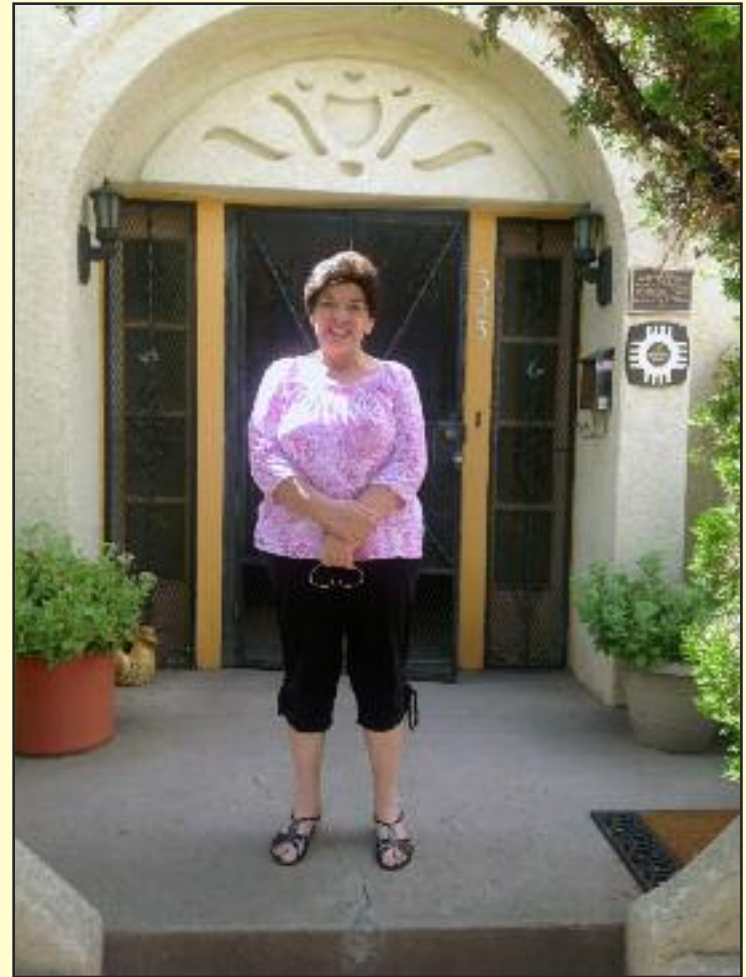


# Mary Francis Bachicha

## 323 14th Street NW

THIS IS OUR HOME STORY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE HOUSE: I am the house on the southwest corner of Fruit and 14th Street. I was built by J. J. Wegs, a general contractor. I have archways over my doors and windows with tulip motifs, beautiful big windows, large rooms oak hardwood floors, and great French doors in the living room.

The president of the New Mexico Gas Company either had the house built or he purchased it and kept it as a rental for several years. My current owner remembers the backyard neighbor telling her that, when Reyes Lopez Tijerina was renting the house, he saw 30 men coming out of the basement (continued)



after one of their meetings. (The basement may have held that many men, but they would have to be standing!)

At that time the back yard hasd a short fence and all that went on here was visable. In my backyard there is a hugh cottonwood tree, which during the time of my owner, has had and still has a treehouse buit into it by the two boys who lived here. It was a great place to watch the fireworks fomn the Albuquerque Country Club on the 4th of July. The tree is one of few survivors of a acequia (ditch) that ran from the Rio Grande through the irrigatied fields on the south side of Albuquerque. The tree has also survived two automobiles crashes.

My owner learded through Mary Clark at ABQ City Hall that the house is a Mission style home, built in 1923 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Marriage portrait:

Mary's maternal grandparents, Tomas Bachicha and Emelina Vigil Bachicha.

