Timeline for the Hernández Family in Taos, the Manby/Thorne House, and Art Associations that Managed these Properties for Taos Community

1850's: Hernández family arrived in Taos
1860's: B.C. and Carlos Hernández were born in Taos
1883: Manby immigrated from England to New Mexico
1891-98: Manby purchased ~ 23 acres of land east of Paseo del Pueblo Norte
1895: Carlos brought his widowed mother, Manuela, to live with his family in Ojo Caliente
1899: Manby purchased a 6-room adobe structure and stables on ~ 3 acres of land from Carlos A. and Francisca M. de Hernández
1929: Manby’s body was found in his house
1931: Dr. Victor C. Thorne foreclosed on the Manby House and associated 23 acres
1936-40: Helen Williams, representing Dr. Thorne, had Manby House renovated and furnished, renamed it the Thorne House, and opened it as a community center
1948: Dr. Thorne died, leaving a trust fund, The Taos Foundation, for Ms. Williams to manage
1952: Taos Artists’ Association was founded and purchased the Thorne House and surrounding 3 acres
1953: The Thorne House was converted into a museum and horse stables were converted to a gallery (Stables Gallery), open for exhibitions by Taos Artists’ Association members
1953/54: ~ 20 acres of Thorne property were acquired by New Mexico for inclusion in the Kit Carson Park
1955: Taos Encore Theater opened
1966: Taos Artists’ Association was renamed the Taos Art Association
1969: Renovated Taos Encore Theater burned down
1972: Taos Community Auditorium opened
1975: Parking lot behind Taos Community Auditorium was sold to town of Taos
1980’s: Majority of lilacs planted by Manby were cut down
1980: The Manby/Thorne House was listed in the New Mexico State Register of Historic Properties
1982: The Manby/Thorne House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Taos Downtown Historic District
2000: Taos Art Association was transformed into Taos Center for the Arts
2005: Taos Community Auditorium was sold to town of Taos
2022: Manby/Thorne House formally renamed the Hernández-Manby House by New Mexico Historic Preservation Division