Hills Enjoy Country Living

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Huge cottonwoods tower above the rambling country home of the Donald Frederick Hills, 5201 E. Ft. Lowell Rd., and a feeling of peace and tranquility fills the atmosphere.

Dr. and Mrs. Hill have decorated their home in a combination colonial-western style. Many of the pieces of furniture belonged to Mrs. Hill's great grandmother and her great aunt. Other pieces were designed by Dr. Hill and handcrafted.

Great ponderosa pine beams line the ceiling throughout the entire burnt adobe house. Originally painted a redwood shade, the beams have been rubbed to a muted gray.

The Hills enjoy outdoor activities. When they can't be outside, wide expanses of windows and glass doors bring the feeling of the outdoors into the house.

The house itself is an irregular "L" shape. The guest room, servant's room, kitchen, service room, entrance hall and dining room are in the first part. The huge living room and its terrace form the middle. The den, with its own enclosed terrace, and bedrooms for Dr. and Mrs. Hill and their children, Susan, 20, Nina, 17, and Ricky (Donald Frederick Jr.), 14, make up the bottom part and the "L."

The Hills have geared their home to a balance of beauty and comfort—with magnificent success.