

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Domingo Tafoya House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10021 Edith Boulevard N.E. not for publication

city, town Albuquerque vicinity of congressional district 1

state New Mexico code 35 county Bernalillo code 001

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Lorencita Tafoya

street & number 10021 Edith Boulevard N.E.

city, town Albuquerque vicinity of state New Mexico

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bernalillo County Courthouse

street & number 501 Central N.W.

city, town Albuquerque state New Mexico

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

State Register of Cultural Properties
title Albuquerque Historic Landmarks Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date September 16, 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Landmarks Survey, 419 Central N.W.

city, town Albuquerque, state New Mexico

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The 120-year old Domingo Tafoya House is part of a compound of old adobe buildings located in Alameda, some ten miles north of Albuquerque. The compound, bordered on the east by North Edith Boulevard, on the north and west by a curve in the old Alameda Lateral ditch and on the south by Alameda Road, sits just above the flood plain of the Rio Grande, nestled below the sandhills at the eastern edge of the plain. The Tafoya House lies at the northwest corner of the compound, facing south toward an open central area.

Although the building has been renewed over the years (the roof and windows have been replaced and a room and new windows added), the house retains its early Spanish style and massing. It is built in the traditional linear style of a single row of rooms running east-west with two rooms attached at the southeast creating an 'L'. According to the owner all but the kitchen are original or very early rooms. Rooms facing south each have their own entrance and a window on the south except the south-east room, described below. The westernmost room also has a window on the west. The windows are 3/1 wood sash, approximately 2' wide by 4' tall, with flat wood frames; they were put in over 50 years ago. The deep window reveals are wood panelled. The kitchen, at the northeast corner of the house, was added in the 1930's; it has more windows than any other room in the house: a back entry door and a 3/1 window are set in the north wall and a pair of 1/1 windows is set in the east wall. The southeast corner room also has a paired 1/1 wood sash window on the east and a 3/1 window on the south. Exterior doors are six feet high and are wood panel doors with a square window in the upper half. They probably are contemporary with the 3/1 windows.

Low interior doors, all under 6', connect the rooms. Walls throughout the house are two feet thick. The original roof was the traditional flat dirt roof built up above exposed vigas. This roof was replaced in the 1960's by the present long, low-pitched ridged hip roof.

Although the interior of the house retains its original low doorways and small rooms, the interior finishing is mostly of a later date. Only in the southeast room is the early ceiling and floor exposed. The ceiling here is hand-adzed squared vigas beneath wide planks and the floor is random width wood planks. All the other ceilings in the house are similar to this ceiling but they have been covered and plastered over. Floors elsewhere in the house are covered with linoleum.

The owner remembers that the house had a portal on the east facing the house at 10023 Edith NE where relatives of the family have lived for generations. An extension of the house to the southeast, now demolished, was for many years the home of the owner's brother.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Domingo Tafoya House, 10021 Edith Boulevard NE, is a well-preserved pre-Civil War home, one of the few still standing in Alameda, a historic 18th-century Spanish settlement in the Rio Grande valley north of Albuquerque. Built on the high ground at the eastern edge of the valley, it has survived numerous floods which by 1904 had erased almost all sign of the original Alameda settlements near the river. The house has remained in the same family since the mid-19th century and has been carefully maintained by the descendants of the early, and probably the first owners. It stands today as a rare example of a typical Hispanic 19th-century residence.

No recorded building date exists for the house, but Tafoya family records show that Nicholas Tafoya, grandfather of the present owner, was born in the house in 1858. Nicholas's parents, Domingo Tafoya and Anna Maria Martinez, are listed as residents of Alameda in the 1850 Territorial census and on the 1847 birth record of their daughter Maria Conception, so they may well have been living in the house for 10-11 years prior to Nicholas' birth. Domingo's brother, Tomas Tafoya, is recorded as owning land in Alameda in 1844. Since there is no mention of Domingo's birth in the San Felipe de Neri records in the period 1822-28 (Domingo was 25 in the 1850 census), the family may have come from elsewhere in the territory to settle in Alameda. An 1839 transaction of land on the east mesa of Albuquerque lists Domingo, his brothers and sisters, and Juan Ignacio Tafoya - "the father of them all" - as the grantors, which would place them at least in the Albuquerque area in the late 1830's. The house, then, dates back to 1858 in family records and perhaps earlier, given the Tafoya family's recorded residence in Alameda in the 1840's and early 50's.

The construction and style of the Tafoya House support an early building date. The house has many elements of an early to mid-19th century building: two foot thick walls, few and low set windows, low (5½-6 feet) doorways, land-aded vigas, and a linear 'L' shaped plan. Its siting also indicates an early building date: it is clearly related to a compound of early adobe structures which are set at the intersection of two historic roads: Edith Boulevard, the old high ground road to Bernalillo and Santa Fe, and Alameda Road which runs west from Edith toward the site of the old Alameda Plaza near the river and which, in the past, connected on the east to a maze of roads leading to the Sandia Mountains.

Tafoya family records, brought together by Father Arthur Tafoya, nephew of the present owner, clearly shows the family's long residence in the house. Nicholas Tafoya, born there in 1858, married Anna Maria Martinez and their son Manual, born in the house in 1887, married Francesquita Maldonado in 1910. They had at least three children, Nicholas, Patricia and Lorencita; Nicholas, born there in 1911,

9. Major Bibliographical References

San Felipe de Neri Parish Records
 New Mexico State Records and Archives, Deed Books
 Bernalillo County Records
 Letter from Father Arthur Tafoya

1850 N.M. Territorial Census

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .5 acre

Quadrangle name Alameda, N.M.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Property consists of two tracts listed as Tract 124G and Tract 134 on Map-B 16, Bernalillo County Zone Atlas.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Davis, Archivist, Surveyor

organization Historic Landmarks Survey

date June 23, 1980

street & number 419 Central N.W.

telephone 766-4720

city or town Albuquerque,

state New Mexico

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Thomas W. Hill

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 9-24-80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

J.P. Beth Giesbrecht
 Keeper of the National Register

date 1/10/80

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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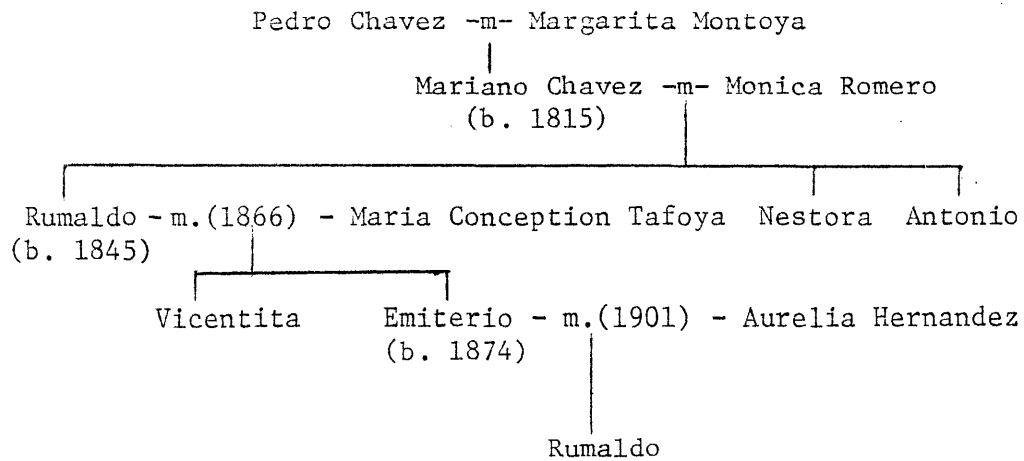
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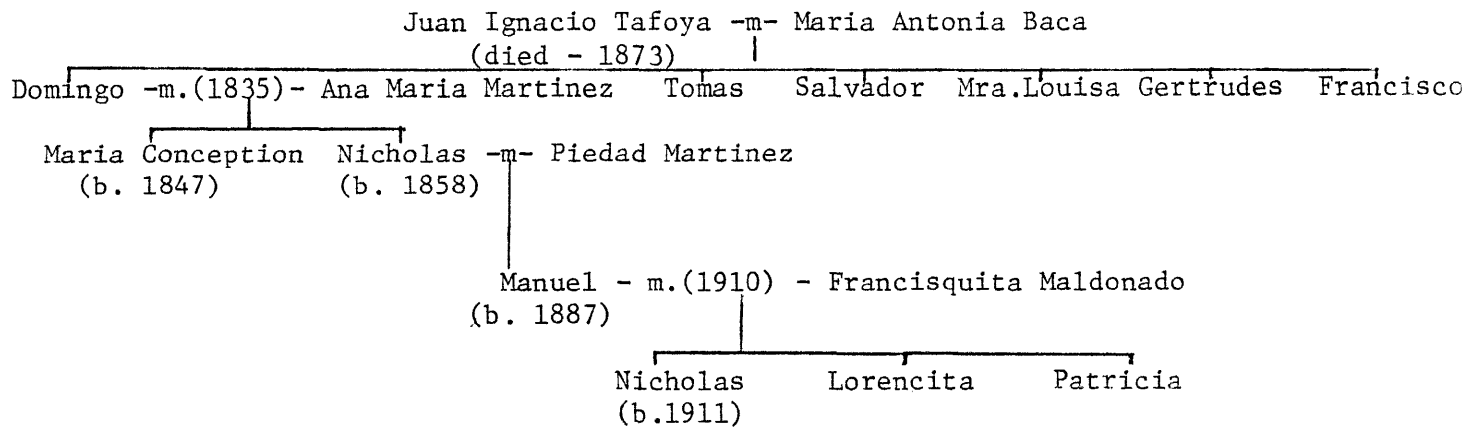
died in the mid-1940's and Lorencita continued to live at 10021 with her mother. Arthur Tafoya is Vicar General at the Catholic seminary in Santa Fe. The family ~~have~~ traditionally been farmers; Lorencita Tafoya remembers travelling to their "farm" a little farther up the valley. This unbroken ownership of the ancestral home makes this house especially rare in Albuquerque's north valley, where most of the old adobe homes were sold to Anglo owners in the decades just before and after the Second World War.

Tafoya and Chavez families, with emphasis on residents
 at 10021 and 10023 Edith Boulevard NE (does not include
 all family members)

CHAVEZ



TAFOYA



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