

HISTORIC LANDMARKS SURVEY OF ALBUQUERQUE INVENTORY

Number 4

Name: Chester Carnes House

Location: 701 13th Street N.W.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Name and address of owner:

H. M. Carnes  
701 13th Street, N.W.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Present and Original Physical Appearance:

This house is almost a twin to the Arthur Prager House at 225 14th Street, in the Fourth Ward district. Built a year earlier than the Prager House, in 1923, it is undoubtedly also the work of Lembke Construction.

The flat roof is capped with a high, crenellated parapet. There are two chimneys built out from the south side of the house on either side of an entry; the southwest chimney is plain and undetailed, but the southeast, bottle-shaped chimney has its form enhanced by a raised horseshoe-shaped molding paralleling the outer curve. This chimney is flanked by a pair of square wood windows with a tiled hood above. The entry on this side is flanked by a pair of classic columns supporting a horizontal board from which four wood beams sweep back to the deeply recessed entryway.

The main entrance, on the east facade, has four classic columns supporting a semi-circular portico with a balustrade above. Large windows to either side, again set under tiled hoods, emphasize the regularity of this facade. Square columns on either side of the raised porch are topped by stone "Roman" vases.

Architectural Style: Mediterranean

Date of property: 1923

Significance of property:

This house is significant for its imaginative interpretation of Mediterranean style, which makes it a notable surprise on the street. Despite the formality of the main entrance, the small scale makes it attractive and inviting.

Chester Carnes was an optometrist, who advertised himself as making "eyeglasses that satisfy." His widow, Helen Margaret, still lives in this house, one of several notable instances in the neighborhood of lengthy tenancy.

Condition: fair

Altered? not visibly Moved? no

Acreage: ca. ¼ acre

Boundary Description: Lots 22 and 23 in Block 33 of the Perea Addition to the City of Albuquerque

UTM reference point: Z: 13 E: 348680 N: 3884510

Thematic classification (N.M. State Register) Architecture  
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