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Eddy County, Artesia  
Artificial Stone Houses of Artesia Thematic Group

- ✓ 1. Name: Baskin, William, House (Artificial Stone Houses of Artesia Thematic Group)
- ✓ 2. Location: 811 West Quay Avenue--
- 4. Owner: Leslie Karl Pennington  
811 West Quay Avenue  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

- 7. Description: The William Baskin House is a square, two-story, hipped roof, artificial stone house with a Doric porch across the first level of the facade.

The house is typical of the square-plan, "hipped box" western farm house that spread westward during the late nineteenth century. The one-story porch across the front has wooden Doric columns and a denticulated entablature.

Unlike the usual farm house prototype from which the design of this house is derived, the treatment of the fenestration is in this house asymmetrical. The placement of windows varies on all facades and their alignment is often off-set. The windows are double-hung and single-paned.

The "rock face" artificial stone used in the construction of this house was made from the same mould box as that of the Hodges-Runyan-Brainard House at 504 West Quay Avenue and the Hodges-Sipple House at 804 West Missouri Avenue. These houses were erected by town father and real estate entrepreneur John Hodges, using artificial stone produced by Hodges' Hollow Stone Manufacturing Company.

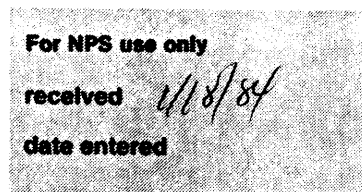
The window lintels and sills are "smooth face" concrete blocks. At the rear of the house is a small, rectangular, one-story, hipped roofed service building constructed of artificial stone. The mould box employed for the service building blocks was the same as that used for the Sallie Chisum Robert House, the F. L. Lukins House, the John Acord House and the Edward R. Gesler House. The windows of the service building are the same as those of the house. It is an associated, contributing building. A clapboard house of recent construction and a small storage shed at the rear of the property are non-contributing structures.

The roofs of both house and service building are covered with asbestos shingles. A one-story, lean-to addition wraps around the rear of the house, but it does not have major impact on the character of the house as viewed from the street. The property is enclosed on the two street sides by an ornamental cast-iron fence of a type that could be catalog-ordered in pieces and assembled on the site with nuts and bolts. The house and service building are in good condition and are painted blue.

- 8. Significance: The William Baskin House is significant as a good example of the vernacular residential types built of artificial stone in Artesia soon after the founding of the town.

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Baskin, William, House

The Baskin House is one of the earliest structures surviving in Artesia. It was erected before 1905 when William Baskin and his wife Annie mortgaged the property with the two-story cement block house. As has been mentioned in the "Description," the house was constructed of artificial stone blocks moulded by John Hodges' Hollow Stone Manufacturing Company. John Hodges was a founder of the Town of Artesia.

William Baskin was an important member of the community during the founding years. When the town of Artesia was incorporated in 1905, with a population of 1,003, Baskin was elected as a town trustee in the first election.

Later owners of this property during the early years of the 20th century were W. E. Wiseley and the Clark family.

10. Geographical Data: The nominated property consists of Lots 9 and 11 in Block 28 of the Artesia Improvement Company Addition. The property measures 100' on Quay Street and 140' on 9th Street.

Quadrangle name: Artesia  
Quadrangle scale: 7.5 minute

UTM References:

Zone 13 Easting 555540 Northing 3633610