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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hilton, August Holver, House
other names/site number ID#664 SR Site #631

2. Location

street & number 601 Park Street N/A not for publication
city, town Socorro N/A vicinity
state New Mexico code NM county Socorro code 053 zip code 87801

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Domestic Architecture in Socorro, New Mexico, 1870-1912
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date 12-28-90
State or Federal agency and bureau Historic Preservation Division

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. Patrick Andrus 2/20/91
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)
for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation not visible

walls concrete

roof asphalt

other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Hilton House is a one and one-half story bungalow constructed of interlocking concrete blocks faced with a cast design resembling cut stone. The side gable roof with exposed rafters extends down over a porch which covers entire main facade. Centrally placed over the porch is a low shed-roofed dormer with three sets of paired windows which open onto a small balcony surrounded by a railing. The second floor exterior walls under the side gables have been stuccoed gray.

The front porch is bounded by a low wall constructed of the same decoratively faced concrete block that is the principle building material of the house. At the ends of the wall rise slightly higher bases of the same block for the four plain, square, wooden posts which support the porch. The centrally-placed entrance door is flanked by side lites. On either side of the entrance are sets of three long and narrow windows, the upper halves of which are divided into six panes, three over three. At the rear of the house, a one-story porch with a shed roof extends along the entire west facade.

The house has not been significantly altered. In the 1940s the south half of the screened back porch was glazed to create a washroom. More recently for reasons of safety, a tenant placed a wrought-iron railing around the balcony of the dormer on the main facade. The roof has been covered with asphalt shingles.

A garage constructed of the same cast concrete block as the house lies behind the house at the northwest corner of the property.

The Hilton House is in excellent condition and well conveys its historic associations.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Architecture
Commerce

Period of Significance
1912

Significant Dates
1912

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This dwelling is architecturally significant as an example of one of the few bungalows built in Socorro in the early twentieth century aftermath of the mining boom by a man who had prospered as a merchant and mine owner in that boom.

The house was built by A.H. Hilton in 1912, a few years after the family had lived briefly in southern California. Hilton who was the father of Conrad Hilton, founder to the chain of Hilton hotels, had been a successful merchant in San Antonio. In 1910 when Helen, the youngest of the eight Hilton children was four years old, the Hilton family moved from San Antonio eleven miles north to Socorro. They first rented a yellow-colored house while their new home was being built, (Helen Hilton, interview). After the elder Hilton's death in 1919, the house remained in the Hilton family until his widow sold it in 1941 to Michel Harriet, (Conron and Lent).

Born in Norway in 1856, Hilton had emigrated to Iowa at the age of about ten. Shortly after the railroad was built, he come to New Mexico. After brief stays in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Socorro, he settled in San Antonio. San Antonio was an important rail stop because a bridge across the Rio Grande provided the only access to the A.T. & S.F. for a vast section of southeastern New Mexico. Hilton engaged in mining and prospecting without success and quarried rock for the stamp mill which was built by the Torrence Mining Company.

Hilton eventually established a store across the road from the railroad station. In 1884 he sent to Iowa for Holm Olaf Bursum, his sister's son, to join him. A year later he married Mary Laufersweiler, the daughter of a successful merchant in Fort Dodge, Iowa. In 1887, their first son and second of eight children, Conrad Hilton, was born. With each new child a new room was added to the family adobe home adjoining the store.

Hilton prospered in the mercantile business. He also owned a freight line of fifty teams that hauled goods to interior towns. He owned the Carthage coal mines for a time and had extensive land holdings, the main products of which were fruit

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and alfalfa. A staunch democrat and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Hilton was active in civic affairs in San Antonio and at the county level. He was the first postmaster of San Antonio, a post he held for eleven years, and served as a Socorro county commissioner. Governor George Curry (1907-1910) made him a colonel. In 1907 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the School of Mines.

According to Conrad Hilton, the sale of the Carthage mines in 1904 for \$110,000 made his father one of the richest men in the Territory, (Hilton, Guest, 60). The family moved to Long Beach, California where the youngest child, Helen, was born in 1906. However, a year later Hilton's finances suffered when he found himself with a big inventory of merchandise he had not yet paid for but could not sell as a result of the panic of 1907. The family moved back to San Antonio and opened the large rambling adobe home as a hotel for guests (Guest, 68-69)

Prosperity soon returned and the hotel could be abandoned. Conrad Hilton took over the management of the San Antonio store and the Hiltons with their children who were still at home moved to Socorro. Mary Hilton desired the move to be nearer schools, social advantages, and a church, there being no resident priest at San Antonio. The oldest daughter taught grammar school and two younger Hilton children were pupils. In 1919 Gus Hilton was killed in an automobile accident. Mary Hilton died in 1947 at the age of eighty-five. Both of the elder Hiltons are buried in Socorro.

Architecturally the house represents the continuing importation of new styles into Socorro in the early years of the twentieth century. Hilton, who had prospered from the region's the mining boom, built a home in the California bungalow style which he had most likely encountered during his brief time living in Long Beach. The scarcity of bungalows in Socorro may reflect the limited number of new buildings constructed in the waning years of Socorro's prosperity.

The Hilton House was listed on the New Mexico State Register of Cultural Places on March 31, 1978.

The Period of Significance, 1912, is the construction date.

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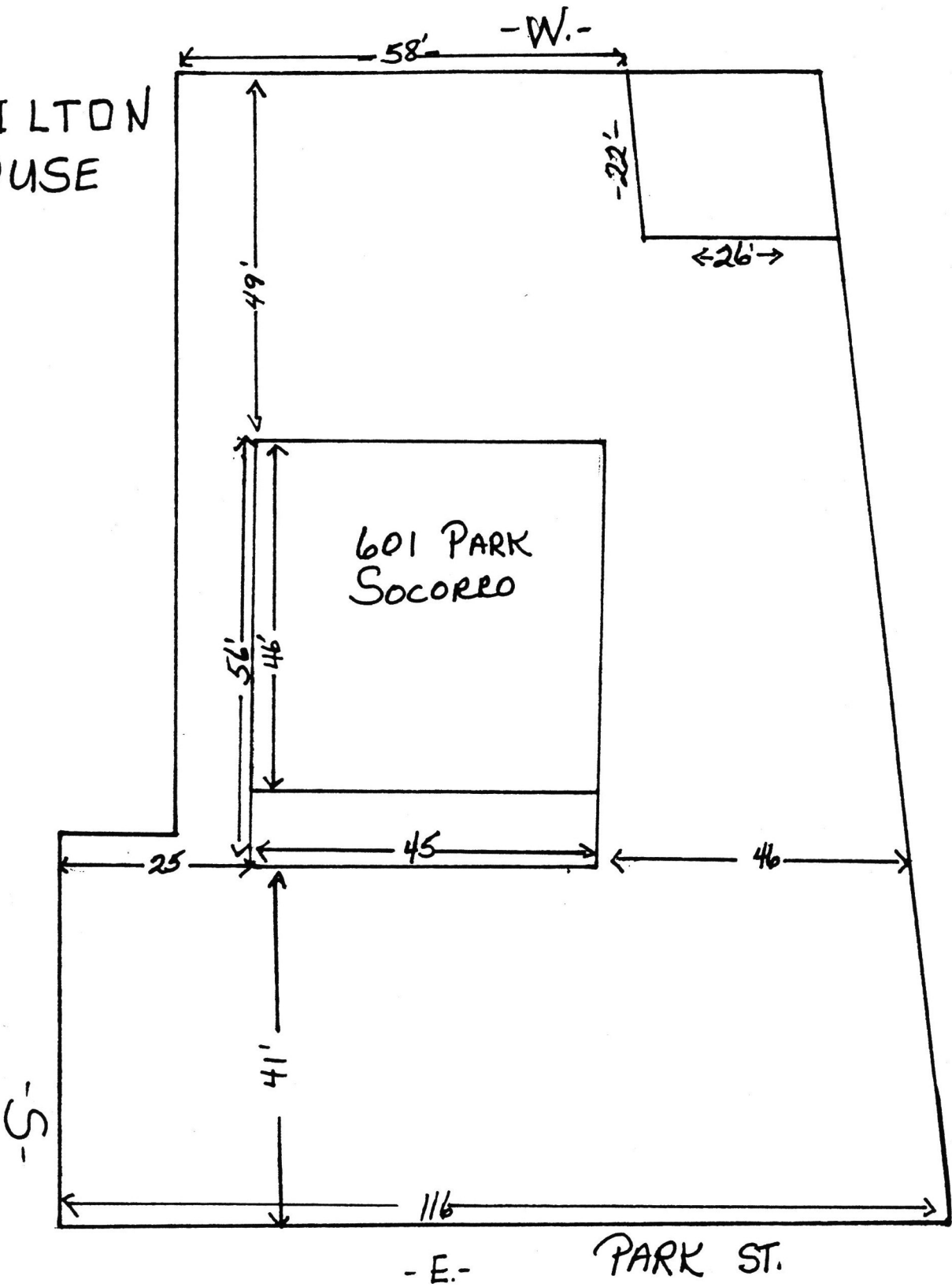
Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the northeast corner of the property (the southwest corner of Park and Baca Streets), proceed west 154 feet along the north boundary of the property to the northwest corner of the property; then proceed south 84 feet to the southwest corner of the property; then proceed east 105 feet, south 15 feet, and east 41 feet to the southeast corner of the property; finally proceed 116 feet north to the starting point.

Boundary Justification

No lot and block numbers are available for this property. The legal description on file with the county assessor encompasses nearly three and one half acres of land upon which two other main houses, not historically connected with the Hilton house, have been built. The VBD represents the tract that the present owner plans to include with the house when it is sold as an individual property. The irregularity of the south boundary is determined by the proximity of another dwelling. When a formal survey is drawn it can be added to the documentation of the property.

HILTON HOUSE



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PARK ST.

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Socorro County, NEW MEXICO

		Date Listed
COVER	Substantive Review	2/20/91
1. Baca, A. B., House		2/20/91
2. Cooney, Captain Michael, House		2/20/91
3. Cortesy, Anthony, House	Substantive Review	2/20/91
4. Eaton, Nestor P., House	Substantive Review	2/20/91
5. Fitch, James Gurden, House		2/20/91
6. Garcia, Juan Nepomuceno, House		2/20/91
7. Hilton, August Holver, House		2/20/91
8. House at 303 Eaton Avenue	Substantive Review	2/20/91
9. House at 405 Park Street		2/20/91
10. Vigil, Rufina, House		2/20/91

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91000031 **Date Listed:** 2/20/91

<u>Hilton, August Holver, House</u>	Socorro	New Mexico
Property Name	County	State

Domestic Architecture in Socorro MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

<u>Patrick Andrus</u>	<u>2/20/91</u>
Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section Number 8

This nomination was amended to delete Commerce as an area of significance.

The deletion was confirmed by phone with the New Mexico SHPO (2/11/91).

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hilton, August Holver, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Domestic Architecture in Socorro MPS

STATE & COUNTY: NEW MEXICO, Socorro

DATE RECEIVED: 1/07/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/22/91
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/07/91 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/21/91
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91000031

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: Y LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 2/21/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

This bungalow is an excellent example of the style popular during the last years of Socorro's period of activity as a local & regional mining & smelting center.

The property meets the registration requirements for bungalows established in the MPS

RECOM./CRITERIA C
REVIEWER Harper
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 2/12/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph
 completeness
 clarity
 applicable criteria
 justification of areas checked
 relating significance to the resource
 context
 relationship of integrity to significance
 justification of exception
 other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



1. Hilton, August Holver House
Domestic Architecture in Socorro^{MP3}, NM
1870-1912
2. Socorro, NM
3. Garner/Aicks
4. Sept. 1982
5. Historic Preservation Division, Santa Fe, NM
6. East facade, Camera facing west,
7. Photo #2

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500413