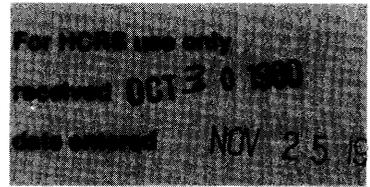


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Lembke House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 312 Laguna S.W. \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Albuquerque \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district #1

state New Mexico code 35 county Bernalillo code 001

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
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**4. Owner of Property**

name Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Kenslow

street & number 312 Laguna S.W.

city, town Albuquerque \_\_\_ vicinity of state New Mexico 87104

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bernalillo County Clerk's Office

street & number 505 Central N.W.

city, town Albuquerque state New Mexico

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title State Register of Cultural Properties  
Historic Landmarks Survey of Albuquerque has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date September 16, 1980 \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county  local

depository for survey records Historic Landmarks Survey, Planning Division, P.O. Box 1293

city, town Albuquerque state New Mexico

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated in Albuquerque's Huning Castle Addition, an area of large, handsome houses built mainly between 1928 and 1960, the Lembke House is a rare and fine example of International Style, an infrequent Albuquerque architectural form. A two-story, twelve-room residence with a full basement (unusual for Albuquerque) on a double corner lot, the house is constructed of concrete block with a smooth white stucco exterior.

The flat-roofed Lembke House has as its striking feature the three-story (basement to roofline) rounded bay of glass brick windows at the southwest corner of the building; the windows light the stairwell to the basement, the front entrance, and the stairway to the second floor. The hemispherical east walls of the vertically-stacked basement den, first-floor living room, and second-story master bedroom create a cylindrical. multi-windows projection into the rear yard.

Swing-out metal casement windows and bird's-eye maple flooring are used throughout the house. A characteristic "wrap-around" window lights the southwest corner of the study. A large rectilinear exterior balcony on the north side of the second floor has simple pipe railings. The interior design, little altered over the years, includes Moderne stylized fixtures.

The original design and plan of the Lembke House has been preserved with only minor alterations. The first-floor rear porch has been slightly altered by the removal of screens, and the kitchen has been remodeled. In other respects, it still reflects faithfully the clean, streamlined style of Townes & Funk's design. Set on a beautifully landscaped lot, the house is marked out from its Pueblo and Mediterranean style neighbors, a landmark for the area.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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**Specific dates** 1932-33 **Builder/Architect** Townes & Funk

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

One of the purest residential examples of the Le Corbusier International Style in New Mexico, the Lembke House was designed by Townes & Funk, an Amarillo, Texas architectural firm. The house was constructed in the depths of the Depression as a speculative venture in the new, slowly developing Huning Castle Addition (now generally known as the Country Club area) by building contractor Charles Lembke, its original occupant, in 1932-33. Boldly different, with its curved three-story glass brick bay and pure horizontal planes, from the neighboring southwestern styled buildings, it demonstrates an attempt to bring a fresh, modern style of architecture to Albuquerque.

Exposing interior spaces to abundant sources of natural light by an unusual window design and incorporating a powerful cooling and ventilation system, this house provided an unusual and practical answer to the housing needs of the Southwest. It is a fine example of its style, in a graceful, parklike setting.

The current owners recognized the particular quality of their house, and have sought to enhance it through a careful preservation program, and through choice of period furnishings that repeat the streamlined, modernistic quality of the house.

Charles Lembke, the contractor-owner, is the son of a stonemaker from Indiana who stopped in Santa Fe to work on a new capitol building and later started the Edward Lembke Co., a construction firm that worked on Hodgin Hall, one of the first buildings on the University of New Mexico campus (National Register). Charles Lembke graduated from the University in 1912, with the school's first civil engineering degree; after service in World War I, he went into business with his father and eventually took over the firm, still one of Albuquerque's most important. Lembke has played a large part in the building of modern Albuquerque; appropriately, this house which he built for his family shows his interest in new designs and techniques which continues to the present.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Charlotte Black, "Charles Lembke," The Albuquerque Tribune, July 23, 1979.  
 Anthony C. Antoniadis, "Early Modern Architecture in New Mexico," New Mexico Architecture,  
 September-October, 1973, pp. 13-18.  
 Interviews with Charles Lembke and Louis Hesselden, July, 1976

# 10. Geographical Data

**ITEM NOT VERIFIED**  
**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Acreeage of nominated property 1/2 acre  
 Quadrangle name Albuquerque West, New Mexico

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

**UMT References**

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**Verbal boundary description and justification**

Lot 10, Block 7 of the Huning Castle Addition to the City of Albuquerque

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Victoria Prinz, Planner  
 organization Historic Landmarks Survey of Albuquerque date June 28, 1980  
 street & number 419 Central Avenue N.W. telephone 766-4720  
 city or town Albuquerque state New Mexico

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

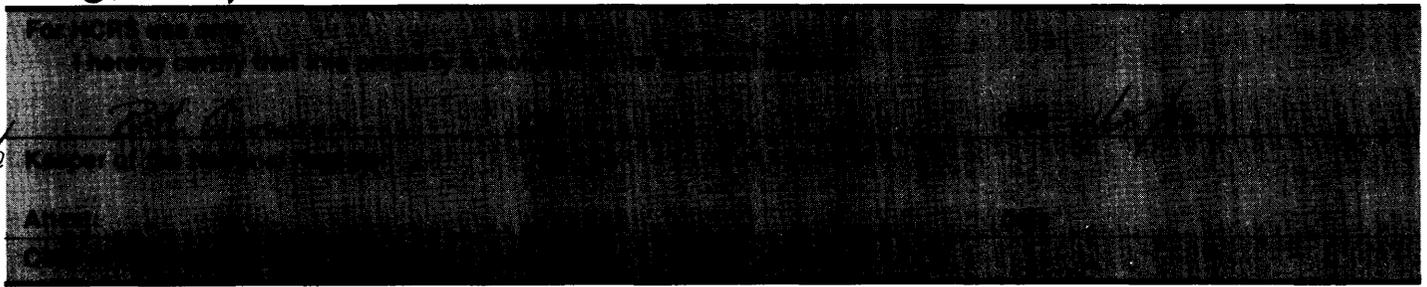
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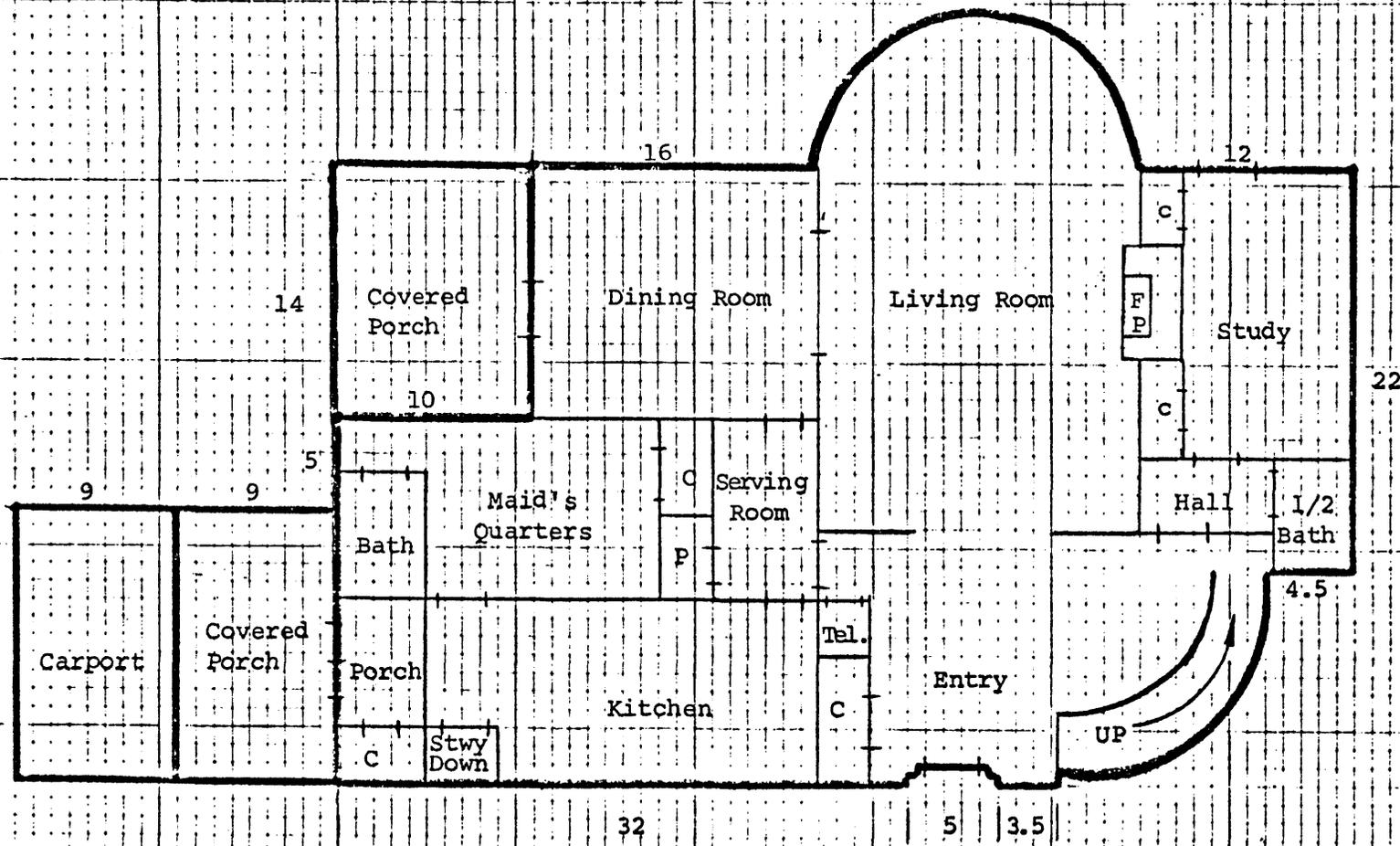
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As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Thomas W. Merlan

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 9-24-80

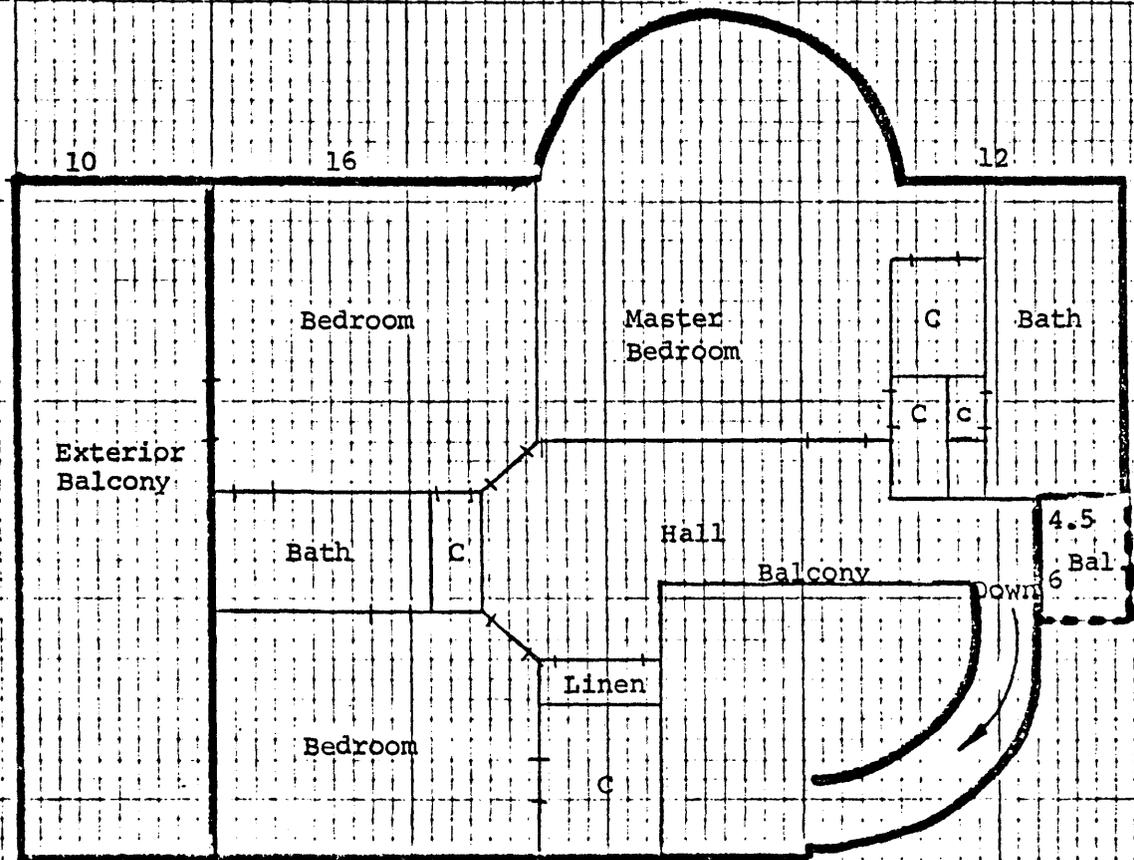




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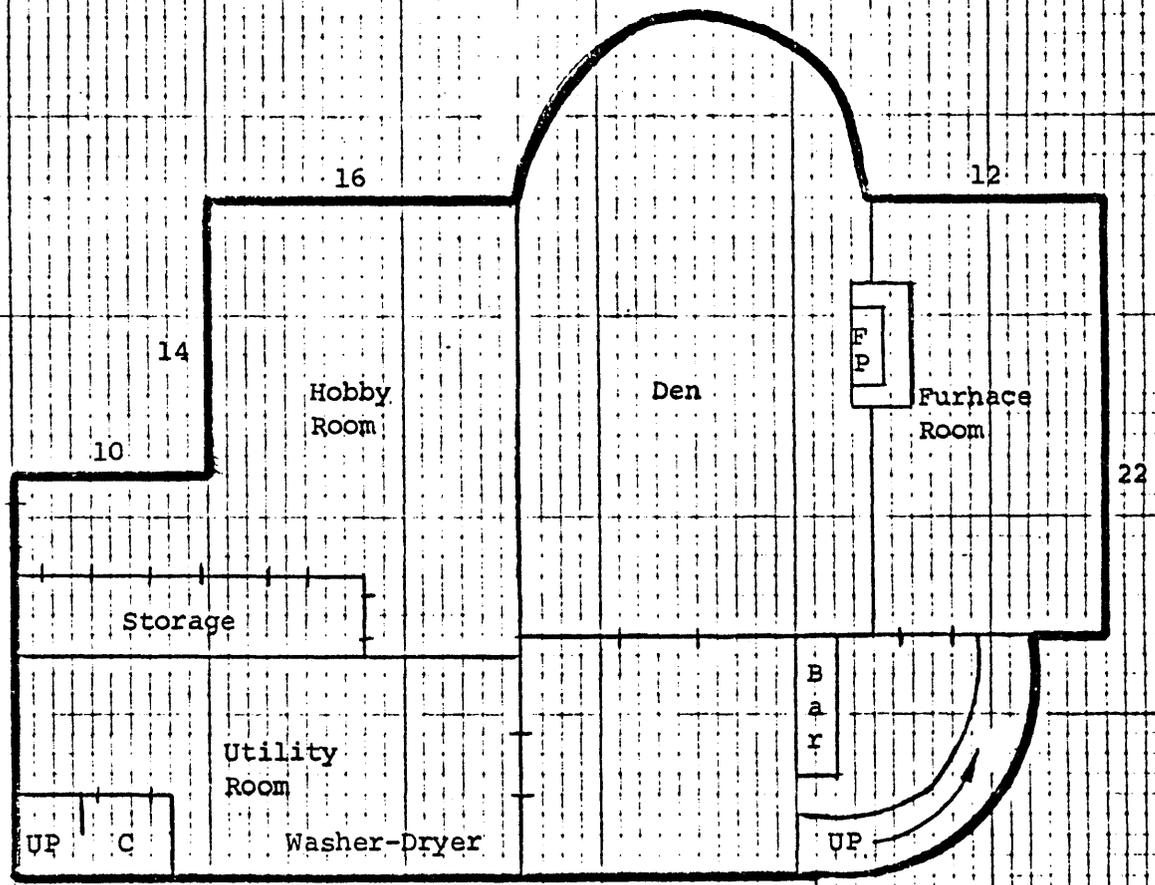
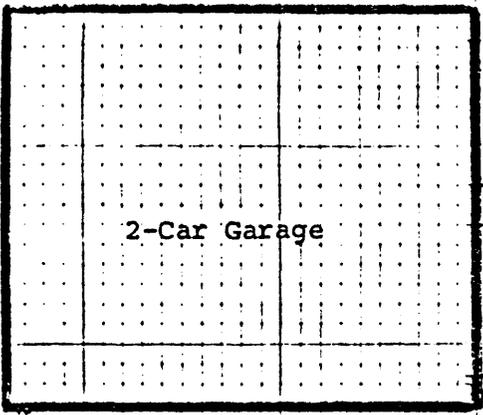
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SECOND LEVEL

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