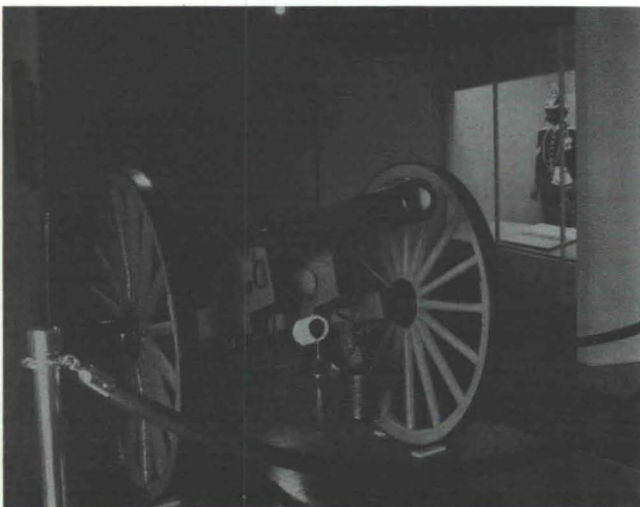


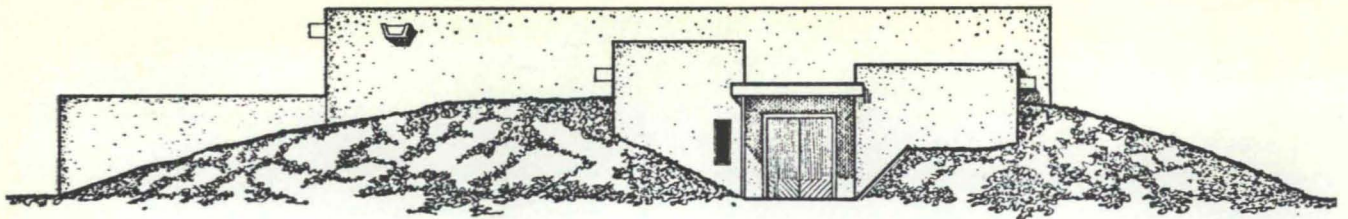


A Small Museum at Fort Selden State Monument

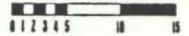


Architect: Pacheco and Graham
 Electrical Engineer: Donald Fowler
 Structural Engineer: Robert Krause
 Exhibit Designer: James Drum
 Contractor: Hearon Construction Co.

A 1976 awardee in the Cultural
 Properties Review Committee
 Annual Award Program.



front elevation



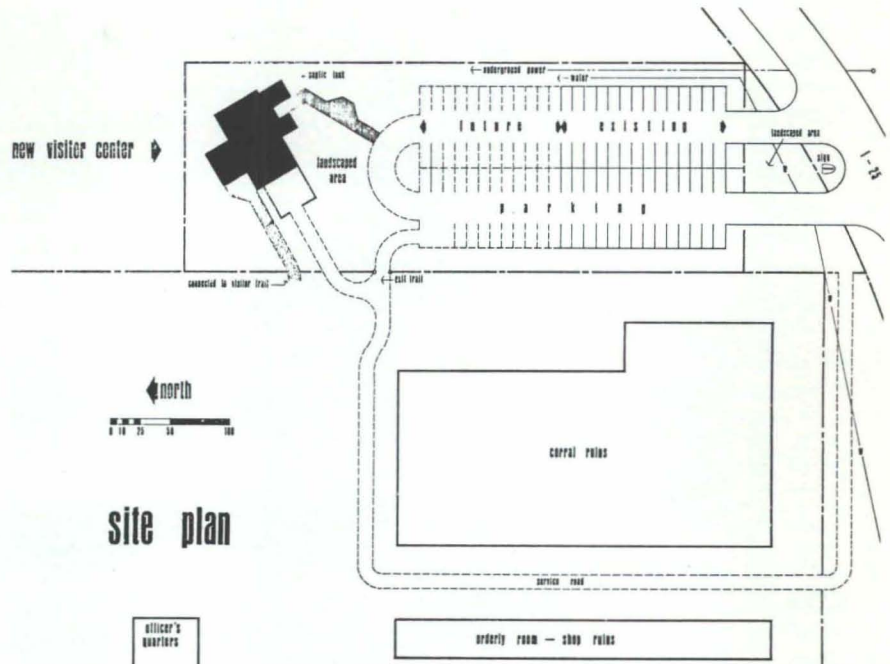
The design program asked for a museum and visitor center to be located at the adobe ruins of a post-Civil War military fort. The building was to be adaptable to exhibits of varied and changing character. The site is located on a desert mesa with Upper Sonoran natural landscape.

The project was designed within the "Architectural Criteria for New Construction at Historic Sites" as adopted by the New Mexico Committee on Historic Preservation. Quoting from the criteria:

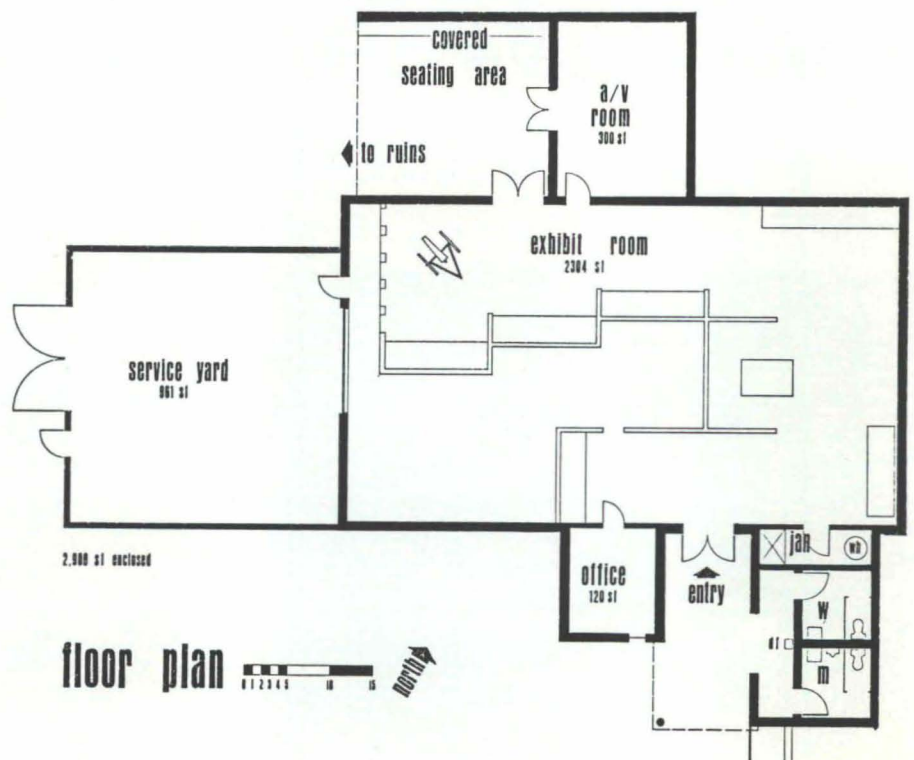
"The basic criterion that a work of architecture must be clearly stated as a product of its own time becomes of critical importance when the new building is ancillary to a historic building or site. The possibility that a visitor might interpret the new building as an indication of the style or character of the historic building or site must be avoided. Any new building must respect its own character as well as that of the site it serves if it is to succeed in its basic explanatory function, and if it is itself to have value as a work of architecture."

The area with the visitor center and parking lot was graded to a level approximately 2 feet below the general ground level in order to subordinate these elements with respect to the ruins. Earth fill was bermed against the sides minimizing the facades. All disturbed earth was re-landscaped with desert plants indigenous to the area.

The building was designed to provide a large open and flexible space, with the main room adapt-



site plan



floor plan

able to changing exhibits. Exhibit structures are free standing. Power and lighting is provided by ceiling drops.

Interior wall finish is 5/8" gypsum board on wood furring strips. Ceiling is a suspended, one-hour rated lay-in system with integral plug-in lighting tracks. Floor is colored concrete. Wall construction is slump rock with a slurry exterior coating of stucco.

The design solution is a simple and straight forward answer to given criteria. T. C.

