

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Mexico	
COUNTY: Santa Fe	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JUN 28 1972	

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Donaciano Vigil House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
518 Alto Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Santa Fe

STATE New Mexico	CODE 87501	COUNTY: Santa Fe	CODE 49
---------------------	---------------	---------------------	------------

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

may be visited when the open SIGN is displayed outside the building.

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mrs. Charlotte White

STREET AND NUMBER:  
518 Alto Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Santa Fe

STATE:  
New Mexico

CODE:  
87501

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Santa Fe County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P.O. Box 1985

CITY OR TOWN:  
Santa Fe

STATE:  
New Mexico

CODE:  
87501

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
New Mexico Cultural Properties Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:  
1969

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
State Planning Office

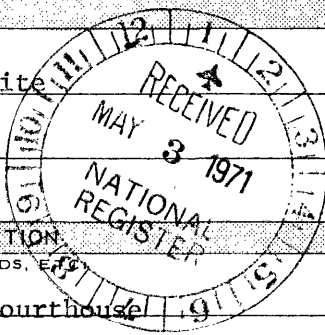
STREET AND NUMBER:  
State Capitol

CITY OR TOWN:  
Santa Fe

STATE:  
New Mexico

CODE:  
87501

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



STATE: New Mexico	ENTRY NUMBER JUN 28 1972	DATE
COUNTY: Santa Fe		
FOR NPS USE ONLY		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

DONACIANO VIGIL HOUSE

The Donaciano Vigil house is a single story adobe-walled structure, with natural adobe plaster, built around a large interior patio.

Restoration, which was begun in 1959, includes the addition of window and door frames from the original Loretto Academy built in the 1850's, as well as brick coping and large double doors on the street entrance. The window and door frames and the brick coping are features characteristic of the Territorial Period (that part of the 19th century following the United States' annexation of the Southwest in 1846), and so are indicative of a style later than that during which the house was constructed. However, the historical integrity of the house is not compromised by these modifications. The condition of the building--both inside and out--is excellent, and the restoration was carried out with taste and skill, as well as with a concern for retaining the original character of the house.

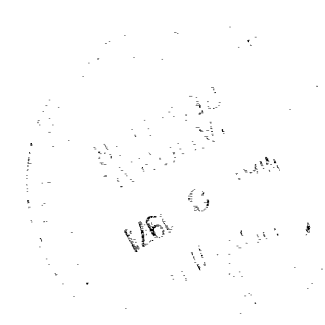
In the 1830's, the house under consideration was the central section of a complex that included buildings to the east, west, and south. These buildings now have different owners, and are not included in this description.

The structure being nominated, which Vigil had inherited from his parents, dates back with certainty to his father's will of 1832, and by inference must be older than this, though no earlier documentation is known.

Donaciano Vigil mentions in his own will, most probably written in 1842-43, the purchases of surrounding buildings and land from relatives by which he had augmented his inheritance. He had acquired one building from his niece, another from a nephew and had built a third structure himself. He had extended his land holdings from the 75 varas of his inheritance to 195 varas through purchases from his brothers and sister. His rather extensive Santa Fe River front property included a sizeable orchard planted by his father.

The Vigil house and surrounding property was probably larger than any other in the Barrio de Guadalupe.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                      |   |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |                                      |   | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

The house is important not only because of its age, but because it was once the residence of one of New Mexico's most famous political figures during the Mexican Period and early Territorial years. When New Mexico was still under Mexican control, Donaciano Vigil served as Captain of the Presidial Company of San Miguel del Vado, and then as military secretary to Governor Manuel Armijo. After American occupation in 1846, he was named territorial secretary by General Stephen Watts Kearny. In 1847, following the assassination of Governor Charles Bent, Vigil took over as Acting Civil Governor of the territory, although he continued as territorial secretary as well. During the years 1848-1850 he again served only as secretary of the territory with the additional title of Register of Land Titles.

In 1851, he organized local opposition to the use of the old military chapel of La Castrense (which has since been torn down) by the U.S. Occupation Army for secular purposes. He refused to take his place as a member of the first grand jury of New Mexico in the courtroom which had been set up in the church building, and was successful in having it moved to the town plaza. One of Vigil's motives in urging that the court be moved from the church may have been the fact that his father lay buried in the Camposanto in front of La Castrense.

That same year, in an address to the territorial legislature, he urged that a law be passed to establish public schools throughout the territory.

During Donaciano Vigil's occupation of the house which bears his name, the property was one of the centers of civic and political activity in the territory, as it had been during his father's tenure. In 1855, he and his family retired to their ranch on the Pecos River, and the following year he sold the town property to Mr. Vicente Garcia.

Donaciano Vigil and his wife are buried in the Rosario Cemetery in Santa Fe.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Donaciano Vigil papers, State Records Center, Santa Fe, N.M.  
 Mexican Archives of New Mexico 1821-1846, State Records Center  
 Santa Fe, New Mexico

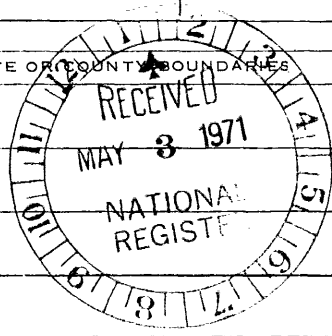
**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		North	Latitude	West Longitude
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		35 °	41 ' 16 "	105 ° 56 ' 45 "
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Samuel Larcombe Assistant Planner

ORGANIZATION: State Planning Office DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: State Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Santa Fe STATE: New Mexico CODE: 35

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Keith M. Dotson  
 Title State Liaison Officer  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: William M. [Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |                                       |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

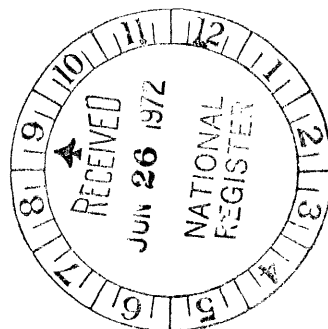
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Donaciano Vigil papers, State Records Center, Santa Fe, N. M.  
 Mexican Archives of New Mexico 1821-1846, State Records Center  
 Santa Fe, New Mexico

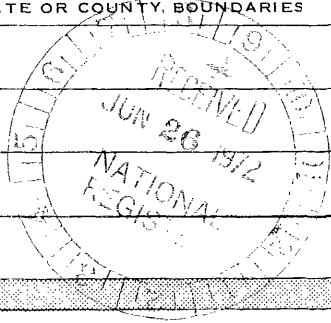
**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		North LATITUDE	West LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		35 ° 41 ' 16 "	105 ° 56 ' 45 "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Samuel Larcombe, Assistant Planner

ORGANIZATION: State Planning Office DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER:  
State Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Santa Fe STATE: New Mexico CODE: 35

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>David W. King</u>                  David W. King</p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u>                  Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>6/28/72</u></p> <p>ATTEST:  <u>William Huntley</u>                  Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
--	--

SEE INSTRUCTIONS