

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

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Clovis Baptist Hospital

and/or common Ramsey Hotel

2. Location

street & number 515 Prince Street ___ not for publication

city, town Clovis ___ vicinity of congressional district 2

state New Mexico code 35 county Curry code 009

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name H. Wayne Martin, Jr.

street & number Rt. 3, Box 124

city, town Clovis ___ vicinity of state New Mexico 88101

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Curry County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Clovis state New Mexico 88101

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes no

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The former Clovis Baptist Hospital, a two-story stuccoed hipped box of hollow clay tile construction, stands as it was originally built in 1919. The cross-hipped roof, with its exposed rafters, expresses the formal, symmetrical plan of the Hospital. 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows are recessed with simple lug sills. Curved walls flank the entry steps. A projecting flat-roofed entry portico with square, stuccoed columns leads to the double-leaf, transomed entry door. The combination of stuccoed surfaces, recessed ribbon windows, austere porch columns, and broad roof overhang lend a slightly Prairie Style quality to this otherwise institutional structure; while a pedimented porte cochère supported with Doric columns and an associated pergola arbor lend classical elements and a somewhat residential quality to the structure. The only exterior renovation has been the recent replacement of the original wood shingles with new wood shingles. Although the interior use has been converted to a restaurant and shop spaces, the original hardwood floors, ceiling heights, interior stairs, doors, trim, bathroom fixtures, and hardware have been retained. The original boiler, converted to gas, still heats the building. The integrity of the Hospital's appearance and construction is intact.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1920 - 1939

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The construction of the Clovis Baptist Hospital was the result of a post-World War I drive by Clovis Baptists to build the first hospital in eastern New Mexico. The structure is one of few survivors of a style and substance once prevalent in Clovis. The community of Clovis, established with the arrival of the A.T. & S.F. Railroad, consisted of - in 1907 - a siding and a few shacks. By 1908 the railroad had constructed its Mission Style depot, followed by a Southwest Style Harvey House. These architect-designed structures undoubtedly influenced the construction of Clovis' subsequent civic buildings, including the Hospital. In addition to its architectural merit, the Hospital was significant in the social development of Clovis and the wider region: First Baptist Church, Clovis, opened the hospital on October 7, 1920, as "the only city of refuge on the high plains of eastern New Mexico."

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

9. Major Bibliographical References

Baptist New Mexican, Vol. 69, No. 2, January 10, 1981.
McAlvoy, Don. Curry County History, p. 507, High Plains Historical Foundation.
Abstract of Title, Hunker Abstract Company, Clovis, New Mexico

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property <1 acre.

Quadrangle name Clovis

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A

1	3	6	6	5	8	5	0	3	8	0	8	1	5	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 9 - 10, Block 8, Clovis Place Addition, Clovis, New Mexico

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries N/A

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kathleen Brooker, Architectural Historian

organization New Mexico Historic Preservation Bureau date October 8, 1981

street & number 505 Don Gaspar Avenue telephone (505) 827-2108

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 12-30-81

For HCRRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

William H. Brackman date 2-5-82

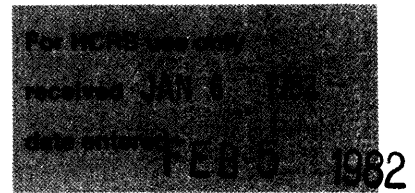
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

Shortly after its construction the Hospital - represented by A.W. Hockenull of the Clovis Church - was offered to the New Mexico Baptists. The 23-bed hospital cost \$35,000 of which \$15,000 had been paid, and the balance was pledged. When the Clovis church had reduced the indebtedness to \$8,228, New Mexico Baptists took over the hospital on October 31, 1924. Reported Clovis News: "The only hospital within a radius of 100 miles in either direction opened October 7, 1920. 1000 patients have been admitted, 545 surgical, 270 medical, 94 obstetrical, and 91 births." The hospital "paid its way from the beginning," reported Baptist New Mexican, October 4, 1923. "Not only has it paid operating expenses, but all improvements and repairs from hospital fees."

The hospital served the community for 19 years, closing its doors in 1939 after the City decided to build a modern facility. On November 21, 1939, the hospital was sold for \$5,000 to a Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey who operated it as a hotel. The current owner acquired the property in 1981. It is in use as a restaurant and gallery complex, "The Landmark."