

FINAL SENT TO NMDOT

Official Scenic Historic Marker Program



CPRC meeting: October 10, 2008

Name of Marker: Women of the Camino Real

NM County: Socorro

Review: Original Text/Replacement Marker Revised Text
 Move of Existing Marker New Marker

NMDOT District: District 1

NMDOT Highway: To be determined: To be determined

Suggested Site for Installation: To be determined

Existing or Proposed Text: (two sides)

Women of the Camino Real

Side One:

In 1598 the first Spanish settlers in New Mexico traveled up the Camino Real from north-central Mexico. Of the 560 people so far identified on that expedition, at least 20 percent were women. They came on foot, on wagons or horseback, and were the first of thousands of women who suffered the arduous journey traveling back and forth, sometimes more than once, on the trail.

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Women of the Camino Real

Side Two:

The legacy of these women is evident from place names, communities like Socorro, which bear their names. Some women came as heads-of-households while others followed their husbands and families. Some even came as slaves. They all played an important role in expanding and colonizing New Mexico. Women defined the culture, history and traditions of New Mexico throughout the 17th and 18th centuries.

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Supporting Information Attached:

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CPRC Comments: Yes

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Notes:

The above text incorporates text and research done by Ms. Christmas for a proposal that she researched and wrote under the title of "1598-1600 Colonial Woman". Her text and information was combined with text and research done by Chávez.
