

FINAL SENT TO NMDOT

Official Scenic Historic Marker Program



CPRC meeting: CPRC Approved, April 13, 2007.
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Name of Marker: (Repeat title on both sides of marker)

The Women of Shakespeare
Emma Marble Muir (1873–1959)
Rita Wells Hill (1901–1985)
Janaloo Hill Hough (1939–2005)

County: Hidalgo

Review: Original Text/Replacement Marker
 Move of Existing Marker

Revised Text
 New Marker

NMDOT District: 1

NMDOT Highway: I-10 frontage or NM 494

Suggested Site for Installation: Shakespeare

Proposed Text:

Front of Marker

Emma Marble Muir arrived at the mining town of Shakespeare in 1882. She and her daughter, Rita Wells Muir, learned to appreciate and preserve the town's history. Rita and her husband bought Shakespeare as part of their ranch in 1935. Rita passed the ranch to her daughter, Janaloo Hill Hough.

Word Count: 50

Back of Marker

Janaloo and her husband continued fighting for the history and preservation of Shakespeare. Investing their own resources, they rebuilt some of the buildings destroyed by a fire in 1997. Without the dedication of this mother, daughter and granddaughter, the ghost town of Shakespeare would not exist today.

Word Count: 47

Total Word Count: 99

Previous Title and Text: ☒ N/A

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Source(s): *A Child's Shakespeare Ghost Town Dictionary and Coloring Book* (Janaloo Hill Hough), 2000

"Alias Shakespeare: The Town Nobody Knew" (Rita and Janaloo Hill), *New Mexico Historical Review*, July 1967

Old Shakespeare (Emma Marble Muir), a series of four articles published by *New Mexico Magazine*, including "The Stage to Shakespeare," "The Great Diamond Swindle," "Bonanza Days at Shakespeare," and "Shakespeare Becomes a Ghost Town," 1948 (?)

"The Vision of Pioneers" (Emma Marble Muir), *New Mexico Magazine*, March 1952

"We Lived under the Forts" (Emma Marble Muir), *New Mexico Magazine*, May 1954.

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