United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms* Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Sar	n Ysidro Church			
and/or commo	n			
2. Loc	ation			
street & numbe	er Church Road			not for publication
city, town	Corrales	vicinity of	congressional district	lst
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3. Cla	ssification			
Category district building(s structure site object	Ownership X public) private both Public Acquisition in process being considered	Status occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	<pre> museum park private residence religious scientific transportation X other: VaCant</pre>
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city, town (Corrales	vicinity of	state	New Mexico
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7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
excellent	deteriorated	unaltered	original site
good	ruins	altered	moved date
fair	unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

San Ysidro Church, the second of three churches of this name, was built shortly after 1868, when the first church was destroyed by a flood. It is further to the west and on higher ground than the original church. A new church, to the east on the highway, was completed in 1966.

The historic San Ysidro Church, now used only in the summer as a play house and community meeting room, is one story and constructed of adobe. The cruciform plan features corner front towers, a polygonal apse, and sacristy adjacent to the north transept. The main section of the building is topped by a gable roof, the transepts by hip roofs, and the sacristy by a shed roof, and all are covered with corrugated metal. Both of the towers are topped by wooden cupolas with steep pyramid roofs, also covered with corrugated metal.

The center front entrance is double, paneled doors set into the thick walls. Above the door is a square window. A second door leads into the south transept. A third door into the sacristy has been filled. The windows have long narrow proportions and have two panes over two panes. All the other windows are double hung sash with plain wood moldings and hand hewn lintels.

The church was originally flat-roofed with an espadaña. In 1929, the towers were added to support the facade and a pitch roof was put on. The foundation was covered with concrete to protect it. At the same time, a plain tin ceiling was put in the interior, covering the traditional viga and corbel roof supports. Electric lighting was also added.

In 1966, when the new church was completed, the interior furnishings, the pews and altar were sold and the church was converted to a summer playhouse. Auditorium seating now fills the nave and what was the apse and transepts are a stage and the sacristy is a dressing room. This change of use has made only superficial changes to the interior. Since 1930, however, few changes have been made to the exterior. The exterior shows there are some problems with drainage of the roof and this has eroded the plaster and some of the adobe on the towers. Preservation of the old church in a new use is important to the community and the Village of Corrales' purchase of the building indicates their commitment to this. The Corrales Historical Society plans to repair the drainage problem and eroded wall surfaces and to rebuild the fence that once surrounded the church and its camposanto.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
prehistoric	archeology-prehistoric	community planning	landscape architectur	re religion	
1400–1499	archeology-historic	conservation	law	science	
1500–1599	agriculture	economics	literature	sculpture	
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Specific dates 1868

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

San Ysidro Church was built shortly after 1868, when the original church was destroyed by a flood. The new church was built somewhat to the west and on higher ground. A new plaza was also created when the church was moved. The 1868 church was built by Corrales residents and is a typical example of smaller churches built during the 18th and 19th centuries.

The Church is architecturally significant as a good, well preserved example of a village church. The changes it has gone through are also quite typical, particularly the addition of a pitch roof and towers for facade buttresses. Because the Church and plaza are off the main road, the character remains much as it has been.

The area of Corrales was settled by the Spanish shortly after the 1692 reconquest. As with most of the towns along the Rio Grande, it was a small group of ranchos. In 1762, the town's full name was given as Santa Rosalia de Corrales. Fray Dominguez, in his 1776 journey through New Mexico, mentions Corrales as being a visita of Sandia. He, however, makes no mention of a church. In 1857, Corrales became a visita of Bernalillo, rather than Sandia, and presumably the first church had been built by then.

The land on which the present church rests had been in the possession of the church since about 1860. Testimony given to the County of Bernalillo in 1894 revealed that the parcel of land had been called "de las animas" (of the soul or spirit) for at least 35 years and that the road was called "Entrada de las Animas".

Some years after the land was in the possession of the church, and after the flood of 1868, this church was built. It had a flat roof and espadaña. In 1929, it was substantially remodeled. Since then, other than removal of the interior furniture, few changes have been made. In its use as a community meeting room, the church continues to have a place in the community's life.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Adams, Eleanor B. and Fray Angelicio Chavez, Eds. <u>The Missions of New Mexico, 1776</u>. Albuquerque 1956.

Bol, Marsha. <u>San Ysidro Church, Corrales, N.M.</u>, unpublished manuscript.

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