

Jim & Susan Foley

403 12th Street NW

Jim and Susan Foley moved to this home in August 1973. It was built, circa 1923, by Jim's great-grandfather, Wallace Hesselden who lived here with his wife, Annie Peltier Hesselden. Later, Jim's grandmother, Bernice Hesselden Foley moved in with here two sons, John D. Foley and James H. Foley, (Jim's father). Jim and Susan bought the home from Bernice, when she moved to Park Plaza. They raised their two daughters in the home...Jessica (born in 1978) and Lauren (born in 1985), making them the 5th generation to live at 403!





My parents moved to this wonderful Watson adobe home in 1949 when I was born. I grew up in it with them and my four siblings. There were two houses to the south, which were torn down when Lomas Blvd. was widened. Ours was a wonderful neighborhood, full of children. It seemed a much safer time to grow up, and we stayed out late many a summer night, playing hide-and-go-seek and other games. We had kickball games in the circle and put on plays with neighboring children for the neighborhood. We went trick-or-treating for UNICEF on Beggar's Night and for candy on Halloween, in groups but without the need of adult supervision.

My siblings, friends and I walked to and from Manzano Day School and then to Lew Wallace Elementary, Washington Junior High and Albuquerque High Schools. My best friends throughout school all lived in the DNA area: Cindy Claridge at 619 16th Street, Mary Gibson at 1600 Lomas, Sara Receconi at 415 11th, and Margaret and Cathy Espinosa at 1015 Roma. The one exception was Leigh Gallagher who grew up in the Country Club area.

The house was sold around 1994 after my mother died and my father moved to Montebello Retirement Center.

I married in 1972 and moved to my current home (403 12th Street NW) shortly afterwards. Thus, I've lived in the DNA my entire life. It's been a wonderful place to live and I feel it only gets better all the time.

Susan Kircher Foley

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Growing up at 5 Chacon Place NW

