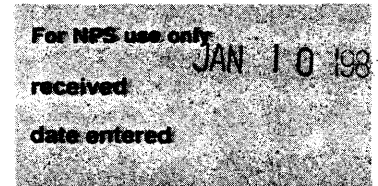


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Individually Nominated Structures:

- #704 American (currently Aztec Residential) Hotel,
300 S. Main; ill. 30.
4. Owner: Mabel Lester, 300 S. Main, (all Aztec, N.M. 87410,
unless noted)
6. In Existing Surveys: State Register #878
7. Description: Stone foundation; Flemish/common bond walls;
projecting buff brick sills (new), splayed segmental
arches with red mortar; zipper-like and dentil cornice
with corbeled pilasters; single door with transom. New front
porch: lathe-turned rail and columns.
This hotel is located in a commercial area one
block south of the proposed Main Street District.
The refurbishing of the hotel in 1981 was a mixed,
though generally positive project. A good approximation
of the original porch was reconstructed and the bricked-in
second story windows were reopened. The introduction of
shorter windows on the first floor, however, required an
awkward raising of the window lintels.
8. Significance: The boosters of Aztec, like those in other
western railroad boom towns, wanted a substantial hotel
for visitors, especially prospective investors; it was a
matter of civic pride. Their desire was satisfied in 1906
and 1907 when G. W. Stone erected the American Hotel. The
building with its decorative cornice is one of the best
examples of the local Decorative Brick style. The recon-
struction of its porch and reopening of bricked-in windows
in 1981 by Mrs. Mabel Lester has reasserted the building's
original appearance.
10. Acreage: under 1. UTM Reference: 13 232525 4078750
Boundary: Lots 23 and 24 of Block 11 of the original
town site.