

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Mexico	
COUNTY: Colfax	
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ENTRY NUMBER APR 3	DATE 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Cimarron Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Cimarron

STATE New Mexico	CODE 35	COUNTY: Colfax	CODE 007
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Private citizens and town of Cimarron

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Cimarron

STATE: New Mexico	CODE 35
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Colfax County Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Raton

STATE: New Mexico	CODE 35
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
New Mexico Register of Cultural Properties

DATE OF SURVEY: 5/22/1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Planning Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
200 W. DeVargas

CITY OR TOWN:
Santa Fe

STATE: New Mexico	CODE 35
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The majority of the buildings which were constructed in the mid-19th century in the town of Cimarron still exist. Built of adobe or stone, the structures have undergone minor modifications as the uses of the buildings have changed without, however, losing their basic integrity. The village pattern remains essentially as it was first established during the 1850's. Most of the buildings are used for commercial purposes of the village and surrounding area.



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5. SIGNIFICANCE

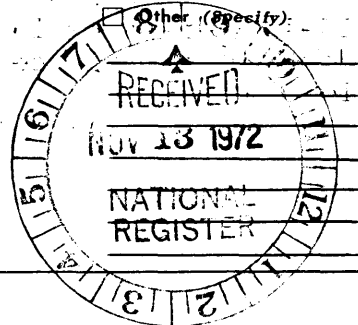
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1850**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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An accurate summary of the Cimarron Historic District is given in the National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings. Westward Expansion and Extension of the National Boundaries 1830-1898; The Santa Fe Trail. G. P. O., National Park Service, 1963. A portion of the text of the section on Cimarron is as follows: As division point for Taos or Fort Union-Santa Fe wagon traffic, stage stop, and headquarters of the 1,700,000-acre Maxwell Land Grant, Cimarron was an important stop on the Mountain Branch of the Santa Fe Trail. Lucien B. Maxwell, a former trader and trapper, acquired the Beaubien-Miranda grant in 1864, having married the daughter of Carlos Beaubien, one of the original grantees. He then started the large-scale ranching operations that made Cimarron for a time headquarters of the cattle industry in northern New Mexico. Maxwell's adobe mansion, expensively furnished and noted for lavish entertainment, was the first civilized stop on the trail in New Mexico. Many Santa Fe traders knew Maxwell or did business with him enroute to Santa Fe, and he habitually invited them to stop for the night to enjoy the regal hospitality of his home.

During Maxwell's ascendancy, which lasted only until 1870 when he was ruined financially by mining ventures, Cimarron was the local agency for the Ute Indians, the cowboy capital of northern New Mexico, and the outfitting point for prospectors, trappers, and hunters bound for the mountains. Territorial Governor Lew Wallace, Kit Carson, and Buffalo Bill Cody were but three of the famous men that called upon the monarch of the Cimarron.

Cimarron is neatly divided by the Cimarron River into an old and a new town, thus helping to preserve the old from modern encroachment. Although the Maxwell House burned in 1885, several other buildings with trail associations have survived. Most important of these is Maxwell's 1864 stone flour mill, a noted trail landmark that looks today precisely as it did a century ago. Jicarilla Apaches and Utes obtained their government flour and rations here, and trail travelers sometimes jostled into the mill with them to replenish flour

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cleaveland, Agnes Morley. Satan's Paradise. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1952, pp. 7-21.
 Bloom, Lansing B. (ed.). "Bourke on the Southwest," New Mexico Historical Review, January, XII, 1937, p. 53.
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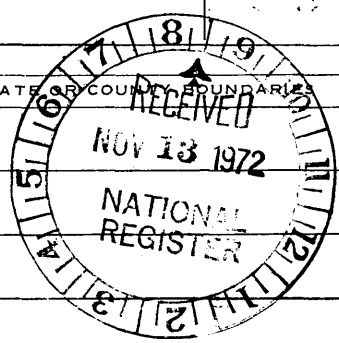
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 194

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



NO
ATTN
CD
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
James H. Purdy, Archivist I

ORGANIZATION: **State Records Center & Archives** DATE: **10-27-72**

STREET AND NUMBER:
404 Montezuma

CITY OR TOWN: **Santa Fe** STATE: **New Mexico** CODE: **35**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: David King

Title: _____

Date: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robertan Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/3/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3/23/73

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supplies for the home stretch of the journey to Santa Fe. The warehouse for the Ute Agency, reputedly built about 1850 is a one-story stuccoed adobe that housed a grocery store in 1958. Swink's Saloon, now a service station, was built as a brewery in 1854, but soon became the most notorious gambling hall in northern New Mexico. According to the local historical marker on this building, it was a place where "Taos lightning, powder smoke & bullets caused many to bite the dust & caused many to be carried out feet first." The county courthouse, a one-story building built in 1872, now stands deserted, as does the old stone jail of the same period. One of the walls of this jail is of more recent vintage, having been replaced after it was dynamited by a lynching party. The Don Diego Tavern, originally the St. James Hotel, was built in the 1870's by Henry Lambert, formerly chef to Grant and Lincoln. Buffalo Bill, who organized his "Wild West Show" in Cimarron, spent Christmas in this hotel whenever possible and gave Christmas parties for the children of Cimarron. Reputed to have been the scene of 26 killings, the two-story stuccoed adobe still serves as a hotel. Several newer buildings have been built in old town, but their architecture conforms to the historical setting.

No. 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES continued

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- The National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings. Westward Expansion and Extension of the National Boundaries 1830-1898; The Santa Fe Trail. G.P.O., National Park Service, 1963.
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1841 Boarding House
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Town Plaza
WELL

1854
National Hotel

1872
Cotton
Cotton

1874
Cannon
Glass & Plate

1876
Stamps office

1872
St. James Hotel

Lucien Maxwell
Adobe Mansion
1858
(Destroyed 1911)

1872
Colfax County
Court House

1854
Smith's Store

NORTH
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1858
Wagon
Wagon

1864
H. A. S. Store

Wagon

1864
C. C. S. Store



WEST

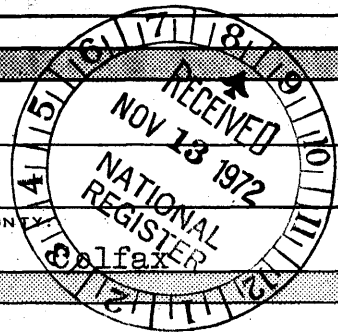
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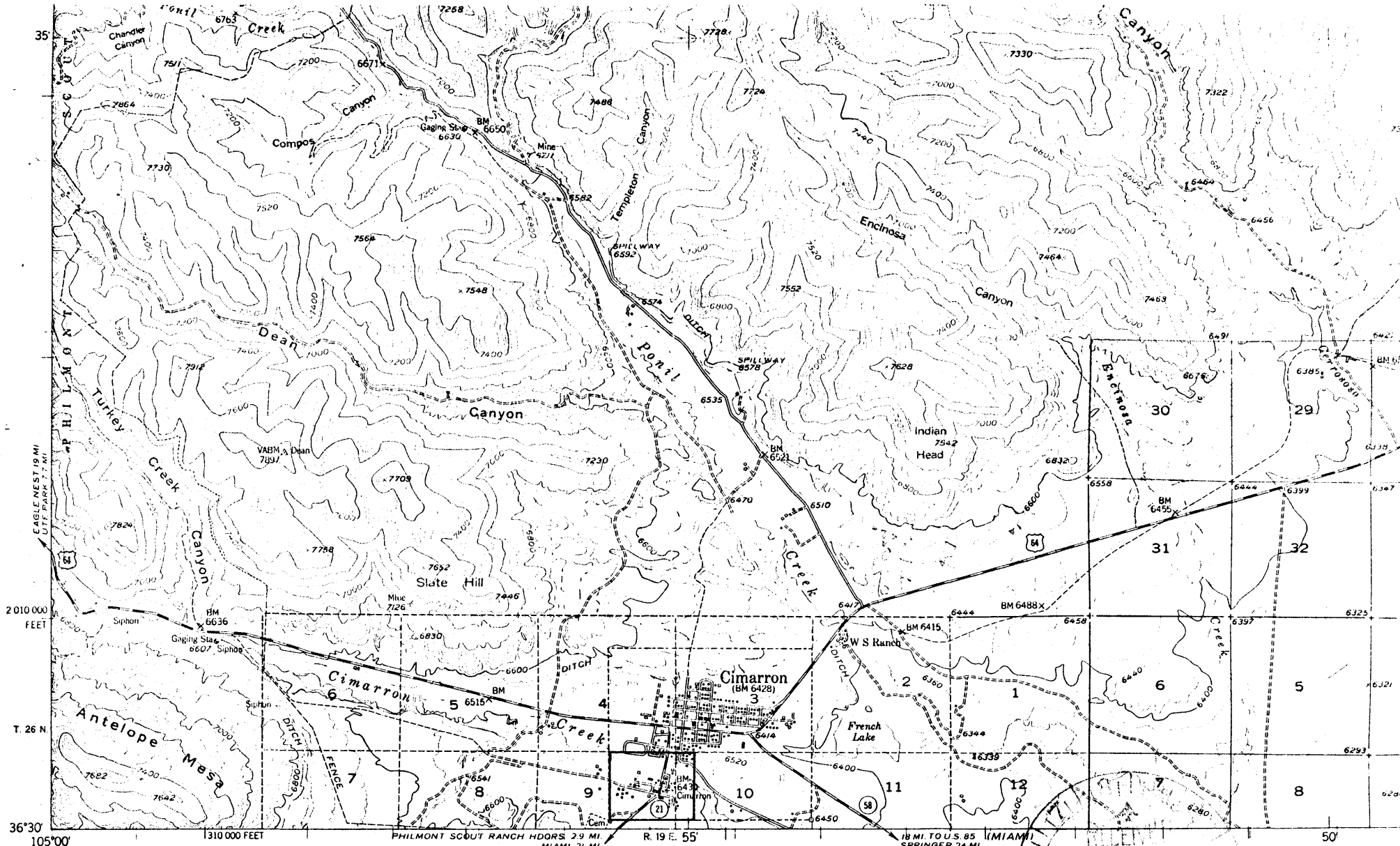
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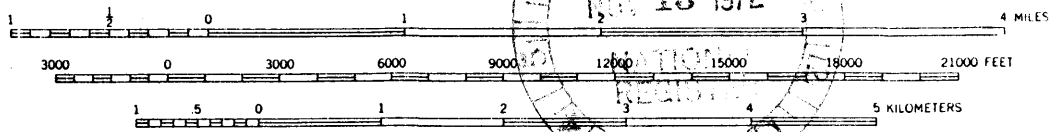
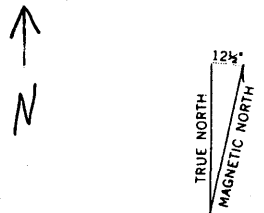
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 Aerial photographs taken 1953. Field check 1955
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on New Mexico coordinate system,
 east zone
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 12, shown in blue



CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
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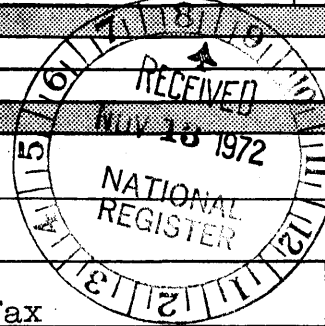
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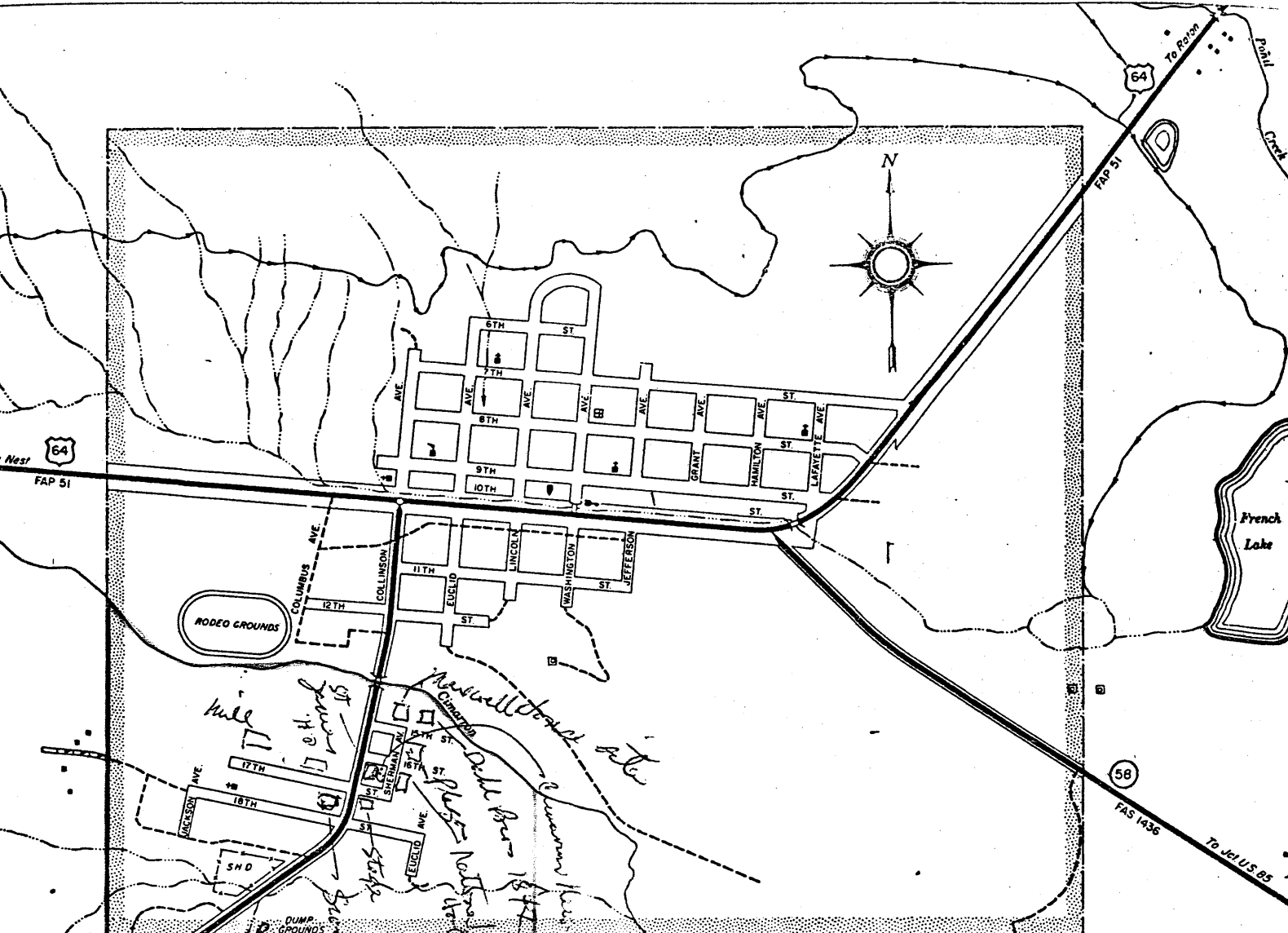
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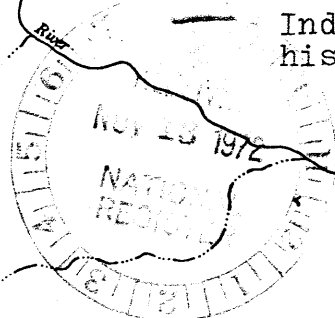




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RURAL ROADS AND THROUGH HIGHWAYS

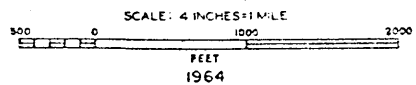
- Primitive
 - Unimproved
 - Graded and Drained
 - Gravel or Stone-not Graded and Drained
 - Gravel or Stone-Graded and Drained
 - Bituminous Surfaced
 - Paved
 - Non Dedicated Streets
 - Street Right-of-Way
- OTHER SYMBOLS**
- U.S. Highway Number
 - State Highway Number
 - End of FAP or FAS Route
 - Corporate Limit Line
 - Center of Town
 - Dwelling or Farm Unit
 - Schoolhouse
 - Church
 - Cemetery
 - Post Office
 - Vacant Units are shown by open symbols thus
 - City Hall
 - Ditch or Canal
 - Intermittent Stream

Indicates proposed historical district



VILLAGE OF
CIMARRON
COLFAX COUNTY
NEW MEXICO
MAXWELL GRANT
POP. 997 1960 CENSUS

PREPARED BY
NEW MEXICO STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION
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BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS



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