

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. NAME: Refugio Gomez House
2. LOCATION: 7604 Guadalupe Trail, NW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico
4. OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koeber  
1028 Guadalupe del Prado N.W.  
Albuquerque, NM 87107

7. DESCRIPTION:

Built in 1875 as a two-room adobe farm house, the Gomez House is located at the north end of the valley on Guadalupe Trail, one of the oldest roads in the area. It is a good example of traditional building and includes beaded vigas (ceiling beams), dirt roof, corner beehive fireplaces and Territorial style window and door trim. A sensitive 1942-1943 addition has added a kitchen and bathroom to the southeast corner forming the building's present L-shape. The newer addition matches the original in material, structure and exterior details. In addition, an adobe chicken coop has been converted into a two-bedroom house and storage area in a way that is compatible with the earlier home. This building is included in the nomination as an integral part of the property.

The Gomez House's walls are 18-24" thick. Built of adobe and stuccoed, they are irregular and massive. The roof is dirt, 18" thick under tar and gravel, held in place by traditional rough-ended vigas which project on the north and south in the kitchen and hall and by double beaded 3 X 12 beams in the older sala and dining room. Small 4/4 wood sash windows set in flat wood frames beneath projecting wood pedimented lintels are typical of the Territorial period. An awning-type wood window is included in the kitchen.

The building's interior has wide wood floor boards in the original rooms, brick in the newer additions and uneven floor elevations throughout. Two beehive corner fireplaces, one original and one a facsimile, are good examples of their style. Two west-facing doors, originally related to two separate rooms that were opened up to become a single sala, are still intact including original wood trim. One door has been closed to use. There is evidence that the door from the dining room to the hall was once an exterior entrance at a time when the structure was L-shaped.

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There is a slightly raised patio to the northeast, five evenly-spaced and old (100 years) cottonwood trees, and a small banco at the rear of the house. The entire property, which includes several terron walls, is well-maintained and lushly landscaped.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE:

The Refugio Gomez House is one of the best preserved and maintained small late Territorial era houses in the city. Built c. 1875 and added to soon after 1890 it was bought in 1942 by Mela Sedillo Koeber who added the kitchen and bath on the southeast. Mrs. Koeber, active in the renaissance of Hispanic arts and crafts during the 1930's and 40's, has carefully preserved the existing house and its exterior and interior detailing.

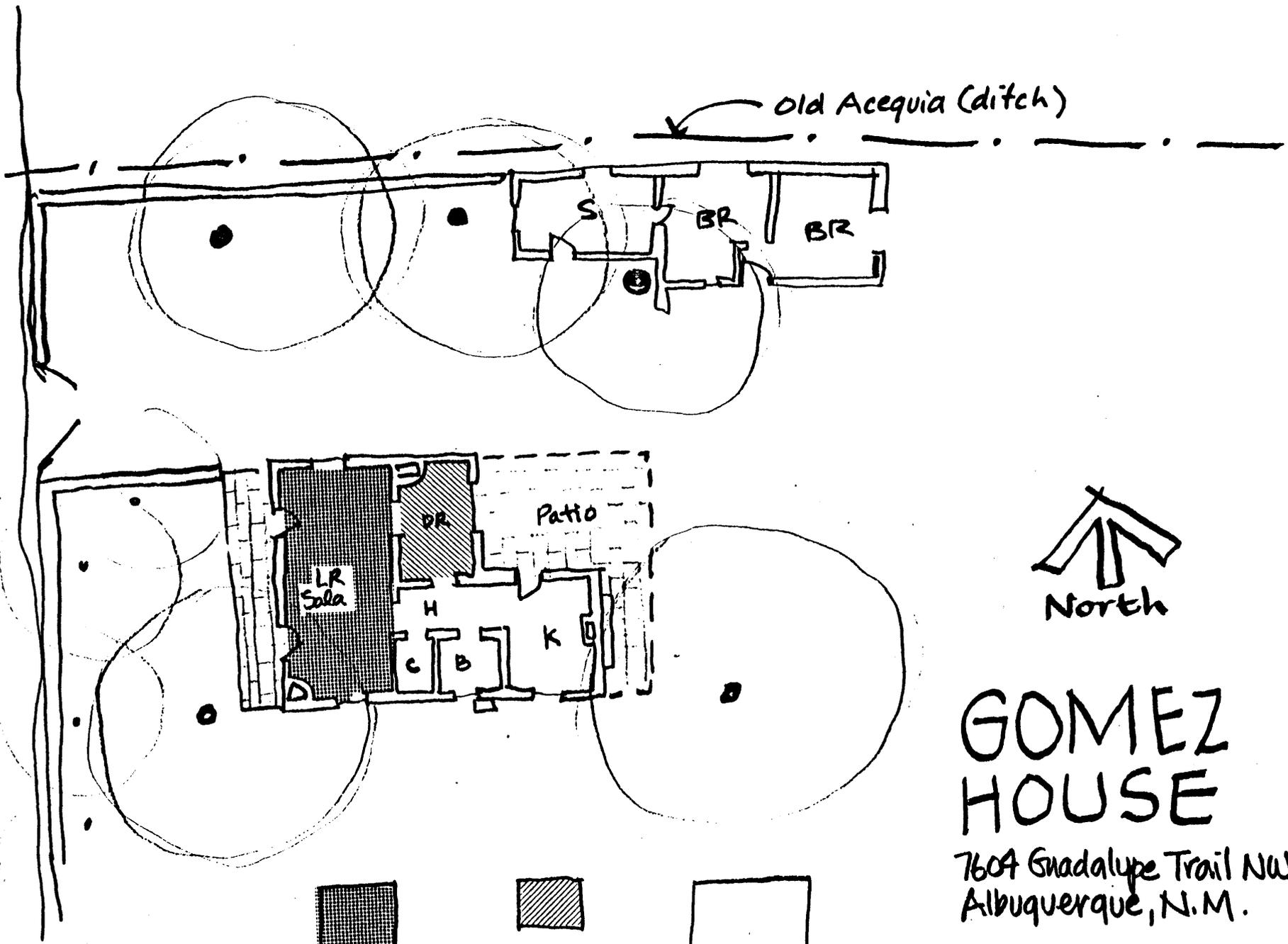
The Gomez family lived in the Los Ranchos area since at least 1910. They apparently bought this house in 1911 from the Sanchez family and then passed it on to their daughter Isabelita. Her husband, Eutemio Gallegos, helped in the building of the addition designed by Mrs. Koeber.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

The nominated structures are the house and the remodeled chicken coop. They stand on the westernmost 300 feet (less than 1 acre), of Tract 81A1 on amended Map 27 of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.

UTM References: Los Griegos Quad.13/350700/3892970.

Guadalupe Trail

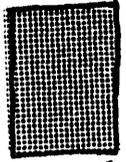


Old Acequia (ditch)



# GOMEZ HOUSE

7604 Guadalupe Trail NW  
Albuquerque, N.M.

 Original Rooms  
(Phase I)

 Phase II  
1929-1930

 Phase III  
1942-3