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Historic Resources of Albuquerque's North Valley

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1. NAME: Felipe Romero House
2. LOCATION: 7522 Edith N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
4. OWNER: Mrs. Robert Dietz
7017 Edith Boulevard NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

7. DESCRIPTION:

Set starkly against sand foothills on the north valley's eastern border and along the historic highland road known today as Edith Boulevard, the Romero House is a building of uncertain date that was begun before 1900 and completed in its present form by 1904. It is a flat-roofed structure with five rooms on multiple floor levels, heavy timber beams or vigas, exceptionally thick terrón walls and narrow deeply set windows and doors. These elements are all typical of its simplified late Territorial style.

The building's plan shows two rectangular shapes slightly offset to create a staggered floor plan. The two rooms on the north include small and narrow 2/2 wood sash windows, smaller doors, and Territorial trim typical of earlier homes in this area. The round vigas in these rooms are exceptionally large and their doors are low. The floors in these two rooms are lower than those of the rest of the house. The windows on the north facade include interior wood panelling. A newer fireplace has been added in the livingroom with its chimney exposed on the outside. The present kitchen and bathroom, both of which have exterior doors, are reportedly the oldest rooms in the house. The bathroom in the rear includes beaded milled rectangular vigas peculiar to this room alone in the house. In the rear, to the southeast, is a detached beehive oven or horno. There is also a small fenced patio at the northeast. The building is unlandscaped, in good condition, and is set back some 50 yards from Edith Boulevard.

8. SIGNIFICANCE:

The Felipe Romero House is an excellent local example of a minimally altered small turn-of-the-century adobe house; nothing has been changed on the exterior and only a bathroom and a fireplace have been added to the interior. It is the only

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small ca. 1900 home left intact on Edith Boulevard and one of the few in the city.

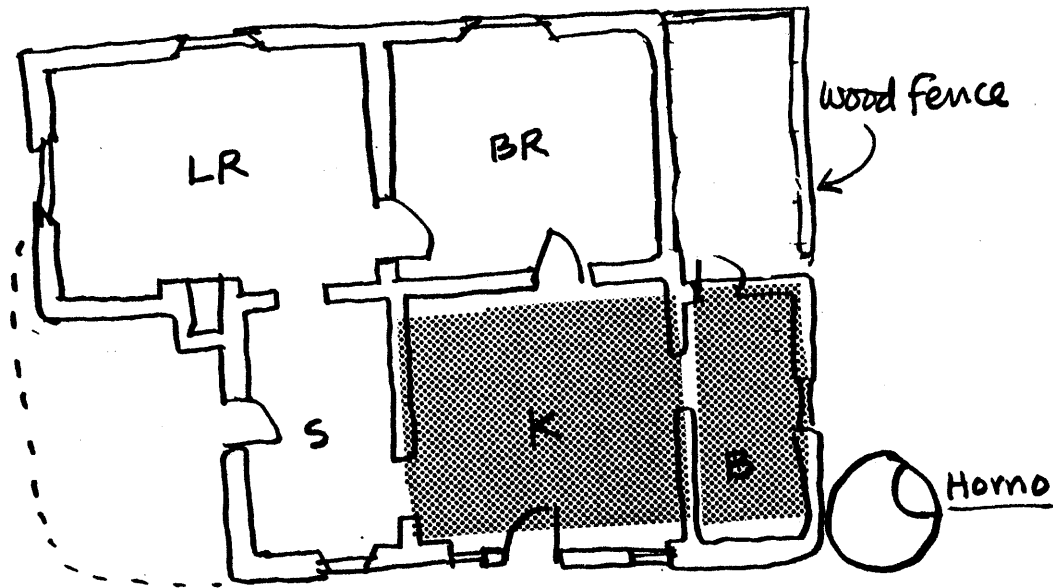
After the flood of 1903 wiped out Felipe Romero's house farther west in the valley, he bought a small adobe on the high ground and added two rooms to the north. Romero, whom his descendents trace back to the 17th century when he came to New Mexico as a soldier in Oñate's army, worked as a freighter to Sonora, Mexico while his wife Felicita Sena farmed and raised chickens and pigs. They raised mostly onions which the family would trade for staples.

The Romero's son, Ralph, lived in the house after his parents' deaths. He sold it to its present owners in the 1970's. They added the fireplace and modernized the utility systems.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

The house stands on the rear 200 feet of a 75' x 400' lot, Tract #54 on Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Map 28.

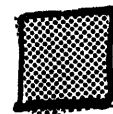
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North
Not To Scale

ROMERO HOUSE

7522 Edith NE
Albuquerque, N.M.



Oldest Section
Pre 1900