

Official Scenic Historic Marker Program Application Form



CPRC meeting date: August 8, 2018

FINAL APPROVED TEXT

Name of Marker: Doña Elena Gallegos (c.1690-1731) / Elena Gallegos Land Grant

County: Bernalillo

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

Text: One-sided Two-sided

NMDOT District: 3

NMDOT Highway: Tramway Blvd, NE

Suggested Installation Site (preferably by mile marker): current location 7100 Tramway Blvd, NE, Albuquerque

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Doña Elena Gallegos
c.1680-1731

Doña Elena Gallegos was a daughter of early seventeenth-century Hispanic colonists, Antonio Gallegos and Catalina Baca. They fled New Mexico with their newborn daughter during the 1680 Pueblo Revolt, and she returned in 1693 with two brothers and an uncle. Elena wed Santiago Gurulé, a tattooed Frenchman, born Jacques Grolet, a member of the ill-fated La Salle expedition. Everyone with the Hispanic form of his surname, Gurulé, has roots in New Mexico. After her husband's death in 1711, Captain Diego Montoya conveyed to Elena the vast landholding that has since borne her name.

Word Count: 93

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Elena Gallegos Land Grant

From the crest of the Sandia Mountains to the Rio Grande Valley lies the Elena Gallegos Land Grant. It covered 70,000 acres, approximately the northern half of Albuquerque up to Sandia Pueblo. The extent of the grant—some felt its eastern border was the foothills—was uncertain until a nineteenth-century court interpreted the word “sierra” in the original document as the

crest of the mountains. The adjudication helped make it possible to preserve part of the land grant as open space and provide a picnic area for the enjoyment of all.

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