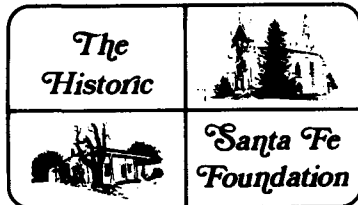


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Located on the south side of the Santa Fe River next to the present New Mexico State Employment Security Building, the one-story, pitched-roof, brown stucco structure (now occupied by the BUFFALO HUNTER GUN SHOP) was erected in 1886 to be the school house in Precinct # 4 of Santa Fe County. At that time the precinct was the fundamental division of the county for all administrative purposes – electoral, judicial and educational; Precinct # 4 was called “Lower Santa Fe” in county records. Although the county had previously purchased at least two buildings in the town for public school purposes, including an adobe residence just west of Guadalupe Chapel and another at the intersection of Canyon Road and Garcia Street where Wilson’s Gallery now stands, the structure on Hancock Street, as Sandoval was then known, is the first school house erected specifically for that purpose and represents an important step forward in the development of public education here. After passage of legislation in 1891 by the Territorial Assembly creating a tax supported public school system in New Mexico, the city board of education was established which took over schools in Santa Fe. From then on the building on Hancock Street was known as the Second Ward School to conform to the new administrative division in which the old county precincts were supplanted by wards within the town.

Although early documentation of Santa Fe public schools is incomplete, there is a record of purchase of a house and land just west of Guadalupe Chapel by the county represented by Gaspar Ortiz y Alarid, “Presidente de la Comision de Escuelas y Juez de Pruebas del Condado de Santa Fe,” from Luz Ortiz de Pino in September, 1874, for \$750. She, in turn, had recently purchased the property from the distinguished New Mexico soldier and Indian fighter Manuel A. Chaves and his wife, Vicenta Labadie. A dispute in the late 1850’s over the boundary between these grounds and the land belonging to Guadalupe Chapel precipitated the famous controversy between Chaves and Bishop John B. Lamy in which the bishop threatened Chaves with excommunication, a punishment which was not, however, put into effect. In 1886 county officials sold this school to the Reverend James H. Defouri for \$1,500. This sum was added to a fund set aside for the construction of a new brick school house on Hancock Street on a site purchased by the county in 1881 from Luciano Baca as the location for a farmer’s market. A building had been erected to house the market and the county commissioners established regulations for its operation but the project was evidently not particularly successful and fell into disuse.

On April 22, 1886, the *New Mexican*, reviewing plans for the new school stated "The building will be one story of extra heighth [sic], 60 x 35, and will contain a school room 18 x 32, closets, cloak rooms, recitation room and a spacious office for the use of the precinct trustees." During late May and early June a crew of fifteen men employed by local contractor and brick manufacturer Florence Donoghue, who was also working on the construction of the new Territorial Capitol, razed the old market and laid the foundation for the school. After the construction began the pages of the *New Mexican* were enlivened by a sharp exchange of letters between the school directors of Cerrillos and county school superintendent Urbano Chacon. The former decried the distribution of funds in which Santa Fe was to have a new school "costing four or five thousand dollars" while their own district was unable to pay teachers' salaries. In his reply Superintendent Chacon blamed the county commissioners. On November 6 the *New Mexican* reported:

The handsomest public school house in the southwest was opened on the south side yesterday with some sixty pupils. . . . The Spanish teachers are Messrs Silva and Ortiz while the English branches are taught by Mr. C. Webb formerly of Lincoln County.

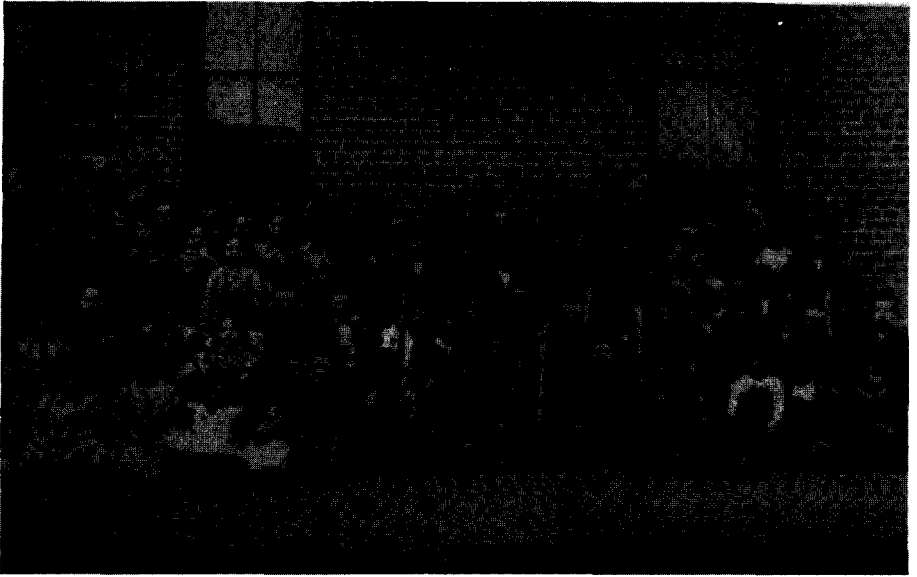


Photograph of Second Ward School; circa 1905, from Santa Fe Public Schools Collection, State Records Center and Archives, Santa Fe, New Mexico.



Little is known of the first years of the Second Ward School but it is clear that its two classrooms were attended by pupils in the primary grades only. In 1892 title to the property was transferred from the county to the trustees of the school district as part of a transition to a city administered system. Seven years later Professor James A. Wood began his long and vigorous career as superintendent of Santa Fe Public Schools. In an early report regarding conditions in the Second Ward, Wood noted that he had hung an old bell on top of the building at a cost of four dollars "from donations" and received a new flag from prominent Santa Feans, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Catron. Catron, who was to begin lengthy service on the school board in 1901, agreed to make a patriotic address the last Friday before Christmas, at which time the flag was to be formally accepted and "flung to the breeze." In the same report Wood also stated that "We as teachers are endeavoring to create a sentiment among the pupils for regularity in attendance."

During the early years finances were a continual source of concern for the Santa Fe public schools. In 1900 the system was operated on the proceeds from a five mill levy on "all personal, mixed and real property" plus funds derived from a \$1 per head poll tax. It was permissible to pay the latter with firewood. Minutes of the Board of Education meetings reveal that a shortage of cash forced the closing of all city schools in March, 1901, and that a curtailed academic year was only narrowly averted on several subsequent occasions. At the time, teachers were paid \$40-50 per month and Superintendent Wood received \$1,200 a year. In the Second Ward the male teachers employed when the school first opened were replaced with women; several of these held their positions for many years, notably Miss Louisa Schnepfle who taught the upper grades, 2, 3 and 4, from the late 1890's through 1913. In 1903 she was joined by Miss Amelia Gutterman who was in charge of first grade and a course of study cryptically described in contemporary records as "charts." Miss Gutterman, herself a 1902 graduate of both the "Three Year English-Scientific Course" and the "Four Year Latin Course" then offered by Santa Fe High School, was a mainstay of the Second Ward faculty until 1911 when she resigned to join her new husband W. A. Burbank in the Philippines where he had accepted a position with the Island Constabulary. She was replaced by Miss Estella Bergere who served only briefly.



Students and teachers, Second Ward School, circa 1907. Miss Amelia Gutterman (L), Miss Louisa Schnepfle (R), Santa Fe Public Schools Collection, State Records Center and Archives, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

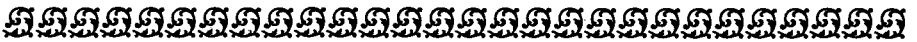


In January of 1900 a disagreement concerning the south boundary of the Second Ward school property arose and continued for several years. At that time L. Bradford Prince, former governor and chief justice of New Mexico, presented a bill in the amount of \$31.80 to the Board of Education for rent on a small piece of land which was then occupied by the school privy. The board named a committee to look into the matter and, if necessary, to move the structure in question. Apparently the committee's action was unsatisfactory to Governor Prince who presented a further claim in 1904 which the board "filed without reading." The next year a third claim was rejected outright by the board, but the dispute apparently did not create a lasting breach. In 1906 the former governor's request to the board for two cannon from the Fort Marcy military reservation for the New Mexico Historical Society was granted and in 1913 Prince's *History of New Mexico* was adopted as an official high school text in the city school system.

Maintenance, repairs and improvements on the various buildings within the school system were a serious problem for the Board of Education, accentuated by the chronic shortage of funds. In 1902 the committee on house and grounds was instructed to purchase "Texas flooring" for use in Ward # 2. Soon after the same committee allocated \$100 to refurbish the blackboards, ceilings and walls, to repair and paint the picket fence enclosing the school grounds and to construct a new privy, presumably an effort to end the complaints of ex-Governor Prince. In 1900 a \$200 contract was given to Donaciano Urioste to cover the brick facade with pebble-cement plaster which gave the building the appearance it retains today. In succeeding years lavatories and a cesspool were installed and the structure was wired for electricity by former Santa Fe mayor Ishmael Sparks for \$35.20. During this era the building was insured for \$1,000 and the furnishings for \$200.



Door and Window Stone Detail. Cultural Properties Review Committee and State Planning Office Photo Files, State Records Center and Archives, Santa Fe, New Mexico.



The city board was also called upon at various times to consider questions of health. In 1908 Dr. A. J. Massie, secretary of the Territorial Board of Health, recommended on March 18 that all the Santa Fe schools be closed for two weeks because of a dangerous scarlet fever epidemic. Despite fumigation of the classrooms the fear of the disease was sufficient to suspend all classes until mid-April at which time it was decided to resume studies at the junior and senior high school level and dismiss the lower grades for the rest of the year. Some years previously board members were called on in the agenda for a regular monthly meeting to consider "the condition of the 2nd Ward schoolhouse in regard to bugs." During the meeting board member E. S. Andrews and Superintendent Wood were delegated to "doctor" the bugs and the following month an expense item of \$11.60 for extermination material purchased from druggist A. C. Ireland was duly allowed. In 1914 Dr. James A. Rolls, official school physician, expressed concern over the fact that six of nine boys in one second ward classroom were "confessed cigarette smokers." The doctor reported that each of the offending youths was given a "friendly talk."

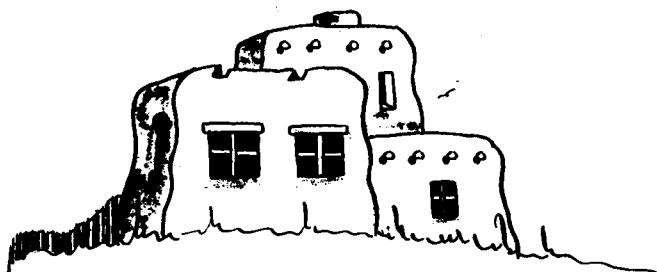
During the 1920's it became increasingly apparent that the two-room Second Ward School, very similar to those found in country districts, was unsuited to the needs of a growing community such as Santa Fe. As early as 1926 a group of citizens led by Mr. L. A. Gillette appeared before the school board to express their desire for a new school south of the river. In 1932 Alvord School on Hickox Street was opened and the old structure then referred to as the Hancock Street School in administrative records was closed after over forty-five years of service. During the same year it was rented for a short time for \$1 per annum to Guadalupe parish for use as a parochial school and was also used as a reheársal hall by the Santa Fe Band. For several years thereafter the Board of Education attempted to sell the old building but it was not until 1936 that an agreement was reached with the *Union Protectiva*, a local burial society, to purchase the school for \$3,200. The Union has retained ownership ever since, renting the schoolhouse to various tenants usually as a warehouse. Since 1974 the present occupant, the BUFFALO HUNTER GUN SHOP, has sub-leased the building from the Santa Fe Auto Supply Company located next door.

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A nation that forgets its past has no future.

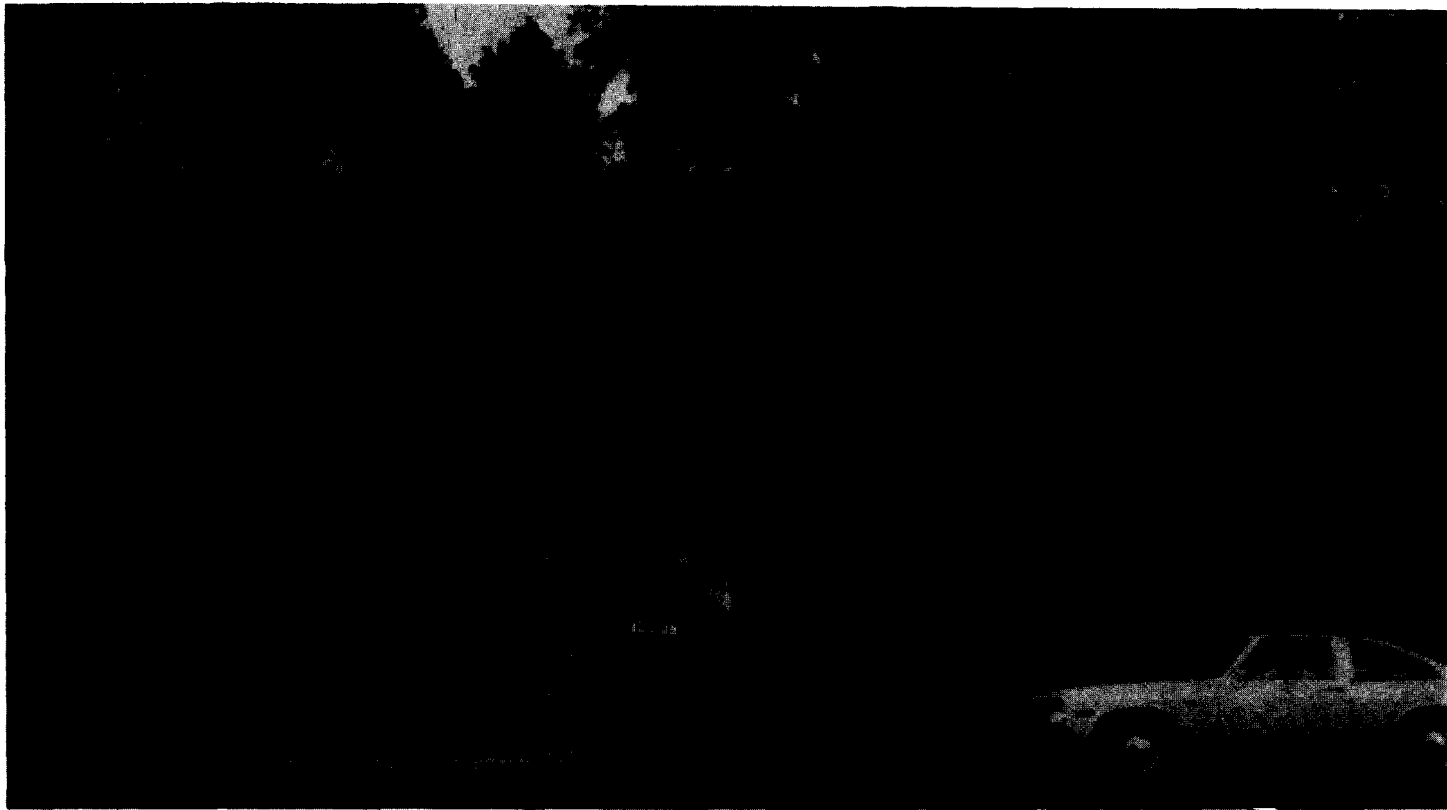
— Winston Churchill



The Second Ward School as it appears today. Cultural Properties Review Committee and State Planning Office Photo Files, State Records Center and Archives, Santa Fe, New Mexico.



The Cathedral of St. Francis was originally designed with steeples rising to a height of 160 feet, side chapels replacing the Chapels of La Conquistadora and San Jose and a large dome above the transept. The plans, however, were never completely executed. Reprinted from: William G. Ritch, AZTLAN. Boston, 1885.



This park located in downtown Santa Fe and north of Cathedral Place is one of the City's real treasures. Hopefully, it will be preserved. Cultural Properties Review Committee and State Planning Office Photo Files, State Records Center and Archives, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Membership Drive for 1977

It is with deep thanks the Historic Santa Fe Foundation announces a very rewarding response to its drive for new members in 1977 as well as renewals.

Many hours of volunteer work were required to accomplish this and the Foundation would like to thank those Members who contributed their time so enthusiastically canvassing merchants and individuals:

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Mrs. Richard Chilson
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ACTIVITIES OF YOUR BOARD

The Board of Directors of the Historic Santa Fe Foundation has had an extremely busy year thus far in 1977. The restoration and preservation of the Pinckney R. Tully House has been the reason for the Board's flurry of activity.

Phase I of the Tully House restoration has been completed. The roof was resurfaced and some areas reconstructed. The south overhang was removed and a firewall having brick coping was constructed to simulate a firewall which was removed in the 1920's. At the same time the east firewall was stabilized and the wall above the bay window was reinforced. All exterior wood trim was refurbished and in a few extreme cases replaced. This project was accomplished with \$10,000 of Santa Fe Community Development Program money, \$10,000 of National Park Service funds and approximately \$11,000 of Foundation money. The interior walls of a portion of the house have recently been plastered, new electrical wiring installed, ceiling beams exposed and floors lightly sanded. The law firm of Ginsberg, Burnett and Rothstein is bearing the expense of this interior renovation in return for a rebate on the monthly rent. The three attorneys are occupying five rooms in the building and permit reasonable visitation by the public. The Foundation will also maintain an office in the Tully House and is presently renovating that portion of the structure. A caretaker maintains a residence in the house and one other apartment is rented as an office by the City Planner, Harry Moul.

On May 26 the Board of Directors launched forth with Phase II of the restoration by adopting a resolution stating that "The Foundation complete a general master plan restoring the house to as early a period as documents warrant while still retaining the brick-capped firewall and the wooden Territorial trim." The Historic Research Committee has been able to document the appearance of the Tully House in circa 1890. At which point in its history, the house typified Territorial architectural style by having wooden Territorial trim, a bay window, wooden window shutters, a white picket fence and simulated brick plaster. Once this phase of the restoration is completed not only will members of the Foundation host a reception in their new headquarters, but the Tully House will serve as a unique educational tool for demonstrating Territorial architecture in its purest form.

James H. Purdy
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