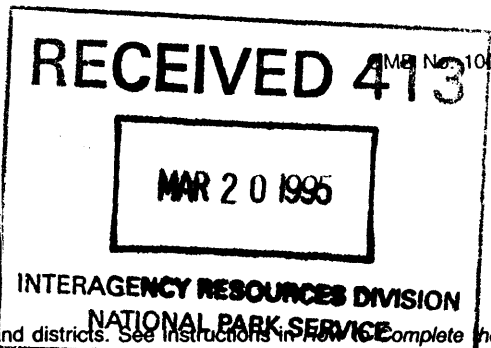


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Meyers House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number N side Main St. facing middle of blk. bet. 4th and 5th N/A not for publication

city or town Hillsboro N/A vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county Sierra code 051 zip code 88042

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 12/14/94
 Signature of certifying official/Title Date
NM History Preservation Division
 State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

 Signature of certifying official/Title Date

 State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

[Signature] Signature of the Keeper
Edson H. Beall
 Entered in the Date of Action
 National Register 4/20/95

Meyers House
Name of Property

Sierra County, NM
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	4	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	4	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Architectural and Historic Resources of Hillsboro, NM. Part 1: Domestic Architecture

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Other: Late Victorian Vernacular

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Not visible

walls Stuccoed adobe

roof Metal

other Wood

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1902-1944

Significant Dates

c. 1902

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Meyers House
Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 113 2595810 36451160
Zone Easting Northing
2

3
Zone Easting Northing
4

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Corinne P. Sze, Ph.D.
organization Research Services of Santa Fe date September 1994
street & number 1042 Stagecoach Road telephone (505) 983-5605
city or town Santa Fe state NM zip code 87501

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

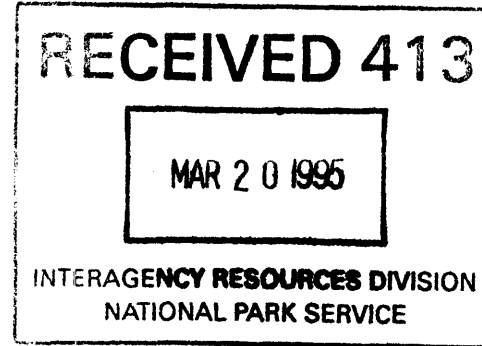
Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Continuation SheetSection 7 Page 1**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

The Meyers House is an L-shaped, one-story, Late Victorian Vernacular, adobe dwelling with a front and intersecting cross-gable roof. A shed-roofed addition built of concrete block extends across the back. All roofs are metal covered. The house is set back and faces south from north side of Main Street. A white picket fence runs along the street line.

Within the L, a front porch shelters the east-facing front door, and is supported by squared wooden posts with high bases and decorative wooden brackets. There is a pair of 1/1 wood-sash windows under the front gable. Other windows in the three original rooms are 1/1 or 2/2 except for a modern aluminum window in the kitchen. The rear addition has aluminum, sliding windows. The building is in excellent condition and well conveys its historic associations.

The Sanborn maps indicate that a small and somewhat differently sited rectangular dwelling was on the property in 1898 and as early as 1893.¹ The present house apparently replaced this earlier building just after the turn of the century.

When the present owner restored the house in the early 1970s, the earlier metal roof was replaced. The porch supports and brackets were retained as were the original windows, with one exception. In the kitchen a long, wood window was replaced with an aluminum sash in order to provide space for cabinets. In the living room a temporary partition was taken out and a fireplace added. The concrete block shed-roof extension, comprising a bedroom, bath, and utility room, was added on the rear replacing an open porch. In 1992 the present picket fence was installed; an earlier picket fence had been destroyed in the 1972 flood.

There four outbuildings on the property none of which are contributing: a small corrugated metal shed, a concrete block garage and storage building, a tool shed, and an outhouse that has been moved from another location on the property.

1. Sanborn Maps 1893, 1898.

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SIGNIFICANCE

This building is architecturally significant as an example of the realization, in locally obtainable materials, of an imported style which incorporates elements of siting, form, and decoration characteristic of vernacular building in the Victorian era. In addition to placement back from the street, typical components are the front and cross gable roof; the larger window arrangement under the front gable, although in this case without decorative glass; the simply decorated front porch with delicate wooden brackets, and the side front entrance.

The house was presumably built shortly after 1902 when Charles H. Meyers purchased the west section of the land upon which a portion of it is built.² Meyers had come to the United States as a stowaway from Germany at the age of fourteen in about 1860, going first to Pennsylvania and then west to Colorado. There he met his future wife, Amelia Shertz, a native of Texas. Meyers moved on to the mining fields of southwestern New Mexico but sent for Amelia whom he married in Socorro in 1881. Meyers prospected for silver in Lake Valley and for gold in Hillsboro, but after an injury opened a saloon in Hillsboro called The Green Room. He remained in the liquor business until Prohibition.³

After the 1914 flood, although the house was not substantially damaged, the Meyers built another home on higher ground. Located near the future high school on Elenora Street, this nine-room, wood-frame house later burned down. The Main Street house was given to the Meyers' sons to live in, first

2. Sierra County Deeds, E:324: Meyers purchased the east 25 feet of lots 3 and 6. Beatrice Meyers Ray states that Meyers' son, George, was born in this house and that it was enlarged at that time. According to the census George was born in 1886. Perhaps the earlier rooms which appear on the 1893 Sanborn map were built at that time. Unless the Sanborn Maps are incorrectly drawn, it does not appear that these earlier rooms are a part of the present house. No recorded deeds were found to establish the date of Meyers' purchase of the east tract, lots 2 and 7.

3. Nell Meyers Thwaites, interview. United States Census 1900, 1910, 1920. *History of Sierra County, New Mexico* (Truth or Consequences, N.M.: Sierra County Historical Society, 1979) 198. *Sierra County Advocate* 28 May 1909 (advertisement).

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Clarence and then about 1925, Charles Emil, whose wife had died in 1920 in the flu epidemic that followed World War I, leaving him with five daughters. Charles E. Meyers had a cattle ranch about five miles out of Hillsboro which he was forced to sell in about 1927 because of a period of severe drought. It is now part of the Ladder Ranch.⁴ Charles H. Meyers died in 1921; about 1936 Amelia moved back to the Main Street house where she lived until her death in 1940. About 1944 Charles Emil remarried and moved to Santa Rita and then Central, New Mexico.⁵

When the Charles E. Meyers family lived in the house it was divided into three rooms plus a kitchen and back porch. What is now the living room was partitioned; the front room was a living room and sometimes bedroom, the room behind it was Charles' bedroom, the next room was the oldest sister's room, and the kitchen was where it is today.⁶

The small metal shed at the back of the property was built in the 1930s by Charles E. Meyers and used for storage according to the recollection of Meyers' oldest daughter.⁷ Another daughter remembers it as being used to slaughter animals.⁸ It has not been possible to substantiate the tradition that it was once used as an assay office and a highway department office.⁹

4. Virginia Meyers Knox, interview. Beatrice Meyers Ray, interview. The 1910 and 1920 United States Censuses list Meyers' occupation as cattleman.

5. Virginia Meyers Knox, interview. Beatrice Meyers Ray, interview. Nell Meyers Thwaits, interview.

6. Virginia Meyers Knox, interview. Beatrice Meyers Ray, interview.

7. Beatrice Meyers Ray, interview.

8. Virginia Meyers Knox, interview.

9. Betty Ingram, interview.

Name of Property

County and State

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Continuation SheetSection 9 Page 4**SOURCES**

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Knox, Virginia Meyers 20 August 1994

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 31: lots 2, 7, and East 25 feet of lots 3 and 6.
Hillsboro original townsite.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

Lot and block numbers of the historic property as shown on the
map filed for the record 14 December 1887 and on the 1930 Sanborn
map.

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INFORMATION COMMON TO ALL CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Meyers House
2. Sierra County, New Mexico
3. Corinne P. Sze
4. May 11, 1994
5. Historic Preservation Division
Santa Fe, New Mexico

INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHS

6. South and partial east facades, from the street. Camera facing northwest.
7. Photo #1

6. South and east facades. Camera facing northwest.
7. Photo #2

6. East and partial south facades. Garage, metal shed, and storage building. Camera facing west.
7. Photo #3

INFORMATION COMMON TO ALL HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Meyers House
2. Sierra County, New Mexico
3. Unknown
5. Originals: unknown.
Copy negatives: Historic Preservation Division
Santa Fe, New Mexico

INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

4. Unknown
6. South facade. Camera facing north.
7. Photo #4

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- 4. August 15, 1971
- 6. Detail of front, east facing porch. Camera facing northwest.
- 7. Photo #5

- 4. August 15, 1971
- 6. West and partial north facades. Camera facing southeast.
- 7. Photo #6

- 4. August 15, 1971
- 6. North facade, back porch. Camera facing south.
- 7. Photo #7