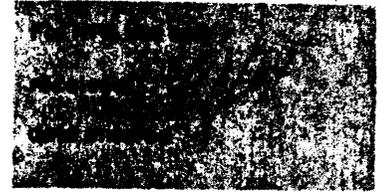


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Eddy County, Artesia  
Artificial Stone Houses of Artesia Thematic Group

1. Name: Hodges-Sipple House (Artificial Stone Houses of Artesia Thematic Group)

2. Location: 804 W. Missouri Avenue

4. Owner: Joe Lang  
804 Missouri Avenue  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

7. Description: The Hodges-Sipple House is a one-story artificial stone cottage with a hipped roof and porch with turned colonnettes.

The facade originally contained a symmetrical arrangement of two doors in the center flanked by a wide window on either end. One door has been filled in with artificial stone of the same pattern as the rest of the walls. This alteration may have been made soon after the house was constructed. The lintels of the windows and doors are smooth face concrete blocks. An interesting feature of this house is the arrangement of the stone blocks at the corners of the house to give the appearance of quoins. The "rock face" blocks appear to be from the same mould as those used in construction of the Hodges-Runyan-Brainard House at 504 W. Quay. The blocks for both houses were probably cast by John Hodges' Hollow Stone Manufacturing Company. The walls of the house are presently painted white.

The house is square in plan and takes the form of the simple "hipped box" house popular in settlement that followed the westward movement of the railroad. The hipped roof is now covered with asbestos shingles and changes its pitch near the eaves. A separate roof covers the porch that stretches across the facade.

The house is in good condition.

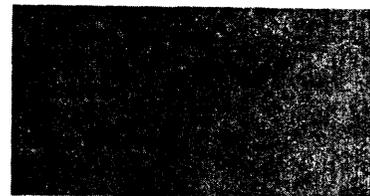
8. Significance: The Hodges-Sipple House is significant as a good example of the smaller vernacular residential types built of artificial stone in Artesia soon after the founding of the town.

The lot on which this house stands was purchased in 1905 by John R. Hodges. Hodges was secretary and treasurer of the Artesia Improvement Company and was considered by his contemporaries to be an important factor in the development and growth of Artesia. He had come to New Mexico from Texas in 1897 and, after first settling in Roswell, moved to Artesia at the time of the founding of the town. He acquired real estate holdings in many parts of the Pecos Valley and operated the Hollow Stone Manufacturing Company, with two factories in production. Hodges built an artificial stone house for himself in Artesia (it no longer stands). As a part of his real estate speculation, Hodges built artificial stone houses for sale or rental. The Hodges-Sipple House and the Hodges-Runyan-Brainard House at 504 W. Quay Avenue are extant examples of Hodges' real estate construction.

The Hodges-Sipple House was probably built by Hodges in 1905 when Hodges mortgaged the property for \$1000. In 1909, Hodges sold the lot with the house on it to William Sipple for \$1600. The Sipple family was also in the real estate business.

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Hodges-Sipple House (Artificial Stone Houses of Artesia Thematic Group)

10. Geographical Data: The nominated property consists of Lot 4 in Block 34 of the Artesia Improvement Company Addition. The lot measures 50' by 140'.

Quadrangle name: Artesia  
Quadrangle scale: 7.5 minute

UTM References:

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