

# FINAL SENT TO NMDOT

## Official Scenic Historic Marker Program



**CPRC meeting: April 9, 2010**

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**Name of Marker:** Side One: Harvey Girls  
Side Two: Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter, (1869–1958)

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

**NMDOT District:** District 3

**NMDOT Highway:**

**Suggested Site for Installation:** Downtown Abq, Next to Rail Runner Station

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### Existing or Proposed Text:

Side One:

**Harvey Girls**

In 1883, the Fred Harvey Company hired women to serve in its diners and hotels along the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway. Thousands of respectable, intelligent women were recruited from the Midwest and East Coast to come west. Known as Harvey Girls, many of these women stayed and became founding members of their adopted communities, forever changing the cultural landscape of the Wild West.

**Word Count: 65**

*Side Two:*

**Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter, 1869–1958**

In 1902, the Fred Harvey Company hired Mary Colter as interior designer of the Alvarado Hotel in Albuquerque. She was an architect for the company when few women worked in the field. She designed many famous resorts and inns, including the hotel interiors of La Fonda in Santa Fe. In 1987, four of her buildings in Grand Canyon National Park were designated a National Historic Landmark.

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**Previous Title and Text:**  N/A

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**Source(s):**

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**CPRC Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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