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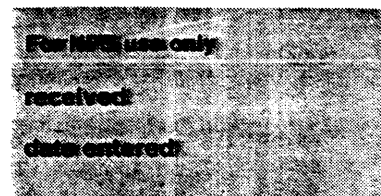
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1. NAME: Los Tomases Chapel (also known as Santa Cruz Chapel)

2. LOCATION: 3101 Los Tomases N.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

4. OWNER: Mrs. Eufalia Santillanes
3101-1/2 Los Tomases N.W.
Albuquerque, NM 87107

7. DESCRIPTION:

A compact, modest New Mexico Vernacular style building, the Los Tomases Chapel was built in the 1920's. It stands near the old Barelvas Acequia in the late-19th-century neighborhood of Los Tomases, now a mixed residential-industrial area in the southern portion of the north valley several blocks from Menaul Boulevard. Its architectural features are unaltered and include traditional New Mexico Vernacular detailing and proportions.

The chapel is made of adobe, covered with stucco. The roof is corrugated metal and is pitched with a gable at the southern front end and an apsoidal hip on the rear northern end with exposed rafters visible on its side. Its southern facade includes a horizontal wood trim molding at ceiling height over the front door, an arched wood gable vent and a small painted wood cross on the gable peak. Three semi-circular arched 1/1 wood sash windows are evenly spaced on each side with cement sills protruding beneath. The chapel door is double panelled wood, with a transom above and wood trim. The building is in excellent condition and without landscaping on its site.

8. SIGNIFICANCE:

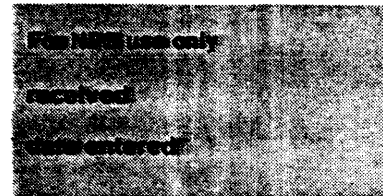
The Los Tomases Chapel is locally significant as the only privately-owned community chapel still in use in Albuquerque. It is a unique example of the continuation of a tradition begun in 17th-century New Mexico and was appropriately built in the simple one-room plan of the older vernacular chapels.

The building was constructed by residents of the Los Tomases community on land donated by the Santillanes family. This family had lived in the area since 1848 when Polinario Santillanes was granted "land between Duranes and Candelarias" by alcalde Manuel Armijo." Since the construction of the

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chapel--initiated by the present owner's grandmother--the family has maintained the building which still lacks electricity and plumbing. It is now opened only once a year on May 3rd for the saying of the rosary for local residents.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

The chapel stands on less than one acre, Tract 15 on MRGCD Map 36.

UTM references: Albuquerque West Quad.13/349760/3886910.