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JOSÉ ALARID HOUSE
338 E. De Vargas Street

Owned during its history by many prominent Santa Fe residents, the José Alarid House was constructed sometime prior to 1854. On December 20, 1835, José Alarid, a disabled veteran of the Santa Fe Company, purchased a section of farmland from Francisco Campos, a sergeant in the San Miguel del Vado Company. The heirs of Alarid sold this property and a house containing 61 vigas to José Hersch ("El Polaco") for 245 pesos and two reales on May 4, 1854. Little is known about Hersch except that on August 19, 1868 he married Rosalia Herschberg of Prussia in a civil ceremony performed by Joab Houghton, associate justice of the territorial Supreme Court.

Hersch conveyed the property to Bishop John B. Lamy on February 26, 1859; what use he made of the house is not known. On June 19, 1864, Bishop Lamy transferred ownership of the property to the son of Donaciano Vigil, Epifanio Vigil. During Mexican rule, Donaciano Vigil served first in the presidential company of Santa Fe and then commanded the San Miguel del Vado Company. He was also military secretary to Governor Manuel Armijo and after U.S. occupation in 1846 was appointed secretary of the territory by Brigadier-General

Stephen Watts Kearny. In 1847, he became acting civil governor of New Mexico following the assassination of Governor Charles Bent. From 1848 to 1850, Vigil continued as secretary of the territory and register of land titles. The Donaciano Vigil House at 518 Alto Street has been plaqued by the Foundation.

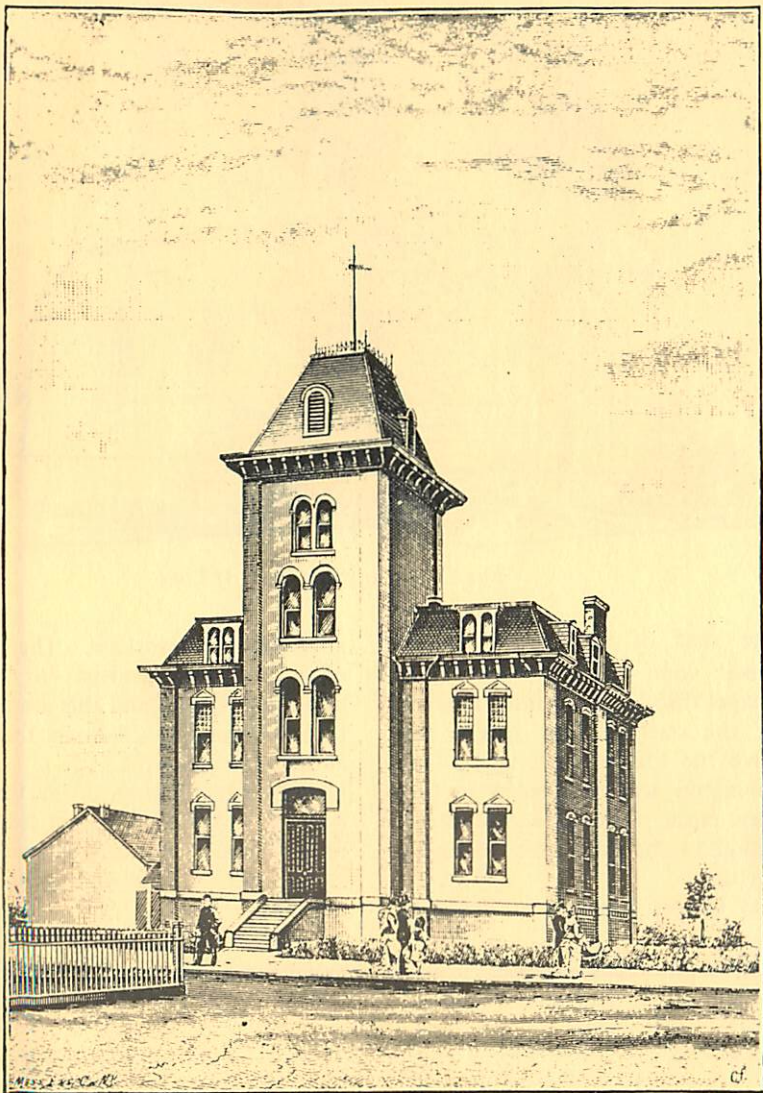
Also active in public affairs, Epifanio Vigil served as territorial auditor from 1865 to 1869. In 1867, Secretary of the Territory and interim Governor W.F.M. Army appointed Anastacio Sandoval to hold this post. When Governor Robert B. Mitchell returned to New Mexico from a trip to Washington, he removed Sandoval, along with other Army appointees, and reappointed Epifanio. Because of this action the territorial legislature on January 14, 1868 passed a joint resolution requesting Congress to remove Mitchell. This action was not taken, however, and he served until 1869. On October 1, 1868, Mitchell also appointed Epifanio to fill the position of official interpreter. The 1870 federal census lists Epifanio as being 36 years of age and owning property valued at \$1,500. He was married to Cesaria Garcia and two sons, Melisendro and Donaciano, resulted from this union. After leaving public office, Epifanio engaged in printing.

Melisendro, his wife Gabriela, and Donaciano, who was a second grade teacher in San Miguel County, sold the property to Manuel Delgado for \$1,100.00 on March 9, 1904. It is interesting to note that during the time the Vigils owned the house it was mortgaged to Henry S. Kaune who later owned the Bandelier House at 352 E. DeVargas Street.

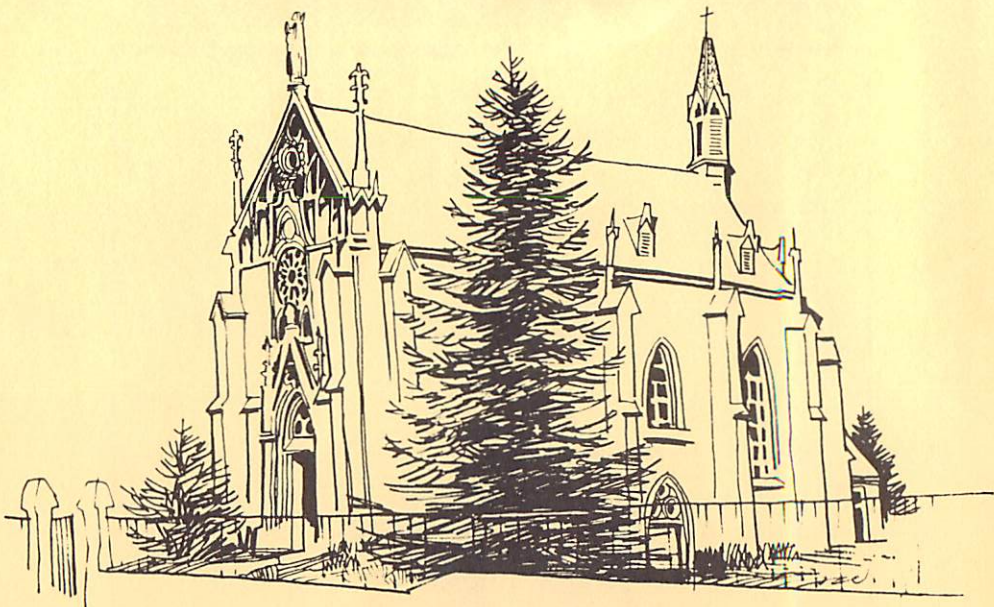
Delgado and his wife conveyed the property to Anita J. Chapman on August 3, 1911. Anita was the eldest child of James L. and Jesusita Johnson the owners of El Zagan in the mid 1900's. Born about 1863, she had one sister, Margarita and two brothers, Robert L. and George A. She married Bert (Lambert?) Chapman who later deserted her. One daughter, Lolita, and one son, Constant J., resulted from this marriage.

During the period 1890-1891, Anita served as translator and secretary for Adolf F. Bandelier, who became a close friend of the family. From 1905 to 1909 she was territorial librarian and was the first woman to hold that position. She was followed by Mrs. Lola C. Armijo, mother of Rough Rider Geroge Washington Armijo in 1909. After New Mexico gained statehood, Governor William C. MacDonald sought to replace Mrs. Armijo with Mrs. Mary Victory. However, this move failed and a short time later, legal action was instituted to oust Mrs. Armijo on the basis of sex. The question before the court was, could a woman hold a public office in New Mexico, there being no statute authorizing her to do so. The case reached the Supreme Court which in a two-to-one decision resolved the question in Mrs. Armijo's favor (State vs. Armijo, 18 N.M. 646, 140 Pac. 1123). The court concluded that the office was a purely ministerial one since according to a review of the then applicable laws for regulation of the library, the librarian was "not required to exercise his or her judgment in any respect," and for that reason, wrote Chief Justice Roberts, the duties of a state librarian "are not incompatible with the ability of a woman to perform." After Mrs. Armijo's retirement in 1917, Anita Chapman was reappointed and continued to hold the position until the summer of 1937.

Earlier in 1914, Anita mortgaged the property to a neighbor, J.G. Schuman, for \$2,500.00 and on August 26 of the following year, he foreclosed and the property was sold for \$1,500.00. However, Anita retained an option to purchase the land and structure at that price plus 12% per annum. Alfonse Dockwiller who owned the Stone Warehouse from 1916-1926 purchased this option but was unable to exercise it. The result was civil case No. 8677 which forced Schumann to sell the house and land to Dockwiller for \$1,635.00. On August 24, 1920 Dockwiller and his wife conveyed the property to Anita's daughter, Lolita.



This fine structure is presently the Garfield Apartment building located on Garfield Street. Both the three story tower and mansard roof have been removed. Used as a private school which was incorporated as the University of New Mexico on May 13, 1881, the building has also been utilized as a public high school, saw mill, Franciscan Hotel and St. Mary's Convent.



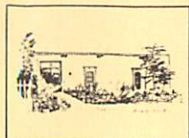
The Chapel of Our Lady of Light

The staff of the Loretta Chapel needs your help to "man" the Chapel through the winter months. Of the staff of four sisters, two leave the Chapel each winter and volunteers will be needed to take their place. The added volunteers will allow the third sister to have a day off.

The Chapel provides an inspiring

atmosphere to work in. The tour of a volunteer consists of four hours per month and this amounts to approximately 24 hours for the entire winter months.

Mrs. Dorothy Warren is the Chairman of Volunteer Program for Loretta Chapel. She can be reached at 982-3233. Your willing help is needed!



Note cards of five historical buildings in Santa Fe are on sale at various local shops. The buildings are: The Chapel Of Our Lady Of Light, Francisca Hinojos House, The Borrego House, The Pinckney Tully House, and the Donaciano Vigil House. A certain percentage of the profit from the sale of these cards goes toward the Tully House Fund. Get as many boxes of cards as you can – at only \$1.50/box it is an easy way to help in "funding" the Tully House project.



TULLY HOUSE FUND

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the initial fund drive effort of the Foundation came to a successful conclusion with the payment in full of the \$60,000.00 short-term indebtedness with The First National Bank of Santa Fe. We are extremely grateful for the response, which came principally from the City of Santa Fe, illustrating the strong interest in historic preservation in our community.

In addition, a special mention must be made of the extraordinary assistance received from Mr. and Mrs. John Gaw Meem, who not only motivated the Foundation's participation in the project to save the Tully House by their personal enthusiasm for the preservation of the building and for its importance to the future of this community, but also aided substantially in meeting our first contribution goal.

There remains on the Tully House a mortgage indebtedness of \$30,000.00 which must be reduced before the Foundation will be in a position to make needed repairs and restoration of the building. Accordingly, the Board of Directors shall continue the fund-raising effort until the goal of complete restoration of the building has been met.



The Pinckney R. Tully House

TULLY HOUSE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT.

During the 1973-1974 years to October 1:

Contributions were made by:

8 out of 15 Board members

104 out of 293 other members

114 non-members

making a total of 226 contributions totaling \$30,485.00 in cash plus several donations of services.



OLD SANTA FE ASSOCIATION TREASURE SALE

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the offer of the Old Santa Fe Association to contribute a portion of the receipts from its Annual Treasure Sale, to be held in November, to the Tully House Fund Raising Effort. We have been informed by Bob Ward, Committee Chairman responsible for the Treasure Sale that donations of Indian pottery, jewelry, rugs, crafts or art goods of any description are being solicited for the sale. Any member of the Foundation interested in assisting, either by contributing an article for sale or otherwise, is urged to contact either Bob Ward or Ruth Chaban at the Association office in Santa Fe.

Lolita Chapman de Alarid also heavily mortgaged the property and on December 28, 1944 conveyed it to her son Bernie H. Chapman and his wife. Bernie H. Chapman, who had legally changed his name from Alarid, sold the house to Nicholas Woloshuk, Jr. on July 19, 1968 and on November 18, 1970 he sold the property to Harvey Mudd, a well known conservationist. The structure presently provides office space for the Central Clearinghouse which, according to the director, Sally Rogers, is a non-profit environmental research-information center.

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