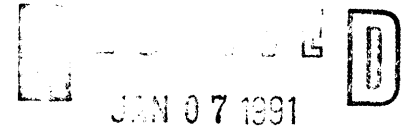


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name N/A
other names/site number ID#349; SR Site #647; Keith House

2. Location

street & number 405 Park Street N/A not for publication
city, town Socorro N/A vicinity
state New Mexico code NM county Socorro code 053 zip code 87801

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	_____ objects
			<u>2</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Domestic Architecture in Socorro, New Mexico, 1870-1912 Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date 12-28-90
State or Federal agency and bureau [Signature]

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. Entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet. [Signature] 2/20/91
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:) _____
Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Other: Hipped Box

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concretewalls concrete

roof asphaltother

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This one-story, hip-roofed dwelling is constructed of interlocking concrete block faced with a cast design. A porch, which is inset under the main roof, extends across the north half of the east (main) facade. It is supported by two square posts and bounded by a low wall of the same block that forms the walls of the house. A low-pitched, gable dormer window is centrally-placed on the main facade. The house is set back from the street line.

Under the front porch is a large, single-hung window flanked by double hung windows. In the upper, stationary section of the large window there is a leaded pattern of small squares and diamonds. The top sections of the side windows are divided into many small panes with wooden glazing bars. On the south side of the main facade is a large window with a similar pattern of leaded squares and diamonds in the top section. Under the dormer are two square windows divided into many small panes. On the north facade, there are two fixed windows divided into many small panes. Other original windows are 1/1, wooden, and double hung.

The house has not been significantly altered. The original wood shingles have been replaced with asphalt shingles. A cement-stuccoed, shed-roofed frame addition was placed at the rear of the house in the 1940s or 1950s replacing a porch. It is compatible with the original but distinguishably an addition.

There are two small outbuildings on the property. A flat-roofed, stuccoed adobe building called the "washhouse" and a wood-framed garage covered with wood siding.

This dwelling is in excellent condition and well conveys the significance of its architecture.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Significant Person

N/A

Period of Significance

1911-1912

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Dates

1911-1912

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This house is significant as an example of a variant of the cubic hipped structures which were built in Socorro in the late Territorial and early Statehood periods. The interlocking concrete blocks faced to simulate stone are unusual and perhaps now unique to Socorro where several other houses, including the August Holver Hilton House, were built of the same material. They are actually hollow rectangular blocks to which a cast concrete facing was affixed. They are believed to have been originally manufactured by a local company but to have come most directly from a large building which was demolished, possibly a brewery.

The house was built in 1911-1912. It first appears on the March 1913 Sanborn map where a vacant lot had been in 1902. When the property was purchased in 1911 by Maud M. Wayne it was described in the deed as "that certain lot or parcel of ground," (Socorro County Deeds, Bk. 76, p. 332). When it was sold in 1917 to Jennie Keith, it was described as a "parcel of land and real estate" (Socorro County Deeds, Bk. 91, p. 220-221), suggesting that the house was added to the property during the Wayne ownership in 1911-1912.

Known locally as the Keith House, this home remained in the Keith family from 1917 until 1984. Jennie and George Keith had come to Socorro from Corning, Kansas presumably not long before they were received into the Socorro First Presbyterian Church on October 1, 1916. Keith operated the Ocean to Ocean garage on the Plaza and was an early automobile dealer, (McKee, 51-52). Jennie Keith deeded the house to her daughter-in-law, Rowan Keith, in 1960. It left the family only in 1984 when the younger Mrs. Keith sold it, (Socorro County Deeds, Bk.214, p. 35-36; Bk. 393, p. 583). The house was listed on the State Register of Cultural Places on March 31, 1978. The Period of Significance is the construction date.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A

1	3	3	2	5	2	4	0	3	7	6	9	6	4	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D

Zone				Easting				Northing						

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The legal description of the property which includes the historic resource.

See continuation sheet

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Conron and Lent, Architects. "405 Park Street," Application for Registration, New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties, Form A (revised), 1978.

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Sanborn Maps, 1902, 1913, 1930.

Interview

Charles Thompson, 9/10/90.

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That certain tract of land and real estate comprising part of Tr 2, City Survey 62, in Section 21 of the Socorro Grant and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at Corner No. 1, the northeast corner common to Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22 of the Socorro Grant bears N. 2° 21' E., a distance of 2,099.3 feet;

Thence, S. 3 deg. 58' E., 75.0 feet to Corner 2, the SE Corner;

Thence, S. 85 deg. 41' W., 163.5 feet to Corner 3, the SW Corner;

Thence, N. 4 deg. 09' W., 42.0 feet to Corner 4;

Thence, N. 84 deg. 36' E., 39.1 feet to Corner 5;

Thence, N. 3 deg. 48' W., 33.0 feet to Corner 6, the NW Corner;

Thence, N. 89 deg. 54' E., 125.0 feet to Corner 1, the place of beginning.

BOUNDED on the east by the west right of way line of Park Street. Being the land and real estate described in that certain Warranty Deed dated June 15, 1960, executed by Jennie V. Keith in favor of Rowan S. Keith, recorded in Volume 214 at Pages 35-36.