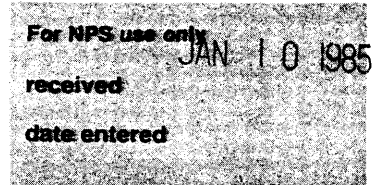


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#711 Engleman-Thomas (old Post Office) Building, 200 S. Main, ill. 32.

4. Owner: Edward Gedney, 200 S. Main, Aztec, N.M.

7. Description: Flemish/common bond brick walls; projecting brick sills and segmental arches; corbelled and zipper-brick cornice. Interior: (first floor) open, chamfered wooden posts with wooden corbel capitals down the middle; (second) full office across front, center hall flanked by 4-1 room apartments on each side with door connecting each of the 4 pairs.

Located in a commercial area catty corner from the proposed Main Street District.

The metal grills over the unmodified second-story windows and the brick veneer above the transom can be easily removed. The stuccoed portion of the first floor is a more detrimental remodeling although the original chamfered wood posts appear to remain in place.

8. Significance: Built in 1906, this commercial building typifies the often modest construction which accompanied the city's railroad boom. Built of local brick, its ornamentation is concentrated in its Decorative Brick style cornices--a zipperbrick and dentil cornice on the front and a corbeled cornice stepping down along the side. The original owner, N. M. Engleman, and later J. M. Thomas operated dry goods stores on the ground floor. Short-term lodgings and an office occupy the second floor.

Indian motifs are painted on window shades behind the facade transoms. These are the result of a suggestion in the 1960s by an Albuquerque planning consultant that the community cater to tourists visiting the Aztec Ruins National Monument by adopting an Indian theme. The fan tile in the sidewalk corners (visible in ill. 9) are also a result of this ill-fated notion.

10. Acreage: less than 1 UTM Reference: 13 232225 4079000
Boundary: Lot 24 and NE 1/3 of lot 23 of Blk 21 of the original town site.