

FINAL SENT TO NMDOT

Official Scenic Historic Marker Program



CPRC meeting: August 14, 2009

Name of Marker:

**Maria Gertrudis Barceló
Doña Tules
(c. 1800–1852)**

County: Santa Fe

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

NMDOT District: 5

NMDOT Highway:

Suggested Site for Installation: Santa Fe/La Bajada Rest Area on I-25

Existing or Proposed Text:

Maria Gertrudis Barceló or Doña Tules, a notorious gambler and courtesan, operated a gambling house and saloon on Burro Alley in Santa Fe. She traveled up *El Camino Real* from Sonora, Mexico in 1815. Bishop Jean-Baptiste Lamy allowed this controversial lady to be buried in the south chapel of *La Parroquia*, the Santa Fe parish church, and used the money from her funeral for badly-needed repairs.

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Previous Title and Text: N/A

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Source(s):

Cook, Mary J. Straw. *Dona Tules: Santa Fe's Courtesan*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico, 2007.

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González, Deena J. *Refusing the Favor: The Spanish-Mexican Women of Santa Fe, 1820–1880*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999

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CPRC Comments: change "La Tules" to Doña Tules

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