

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. NAME: Francisco Lucero y Montoya House

2. LOCATION: 9742 <sup>4th</sup> ~~Fourth~~ St NW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

4. OWNER: Robert Knott  
P.O. Box 9  
Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

7. DESCRIPTION:

Burned and rebuilt several times according to Alameda residents, the Lucero House was converted in 1912-1913 into a home which was modeled on English Revival styles. It has been maintained in excellent condition ever since. The Lucero House is located in the Alameda section of the north valley on Fourth Street, Alameda's main street after 1903. It has a cross gabled roof, heavy stuccoed terron walls sitting on a fieldstone foundation and elaborate wood window, door and trim details. The entire first floor has been restored; the second floor interior has been remodeled.

The Lucero House has a complex roof plan that is dominated by intersecting gables of differing pitches. The gable ends have rectangular half timbering. A shed-roofed porch wraps around the west facade and includes a notable octagonal gazebo entrance at the SW corner with a two-sloped multi-sided tower roof. All the roofs are wood shingled. The porch has wood details throughout including ceiling, floor, six-sided and boxed columns with Doric molding.

The house's doors, transoms and 1/1 double hung wood sash windows are all original and in excellent condition. All the gable ends include squared off "Palladian style" windows. A diamond-paned sash detail is included in a portion of two of the windows. A recent high stuccoed wall and wood entrance gate separates the house from the traffic on Fourth Street and adjoining properties.

At the rear of the house are two outbuildings probably dating to the first quarter of the 20th century and undoubtedly related to the house. One is a simple flat-roofed barn made of terrones from an earlier barn; the other is a small pitched roof adobe structure with 1/1 wood sash windows. It has been connected to the main house.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE:

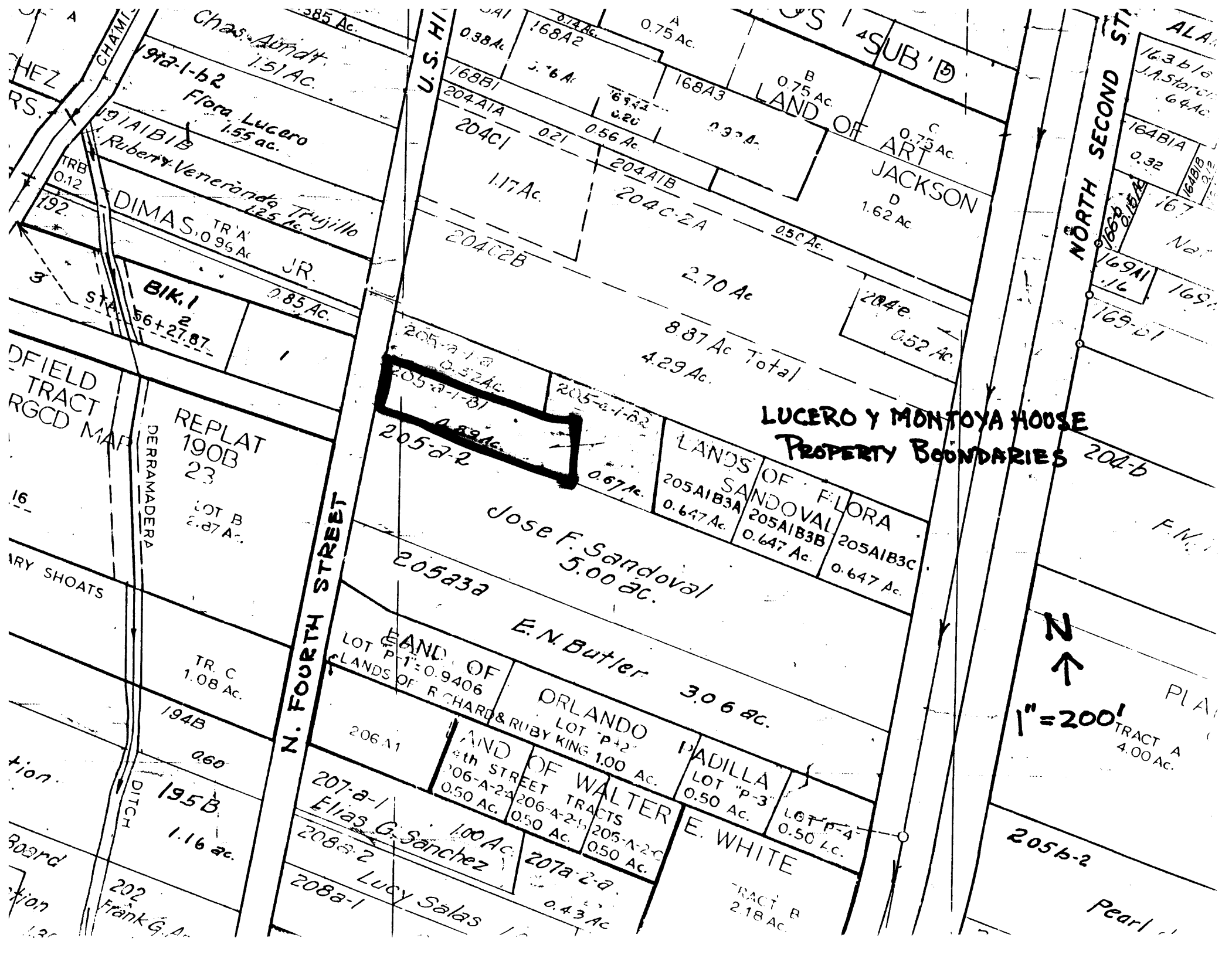
The Francisco Lucero y Montoya House is an anomaly in the North Valley; its Anglo-style steeply pitched roofs and half-timbered gables rising from a solid terron first story are unlike any other building in the city. Known in Alameda as the "Casa de la Torre" for its towered entry porch, it is state significant as a rare architectural hybrid.

The early history of the house is unclear. It is said to have been built by Antonio Carlos Lucero y Montoya, presumably Francisco Lucero y Montoya's father, for his bride, an East Coast girl who disliked "mud huts." No confirmation of this story has been discovered. The house was burned down twice and perhaps the second rebuilding is the construction project remembered by a local resident who reported that her father helped build the second story in 1912-13. Francisco Lucero y Montoya does appear on the census of Alameda in 1900 and 1910 as a farmer. He probably needed the second story to house his family, which in 1910 included a niece and two nephews as well as his own four children. The style of the second story suggests its design was influenced by the generously-scaled Tudor Revival buildings which were being built during this period in Albuquerque's wealthy Fourth Ward District. During the Depression it was used as a food distribution and community center. In the 1960's it was used as an office for a car wrecking yard until it was bought and the first floor restored as offices by the present owner.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

The house, barn and smaller structure stand on land of less than one acre, Tract 205alb on MRGCD Map #23. It is bounded on the west by Fourth Street and by adjacent property lines on the north, east and south.

UTM references: Alameda NM Quad.13/352920/3895350.



Chas. Amdt.  
1.51 Ac.  
91a-1-b2  
Flora Lucero  
1.55 ac.  
191A/B/B  
Rubery Veneranda Trujillo  
1.25 Ac.  
DIMAS, JR.  
TR A  
1.095 Ac.  
0.85 Ac.  
BIK. 1  
56+27.87

LAND OF ART JACKSON  
0.75 Ac.  
1.62 Ac.  
2.70 Ac  
8.87 Ac Total  
4.29 Ac.  
204C1  
1.17 Ac.  
204A1B  
204C-2A  
0.50 Ac.  
204C2B

**205-a-1-a**  
0.52 Ac.  
**205-a-1-b1**  
0.89 Ac.  
**205-a-2**  
0.67 Ac.  
LANDS OF FLORA SANDOVAL  
205A1B3A  
0.647 Ac.  
205A1B3B  
0.647 Ac.  
205A1B3C  
0.647 Ac.  
Jose F. Sandoval  
5.00 ac.

E. N. Butler  
3.06 ac.  
LAND OF ORLANDO  
LOT "P-1" = 0.9406  
LANDS OF RICHARD & RUBY KING  
1.00 Ac.  
LAND OF WALTER  
4th STREET TRACTS  
206-A-2a  
0.50 Ac.  
206-A-2b  
0.50 Ac.  
205-A-2c  
0.50 Ac.  
PADILLA  
LOT "P-3"  
0.50 Ac.  
LOT "P-4"  
0.50 Ac.  
E. WHITE  
TRACT B  
2.18 Ac.

FIELD TRACT  
RGCD MAP  
DERRAMADERA  
REPLAT  
190B  
23  
LOT B  
2.87 Ac.  
TR. C  
1.08 AC.  
194B  
0.60  
195B  
1.16 ac.  
202  
Frank G. A.

**LUCERO Y MONTOYA HOUSE  
PROPERTY BOUNDARIES**

N  
↑  
1" = 200'

NORTH SECOND ST

N. FOURTH STREET

205b-2  
Pearl

ALABAMA  
163 b 1 b  
J.A. Starob  
6.4 Ac.  
164B1A  
0.32  
164B1B  
0.22  
167  
Nat  
169A1  
.16  
169B

201-b  
F.M.  
TRACT A  
4.00 AC.