







1. Title / Content Area:	Founder of Trinidad: Felipe Baca	    
2. Historic Site:	Trinidad	
3. Developed by:	Michelle Pearson, Adams 12 Five Star School District	
4. Grade Level and Standards:	3-5 3rd : 1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 3.1 4th : 1.2, 2.2 5th : 1.2, 2.2	
5. Assessment Question:	How did Felipe Baca play a role in the development of Trinidad?	
6. Contextual Paragraph	<p>Over time Trinidad, Colorado has been a community that has constantly reinvented itself. Whether referred to as a ranch town, an arts town, and architectural gem, or the home to eclectic businesses, the title will fit and people will often nod their head in agreement. Felipe Baca played an important role in the development and founding of the city of Trinidad.</p> <p>Purchased in 1873 through a trade for 22,000 pounds of wool, the adobe house which was originally constructed for John Hough, still exists today as part of the History Colorado Regional Museum System and is known as the Baca House.</p>	
7. Connection to Historic Preservation	<p>Located in the Southern Rockies, near the border of New Mexico, Trinidad's Corazon de Trinidad was designated in 1973 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is considered to be one of the most intact 19th century cities in Colorado. The Felipe Baca House (Formerly the Hough Residence) is an important historic home in this district and was placed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1970 as a stand-alone building prior to the establishment of the historic</p>	

	<p>district.</p> <p>The Felipe Baca Residence (Formerly the Hough Residence) is significant as one of the earliest examples of Trinidad’s architecture including elements of Greek Revival and Spanish Colonial/ Territorial style. The home is constructed of brick and covered with adobe stucco and has an elaborate roof and dentils under the eaves. The style of the house gives an element of grandeur to the building and Trinidad’s architecture as well. The house is also significant because it represents the early settlers of Trinidad including John Hough and Felipe Baca.</p>	
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Document Based Question (DBQ)

Document Set	
Felipe Baca, Founder of Trinidad, CO	<p>GUIDING QUESTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Based on the Colorado Experience film, why did Felipe Baca come to Trinidad? 2. What roles as a citizen did Felipe Baca play in Colorado? 3. Why would historians say that he was a “prominent and important” citizen of Colorado? 4. Why would Colorado name Baca County after Felipe Baca?
	
<p>http://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/digital-colorado/colorado-histories/beginnings/felipe-baca-rancher-and-town-founder/</p>	

Hough House, Felipe Baca House, Trinidad History Museum, Trinidad, CO

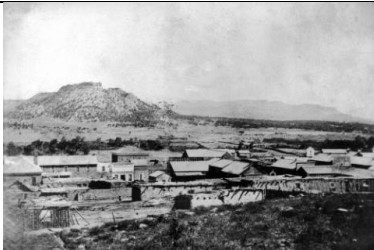


<https://truestwestmagazine.com/trinidad-colorado/>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What materials was this home constructed out of?
2. How did this home represent the importance of the Baca family in Trinidad?
3. Why would it be important to place this house in the National Register of Historic Places?
4. What is its current use? How does this use help visitors learn more about Trinidad and its history?

Trinidad Looking North, Trinidad, CO



<http://digital.denverlibrary.org/cdm/singleitem/col/lection/p15330coll22/id/1960/rec/11>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of structures are in this photo?
2. Who would have lived in these structures?
3. Can you tell if any of these structures exist today?
4. How do historic buildings of Trinidad contribute to the overall atmosphere of Trinidad today?

Trinidad, Colo. 1882 county seat of Las Animas County.



<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g4314t.pm000760/>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. Based on this map, how has Trinidad developed since its establishment by Felipe Baca ?
2. What types of buildings do you see in this map?
3. Who would have created this map of Trinidad and what was its purpose?
4. How could a map such as this encourage business and tourism in the region?

Assessment Question

How did Felipe Baca play a role in the development of Trinidad, and how did the city develop over time in the late 1800's?

Response