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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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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 Cottage Bakery  
other names/site number Spot Ice Cream Company

2. Location

street & number 2000 Central Avenue SE  not for publication  
city or town Albuquerque  vicinity  
state New Mexico code NM county Bernalillo code 001 zip code 87106

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] SDPO 10-4-93  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
Historic Preservation Division, State of New Mexico  
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.)

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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] 11-22-93  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Cottage Bakery  
Name of Property

Bernalillo 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	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

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

Hist. & Arch. Resources of Rt. 66 through NM

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE: specialty store

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE: specialty store

COMMERCE: restaurant

THEATER: playhouse

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Thatched Cottage

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof asphalt

other brick

**Narrative Description**

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

Cottage Bakery

Name of Property

Bernalillo County, NM

County and State

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)

transportation

architecture

Period of Significance

1935-1956

Significant Dates

1937

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

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:

Cottage Bakery  
Name of Property

Bernalillo County, NM  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property less than one acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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1	3	3	5	1	9	9	0
Zone	Easting		Northing				

  
2 

Zone	Easting		Northing				

3 

Zone	Easting		Northing				

  
4 

Zone	Easting		Northing				

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**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Historic and Architectural Resources of Rt. 66 through NM  
Bernalillo County, New Mexico

7. Description

The former Cottage Bakery is a one-story building with a front and rear section. The front section consists of an asphalt shingle pitched roof, a white painted brick walls, and a concrete foundation. The building's unusually low facade reflects a modest use of picturesque elements associated with the Thatched Cottage Style. Brown asphalt shingles wrap around the eaves and the slight eyebrow arches in the roof that mark the entries near each end of the facade to simulate a thatched roof. Segmented brick arches outline two arched doors leading to the two separate sections of the building. One door is wood with a large single light; the other is wood batten with a small horizontal light. An exterior chimney is located at the east gable. The front and west side of the building have large, multi-light metal casement windows wrapping around the corner and continue on the end walls.

In contrast, the rear portion that served as the bakery's processing and shipping plant is utilitarian with a basement, flat roof and white and brown painted brick and cinder block walls. Although most of the bays and windows have been closed and boarded, three block glass and several small metal casement windows remain. A wood panel door on the east side marks the entry to the playhouse that now occupies most of the rear portion. The front of the rear portion is integrated into the restaurant that occupies the eastern half of the front portion. The fireplace in the restaurant has a plain tile hearth and wood mantel and is one of the few remaining interior elements

The building fronts Central Avenue at the end of a narrow block and has no off-street parking. In recent years the Thatched Cottage Style front portion has served as a hair salon as well as a restaurant with both businesses using the gable ends and front facade for advertising signs. A small concrete block shed-roof entry has been added at the east side. These changes have done little, however, to alter the original appearance of the building.

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8. Statement of Significance

The Cottage Bakery building is one of the last remaining largely unaltered structures associated with the pre-war period of roadside food outlets along Route 66. With the realignment of Route 66 anticipated during the years preceding its completion in 1937 and with Albuquerque's suburban development creeping up onto the East Mesa, the Cottage Bakery was one of several cafes and food outlets appearing along Central Avenue in the mid-1930s. The bakery, on the east side, offered baked goods; and the Spot Ice Cream Co., on the west side, offered "Fountain and curb surface" to local residents and to motorists travelling the highway. Because of this association with automobile tourism along Route 66, the property is eligible under Criterion A.

Its unique use of the Thatched Cottage Style also qualifies the building under Criterion C as one of the few examples of roadside businesses along Route 66 in New Mexico that relied on a "duck" style to alert passing motorists of the building's function. The implicit message conveyed by the Cottage Pure Company through its use of the medieval-looking structure was one of a bucolic purity that clients would associate with dairy and bakery products. Behind this "duck" facade was the utilitarian portion of the building. When it opened, the baking plant was celebrated for its modern ovens and mixing machines as well as its employee facilities including showers and individual lockers.

9. Bibliography

Albuquerque Progress. Dec., 1936, p.6; July, 1937, p. 5; Aug., 1937, n.p.

Verbal Boundary Description: Lot 1 of Block 75 of the Terrace Addition.

Boundary Justification: The boundary includes only the portion of the lot on which the nominated property is situated.