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HISTORIC SANTA FE

The Newsletter of the Historic Santa Fe Foundation

Historic Santa Fe 100 Years Since Statehood

This year's annual Mother's Day Historic House Tour celebrates 100 years of statehood. Using information from the 1912 King's Map of Santa Fe, our tour highlights buildings on portions of Canyon Road, Garcia Street and Acequia Madre that were in existence in 1912.

Along the tour route, we have installed New Mexico state flags on these properties to provide a visual reference of how the area has changed from a rural farming community, to what is today known as Santa Fe's east side. The photo to the right, of the old Garcia house, illustrates this. We believe this vantage point is looking north from the area of Garcia Street, Arroyo Tenorio and Acequia Madre.

Old Cañon Road has come a long way from Indian trail to wood cutter trail to gallery destination. Land records from just after the turn-of-the-century for the First Ward School describe its location as on the "road to the house of James L. Johnson House" (El Zaguán), a pre-Canyon Road reference.

A few pre-1912 houses have been incorporated into larger buildings. The first example that you will see is within the Matteucci Gallery. You will enter from Acequia Madre. This is a real treat as it is not usually open to the public.

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View from the portal of the old Garcia House. Now demolished, the corbals and posts were moved to the Sylvanus Morley house. Courtesy Palace of the Governors Photo Archives (MNHM/DCA) # 061515



This 1912 photograph was taken by Jesse Nusbaum. He captioned it as "Garcia Circle." Courtesy Palace of the Governors Photo Archives (NMMH/DCA) #061475



Corpus Christi Procession in the 200 block of Canyon Road in 1905. Courtesy Palace of the Governors Photo Archives (NMMH/DCA) #023048

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Most of the businesses in pre-1912 structures along Canyon Road are inviting tour participants to come in and tour their buildings. Many of these properties could qualify for historic listing once historic and architectural documentation is performed. As you tour the buildings be sure to examine the windows, ceilings, floors and thickness of the walls. This will give you clues as to their age.

In 1962, the Historic Santa Fe Foundation established a Registry of "Properties Worthy of Preservation." Properties on this year's tour that are listed in our Registry include El Zaguán, the Olive Rush House, the Borrego House and the von Horvath House. In addition to houses listed on our Registry, our archives contain research on many historic properties. This is a great resource for learning more about historic Santa Fe as well as visiting our website at HistoricSantaFe.org.



Circa 1930 advertisement for Hotel El Zaguán designed by the artist Dorothy Stewart showing historic spelling of Cañon Road.

The top left photograph taken by Jesse Nusbaum, who lived on Canyon Road, is dated 1912. He has captioned the photograph as "Garcia Circle." Although we are unsure of the exact location, the only "circle" that we find on the 1912 map is in the area of Canyon Road and Garcia Street. Perhaps it is looking east on Garcia Street from Canyon Road. Nonetheless, it certainly illustrates the rural and rustic nature of the area one hundred years ago.

Margretta Dietrich, who once owned El Zaguán and lived for many years in the Juan Jose Prada house just west of it, wrote about her time on Canyon Road in the late 1950s. She noted that the Corpus Christi Procession once proceeded up Canyon Road from the Cathedral, under an arch of flowers to a Delgado family altar at 501 Canyon Road. Dietrich wrote, *The Corpus Christi Procession is one of the most solemn and impressive ceremonies held in Santa Fe during the year. All traffic is cleared from the streets along the route... sometimes outraging the hurried strangers who are unaware of the age-old custom which is part of the breath of life of old Santa Fe.*

Looking west on Canyon Road from Garcia Street, the 1905 photograph (bottom left) shows the Corpus Christi Procession. Notice the field on the right. The adobe to the right of Canyon Road is now demolished but the buildings on the left still exist in the 200 block.



Burros in front of El Zaguán circa 1918, Courtesy Fenyes Curtin Paloheimo archives.

Olive Rush was one of the first artists to settle on Canyon Road, moving here permanently in 1920. When she first came to Santa Fe in 1914 she was so impressed by the area's natural beauty that she returned to make it her permanent home. Her house on Canyon Road had been in the Sena and Rodriguez families for several generations. It has been kept in much of its original state ever since. The interior of the house contains many elements painted by Rush, including *vigas* and fireplaces. Like most properties in Santa Fe, it is difficult to determine the exact building date. In the early days there were no surveys, deeds were not always filed and descriptions of properties were often confusing and inaccurate, particularly in the Canyon Road area where landowners knew their own boundaries and respected those of their neighbors. Since Olive's death in 1966, this building has served as a Quaker meeting house for the Santa Fe Religious Society of Friends of which Rush was a birthright member.



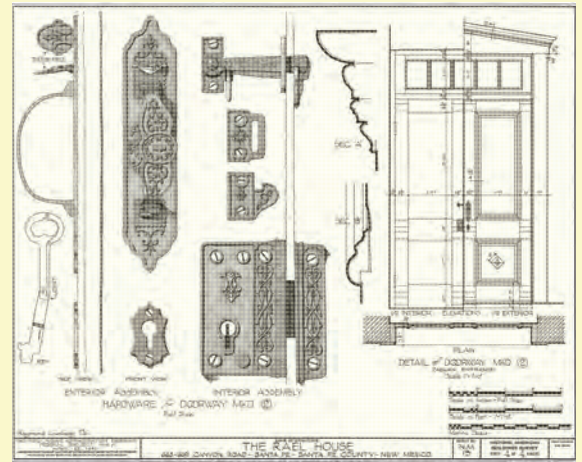
Olive Rush Home & Studio, undated © HSF archives.



Homes in Santa Fe were heated by wood or coal well into the twentieth century. Natural gas pipelines were not installed until the 1930s. Though not for heating, the tradition of burning wood continues today. The Rios family sells firewood just around the corner from Canyon Road, on Camino del Monte Sol. They have been at that location since 1941. Photo left, Olive Rush with mule cart, undated. © HSF archives.



Shipping piñon nuts from Gormley's General Store, Courtesy Palace of the Governors Photo Archives (NMHM/DCA) #061437



Documentation of the original door, Rael House. Drawing courtesy Library of Congress, HABS NM,25-SANFE,5



1940 photograph of the east side of the Rael House at 653-7 Canyon Road. Courtesy Library of Congress, HABS NM,25-SANFE,5



1940 photograph of the now demolished portal on the south side of the Rael House at 653-7 Canyon Road, Courtesy Library of Congress, HABS NM,25-SANFE,5

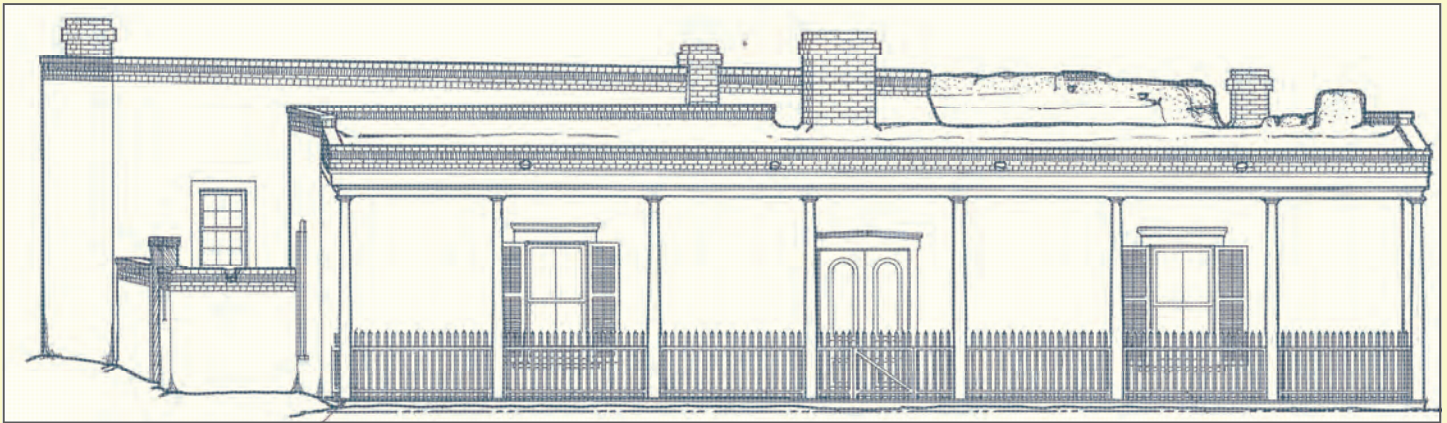
The building that housed Gormley's General Store has changed quite a bit since the photo on the left was taken in 1913. Frank Gormley, the son of Irish immigrants, came to Santa Fe as a health seeker from Boston. He established his Canyon Road business in 1903. From this location he shipped wool, hides and piñon nuts. Walk a few paces up the alley called "Gormley Lane" and you'll still see warehouse buildings that served the business.

The building across the street, at 667 Canyon Road, is known as the Rael House. The 1910 census indicates that Guadalupe Rael was a farmer and that his land was classified as a farm.

The building was documented in 1940 as part of the Historic American Building Survey. The basic form of the building has not changed; however, the portal was removed in the 1950s and a pair of doors at the front of the building were replaced with a single door. The 1940 photograph of the Rael House (center) shows one of the many water wells along Canyon Road.



Original door, Rael House



Known today as the restaurant Geronimo, the Borrego House at 724 Canyon Road, was documented in 1940 as part of the Historic American Building Survey (HABS), a federal works program for which John Gaw Meem was a district supervisor. HABS began during the Great Depression in 1933 when Charles Peterson of the National Park Service submitted a proposal for one thousand out-of-work architects to spend ten weeks documenting "America's antique buildings." The Borrego House documentation includes measured drawings, photographs and a manuscript of the home's history. The collection is housed in the Library of Congress and is available online at LOC.gov. The drawing above shows the north elevation. Image courtesy Library of Congress, HABS NM,25-SANFE,4

Besides acequias (irrigation ditches) that flowed along Canyon Road, there were a number of water wells. Rather than having hand pumps, a bucket was lowered to the bottom and hauled up on a pulley. In the 1910 census most men are working as farmers. There are thirty-four women working as "washerwomen." At the time, electricity was used almost exclusively for lights. Washing machines were extremely rare. These water wells were often shared by several families. The hard-working women who took in laundry had to haul water from regional wells and fill tubs.



This 1940 photo shows the south elevation of the Borrego House which faces the von Horvath house. Can you point out any changes to the property? Photo courtesy Library of Congress, HABS NM,25-SANFE,4

PROPERTIES PROTECTED BY THE HISTORIC SANTA FE FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION-OWNED PROPERTIES

- The James L. Johnson House
545 Canyon Road (El Zaguán)
- The "Tudesqui" House
135 East de Vargas Street
- The Oliver P. Hovey House
136 Grant Avenue
- The Felipe B. Delgado House
124 West Palace Avenue
- The Cross of the Martyrs
Paseo de la Loma
- The Donaciano Vigil House
518 Alto Street

- The Garcia House
524 Alto Street
- The Rivera House
524 ½ Alto Street
- Jane & Gustave Baumann House
409 Camino de las Animas

HISTORIC PRESERVATION EASEMENTS HELD BY HSFF

- The Juan Jose Prada House
519 Canyon Road
- The Original Trading Post
201 West San Francisco

- The Irene von Horvath House
728 Canyon Road
- The Sara Melton House
601½ Paseo de Peralta
- The Shuster Mian House
580 Camino del Monte Sol
- The Wm. Penhallow Henderson House
555 Camino del Monte Sol

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You are looking at a current aerial photograph of our tour area, over which we have placed a transparent image of the 1912 King's Map of Santa Fe. The orange line highlights this year's tour route. The buildings on the 1912 map have been colored brown so that they can be seen better.

Along the route, we have placed New Mexico state flags on properties shown on the King's map. As you walk, take note of spaces between the flags.





Had you taken this walk 100 years ago, it would have looked very different. You would have seen pastures, orchards and fields of crops. You would have seen horse and mule carts passing along muddy narrow lanes. Water would be running in the acequias and along the river. It would be rare to see a car but you would see lots of chickens, goats, mules, horses and sheep.

It is striking to see how unpopulated the area was in 1912. A few houses on the 1912 map have been torn down. Most of them still exist but have been expanded. The one hundred years since statehood has brought a lot of changes to the Canyon Road area.

HISTORIC SANTA FE
ONE HUNDRED YEARS SINCE STATEHOOD
1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 13th, 2012



PERA
Parking Lot

- There are four special properties on this year's tour:
-  441 Acequia Madre
 -  El Zaguán, 545 Canyon Road
 -  Olive Rush Home, 630 Canyon Road
 -  von Horvath House, 728 Canyon Road



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The photo on the lower right is captioned “Narrow Lane on the Acequia”. We were immediately drawn to the large horse chestnut trees next to the road. Could this be a 1912 photograph of Canyon Road just west of El Zaguán? We can’t say for certain but there are similar landmarks in the location shown on the photograph and, driving around Canyon Road and Acequia Madre today, we were unable to find any other evidence of trees of this type—the well-known trees that shade the garden at our beloved El Zaguán.



Detail, circa 1920 photo, Canyon Road



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This 1912 photo by Jesse Nusbaum was captioned “Narrow Lane on Acequia Madre” but we wonder if it is an early photograph of Canyon Road. Courtesy Palace of the Governors Photo Archives (MNHM/DCA) # 061470

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