

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>New Mexico</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Santa Fe</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
<b>APR 14 1975</b>	

### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Fort Marcy Ruins**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **Above Hillside Avenue; 600 yards northeast of the Palace of the Governors.**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Santa Fe**

STATE <b>New Mexico</b>	CODE <b>35</b>	COUNTY: <b>Santa Fe</b>	CODE <b>049</b>
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### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>Ruins</b>

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**City of Santa Fe**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**City Hall**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Santa Fe**

STATE:  
**New Mexico**

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Santa Fe County Clerk's Office**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Santa Fe**

STATE:  
**New Mexico**

CODE:  
**35**

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**New Mexico Register of Cultural Properties**

DATE OF SURVEY: **3/1/72**     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**State Planning Office**

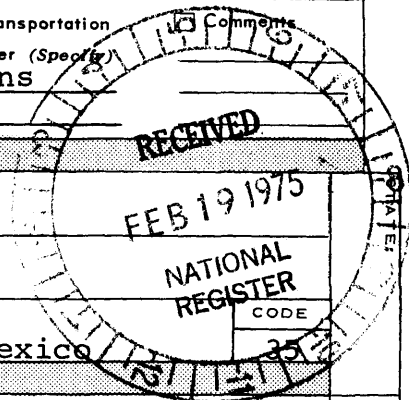
STREET AND NUMBER:  
**200 W. DeVargas**

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**Santa Fe**

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

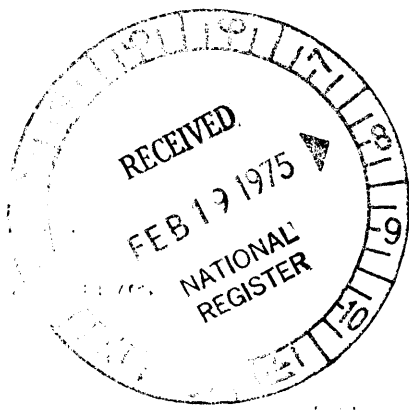
CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

At present, the remains of Fort Marcy consist only of mounds of earth several feet high tracing the outline of the original adobe foundations. Also visible are indentations of the ditch which formed part of the defensive works. Recently, cars have driven into the center of the fort and have formed a dirt road in so doing.

Originally, the fort was constructed in an irregular star shape. The numerous adobe walls were nine feet high and five feet thick. Around these walls ran a ditch eight feet deep and enclosed an area 270 feet by 80 feet. A log building in the compound was to serve as a powder magazine and a log blockhouse was built east of the gate for additional defense.

In 1969, the City of Santa Fe purchased the Fort Marcy area from the Prince family of Santa Fe. Presently, the city plans to turn the land into a recreational area. (Warranty Deed enclosed).



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## SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1846

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Ruins</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On August 19, 1846, one day after officially accepting the peaceful surrender of New Mexico from Acting Governor Juan Bautista Vigil y Alarid, Brigadier General Stephen Watts Kearny ordered Lieutenants William H. Emory and Jeremy F. Gilmer to reconnoiter the city to determine the best location for a fort. They selected the obvious location which, as Lieutenant Emory described it, was "the only point which commands the entire town and which itself is commanded by no other." On August 23 work started on the fort, and in a report to Washington, Kearny suggested that it be named for William L. Marcy, secretary of war.

The fort was constructed in an irregular star shape "with adobe walls nine feet high and five feet thick." These walls were surrounded by a ditch 8 feet deep and enclosed an area 270 feet by 80 feet. A log building in the compound was to serve as a powder magazine and a log blockhouse was built east of the gate for additional defense. Barracks, corrals and other facilities were located adjacent to the PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS as they had been under Spain and Mexico.

Inspecting the military facilities of Santa Fe in 1853, Colonel J. K. F. Mansfield wrote: "This the only real fort in the territory....It is well planned and controls a city of about 1,000 population. The troops do not occupy this fort, but it can be occupied at short notice."

With U. S. authority firmly fixed in New Mexico, Fort Marcy on the hill was neglected and its name came to be applied to the military post which took shape north of the Plaza, ultimately covering the area now bounded by Federal Place and Washington, Palace, and Grant avenues. The 17 acres of land of the old Fort Marcy reservation were transferred to the Department of the Interior in 1891 and sold at public auction to L. Bradford Prince. The ruins of the fort and the land surrounding them were sold to the city of Santa Fe in 1969. The downtown Fort Marcy was abandoned by the army in 1894.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

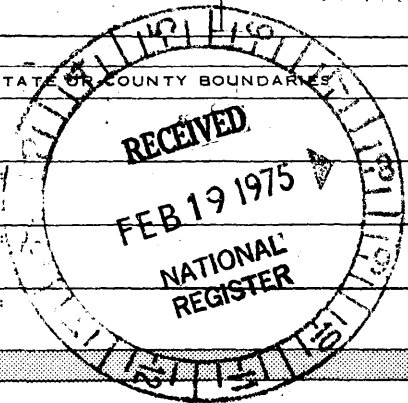
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 Gilmer, Jeremy F. "Map of Santa Fe," 1846.  
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 The Historic Santa Fe Foundation. Old Santa Fe Today, 1972.  
 Keleher, William A. Turmoil in New Mexico 1846-1868. Santa Fe: The Rydal Press, 1952  
 L. Bradford Prince Papers, State Records Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico. (See Continuation Sheet)

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	n35° 41' 19"	w105° 55' 40"				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 33.9

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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**James H. Purdy, Archivist I**

ORGANIZATION: **State Records Center & Archives** DATE: **1-3-73**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**404 Montezuma Street**

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

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Thomas W. Mark</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>3-31-75</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>A. P. Montrose</u>                  Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>4/14/75</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>W. M. [Signature]</u>                  Keeper of the National Register</p> <p>Date <u>APR 10 1975</u></p>
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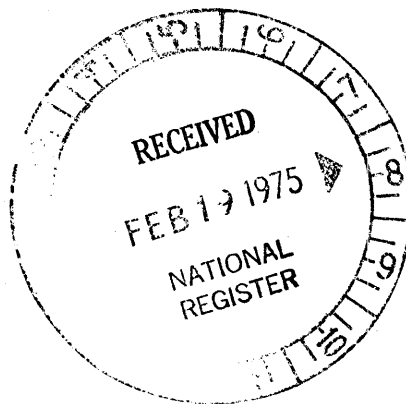
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Santa Fe New Mexican, October 24, 1891.

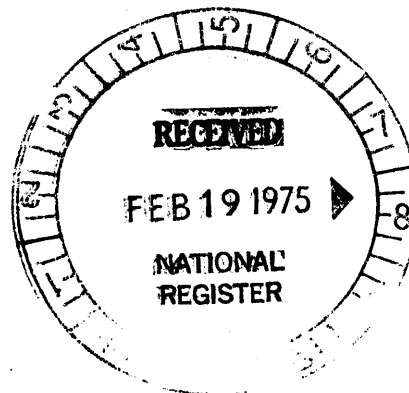
Twitchell, Ralph E. The Story of the Conquest of Santa Fe and the Building of Old Fort Marcy, 1923.



No. 10 Geographical Data continued.

UTM References

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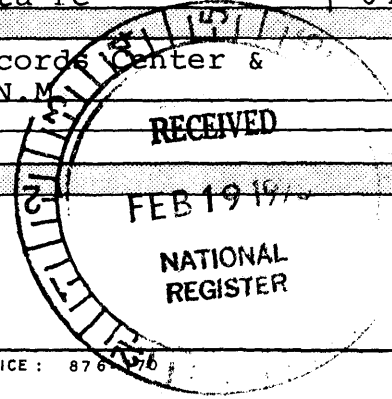
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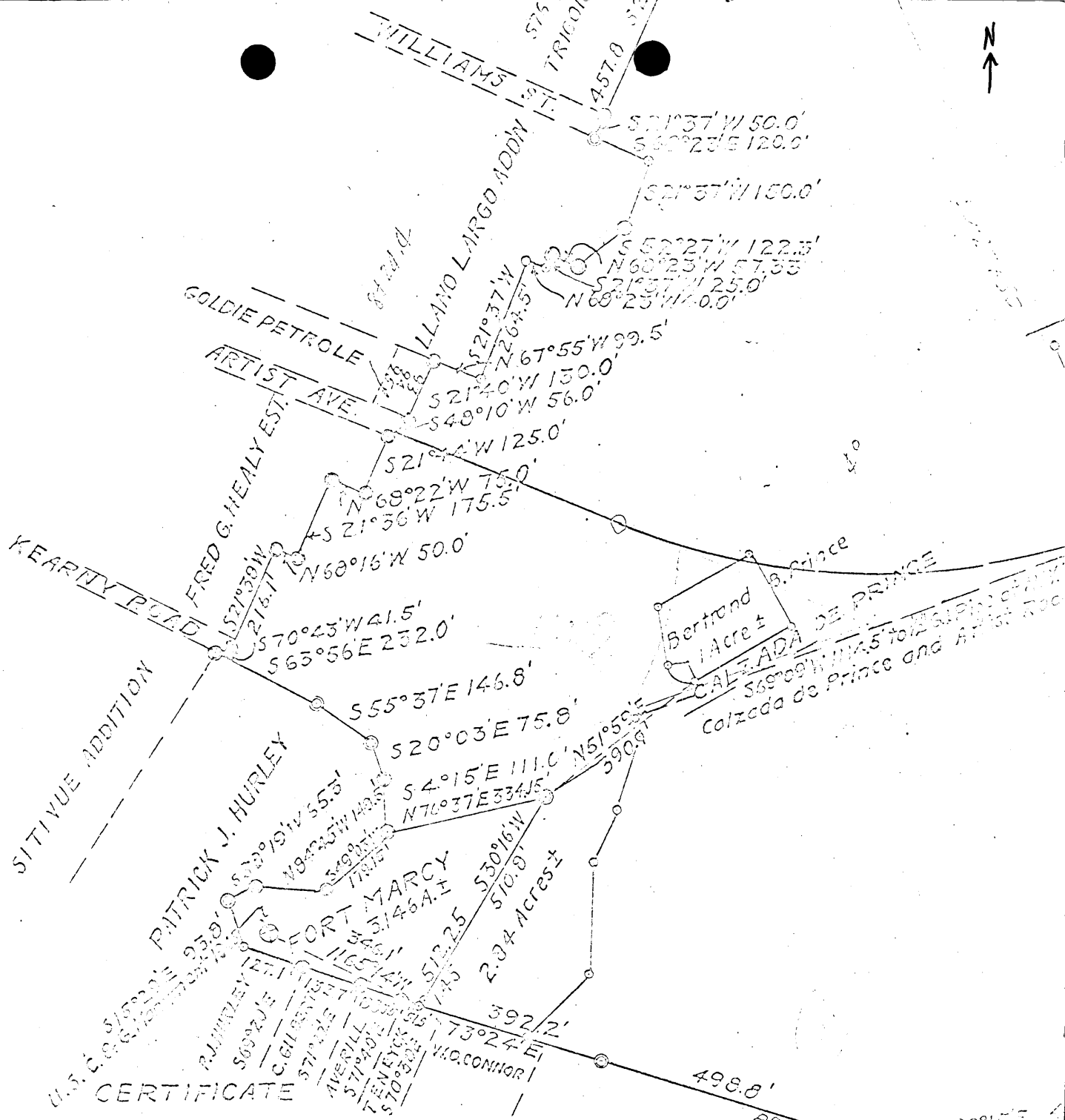
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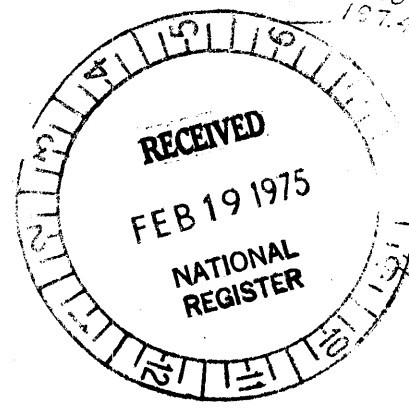
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SOURCE: L. Bradford Prince Papers, State Records Center & Archives, 404 Montezuma, Santa Fe, N.M.			
SCALE: Unknown			
DATE: 1903			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





I hereby certify that this plot and the field notes thereon are a true and correct copy of a survey made under my direction in the field in January 1951.

James C. Hardy



Houses in conflict with Prime Meridian line.



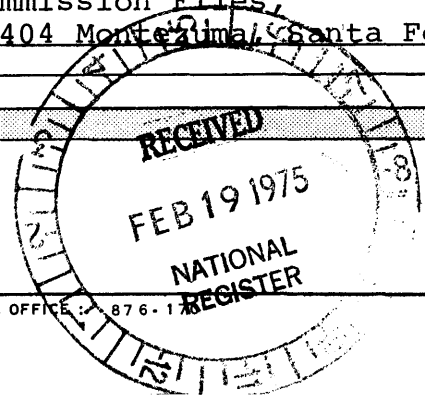
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 W. B. PRINCE - 1951  
 STATE RECORDS CENTER  
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