# New Mexico's Rich Cultural Heritage

**Listed State and National Register Properties** 







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Pictured clockwise: Brownlee Diner, Glenrio Historic District, Quay County (1890); Component I, Kiva J, Arroyo Hondo Pueblo, Santa Fe County (1901); Enclosed Portal, Las Acequias, Santa Fe County, courtesy Julius Shulman (1921)

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#### Introduction

The New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties (State Register) is the official list of historic and cultural properties worthy of preservation in New Mexico. Buildings, commercial, residential and archaeological districts, roads and trails, Puebloan sites, bridges, neon signs — even a wallet carried by Robert Olinger the day he was shot by Billy the Kid — are recognized by New Mexico as important.

The idea of a State Register started in the late-1960s, following the creation of the federal National Register of Historic Places in 1966 — a documentation tool that revolutionized preservation and public history.

In New Mexico, a group of forward-thinking preservationists saw that much of our state's cultural heritage was being lost to vandalism and development. The now-defunct State Planning Office (SPO) responded to their concerns by initiating statewide cultural resource surveys funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In 1968, the SPO asked then-Governor David Cargo to create a body to oversee the surveys — today's Cultural Properties Review Committee (CPRC). Although not officially a state committee, the CPRC began adding properties to an unofficial state register, starting with Abo Mission designated State Register #1 on February 20, 1968. The majority of these early State Register designations were National Historical Landmarks identified by the National Park Service in 1966.

Then in 1969, Senator Tibo J. Chavez introduced a bill to create both a State Register and the CPRC. The bill passed, but came with no money. Despite the setback, the SPO introduced a State Register nomination form to document New Mexico's cultural heritage. The simple, two-sided form gave less than two inches of white space to describe a property and only half a page to establish its significance. But with it, New Mexico moved away from relying on the National Park Service to document its history.

Finally, in 1970, the state legislature appropriated \$500,000 to officially establish both the CPRC and the State Register, now named the New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties.

Since then, almost 9,000 individual contributing resources have been added to the State Register, with 1,922 individual nominations placed in the Historic Preservation Division's Site File room. The State Register form itself has grown proportionally, with nominations now filling over 20 pages of information.

The State Register not only honors and protects each resource, it places the resource on the threshold of the programs and services the Historic Preservation Division offers to preserve it. This is something we are proud of.

So when you scan this list, looking for a property in your community, or in an area of potential effect, or even your own house, be sure to be appreciate how much we've progressed since those early days.

- Katherine Slick, State Historic Preservation Officer

## Glossary

File# = indicates the number assigned to the Site File containing the nomination and its accompanying documents. This is sometimes referred to as the "HPD" or "State Register" number. These files are maintained at the Historic Preservation Division.

MPL = Multiple Property Listing designates that more than one property was listed as part of the nomination. Technically, this process is known as a Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF). The MPDF nominates groups of related significant properties. The MPDF is a cover document and not a nomination in its own right, but serves as a basis for evaluating the National Register eligibility of related properties. In New Mexico, the MPDF approach has been used to nominate Route 66 neon signs, Forest Service lookout towers, prehistoric communities in the La Plata Valley and logging sites in the Sacramento Mountains.

LA = Refers to a number assigned to an archaeological site following a numbering system established by the Laboratory of Anthropology.

**Multiple** = Designates that the subject of a nomination extends over more than one town or county.

NHL = National Historic Landmarks are nationally significant historic places designated by the Secretary of the Interior because they possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States. Today, fewer than 2,500 historic places bear this national distinction. New Mexico boasts over 40 NHLs, including Taos Pueblo, the Palace of the Governors and the most recent, Ernie Pyle's residence in Albuquerque.

NR = The National Register of Historic Places is the official Federal list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition of important prehistoric and historic places and assists in preserving our shared heritage. Owners of National Register listed properties may be able to obtain Federal historic preservation funding, when funds are available. The National Register functions prominently as the guide to determining significance in the Section 106 review process.

SR = Created in 1968, the State Register of Cultural Properties recognizes properties that contribute New Mexico's history and cultural traditions. Once a property is listed in the State Register, owners of private properties become eligible for a State income tax credit for approved restoration, rehabilitation or preservation and may request technical advice from the Historic Preservation Division. Listing in the State Register does provide protection against adverse public use (see Section 18-8-7 NMSA 1978).

## **State and National Register Listings**

#### Arranged by Name and County









Pictured clockwise: Component I, Kiva J, Arroyo Hondo Pueblo, Santa Fe County (1901); Demolition of the Horn Oil Company and Lodge motel units, Bernalillo County (1682); Altrurian Library, Altrurian Club, San Juan County (1906); Enclosed Portal, Las Acequias, Santa Fe County, courtesy Julius Shulman (1921)

File#	County	City	Name of Property	SR Date	NR Date
1270	De Baca	Fort Sumner	De Baca County Courthouse	5/9/1986	12/7/1987
551	De Baca	Fort Sumner	Fort Sumner Railroad Bridge	1/20/1978	3/21/1979
139	De Baca	Fort Sumner	Fort Sumner State Monument	1/9/1970	8/13/1974
435	De Baca	Fort Sumner	Rodrick Drug Store	2/20/1976	
1832	De Baca	Ft. Sumner	Fort Sumner Woman's Club	6/13/2003	8/21/2003
1911	De Baca	Vicinity of Fort Sumner	Los Ojitos	6/8/2007	
311	Dona Ana	Anapra	International Boundary Marker Number One	1/25/1974	9/10/1974
1546	Dona Ana	Anthony	Gadsden High School (Valley High School)	12/11/1992	
1641	Dona Ana	Dona Ana	Dona Ana Village Historic District	8/9/1996	9/27/1996
927	Dona Ana	Dona Ana	Our Lady of Purification Catholic Church	8/25/1983	6/27/1985
725	Dona Ana	Dona Ana	Rio Grande Bridge, El Paso & Southwestem Rwy.	6/22/1979	
714	Dona Ana	El Paso	American Diversion Dam	6/22/1979	2
1808	Dona Ana	Fairacres	Newberry Farm	4/5/2002	

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1375	Dona Ana	Fairacres	Picacho Lodge	5/15/1987	
1373	Dona Ana	Hatch	Pelham House	5/15/1987	
1798	Dona Ana	La Mesa	Appelzoller, Jacob, House	11/17/2000	
1283	Dona Ana	La Mesa	San Jose Catholic Church	7/11/1986	1/21/1993
1456	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Air Science Building (NMSU)	7/8/1988	5/16/1989
773	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Alameda-Depot Historic District	8/29/1980	4/11/1985
44	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Amador Building	3/21/1969	
54	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Amijo, Nestor, House	5/23/1969	12/12/1976
1630	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Cade Property	1/26/1996	
1912	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Civilian Conservation Corps Camp BR- 39N Schoolhouse	6/8/2007	
1500	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Court Junior High School	3/17/1989	
1276	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Dona Ana County Courthouse (Former) in Las Cruces	5/9/1986	
1266	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Dona Ana County Courts Building (Old Post Office)	5/9/1986	

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1658	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Elephant Butte Irrigation District	5/9/1997	8/8/1997
36	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Fort Fillmore	2/21/1969	7/30/1974
1457	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Foster Hall (NMSU)	7/8/1988	5/16/1989
1458	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Goddard Hall (NMSU)	7/8/1988	9/22/1988
1370	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Guerra, Albino, House	2/6/1987	1
1535	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Hadley-Ludwick House (Hiram Hadley House)	1/25/1991	4/3/1991
1902	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Hayner House	2/17/2006	
832	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Luceros, 167 West	7/24/1981	
1562	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Mason Ranch Site	7/30/1993	
777	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Mesquite Street Original Townsite National Register Historic District	8/29/1980	8/1/1985
1828	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Phillips Chapel CME Church	6/13/2003	8/4/2003
446	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Rhodes-Garrett-Hamiel Dormitory	6/18/1976	
1829	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Rio Grande Theatre	8/8/2003	1/2/2004
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1861	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	Thomas Branigan Memorial Library	12/12/2003	9/15/2004
1459	Dona Ana	Las Cruces	University President's House (NMSU)	7/8/1988	5/16/1989
248	Dona Ana	Mesilla	Barela-Reynolds House	5/5/1972	1/20/1978
1261	Dona Ana	Mesilla	Dona Ana County Courthouse (Former) in Mesilla	5/9/1986	
1910	Dona Ana	Mesilla	LA 854	6/8/2007	
776	Dona Ana	Mesilia	Mesilla National Register Historic District	8/29/1980	7/20/1982
14	Dona Ana	Mesilla	Mesilla Plaza NHL		10/15/1966
1879	Dona Ana	Organ	Bentley,L.B., General Merchandise	4/7/2005	3/22/2006
47	Dona Ana	Radium Springs	Fort Selden	3/21/1969	7/9/1970
562	Dona Ana	Radium Springs	Leasburg Dam	1/20/1978	
1663	Dona Ana	Radium Springs	Rio Grande Bridge at Radium Springs	5/9/1997	7/15/1997
574	Dona Ana	Radium Springs	SEE HPD 1663 - Rio Grande Bridge at Radium Springs	1/20/1978	
1878	Dona Ana	Radium Springs, vic.	Summerford Mountain Archaeological District	4/7/2005	

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1255	Dona Ana	Rodey	Saint Francis de Sales Church (Old Rodey Church)	5/9/1986	
1607	Dona Ana	Vado	Valley Grove Baptist Church	11/18/1994	
580	Dona Ana	White Sands M.R.	Launch Complex 33 (WSMR V-2 Launch Site) NHL	1/20/1978	10/3/1985
1781	Eddy	Artesia	Abo Elementary School and Fallout Shelter	7/16/1999	9/29/1999
997	Eddy	Artesia	Acord, John, House	12/16/1983	3/2/1984
1702	Eddy	Artesia	Artificial Stone Houses of Artesia	4/28/1983	3/2/1984
999	Eddy	Artesia	Atkeson, Willie D., House	12/16/1983	3/2/1984
1372	Eddy	Artesia	Baskin Building	5/15/1987	7/18/1990
995	Eddy	Artesia	Baskin, William, House	12/16/1983	3/2/1984
1410	Eddy	Artesia	Flynn-Welch-Yates #3 Oil Well (Illinois Prod. #3)	1/7/1988	
996	Eddy	Artesia	Gesler, Edward R., House	12/16/1983	3/2/1984
994	Eddy	Artesia	Hodges-Runyan-Brainard House	12/16/1983	3/2/1984
998	Eddy	Artesia	Hodges-Sipple House	12/16/1983	3/2/1984