

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

**NRIS Reference Number:** 97001595

**Date Listed:** 1/9/98

Enchanted Mesa Trading Post  
**Property Name**

Bernalillo  
**County**

NM  
**State**

Route 66 Through New Mexico MPS  
**Multiple Name**

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of the Keeper**

8/12/98  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Action**

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**Amended Items in Nomination:**

The correct level of significance is "State."

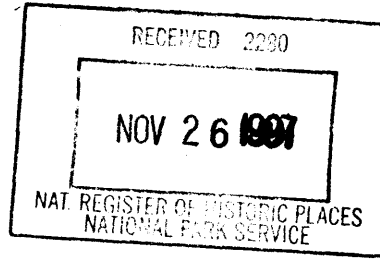
This information was verified by Mary Ann Anders of the NM SHPO.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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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 Enchanted Mesa Trading Post

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 9612 Central Avenue SE  not for publication

city or town Albuquerque  vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county Bernalillo code 001 zip code 87123

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.)

Lyn Sebastian SHPO 11-18-97  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 of the Keeper

Bob Roland

Date of Action

1/9/98

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**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

**7. Description**

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

Spanish-Pueblo Revival

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls stucco

roof asphalt

other wood

**Narrative Description**

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

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**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.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

transportation

architecture

**Period of Significance**

1948-1956

**Significant Dates**

1948

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Margarete Chase/John Hill

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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**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	9	5	5	0	3	8	8	1	8	0	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**

name/title David J. Kammer, Ph.D.  
organization contract historian date August, 1996  
street & number 521 Aliso Dr. NE telephone (505) 266-0586  
city or town Albuquerque state NM zip code 87108

**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  
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## 7. Description

The Enchanted Mesa Indian Arts building is a flat, one-story building with an asphalt roof and a concrete foundation. The walls are brown stucco over cinder block. The building is rectangular with a rectangular residential addition to the rear. The building employs several Pueblo Revival elements including decorative, corbel-like vigas, door and window lintels, wood screening at the windows, a stepped parapet, and a battered bell tower located at the center of the building. A battered entry protrudes slightly from the facade with its vertical plank door framed with ceramic tile and flanked by wrought-iron lighting fixtures. Two large fixed corner display windows set in heavy wood surrounds flank the central entry. A slight stucco-covered curb marks two beds planted with evergreens. The interior is distinctive for its tile floor and its raised fireplace outlined in ceramic tile on the east wall.

## 8. Statement of Significance

Constructed in 1948 from a design prepared by Margarete Chase, wife of longtime Indian arts dealer, Fred Chase, the Enchanted Mesa Trading Post was one of the easternmost commercial buildings along East Central Avenue. It is significant as a reminder of how Albuquerque's eastern commercial strip began to stretch even farther east following World War II as the number of tourists increased along Route 66. Because of its association with automobile tourism during the golden years of Route 66, the building is eligible under Criterion A. The building is also eligible under Criterion C as a good example of the Pueblo Revival Style that characterized many roadside businesses. As discussed in the Multiple Property listing, many entrepreneurs favored the style, believing that it signaled the building's function, offering tourists a ready identification with the Southwest and the regional Indian arts they sought. The association of the building with Route 66 as well as the details

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Significance (continued)

of the building and the owners' efforts to maintain it while so many other buildings along the commercial strip dating to the period of significance have been razed also make this building of exceptional importance and qualify it under Criterion Consideration G, as discussed in the Multiple Property listing,

9. Bibliography

Albuquerque Progress. Dec., 1948, n.p.

Chase, Fred, original owner. Interview with David Kammer, 10/29/91. NMSHPO.

Verbal Boundary Description

A polygon located in the central portion of Lot 4, Block 1, Skyline Heights Subdivision.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes only the portion of the lot on which the Enchanted Mesa Trading Post is located.