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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bucher, William H., House
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 300 West Main Street N/A not for publication
city or town Hillsboro N/A vicinity
state New Mexico code NM county Sierra code 051 zip code 88042

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
[Signature] 12/14/94
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
NM Historic Preservation Division
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)
for Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall Date of Action Entered in the National Register 4/20/95

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
3	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
3	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Architectural and Historic Resources of Hillsboro, NM. Part 1: Domestic Architecture

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: New Mexico Vernacular

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Not visible

walls Stuccoed adobe

roof Metal

other N/A

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Economics

Industry

Period of Significance

1896-c.1930

Significant Dates

1896

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Bucher, William H.

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 13 259680 3645120
Zone Easting Northing
2

3
Zone Easting Northing
4

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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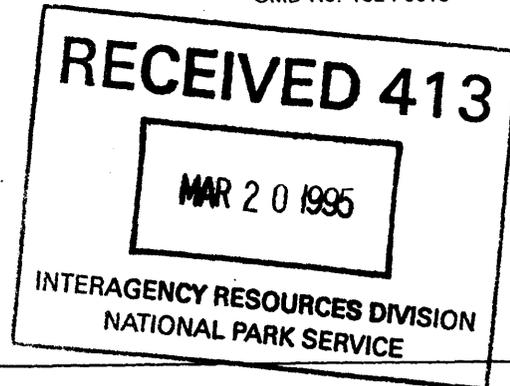
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Continuation SheetSection 7 Page 1**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

The William H. Bucher House is an irregularly shaped adobe building with a front gable roof, double intersecting side gables, and a modern rear addition that continues the roof line of the second gable. The roofs are covered with corrugated metal. A raised, roofless porch bordered by a low concrete wall fronts the main entrance. The paneled front door has side and over lights and a pedimented lintel. The windows are trimmed with simple wooden casings and flat lintels. A stone wall approximately 36 inches high runs along the front of the property at the street line continuing east in front of a vacant lot to the corner and down the east side of the vacant lot. There are three other small buildings on the property, a contributing maid's house, a contributing, detached, double garage, and an uncounted shed.

By 1893 when the first Sanborn map was drawn much of the house was in place. It had a shingled roof and what appears to be an east facing porch, also shingle roofed. The front walls had to be reconstructed after they were swept away in the flood of 1914; the same year a kitchen and bath were added at the rear.¹ The 1930 Sanborn map shows additions had been made since 1898 to complete a wide rectangle projecting on the east side of the building. A small room had also been added at the back.

Extensive remodeling by the present owner was completed in 1990. A pair of French doors at the front entrance was changed to a single paneled door and a Territorial-style pedimented lintel added. The kitchen and bath that had been added in 1914 at the back of the house were torn off and a kitchen, garden room, and portal were newly built. The interior plan was altered to create the long center hall in the Territorial mode.²

1. Ostertag, interview.
2. Ostertag, interview.

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SIGNIFICANCE

The building is significant historically for its association with William H. Bucher, one of the leading citizens of Hillsboro. Bucher was extensively involved in mining and a major force in bringing a bank to Hillsboro.

Born in Ohio, Bucher came to Kingston in about 1885 with a cousin, John Zollars. Successful in mining enterprises, they opened the Percha Bank in Kingston. In the late 1880s, Bucher and Zollars opened the Sierra Bank in Hillsboro, of which Zollars was the president and Bucher the cashier. In 1896 Bucher bought a home on Main Street from George and Adelaida Alert Perrault who had owned it for just a few months.³ Previously the property had passed through a succession of four owners since 1890.⁴

The bank prospered loaning money to area miners and ranchers and by 1899 claimed \$133,096.22 in resources and \$89,376.42 in deposits.⁵ In addition to serving as cashier of the bank, Bucher was extensively involved in mining both as an owner and lessee. Active in Republican politics, he served as the elected treasurer of Sierra County from 1889-1894.⁶ As Hillsboro declined, Bucher moved his banking interests to El Paso, Texas, which was growing. He gave up his interest in the Hillsboro bank after the turn of the century. However, he maintained his residence in Hillsboro where he left his family while traveling to El Paso for business. By 1911 when running for the state legislature, he had to defend the status of his residency in Sierra County.⁷ Finally in the early 1930s he moved permanently to El Paso.

After Bucher died in 1934 the Hillsboro house was inherited by his daughter, Ann, who never lived there. It remained locked up, just as it was, for nearly two decades into the early 1950s.⁸ Upon Ann Bucher's death the house passed to her parents' grandniece.

3. Sierra County Deeds, E:126.

4. Sierra County Deeds, C:284; C:577; B:579; B:795; E:231.

5. Santa Fe New Mexican 13 February 1899.

6. George B. Anderson, *History of New Mexico: Its Resources and People*, vol. 2 (Los Angeles: Pacific States Publishing Company, 1907) 758.

7. *Sierra Free Press*, 12 October 1911; 2 November 1911.

8. Edward Ostertag, interview.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 28: lots 3, 8. Hillsboro original townsite.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

Lot and block numbers of the historic property as shown on the map filed for the record 14 December 1887 and on the 1930 Sanborn map.

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INFORMATION COMMON TO ALL PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Bucher, William H., House
2. Sierra County, New Mexico
3. Corinne P. Sze
5. Historic Preservation Division
Santa Fe, New Mexico

INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

4. August 31, 1993
6. North and partial east facades. Camera facing southwest.
7. Photo #1

4. August 31, 1993
6. North and partial east facades. Camera facing southwest.
7. Photo #2

4. May 11, 1994
6. East and partial north facades. Camera facing southwest.
7. Photo #3