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**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

Charles W. Lewis Building

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1405-07 Second Street SW

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Albuquerque

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#1

STATE

New Mexico

CODE

35

COUNTY

Bernalillo

CODE

001

**CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Estate of Philip Hubbell

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 98

CITY, TOWN

Albuquerque

VICINITY OF

STATE

New Mexico

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Bernalillo County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Albuquerque

STATE

New Mexico

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

State Register of Cultural Properties

DATE

February 9, 1979

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Department of Educational Finance & Cultural Affairs  
Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Santa Fe

STATE

New Mexico 87503

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Charles W. Lewis Building is a simple 50'x16' one-story building made of soft brick covered with stucco. Approximately one mile south of Albuquerque's downtown business district the house is on the west side of Second Street directly across from the shops and freight yards of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway. The surrounding neighborhood, known as Los Barelmas, was originally an Hispanic agricultural village prior to 1880 when the railroad arrived in Albuquerque and preempted much of the Barelmas farm lands for right-of-way and urban development. Since that time the community has been primarily a residential area for blue collar employees of the railroad who came to Albuquerque in growing numbers during the last two decades of the 19th century. Erected by Charles W. Lewis, a prominent merchant, stockman and real estate investor the house was probably built as a rental property to provide housing for these newcomers.

Flanked on two sides by vacant lots the Lewis House faces directly on heavily traveled Second Street with only a slight set-back. The original facade, which at one time was shaded by a small porch was completely symmetrical with two windows between two doors, all with arched brick headers. Both windows are double hung with 2 over 2 lights; both doors are topped by transoms. A third door has been recently installed between the windows in the center of the facade which presently serves as the main entrance. Covered with cedar shingles, the hipped roof is embellished under the eaves by a brick corbel table which protrudes through the plaster and extends completely around the house. The interior is divided by three partitions into equal sized rooms approximately 16'x12' which contain three bedrooms and the livingroom. An 18' wide lean-to has been constructed along the building's west side housing the kitchen, bathroom and storage space.

Although the Barelmas community has deteriorated somewhat in recent years the present owners of the Lewis house are proud of the structure's long association with the neighborhood and are planning an important program for its stabilization and rehabilitation. To restore the original floor plan the shed-like addition to the rear, which is of little architectural interest, will be removed. Other changes will include a new shingle roof and the restoration of the old 10' ceilings now covered by drop paneling. One of the front bedrooms will be re-partitioned for use as a kitchen and bath, thus forming a two bedroom rental apartment very similar in design and purpose to the original building.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A man with varied business interests, Charles W. Lewis rose from obscure beginnings to become one of Albuquerque's leading citizens of the 1880s and '90s. Although other documentation is lacking, Lewis stated in later years that he was born in 1844 at the plaza of Peralta, a small farming community 20 miles south of Albuquerque. His mother, Marcelina Salas, was a native New Mexican but nothing is known of Lewis' father except that he came from Kentucky. During the 1860s Lewis studied briefly at St. Louis University and it is probable that during this time in Missouri he met and married his first wife, Jessie A. Evans. By 1863 Charles Lewis and his older brother William were partners in a Peralta general merchandizing firm known as "Lewis y Hermano." Within a few years Charles, or Carlos, was also trading in wool, one of New Mexico's most important commodities, shipping large numbers of fleeces by wagon train to Kit Carson, Colorado, an important loading point on the Kansas and Pacific Railroad in the 1870s.

During that decade it became increasingly evident that the arrival of the railroad in New Mexico would bring new importance to Albuquerque because of its central location. To capitalize on the business opportunities in the growing community to the north Lewis established himself there as a comerciante and vinatero in 1873. Six years later he purchased a residence from baker Joseph Pohmer close to the old Albuquerque plaza for Jessie and their four sons, and began to accumulate property in the surrounding area. The late '70s was a time of hectic real estate speculation in Albuquerque, as both newcomers and long time residents sought to anticipate the sites of railroad facilities and the direction of new urban expansion. When railroad officials decided to bypass the old plaza a whole new community, known as "New Town" sprang up around the shops and depot 1 1/2 miles to the east. Lewis was among those whose purchases were most advantageously placed.

In 1882 he subdivided a small tract of former farm land on the south edge of New Town west of the railroad tracks which was designated "C.W. Lewis Addition No. 3." There on a centrally located lot facing South Second Street he erected a four room brick house, the subject of this nomination. At the same time, Lewis' real estate dealings entered a new phase in which he attempted to acquire control of 18th century land grants made by Spanish governors west of Albuquerque on the Rio Puerco. After purchasing the fractional interests from hundreds of heirs of the original grantees he planned to promote the re-consolidated properties by means of grandiose development schemes with impressive corporate titles such as the Western  
(See Continuation Sheet Page 1)

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Bernalillo County District Court Records, Civil Case File #3664, State Records Center and Archives, Santa Fe, New Mexico.  
 Valencia County District Court Records, Civil Case File #396, State Record Center and Archives, Santa Fe, New Mexico.  
 (See Continuation Sheet Page 1)

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY City lot, 7150 square feet.  
 UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>1,3</u>	<u>3,4,9,4,3,0</u>	<u>3,8,8,2,0,3,0</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John O. Baxter, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

State Records Center and Archives

DATE

April 26, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

404 Montezuma

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CITY OR TOWN

Santa Fe

STATE

New Mexico 87503

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Thomas W. Abel*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 4-30-79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Charles M. ...*

DATE 5-2-79

ATTEST: Bill ...

DATE July 1, 1979

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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#8 Homestead and Irrigation Co. Lewis was also active in the rough and tumble local politics of the day, serving terms as both Treasurer and Assessor of Bernalillo County.

In the summer of 1901 Lewis died suddenly as the result of accidental injuries sustained while walking home on a dark night. After several earlier changes of ownership the house on South Second Street was purchased in 1966 by Philip Hubbell, a member of one of New Mexico's leading ranching and political families. It is still part of his estate.

Because of his mixed Hispanic and Anglo parentage and his dreams of unlimited economic growth for Albuquerque, Charles W. Lewis exemplifies the new era that came to New Mexico with the railroad. Today this building remains to recall the man and his era.

#9 Territorial Archives of New Mexico, Records of the Auditor of the Territory, Audited Reports of Commercial Licenses, Bernalillo and Valencia Counties, State Records Center and Archives, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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