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1. Name: SAUNDERS-CROSBY HOUSE
2. Location: 200 E. Deming, Roswell, New Mexico 88201
4. Owner: National American Red Cross  
Washington, D.C.
7. Description:

The house was built in 1905 and is of the Queen Anne style. It is of wood frame construction with a weather board exterior. It is unique in the Roswell area because of the center two story hexagonal cupola and matching hexagonal porch and cupola. It retains the Victorian gingerbread trim on all eaves and "fans" on gables. It has a large pilastered porch along the west side which wraps around the north and east. The front windows are in a set of three with a continuous sill and many leaded and stained glass windows. There are cornices over some windows.

The porch pillars are of precast stone. There is a lattice work trellis under the porches. The northeast corner of porch repeats the hexagonal shape of the center cupola. The porch has its own cupola over it with a weather vane on top. The original porch flooring and railing still exists but the original steps have been replaced with cement steps. The ceiling of the porch is a narrow tongue and groove.

In the interior are four brick chimneys. One rises the full height of the center cupola. The other fireplace is painted white and has an ivory marble hearth and trim. There are original screens on all the fireplaces. The original oak woodwork remains in the home including a built-in oak buffet in the dining room. The interior doors are of oak. The doors are eight feet in height and some are hinged, some are sliding and some have transoms. There has been an addition of a bath and a kitchen on the south side of the house.

8. Significance:

This house is significant as one of finest examples of Queen Anne architecture left standing in Roswell. An unusual feature of this house is its hexagonal central two story tower and cupola and matching hexagonal porch and cupola.

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The house was built in 1905 by C.C. Emerson, a banker in Roswell. In 1907 the house was purchased for H.P. Saunders by George Slaughter, son of Col. C.C. Slaughter of Dallas, Texas, in order to entice the Saunders family to move to Roswell. Saunders had been with the AM Exchange Bank of Dallas (Col. Slaughter's bank) for 14 years.

In 1965 the house was given to the National Red Cross by Mrs. Ruby Saunders Crosby, daughter of H.P. Saunders. Ruby had been a Red Cross worker overseas in World War I before her marriage, and a local Red Cross Volunteer for years afterward.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

CCHS Archives  
Surviving Granddaughters of Crosby Family  
Widow of George Slaughter, Jr. and her Scrapbooks.

10. Geographical Data:  
Quadrangle: Roswell North, New Mexico  
Scale: 1: 24,000

A. UTM Reference: Zone/Easting/Northing  
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The nominated property sits on property of less than one acre. It is bounded by Deming on the north and extends to the property lines of the east, west and south. The legal description is Block 45, Lots 1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15 South Roswell addition.