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Name: Harwood School

Location: 1114 7th N.W.

Name and address of owner: Women's Division of Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church
475 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y. 10027

Present and Original Physical Appearance:

This two-story brick and concrete school building at the corner of 7th Street and Mountain Road was built in 1925 when the Harwood School for Girls moved from an earlier location on 14th Street. Two large wings flank the main block, forming a courtyard approach to the flat-roofed building. The cornice is capped with concrete below it, at the top of the second-story band of windows, runs a wide concrete molding. At corners and bays pilasters of panel brick rise from a concrete base above the foundation to this molding. A decorative concrete panel marks the join. Large 6/6 windows are set under the concrete molding on the second story, under a line of header bricks on the first; below the first story windows a concrete molding tops the line of the concrete foundations.

The main entrance is particularly handsome. Brick columns support a large entablature, with "Harwood School" engraved in the concrete below a dentil course. The entablature frames a large arch into which is set, above the door, a fine fanlight of triangular lights. The double entry door has multiple lights and is sidelighted. Two brick escapes of considerable size are built out from the south side of the building.

Architectural Style: Neo-classic Revival

Date of property: 1925

Significance of property:

The origins of the Harwood Girls School go back to 1882, when the New Mexico Methodist missions asked Rev. Thomas Harwood to look for a site for a Methodist high school. This first school, called the Albuquerque College, opened in 1887, and was reformed in 1891 as the Harwood School. The school was divided into a Boy's Industrial School and Girl's School: the Boy's School, in the north valley, closed in 1926. The Girl's School, located first at 14th Street and then on 7th, was open through the early 1970's. Like Menaul High School, the Harwood Schools concentrated on the education of New Mexico Hispanos, and were in part what would now be called vocational schools, teaching trades and skills as well as reading, writing, and arithmetic.

The school has now become Methodist Center; behind it, to the east, is an associated group of Pueblo Revival buildings from ca. 1940 which is now the Asbury Community School. The Harwood School is important both for its architectural and for its important part in the history of education in New Mexico.

Condition: good

Altered? not visibly Moved? no

Acreage: ca. 1 acre

Boundary Description: Lots 417-442, Block 38, Armijo Brothers Addition to the City of Albuquerque
UTM reference point: Z: 13 E: 349340 N: 3884640

Thematic Classification (N.M. State Register) Religion, education & culture; architecture
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