

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  Rumaldo Chavez House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10023 Edith Boulevard N.E. not for publication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

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

4. Owner of Property

name Patricia Driver

street & number 10023 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

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

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Rinaldo Chavez House, 10023 Edith Boulevard NE, is an excellent example of mid-nineteenth century Spanish Pueblo; no firm building date has been established for the house, but it was probably built in the 1860's. A flat roofed, L-shaped linear house, it lies north-south along the side of Edith just north of the intersection of Edith and Alameda Road, the old road from the sandhills on the east side of Albuquerque's north valley to the old plaza of Alameda near the river. Directly to the west of the house is another 19th century adobe and just across Edith stands an equally old house. These three houses plus two now-deserted terron buildings to the south formed the nucleus of a historic compound. The area is bounded by the old Alameda Acequia on the north and west, the sandhills on the east and the Alameda Road on the south.

Built of terrones forming walls 2 feet thick, the Chavez House contains six rooms, 5 of them early or original. Old residents of the area say that the house used to contain eleven rooms, which is borne out by remnants of old walls to the south and west of the building. The rooms are arranged in an L shape, four rooms along the road and two rooms lying north-south on the west. Each of the five early rooms has an outside door and one window. Two doors open directly onto Edith, a scant five feet away, and two open to the south toward other buildings in the compound. All the doors are low, between 5'6" and 6' high.

With one exception, windows are single, double hung 1/1 wood sash, approximately 2' x 4'. Windows and doors have flat wood frames, some with mitered corners. The deep reveals are panelled. Territorial lintels and interior wood window shutters were added recently. The hardware and design of the doors and the size of the windows would indicate that they were put in place toward the end of the 19th century. A pair of wider, 1/1 wood sash windows is set into the east wall of the southeast room. This window is more recent, probably dating from the 1930's. The flat roof, once dirt, is now tarred and gravelled. On the south end of the house the roof slopes slightly to the south and is covered with corrugated metal.

The interior of the house retains much of its early appearance. Early ceilings of round vigas (squared in the southeast room) and foot-wide boards, and random width plank floors, dating from c. 1875, are all intact. The ceilings are 8 feet high.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates**

**Builder/Architect**

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Rumaldo Chavez House, 10023 Edith Boulevard NE, is the architecturally outstanding member of a group of historic houses in Alameda built in the mid-19th century. Unlike other houses in the area, the Chavez house retains most of its historic architectural elements. The location of the house, at the edge of Edith Boulevard, the historic high road to Bernalillo and points north, makes it an especially visible and valuable component of the compound of old adobes which lies to the south and east.

The first recorded connection between the Chavez family and the property appears on the 1927 Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District map of the area. Aurelia H. de Chavez, who is listed as the owner in 1927, was married in 1901 to Emitterio Chavez, son of Rumaldo Chavez and Maria Conception Tafoya, a daughter of Domingo Tafoya, whose house still stands just to the west of the Chavez House. The construction of the Chavez House indicates that it was built either at the time of Rumaldo Chavez' marriage in 1866 or possibly earlier since the Chavez family was resident in Alameda since at least 1846 when Rumaldo was born. As with the Domingo Tafoya House, the Chavez House has all the elements of traditional Spanish/Pueblo building: linear plan, 2-foot thick walls, low doorways (both interior and exterior), hand-adzed vigas and ceiling boards, and an exterior door and one window in each room. Of particular importance in the Chavez House is that these early ceilings and the early random width floor planks are exposed throughout the house. The traditional flat roof has also been retained.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

San Felipe de Neri Parish Records  
 1850 N.M. Territorial Census  
 Personal communication, Lorencita Tafoya, 3/80

# 10. Geographical Data

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreeage of nominated property .32 acre  
 Quadrangle name Alameda, N.M.

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

**UMT References**

A 

1	3	3	5	4	0	6	0	3	8	9	5	4	4	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

  
 C 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

  
 E 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

  
 G 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

  
 D 

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 F 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

  
 H 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

**Verbal boundary description and justification**

Property consists of Tracts 131, 132, 133 as shown on Map B-16, Bernalillo County Zone Altas.

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Davis, Historian  
 organization Historic Landmarks Survey date June 24, 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. [Signature]  
 title State Historic Preservation Officer date 9-24-80

**For HCERS use only**  
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register  
 [Signature] Beth [Signature] date 11/24/80  
 Keeper of the National Register  
 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief of Registration