

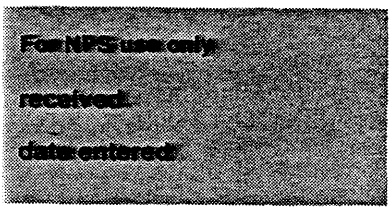
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1. NAME: C. M. Foraker Farmhouse
2. LOCATION: 905 Menaul Boulevard NW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico
4. OWNER: Miss Mary Foraker  
905 Menaul Boulevard NW  
Albuquerque, N.M. 87107

7. DESCRIPTION:

The Foraker Farm is a straightforward midwestern farmhouse built of terron and frame around the turn of the century. Originally surrounded by its 60 acres of farmland which stretched north from the Albuquerque Indian School, it is now bordered by later housing on three sides with Menaul Boulevard running along the south boundary of the large lot on which it stands. It displays a truncated hip roof from which tall pitched roof dormers extend on all sides and a broad screened front porch. It is basically unaltered except for the removal of its roof cresting and the addition of a stuccoed railing to the porch.

On the rear are two one-story gabled extensions, one added in 1926, one original. All the windows and doors and their hardware are original. The windows are tall 1/1 wood sash with plain wood trim. On the interior they are set in deep paneled reveals. The front porch keeps its turned wood posts and spindle shade although the stuccoed railing added in the 1920's and screening obscure these details from the street. Wood roof shingles have been replaced with asphalt shingles. Four symmetrically-located brick corbeled chimneys have been covered with stucco. On the interior a wide front hall runs from the front to the back of the house; the four main rooms of the house all open onto this hall. Few changes have been made to the interior since the 1920's.

8. SIGNIFICANCE:

The Foraker Farm is a fine example of an "Anglo" style house in Albuquerque, but it is primarily significant as the home of C.M. Foraker, the last Territorial Marshal of New Mexico. Foraker is credited with modernizing the functioning of the Marshal's office and was a popular and well-known figure in the Territory.

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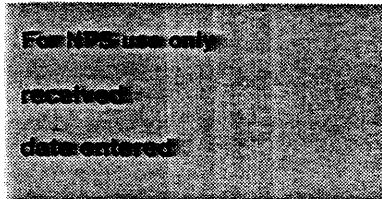
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Foraker served as U.S. Marshal from 1897 until 1912 when New Mexico was granted statehood. A native Ohioan, he came to New Mexico in the early 1880's and soon after he became Marshal he moved to Albuquerque. Included among his many accomplishments as Marshal were the institution of salaries (rather than bounty fees) for deputies, the introduction of use of the telephone and automobile in the law enforcement process, and raising the qualifications for staff members. He was characterized by the author of a recent book on United States marshals in Arizona and New Mexico as "a man of integrity and energy [who] was a fitting person to lead the marshalcy into the twentieth century" (Ball, 1978: 213).

The Forakers bought the Foraker Farm around 1900. His daughter, Mary, is the present owner and occupant.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

The property is sited on land roughly 400' x 150' (c. 1.5 acres) and is Tract 25A1B on Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Map #36. This includes the house and surrounding land, most of which separates the house from Menaul Boulevard on the south. This land is included in the nomination because it is visual evidence of the original agricultural function of the property.

UTM references: Albuquerque West Quad.13/349320/3886600.