

# FINAL SENT TO NMDOT

## Official Scenic Historic Marker Program



**CPRC meeting:** December 12, 2008

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**Name of Marker:** Ada McPherson Morley, (1852–1917)  
Agnes Morley Cleaveland, (1874–1958)

**County:** Catron County

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

**NMDOT District:** District 6

**NMDOT Highway:**

**Suggested Site for Installation:** Datil, New Mexico. Site to be determined.

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**Existing or Proposed Text:** (two sides)

Side One.

Title: Ada McPherson Morley, (1852–1917)

Ada McPherson Morley ran a ranch outside of Datil, New Mexico where she raised three children, including Agnes Morley Cleaveland. A crusader for women's rights, she opposed the infamous Santa Fe Ring, worked for women's suffrage for over thirty years, and formed societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as well as the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

**Word Count: 59**

Side Two:

Title: Agnes Morley Cleaveland, (1874–1958)

A native New Mexican, Agnes Morley Cleaveland grew up on her family's ranch near Datil, New Mexico. Her prize-winning book, *No Life for A Lady* (1941), is an autobiographical story of a woman's life on a turn-of-the-century ranch. She was educated and lived in other parts of the country, but always returned home to Datil where she spent the last years of her life.

**Word Count: 64**

Total Word Count: 123

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**Previous Title and Text:**

**Researcher/author:** Thomas E. Chávez

**Source(s):**

Foote, Cheryl J. *Women of the New Mexico Frontier, 1846-1912*, (Niwot; University of Colorado Press, 1990)

Cleaveland, Norman. *The Morley's – Young Upstarts on the Southwest Frontier*, (Albuquerque; Calvin Horn Press, 1971).

Morris Bakkem, Morris, and Brenda Farmington. *Encyclopedia of Women in the American West* (Thousand Oaks, Ca.: Sage Publications, 2003).

**Text Approved by CPRC on Date:** 12/12/08

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

**For Referral to:** NHHWMI; Dee Beingessner, NMDOT

**Notes:**

The researcher knew Norman Cleaveland and his sister Lorraine Lavender.

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