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To preserve the TULLY HOUSE in Santa Fe a fund drive begins.

After a year of delicate negotiations, the Historic Santa Fe Foundation has purchased the Pinckney R. Tully house, thus preventing its demolition, an act which would have been most unfortunate for the historical character of New Mexico. The Tully house is one of the state's few remaining classic examples of Territorial architecture, displaying both the traditional portal and brick parapets, largely unaltered for some 123 years. So great is the historic value of this structure that it has been proposed as a major element in New Mexico's Meeting House '76 project; a project of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. This prestigious honor can mean that the Tully house could become the center of the historic preservation movement in New Mexico.

Senate Bill 2877, the "Meetinghouse Preservation Act," was introduced in January of this year by Senator John Tower of Texas; among the eleven co-sponsors is Senator Pete Domenici of New Mexico. A companion bill (HR 12893) has recently been introduced into the House of Representatives. Our readers are urged to write their Senators and Congressmen in support of this legislation.

The fight to save the Tully house is just beginning. The Foundation was able only to raise sufficient funds to serve as a holding action until additional money can be raised. To cover the cost of

the house, \$100,000.00 must be raised; \$60,000.00 is currently borrowed on a short term basis and must be liquidated in the near future. The Foundation is appealing to all concerned citizens to join in the fight to save one of the most significant structures dating from the Territorial period of westward expansion. Contributions over \$50.00 will be acknowledged by a certificate stating that the donor, whether a private individual or a commercial establishment, has contributed to the preservation of this venerable building.

On May 23, 1969, the New Mexico Cultural Properties Review Committee placed the Pinckney R. Tully House on the New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties. The Review Committee recommended the property for entry on the National Register of Historic places on December 8, 1972. The Tully House is also within the boundaries of the Santa Fe Historic District which was placed on the National Register on July 23, 1973.

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The Historical Background

The Pinckney R. Tully House is one of the few structures in Santa Fe which has undergone no major alterations since its construction in 1851. Conveyed, bargained, sold, rented, mortgaged and re-mortgaged, it came into the hands of traders, a printer, Indian fighters, the Surveyor-General, Confederate and Union officials, a doctor, bank presidents, attorneys and controversial politicians.

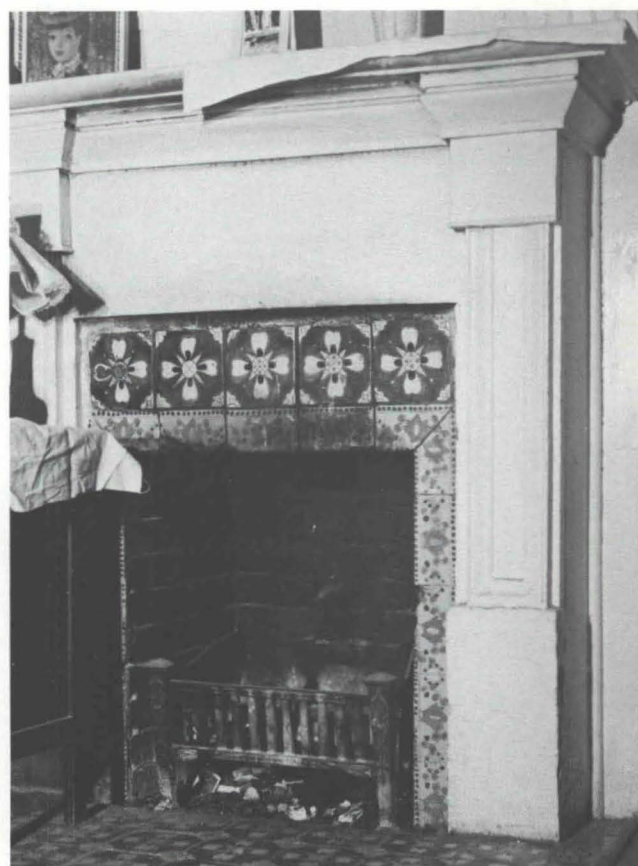
The property on which the house now stands was owned by José Albino Chacón, a prominent civic and military figure during the latter years of Mexican rule. Sometime before 1851, the property was sold to James Conklin, a trader who had come to Santa Fe in the early 1820's. On January 23, 1829, Conklin married Juana Ortiz, a Santa Fe resident, and six children resulted from this union. Two of their daughters, Maria Trinidad and Isabel, eventually lived in the house.

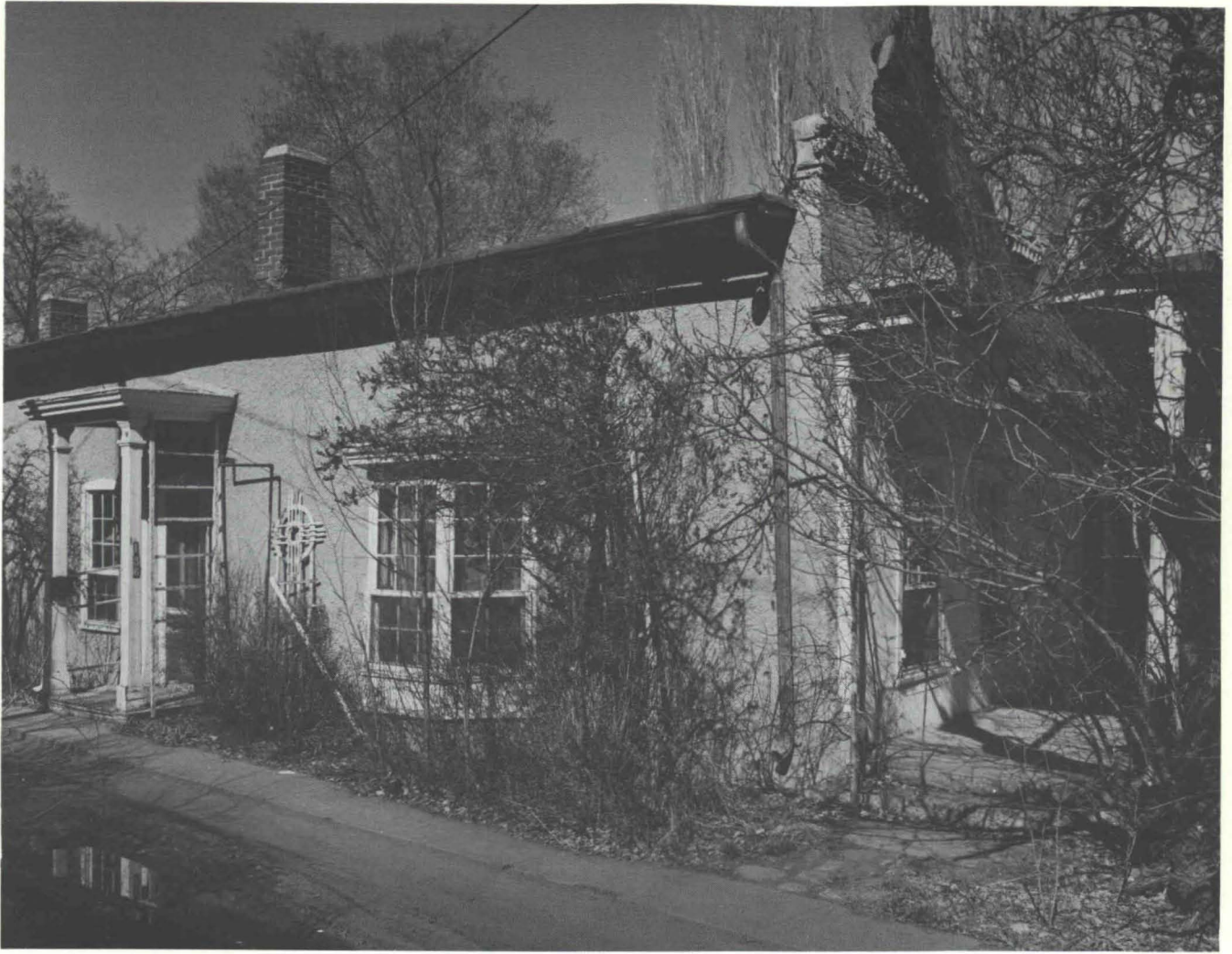
Maria Trinidad married Pinckney R. Tully on January 5, 1848. Tully, also a Santa Fe trader, built a nine room home fronting "the road from the Plaza to Tesuque" in the summer of 1851. Three years after the construction of the house, Tully gave his father-in-law a quitclaim deed for the property for the sum of one dollar and with his family moved south to the Mesilla Valley. Tully became the first person to fulfill the requirements for a Donation Claim to public domain by filing for a 160 acre tract in the Dona Ana area on December 22, 1858. The claim was abandoned and finally forfeited on August 8, 1870. When the Civil War broke out, Tully became a leading Confederate sympathizer. In 1863, he became a partner of Estevan Ochoa which resulted in the formation of the Tully, Ochoa and



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Company freighting firm which became one the largest in the Southwest during the 1870's and 1880's.

Upon receipt of title to the house, Conklin mortgaged it to then Secretary of the Territory William S. Messervy and James T. Webb, another Santa Fe trader, for \$668.63. On August 7, 1854, the mortgage was canceled and re-mortgaged to Webb for \$710.00. Isabel Conklin married Oliver P. Hovey and on February 4, 1857, her father deeded the house to the couple. Hovey had served in Ceran St. Vrain's "mountain men militia company" which aided Colonel Sterling Price in crushing the Taos Revolt of 1847 and culminated in the assassination of Governor Charles Bent. In that same year, Hovey began publication of New Mexico's first English newspaper, *The Santa Fe Republican*. He was also a member of the territorial legislature and unlike his brother-in-law, Hovey was a supporter of the Union. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he was commissioned a Major-General of the Second Regiment of the Territorial Militia.

Hovey used the house as security in his many financial dealings with such men as Santa Fe merchant Joseph Mercure; William A. Street; William Pelham, the first U.S. Surveyor-General for New

Mexico and who had an office located in Tully House; Alexander Jackson, appointed Secretary of the Territory in September, 1857 and removed by President Lincoln early in 1861 because of his Southern sympathies; and the controversial Padre José Manuel Gallegos, who in 1852 was defrocked by Bishop John B. Lamy.

Hovey died in 1862 and Gallegos, as trustee, sold the Tully House to Major J. Howe Watts for \$4,000.00. In 1880-1881, he was Adjutant General of the Territory. Watts also used the house as security and on March 1, 1871, he deeded the house and property to controversial attorney William Breeden. Breeden was a member of the "Santa Fe Ring" which was a group of leading citizens then dominating New Mexico affairs. In 1868, he had been indicted for alleged unprofessional conduct in collecting pension claims but was later acquitted. He went on to serve as attorney general from 1872-1878 and from 1881-1889.

Breeden lived in the structure until 1881 when he sold it to fellow Santa Fe Ring member Dr. Robert H. Longwill and Rufus J. Palen who was then assistant cashier at the First National Bank and later, president. Palen also served as Treasurer of the Ter-

ritory from 1891-1896 and again in 1911. Longwill had been an Indian agent for the Ute Indians but was removed when he became involved in a scheme to sell sub-standard beef to the Indians. As director of the Maxwell Land Grant, he became implicated in the killing of an anti-grant leader, Methodist Minister Thomas J. Tolby, in 1878. As a result of the incident, Longwill decided to move to Santa Fe.

Records do not indicate who lived in the house during the 1880's and 1890's. On March 2, 1887, Longwill deeded his undivided half in the property to Henry L. Waldo, who was Supreme Court Chief Justice from 1875 to 1878, a partner of Breeden from 1879 to 1883 and later, solicitor for the Santa Fe Railway Company in New Mexico. On April 6, 1889 Judge Waldo gave a quitclaim deed for his half of the property to Palen for \$1,000.00. During the Longwill-Palen-Waldo ownership, a tenth room, located on the south side of the structure and having a bay window, was added.

Many prominent Santa Feans have also lived in the Tully House during the 20th century. On October 7, 1899, Palen deeded the property to Pansy T. Hughes whose husband, James D. Hughes, had been Santa Fe City Clerk in 1891. They in turn conveyed the property to businessman and banker Levi A. Hughes on January 7, 1902. He had been Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue and then Collector from 1889-1893. Hughes helped expose the gigantic Reavis-Peralta land grant fraud by gathering documentation for the Court of Private Land Claims and in 1916, he became president of the First National Bank. Earlier on October 1, 1904, he deeded the Tully House and property to Brownie Baum Raynolds, wife of then Secretary of the Territory James W. Raynolds. Four years after her husband's death, Mrs. Raynolds sold the property to Belle Hanna. She lived in the house until 1920 when Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Donahoo purchased it and in turn, sold it to

Miss Grace Bowman on August 6, 1923. Miss Bowman rented a portion of the house as apartments one of which was used by Erna Fergusson, a prominent New Mexico writer, while she was training the Harvey couriers. The Harvey couriers rode on bus trips to the northern pueblos serving as guides for visitors on the "Indian Detours" program. Jennie M. Avery, co-owner of the pioneer Avery-Bowman Abstract Company, inherited the house and property in 1951. She sold the property to Harry Singh but continued to occupy the south rooms until the summer of 1965. The property is now owned by The Historic Santa Fe Foundation.

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5. Tully House c. 1890



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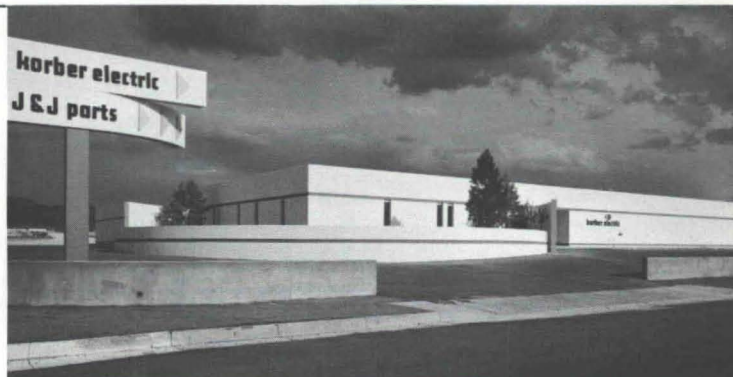
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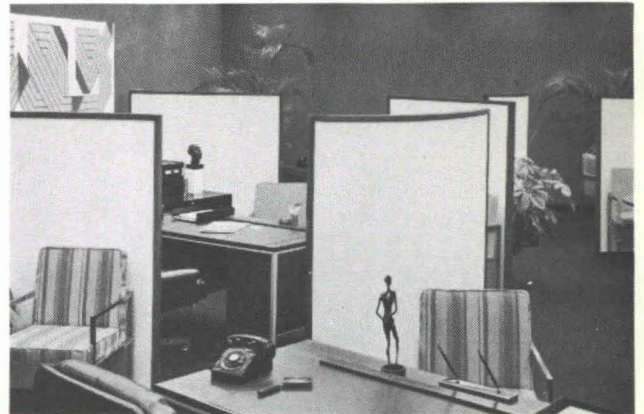
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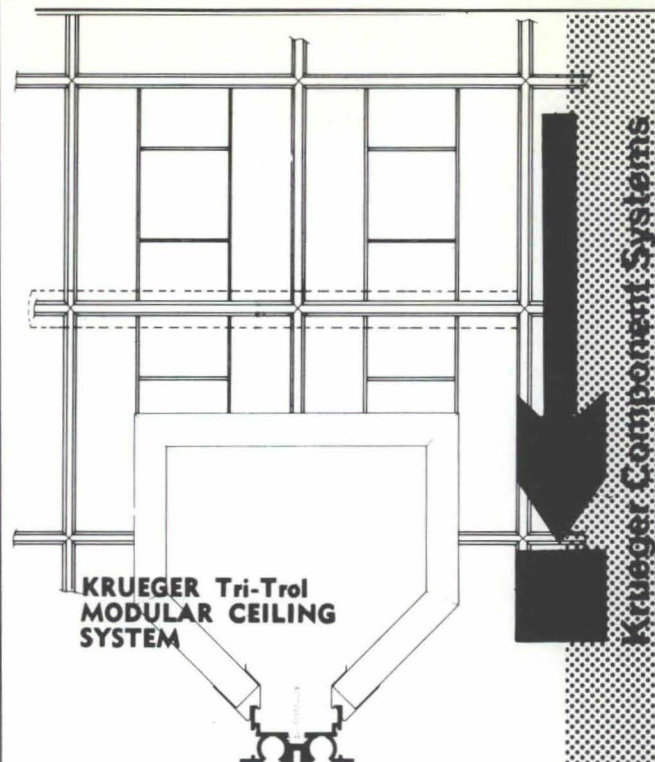
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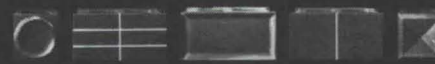
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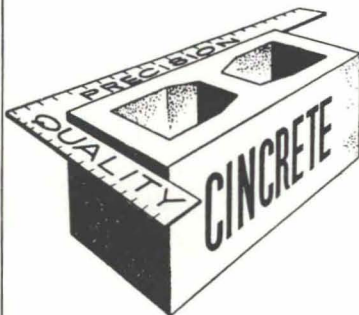
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