, finish, color: Board and batten wooden siding with a sill band sitting on the foundation, all painted brown.

4. Structural system, framing: Wooden framing, with two rows of log columns.

5. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc: There is an open lean-to on the north end with shed roof supported by three round iron pipe columns. The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal. There is no floor.

6. Openings:

a. Doorways and doors: The primary entrance is near the center on the east façade, opening into a vestibule. There is a large wooden batten door, with a wooden sill. On each end of the barn, north and south, there is a doorway leading to the exterior from a tack room. Each doorway has a wooden batten door. A large doorway near the center of the west façade opens from the barn into the corral, which has a wooden, Dutch-type batten door.

b. Windows and shutters: Wooden windows have six-light awning and fixed sashes.

7. Roof

- a. Shapes, covering: Gable roof with corrugated sheet metal covering.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Open eaves, with brackets at each gable end, one at the ridge and one on each edge.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plan: The main entry on the east leads into a small vestibule. On either side of the vestibule there is a doorway leading into a tack room, one on each side. Each tack room has a doorway leading to the exterior. The tack room on the northeast has a window on the east wall, and the tack room on the southeast has a double window on the east wall. The main barn has two rows of columns, one on each side of the center. There is a window on the north and south ends, and a window on either side of the doorway, leading to the exterior, on the west wall. There are two wooden stalls in the barn. A scuttle, with a wooden ladder attached to the wall, on the east side of the stall space, leads to the hay loft. The hay loft extends the length and width of the barn.
2. Flooring: The vestibule and tack rooms have wooden plank flooring, and the main barn has earthen flooring. The attic has wooden plank flooring.
3. Walls and ceiling finish: Walls in the vestibule have wooden board and batten finish, unpainted. Walls in all other areas have exposed studs and wooden sheathing. The ceilings are exposed joists with wooden sheathing.
4. Doorways and doors: Wooden batten doors, with wooden thresholds.
5. Mechanical equipment:
 - a. Heating: No heating equipment.
 - b. Plumbing: No plumbing equipment.
 - c. Lighting: Modern fluorescent and single bulb porcelain sockets. There is a lighting fixture hanging from the gable on the exterior, south end. The fixture has a porcelain enamel shade suspended from a rod and a single light bulb underneath the shade.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: The barn sits in the cluster of buildings of the administrative area, at the north end. An asphalt-paved road leads up to it from the south. There is an iron-pipe railing extending from the barn, enclosing the corral. There are numerous large ponderosa pine, fir and aspen trees around the barn. To the south are several storage buildings.

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Richard Frear, Photographer, July 1982

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