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- z. NAME: Adrian Barela House
2. LOCATION: 7618 Guadalupe Trail N.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
4. OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koeber
1028 Guadalupe del Prado N.W.
Albuquerque, N.M. 87107
7. DESCRIPTION:

A New Mexico Vernacular style adobe cottage, the Barela House was constructed between 1900 and 1910. It underwent one major change when it was converted from a flat roofed structure into a pitched roof building probably soon after its construction. The building's appearance from Guadalupe Trail, a tree-lined road that winds through most of the North Valley, is dominated by its steeply pitched intersecting gable roof. The house also features its original Territorial decorative trim, large framed wood windows and doors, and strong proportions.

The house's original plan was L-shaped. A flat roofed stuccoed addition on the southeast (not visible from the street) has filled in the plan so that it is now rectangular. Centered on the front roof slope is a low pitched roof dormer featuring diamond-shaped wood shingels and a diamond-shaped wood window. The wood shingles and the diamond shaped opening are repeated on the slightly larged gables on the north and south; the rear gable is similarly shingled. The roof includes exposed rafters, asphalt shingles (replacing the original split wood shakes) and a single brick chimney which protrudes through the north facing pitch. The west facade is oddly off-center since the front door is not centered under the front dormer and is set closer to one of the two front windows. All the building's 1/1 wood sash windows are original and are capped with Territorial style lintels. Two wood panel single light doors, one in the front and one in the rear, are also original. An adobe wall extends from the building to the north and east enclosing a rear yard area. The wall attaches to a newer flat roofed building which is not included in the nomination. Five large old cottonwoods grow to the west and north of the house.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE:

The Adrian Barela House is significant as an excellent and well-maintained local example of the New Mexico Vernacular style. Few other small houses in Albuquerque so clearly illustrate the combination of traditional adobe construction with such Anglo introductions as the pitched roof, shingled gables and diamond-shaped gable windows.

Adrian Barela, a native of Los Ranchos, and his wife Jesusita Tenorio are listed in Los Ranchos on the 1910 census and were probably then living in this house. The Barelas remained there until the early 1930's when they sold it to G.A. Coulter, who added the kitchen. The present owners bought the house in the 1950's.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

The house stands on the west end of Tract 71A, MRGCD Map 27 on a site 100 x 150 feet. It is bounded on the west by Guadalupe Trail, on the north by Ranchos Road, on the south by the north property line of the adjacent property and on the east by a fence enclosing a new adobe housing development.

UTM References: Los Griegos Quad.13/350700/3893000.