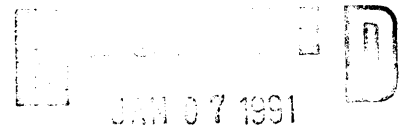


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

NATIONAL  
REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Baca, A. B., House  
other names/site number ID#093; SR Site #298

2. Location

street & number 201 School of Mines Road N/A not for publication  
city, town Socorro N/A vicinity  
state New Mexico code NM county Socorro code 053 zip code 87801

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Domestic Architecture in Socorro, New Mexico, 1870-1912  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official: [Signature] Date: 12-28-90

State or Federal agency and bureau: Nature Preserve Division

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau: \_\_\_\_\_

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. 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: [Signature] Date of Action: 2/20/91

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/multiple dwelling**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Hipped Box

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation not visiblewalls stuccoroof metalother wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The A.B. Baca House is a one-story, rectangular dwelling with two small additions at the rear corners. It is constructed of adobe which has been plastered and painted white. The distinctive style of the exterior plastering, called emborregado, consists of a wooly texture with an approximately six-inch smooth border around each wall. The green-painted metal roof is hipped and topped with a gable. A hip-roofed dormer window is centrally placed on each facade. The front porch is supported by three square posts and has a latticework balustrade and a spindlework frieze. It is under the main roof and covers more than half of the main facade. The large, original wooden windows are 1/1 and double hung.

A stone wall about eighteen inches thick and three feet high extends along the present street line. North of the main house is a small, flat-roofed, white painted building which is rented as an apartment. This building is actually a trailer to which rooms were added. It was first placed on the property during World War II, (May Baca).

The house has been little altered. A porch on the rear was made into a room before 1920, (May Baca). The original plaster is still in place and has recently been repainted. The house is now divided into two apartments, one for each of A.B. Baca's daughters-in-law, May and Piedad Baca. The house was originally further set back from the street. Several yards of land northeast of the low wall which now bounds the property were donated for the School of Mines Road. The A.B. Baca House is well maintained and well represents its historic associations.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
Architecture

Period of Significance  
1910

Significant Dates  
1910

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Cultural Affiliation  
N/A

Significant Person  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
Abel Trujillo and Jesus Martinez

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Located just southwest of the San Miguel Church neighborhood, this dwelling represents an elaboration of the adobe hipped box which was a popular building style in that neighborhood in the late Territorial and early Statehood periods. As such it is an example of the adaptation into the adobe tradition of an imported plan and stylistic features. However, this home of a prominent local politician is exceptional for its special plastering, gable-on-hip roof, and distinctive wooden porch.

The house was built in about 1910 for A.B. (Abdenago) Baca, Sr. (May and Piedad Baca, interviews). Abel Trujillo and Jesus Martinez contracted to make the adobes and erect the house. Trujillo, a stone mason, also constructed the low stone wall in front of the property. Abran Vigil, a local carpenter and blacksmith, did the interior woodwork. The house was plastered by Pablo Vasquez of Mexico whom Baca found on the Socorro Plaza. In place of lath Vasquez drove small pieces of rock into the adobe walls. He smoothed and squared the edges and gave the rest of the wall a texture that is reminiscent of sheep wool. Vasquez also plastered five other houses in Socorro. (Barbaras, 2-3)

A.B. Baca, was the son of Francisco and Juanita Baca who owned a cattle ranch near Socorro. In about 1865 Francisco Baca took his family to Topeka, Kansas, for a safer environment and better schools. They remained there until the death of Juanita in 1879 when the remaining family members returned to New Mexico. Like his better-known younger brother, Elfego Baca (1865-1945), A.B. Baca was active in Republican politics. He served in such local posts as deputy sheriff of Socorro County and county assessor. Baca lived in the nominated house until his death in about 1918.

The house is architecturally significant as an example of a well-maintained, late-Territorial, hip-roofed, cubic adobe dwelling. It combines local craftsmanship with a plan, roof design, and decorative elements brought from the Midwest. As such it illustrates the continuing influence on adobe architecture, in the aftermath of the mining boom, of imported styles brought by the railroad. The house was placed on the New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties on June 20, 1977. The Period of Significance, 1910, is the date of construction.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 

1	3	3	2	5	2	1	5	3	7	7	0	0	8	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The legal description of the property which includes the historic resource.

See continuation sheet

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*Baca, A. B. House*

CODE  
NUMBER 1-350-78

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

REAL PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Township-3-South, Range-1-West (Section-21-) Socorro Grant

A tract of land described as follows:

Bounded on North by land of Lorenzo Lopez; South by Terry Ave; East by School of Mines Rd. and West by land of Rafael Lopez Y.G. said property is within City of Socorro, Socorro County, New Mexico, and also described by policy of Fidelity-Phonix Five Insurance Company of New York, to-wit; On the north side by Abeyta Avenue, Map 2; Block No. 209; Street Number 51-16 facing School of Mines Ave., Being of double adobe stucco construction. Abe B. Baca 2/3 Int. 1/3 Thomas M. Baca by Authority of Probate 526  
0.40 Acres