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Official Scenic Historic Marker Program Application Form



CPRC meeting: April 8, 2016

Name of Marker: Sallie Chisum Robert
"First Lady of Artesia"
1858-1936

County: Chaves

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

NMDOT District: 2

NMDOT Highway: US 82

Suggested Site for Installation: between mile markers 110 and 112.

Approved Text:

Sallie was 19 when she arrived from Texas at her Uncle John Chisum's Jinglebob Land and Livestock Company ranch south of Roswell. Her ranching skills rivaled those of the cowboys she joined driving cattle up her uncle's Goodnight-Loving Trail to Colorado. She and her second husband opened the first post office and reading room in what became Artesia. Her landholdings are part of Artesia's original townsite and include the site of her cast-stone house where she raised many orphans. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Some of her diaries are preserved at the Artesia Historical Museum and Art Center. They include entries about her uncle, Billy the Kid, the Regulators, and the Lincoln County War.

Word Count: 119

Side 2:

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.

Previous Title and Text: N/A

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Source(s): Sallie Chisum Robert, *Diary (1908-1929) of Sallie Chisum Robert, 26 May 1858-2 September 1934*, typed from the original in the Artesia Historical Museum and Art Center (1921 missing).

Ellen Thrienen, *Sally Chisum Robert House*, National Register of Historic Places, 1979.

Documented research with footnotes by Sandi Lanning (see NMHWMI files)

Wikipedia, 2-29-16, *Charles Goodnight*, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Goodnight

Text Approved by CPRC on Date: April 8, 2016

CPRC/staff Comments: This is a designated women's history marker under the NMHWMI. Use standard text provided for side 2.

For Referral to: NMDOT District 2, Francisco Sanchez
