

FINAL SENT TO NMDOT
Official Scenic Historic Marker Program
Application Form



CPRC meeting: October 14, 2016

Name of Marker: Doña Teresa de Aguilera y Roche

County: Santa Fe

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

NMDOT District: 5

NMDOT Highway: TBD

Suggested Site for Installation: Beverly Duran, chairwoman of the Initiative, will determine site.

Existing or Proposed Text:

SIDE ONE

Doña Teresa was the aristocratic, educated, and outspoken wife of New Mexico governor don Bernardo López de Mendizábal. Both were accused as sorcerers and judaizers—Christians who practiced Jewish rituals—and brought before the Holy Office of the Inquisition in Mexico City. Arrested in the Palace of the Governors on August 26, 1662, they were forcibly taken from Santa Fe to Mexico City. Held for two years, her husband died in prison, but Teresa, in a spirited defense, exposed her accusers' malfeasance, saying they had acted out of greed and envy. The case and her testimony give insight into life, society, and the political and religious institutions of colonial Santa Fe. Teresa's case was suspended in 1664 due to lack of credible eyewitness testimony.

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SIDE TWO

New Mexico Historic Women Marker Initiative

The New Mexico Historic Women Marker Initiative was founded in 2005 by members of the New Mexico Women's Forum in a statewide effort to recognize women's contributions to New Mexico history on the state's Official Scenic Historic Markers. The Initiative ensures that women's diverse histories will be remembered and told, and will inspire and provide a guide for future generations. The 2006 Legislature funded the project.

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