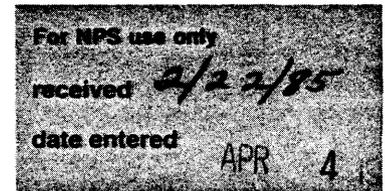


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#73, 74, 131 George Becker House, Bunk House and Barn, ill. 62-63,
c. 40' E of La Puente Road and 100 yards S of Hatchery Road.

4. Owner: Marshall and Dorothy Blanton, P.O. Box 152,
Parkview, NM 87551.

7. Description: foundation unknown; stucco over wood frame; asphalt shingles over multiple intersecting gables, half-timbering in gable ends; moderate overhang with exposed rafters, beams and brackets, cut-out facia; 6/1 double hung windows, 1, 6, and 12 light wood casement windows; stuccoed porch wall and piers, screened-in porch; 2 gabled oriels. Concrete retaining wall, surrounded by grove of aspen trees.

Barn, c. 70' SE of house: c. 18' by 60', horizontal log with crude double box notch (1st floor), vertical plank attic wall and gambrel end; corrugated metal gambrel roof; ends of two transverse log walls visible; two sets of half box lap joints. Large door cut into one end, interior loft removed ca. 1965.

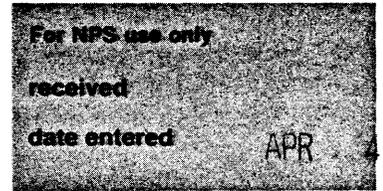
Bunk house duplex, c. 50' S of house: concrete foundation; stucco over wood frame (?); flat roof fronted by cut-out parapet; 1/1 double hung windows; 2 single doors each front and rear; wooden porch posts (rear), bracketed entry hoods (front), both with pressed metal "tile" roofs.

Located beside the La Puente Road among fields and a few other buildings (#'s 72, 109), just above the drop-off from the first plateau to the river.

8. Significance: Built in 1918 and 1919, the Becker House is among the most elaborate Bungalows built in New Mexico with its picturesque composition of intersecting gables and gabled oriels, its half-timbering, "cut-out" facia boards, and exposed rafters, beams and brackets. Denver businessman George Becker and his wife Emma, daughter of the area's leading merchant, T.D. Burns, split their time between Denver and this house which was built on Burns family land. The wood frame construction and self-conscious styling were as different from local adobe folk houses as their lives were from those of the nearby subsistence farmer/ranchers. The barn is the largest in the area and the only one with a gambrel roof. Its compartmentalized, horizontal log first floor and attic wall are similar to other local barns. Again, its extensive use of logs and nearness to the site of Fort Lowell suggest the possibility that it reuses logs from the fort. The Becker complex is completed by the Southwest Vernacular bunk house built in 1938.

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10. Acreage: under 1. UTM Ref: 13 358900 4064800

Boundary: A rectangle, roughly 150' by 170', formed by the La Puente Road on the W and lines parallel to and ten feet from the house on the N, the barn on the E, and the bunk house on the S.