

Residence of Jesus Lujan
San Elizario, Texas.

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Historic Building and Office Survey
Bartlett Cooke, District Officer
615 Maverick Bldg., San Antonio, Texas.

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RESIDENCE OF JESUS LUJAN
San Elizario, El Paso County, Texas.

Present Owner: Raymondo and Leonardo Lujan, Fabens, Texas.

Date of Erection: Approximately 1850

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Jesus Lujan

Present Condition: Bad; parts in ruins.

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Adobe, plaster and cypress.

Other Existing Records: None

Additional Data:

This residence is typical of the early residences built in the El Paso area. Many of them have been destroyed; many are giving way to modern construction. Due to the fact that the rainfall in this area is so light, adobe constituted the main system of construction. This house is built of adobe blocks, plastered on both sides. Roof is flat, and is built up of saplings, or waddels, spanning between roof joists consisting of round cypress or cottonwood logs, then covered over with palm leaves or thatch, and roofed with mud. Adobe walls are approximately 24" thick. Doors and windows indicate excellent millwork; in all probability all millwork was shipped in. Doors and door frames are of cypress.

Selected as a project inasmuch as the type will soon be non-existent.

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