

FINAL SENT TO NMDOT

Official Scenic Historic Marker Program



CPRC meeting: October 10, 2008

Name of Marker: Side One: Captive Women and Children of Taos County
Side Two: María Rosa Villapando, (ca. 1725–1830)

County: Taos County

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

NMDOT District: 5

NMDOT Highway: To be determined

Suggested Site for Installation: To be determined

Proposed Text for August 8, 2008 CPRC Meeting

Side One:

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In August 1760, around sixty women and children were taken captive in a Comanche raid on Ranchos de Taos. That raid is an example of the danger of living on New Mexico's frontier during the 17th and 18th centuries, for Hispanic and Indigenous communities alike, raided each other and suffered enormous consequences. Thousands of women and children were taken captive. Most were never returned.

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Side Two:

María Rosa Villapando, (ca. 1725–1830)

One known captive of this raid, María Rosa Villapando was traded to the Pawnees and, after ten years, was ransomed by her future husband, a French trader from St. Louis. She was reunited with her New Mexican son, Joseph Julian Jaques in 1802. Her grandson, Antoine Leroux, returned to Taos and married into the Vigil family, making her the ancestral matriarch of several prominent Taos families.

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