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Eddy County, Artesia  
Artificial Stone Houses of Artesia Thematic Group

1. Name: Lukins, F. L., House (Artificial Stone Houses of Artesia Thematic Group)

2. Location: 801 W. Richardson Avenue

4. Owner: Wesley Lee Pounds  
801 W. Richardson Avenue  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

7. Description: The F. L. Lukins House is a one-story artificial stone house with a projecting, angular entrance recessed under a corner porch, reflecting the Queen Anne Style.

The plan of the house is rectangular, with a small wing projecting on the east side. The corner porch is supported by wooden Doric columns. The hipped roof contains two small dormers and is covered with asbestos shingles. The roof pitch turns up at the eaves. A small clapboard portion at the rear of the house appears to be original.

The "rock face" artificial stone of the walls of the house is pointed with black penciled mortar (especially visible under the porch). The lintels and window sills are smooth concrete blocks. Smooth concrete blocks are also used as a belt course that circles the building near the foundation.

The "rock face" mould is the same as that was used for other houses in Artesia, such as the Sallie Chisum Robert House. Inverting the artificial stone blocks varies the textural pattern and creates a more natural appearance.

At the rear of the property is a non-contributing service building with a garage overhang attached.

The house is in good condition.

8. Significance: The F. L. Lukins 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.

F. L. Lukins purchased the property from the original owner, William Major, in 1906 and had the house erected. Lukins was a well contractor. He and L. B. Sperry came to Artesia upon the founding of the town and formed a company to dig wells. They are listed in the 1905 City Directory as contractors of gas and oil wells.

10. Geographical Data: The nominated property is Lot 1 of Block 31 of the Artesia Improvement Company Addition. The lot measures 50' by 140'.

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Quadrangle scale: 7.5 minute  
UTM References: 13/555600/3633490