

J A RANCH HEADQUARTERS, CORRALS  
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The JA Ranch Headquarters consists of numerous buildings erected over an extended period of time and includes both historically and architecturally significant buildings as well as more recent auxiliary structures having little historical or architectural value. Exhibiting historical and architectural importance are the Main House, Post Office, Bunk House, and Corrals. This report focuses on the Main House. For more information on the other structures see:

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HABS TX-3530-A – J A Ranch Headquarters, Main House

HABS TX-3530-B – J A Ranch Headquarters, Bunk House / Mess Hall

HABS TX-3530-C – J A Ranch Headquarters, Post Office

#### CORRALS

##### A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: The JA Ranch corrals date from the earliest days of the ranch headquarters and appear in the earliest extant photographs. Located southeast of the Main House, the corrals remain essentially unchanged from the nineteenth century origins.
2. Condition of Fabric: The current condition of the JA Ranch corrals is good and they continue to function as originally intended.

##### B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The corrals' north wall extends approximately two hundred and forty-two feet to east, including a feed room at the east end of about thirty-three feet, two inches by nineteen feet, three inches. A wall at the west end forms a ninety-degree return of about sixteen feet, four inches in length.
2. Foundations: Stone, two feet thick.
3. Walls: Stone, two feet thick. The upper portions of the north and south walls have a cement-wash applied over the stone.
4. Structural System, Framing: Wood framing on load-bearing stone walls supports the roof.
5. Porches, Stoops: A small, covered porch shelters access to the west door of the feed room. A small, concrete stoop extends outside a north door into the feed room.

6. Chimneys: None.

7. Openings:

a. Doorways and Doors: Simple wood door with wood frame.

b. Windows and Shutters: None.

8. Roof:

a. Shape, Covering: A gabled roof with wood shingles extends in an east-west direction above the north corrals wall.

b. Cornice, Eaves: Painted wood.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plans:

a. Basement: None.

b. First Floor: Rectangular plan with dimensions listed above less the two-foot thick stone walls.

c. Attic: Inaccessible and unfinished

2. Stairways: None

3. Flooring: Earth.

4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: Walls are exposed stone. There is no ceiling. The wood roof rafters and wood roof deck are exposed and unpainted.

5. Decorative Features: None.

6. Architectural Furniture: None.

7. Hardware: No historically significant hardware exists.

8. Mechanical Systems:

a. Heating: None

b. Plumbing: None

- c. Electric: Electricity became available to the Corrals in 1922 with the installation and operation of an electric plant on ranch property.

D. Site:

1. Historic Landscape Design: None.
2. Outbuildings: None.