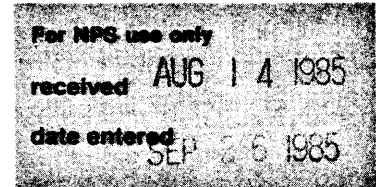


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#1264 Pimter-O'Neil Rooming House, 313 Railroad, ill. 37.

4. Owner: Ramona C. de Baca, 313 Railroad, Las Vegas, N.M.

7. Description: Random ashlar sandstone foundation; common bond brick walls; asphalt shingles on truncated hipped roof with front gable; boxed eaves with frieze boards and "modillion" brackets; 1/1 double-hung windows with projecting sills, and continuous wood lintel (2nd) or segmental arches (1st) one with projecting window hood with ears; lathe columns and stick frieze (2nd), new porch posts (1st). Located in a residential block one block S. of **Railroad Avenue District**, facing the tracks. Unfortunate but reversable changes include the loss of the original lumberyard classic first floor columns and the addition of an ungainly staircase at the front.

8. Significance: This house, the nearly identical neighbor to the north, Building #1266, and a few other (too greatly modified to be nominated) are puzzling. In their size, permanent materials, style, and quality of ornamentation they are like the large contemporary residences along fashionable North Seventh and Eighth Streets. But these are located in a working class area, facing the rail yards. The city directories give a logical answer: these were boarding houses for railroad men, for bachelors and those separated from their families. What the residents could not afford individually, they could have collectively. This boarding house was run by Mrs. E.E. Pimter in 1912/13, Mrs. G.T. O'Neil in 1919, and Mrs. C.H. Weaver in 1925. A few mechanics who worked at the roundhouse three blocks south lived here, but most occupants were traveling trainmen--firemen and brakemen, conductors and engineers. (See next building, #1266, for architectural discussion.)

10. Acreage: under 1. UTM Reference: 13 480660 3938500
Boundary: Lots 9-10 of Block 1 of the Las Vegas Town Company's Addition.