

From Kegley 1980: 8-18

House 1

Shape: Rectangular. Length 2.9m; Width 2.30m; Depth .95m below present ground surface.

Orientation: Long axis north-south.

Walls: No plaster noted on pit walls. Above pit on south and west walls lumped adobe remained in place. The adobe on the south walls contained a hint that adobe bricks may have formed a wall atop the perimeter of the pit. This cannot now be substantiated.

Floor: Thin adobe puddled on white caliche substratum. Eroded in places. Adobe floor laps against pit edges and turns up onto the pit wall.

Roof supports: Two post holes located equidistant from the walls along the east-west midline. West posthole yielded a portion of the original oak (?) post. This wood was submitted for radiocarbon dating to the University of Texas (TX 1735 and dated 800 BP \pm 50 years giving a range from 1100 A.D. to 1200 A.D.). A single radiocarbon date is not considered in any way definitive and may require correction for perturbations in atmospheric Carbon 14 on the order of 50 to 100 years more recent. Comparison with tree ring dated ceramics from the site is presented in Fig. 18.

Floor Pits: None.

Fire Area: Located equidistant between the east and west walls of pit and at the midpoint between the center of the house and the south wall of the pit. Firepit is circular and carefully formed from adobe. A pronounced collar or coping encircles it. Associated with the firepit was an ash lens just to the south, a broken El Paso Polychrome olla, three double-fist sized stones and faunal material from *Taxidea taxus* (badger) and *Antilocapra Americana* (pronghorn antelope).

Entrance: None located.

Pottery: El Paso Polychrome, Chupadero Black on White, Playas Red Incised, Three Rivers Red on Terracotta, Corrugated Ware.

Function: Domiciliary.

House 2

Shape: Square. 2.3m x 2.3m. Depth 0.79m below present ground surface. Possibly superimposed over another pit, observable as an irregularity in floor along south wall.

Orientation: North-South.

Walls: Not discernible above pit. No plaster noted on pit walls.

Floors: Thin puddled adobe over caliche substratum. Adobe floor laps against pit edges and turns up onto pit walls for a few centimeters.

Roof Supports: No postholes present. Possibly one collared post support of type described by Kelley (1949: 108) at 31 C9-5.

Floor pits: One intrusive pit cuts into east wall line of pit. See Intrusive Pit #1.

Fire area: Collared firepit in same location as in House 1. Pit is circular and formed from adobe as part of floor.

Adobe Step: Located along the south wall line of the pit and equidistant from the east and west pit walls. Step is an adobe block which measures 34 cm x 18 cm. The block is rounded or worn on the northern corners and squared on the southern corners. To the south the pit wall could not be discerned although the south face of the block must have abutted against this wall since it is vertical and unworn. The irregularity in the south wall presumably belongs to an earlier pit structure which may have been filled in to conform to the outline of House 2. The earlier structure appears to have been destroyed during the construction of House 2 and only a few sherds of the ubiquitous brownware remained on the earlier surface. Function of the step cannot be demonstrated although it may have led to a south entry.

Entrance: None noted but a south wall entrance appears likely.

Pottery: El Paso Polychrome, Chapadero Black on White, Playas Red Incised, Corrugated Ware.

Additional Floor Associations: See Burial #2.

Function: Domiciliary.

House 3

Shape: Rectangular. Length 2.6m; Width 3m, Depth .67m below present ground surface.

Orientation: Walls not parallel but general orientation based on support posts and hearth is North-South.

Walls: Melted adobe present along the north edge of pit, but no definitive wall present.

Floor: Badly eroded adobe puddle over caliche substratum.

Roof Supports: Two roof support posts located on east-west midline near center of house.

Floor Pits: Two intrusive pits cut into floor (see Miscellaneous Features, Intrusive Pits #2 and #3).

Fire Area: Badly eroded collared fire hearth. Same location as hearth in Houses 1 and 2.

Entrance: None noted.

Pottery: El Paso Polychrome, Chupadero Black on White, Playas Red Incised, Corrugated Ware, Three Rivers Red on Terracotta.

Function: Domiciliary.

House 4

Shape: Rectangular. Length 4.1m; Width 3.8m; Depth .54m below present ground surface. Depth .25m below old surface (believed to have been ground surface at time of construction).

Orientation: Long axis North-South. House was only partially excavated.

Walls: Walls of pit plastered with a thin layer of adobe. Atop the pit there may have been a course of adobe brick but only fragments remain in place. Major collapse seems to have occurred when south wall fell into pit.

Floor: Thin adobe puddle on caliche substratum. Thickness is 13 cm at floor posts. Floor turns up against edges of pit, becoming wall plaster.

Roof Supports: Entire floor not exposed but pair of posts located, presumably one of two pairs, along east-west midline of house. Secondary posts near corners of house may have provided additional support for this larger structure.

Floor Pits: A shallow semicircular disturbance was located where an adobe “step” might have been expected.

Fire Area: A collared hearth occupies the same relative position as similar features in other houses. Directly south of fire pit is a smaller diameter circular pit feature of unknown function. Since it is also incorporated into the floor, association with the fire pit seems likely.

Entrance: None located.

Pottery: El Paso Polychrome, Chupadero Black on White, Mimbres Black on White, Playas Incised, Ramos Polychrome, Corrugated Ware.

Function: Indistinguishable from other domiciliary structures except by size.

House 5

Shape: Rectangular. Estimated length 4.1m; Width 3.1m; Depth .24m below present ground surface.

Orientation: Unclear.

Walls: Everywhere in poor condition, often completely absent. Lumps of adobe litter the floor surface but are badly eroded. Shallow depth of floor below present ground surface and deteriorated walls retain no evidence of aboriginal excavation of pit structure and the possibility exists that this may have been a surface structure.

Floor: Badly eroded surface of puddle adobe overlays another prepared floor. Lower floor discovered late in season and only sampled. Position of features in lower floor level does not correspond with those present in upper floor and may represent a different orientation.

Roof Supports: Three postholes are oriented loosely east-west but do not conform to post patterns in other houses.

Floor Pits: Milling “bin” with mano and metate in place (Fig. 16, b) discovered close to south house walls adjacent to where wall is removed by intrusive pit.

Fire Area: None located, but fire pit present on lower floor level.

Entrance: None located.

Pottery: El Paso Polychrome, Chupadero Black on White, Mimbres Black on White, Playas Red Incised, Corrugated Ware.

House 6

Shape: Rectangular. Length 5.5m; Width 4.5m; Depth .31m below present ground surface.

Orientation: Long axis East-West although two post pattern and placement of hearth are in same relative position as other houses.

Walls: Technique of plastering adobe to walls of a shallow pit same as other house structures on site. House 6 received more attention and has a more even finish to plaster. Evidence present for collapse of east wall of adobe brick onto house floor. Excavation outside west wall details possible collapse of west wall outware. A test outside the east house wall disclosed a prepared floor surface overlaid by charred material. Although we were never entirely satisfied, the floor surface exposed outside the present east wall which contained charred material appears to disappear underneath the present east wall of House 6. This has been tentatively called House 7 and requires further investigation.

Floor: Adobe on white caliche substratum. Eroded in places but 10cm thick at post holes.

Roof Support: Two post patterns seen in other houses executed with larger (50cm diameter) posts along east-west midline of house. Additional small posts are adjacent to the north house wall and may have provided additional roof support, partition supports, ladder supports or if considered a continuous pattern with other small holes outside the house have belonged to a circular structure with a south entrance. If a circular pit structure existed here all traces had been removed by extensive erosion.

Floor Pits: A small shallow pit of undetermined function was discovered adjacent to the south house wall.

Fire Area: Located between house center and south wall along north-south midline. Roughly circular but this badly eroded hearth showed no adobe coping about its perimeter. Two small postholes could have formed support for a loom but the small space available between the firehearth and house wall argue against this interpretation.

Entrance: Possible entrance in south wall now eroded beyond positive identification.

Pottery: El Paso Polychrome, Chupadero Black on White, Mimbres Black on White, Corrugated Ware.