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1. NAME: Charles Grande House
2. LOCATION: 4317 Grande, N.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
4. OWNER: Darcy Boyd
Rt. 130
Pemaquid, Maine 04558

7. DESCRIPTION:

Built in 1915 and influenced by contemporary bungalow styling, the Grande House is a broadly pitched roofed building that is in an unaltered condition. It is a landmark in what is otherwise a newer residential neighborhood just southeast of Los Griegos. The building includes brick chimneys, bracketed exposed purlins, narrow clapboard gable ends and a wide front screened porch. All of the house's fenestration and doors are original and intact.

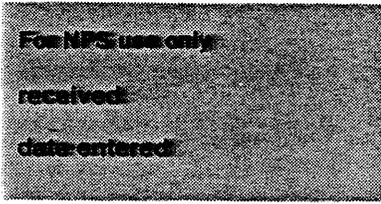
The Grande House has stuccoed walls with a symmetrical window and door pattern on all four facades. The building's front porch and entrance faces east, towards what is now Grande Street named after the original homesteaders. Two entry doorways with panelled reveals, flanked symmetrically by two wood sash windows to each side, form a traditional New Mexico Vernacular front facade. The doors are double lights and include single light transom windows. The exterior windows are one over one wood sash with wood surrounds. The wood gable ends include two narrow windows. A chimney at the roof's peak and another extending from the west facing pitch of the roof are both brick. Newer asphalt sheets have been laid over the original roof's wood shingles.

8. SIGNIFICANCE:

The Bungalow style Grandé House is significant in Albuquerque as one of the few unaltered houses dating from the period of early "Anglo" settlement in the traditionally Hispanic north valley and it one of the earliest buildings of its type in the area. It is also the only intact original house built by one of a number of Italian families who came to farm the area after the coming of the railroad.

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Charles Grande joined his brother, Cesare, in Albuquerque in the 1880's. The Grandes were from the area around Naples, unlike most of the Italian immigrants in Albuquerque who came from Tuscany. The two brothers went into the saloon and hotel business. In 1890, again unlike the majority of the Italians in Albuquerque, Grande married into a Spanish family; his wife, Carmelita Garcia, belonged to a north valley family. In 1910 Charles began adding land to that owned by his wife and built himself a house, still standing but somewhat remodeled. He lost this house but soon built another, the house at 4317 Grande Road. The Grandes raised a variety of livestock which they sold to a local meat market and also established an extensive vineyard, as did a number of north valley Italian farmers.

The land was divided among Charles Grande's children after their parents' death and was subsequently subdivided for housing in the 1950's.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

The house stands on a roughly 100' square lot, Lot A, Block 2, Grande Survey on MRGCD Map #33.

UTM references: Los Griegos Quad.13/349240/3888440.