

Official Scenic Historic Marker Program Application Form



CPRC meeting: DRAFT

Name of Marker:

CARLOTTA THOMPkins THURMOND
“Lottie Deno”
1844-1934

County: Luna

Review: Original Text/Replacement Marker
 Move of Existing Marker

Revised Text
XX New Marker

NMDOT District: _____

NMDOT Highway: _____

Suggested Site for Installation:

In Deming.

Existing or Proposed Text:

Believed to be the inspiration for Miss Kitty on the TV show “Gunsmoke,” card shark Carlotta Thurmond learned from her father while travelling the gambling houses of Europe as a child. In Texas, she began to call herself “Lottie Deno,” a play on “lotta dinero.” She moved to New Mexico in 1877, settled into proper society, and helped found St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Deming.

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