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The Pueblo of Zia, a community of Keresan-speaking Indians, is situated about sixteen miles northwest of Bernalillo, a mile north of Highway 44 at a point five miles southeast of San Ysidro, a Mexican-Anerican village, which is the nearest trade center to Zia as well as the postal address of the pueblo. A paved access road takes off the main highway 44 at the above mentioned milepoints, identified by the familiar State Historic Marker.

The village may be seen from the highway sprawling on top of a basalt mesa, with some houses built along the rimrock and down the sides. The paved access road ends at the north end of a bridge. This, like the bridge at Santa Ana, spans Jemez Creek, a stream of "gyp" water that is also the irrigation source of the community. After crossing the bridge a number of very rocky dirt roads take off in different directions. The road directly west (left turn) leads to the Day School, and beyond that the fields; another to the northeast ends up at the community corrals; the road straight ahead, very bumpy and narrow, winds its way up the side of the mesa to make a turn to the left. There is no wide parking place at the top, but from here continues to circle the village and again join the road to the bridge. Cars are generally parked along this road. No access is provided for vehicles to the plazas, as is custom with other pueblos.

There are two plazas—a north plaza and a south. There is a kiva for each plaza, two ceremonial chambers, both circular and built partly underground. A fire damaged the north kiva some years ago and was out of use for a long time. Cause of the fire, it is said, came from conflict within the pueblo. There are very few houses that are more than one story; none above two stories. Houses are grouped to surroun the plazas, but many are isolated. off by themselves beyond the church. Also, and most happily, the new BIA houses are off to their own on a ridge beyond the village. None are built to comform with the primitive architecture of Zia and each is a facsimile of houses popular in the white man's suburbia, but the Zia people have the good sense to allow them a conspicuous place in the village. The old Zia houses are substantial, low, thick-walled of native rock and chinked and plastered with mud.

Crowning the basalt mesa and to be seen from all parts of the village is the mission church of Nuestra Senora de la Asuncion. This is nearly 300 years old, its construction completed in October, 1692, at the time of the DeVargas reconquest. It is described in the WPA Guidebook, (1940 and 1945) as follows:

"It is a simple structure with massive buttresses on the front facade. The second floor gallery porch over the entrance has a solid railing with a pattern of crude, circular openings cut out along the bottom. In the center above the gallery's wooden roof is a bell hung in a stepped adobe gable."

Hewett and Bandelier, in their <u>Indians of the Rio Grande Valley</u>, add: "One of the best of the old Franciscan churches is at Zia."

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On the basis of pottery , anthropologists have inferred that Rio Grande Keresans migrated from the San Juan river , Four Corners area where their earlier ruins are called Anasazi . Five abandoned sites within a few miles of Zia Pueblo contain sherds running through Glaze A to Glaze F , 13th through 18th centuries . Only two , however , show the whole glaze paint . series indicating continuous occupation . Present Zia Pueblo trash middens also contain the whole series , showing that Zia today has been occupied from the 13th century to the present .

A tradition existed in early Spanish times that shortly before Coronado's entrada , the Pueblos of Acoma and Zia were visited by Aztec Indians from Mexico who told them of the Spaniards in the south .

The convento for the Zia Mission was first mentioned in 1613 ; Santa Ana Pueblo was noted as a visita of Zia in 1614. No trace of ruins of a Catholic church have been found in or near Zia at this time. It is therefore concluded that the present Mission is the same as that of the 17th century .

When de Vargas came to Zia in 1692, he ordered the Zias , who had met him peaceably , to cut wood for the needed roof and "wooden parts" of the Mission as the walls were in good shape . When de Vargas returned to permanently resettle New Mexico in 1693 , the only Pueblos which allied themselves with him were the Keresans of Zia , Santa Ana , San Felipe , and Pecos .

By 1694 Zia was asking deVargas for help and protection from attacks from Jemez , Cochiti , and Santa Domingo . They were told to come to Santa Fe for safety but refused to leave their Pueblo . In 1696 when the last general Indian rebellion broke out , Zia had their former enemies to contend with , because of their alliance with the Spaniards , and hostile Acomas , Zunis , and Navajos as well .

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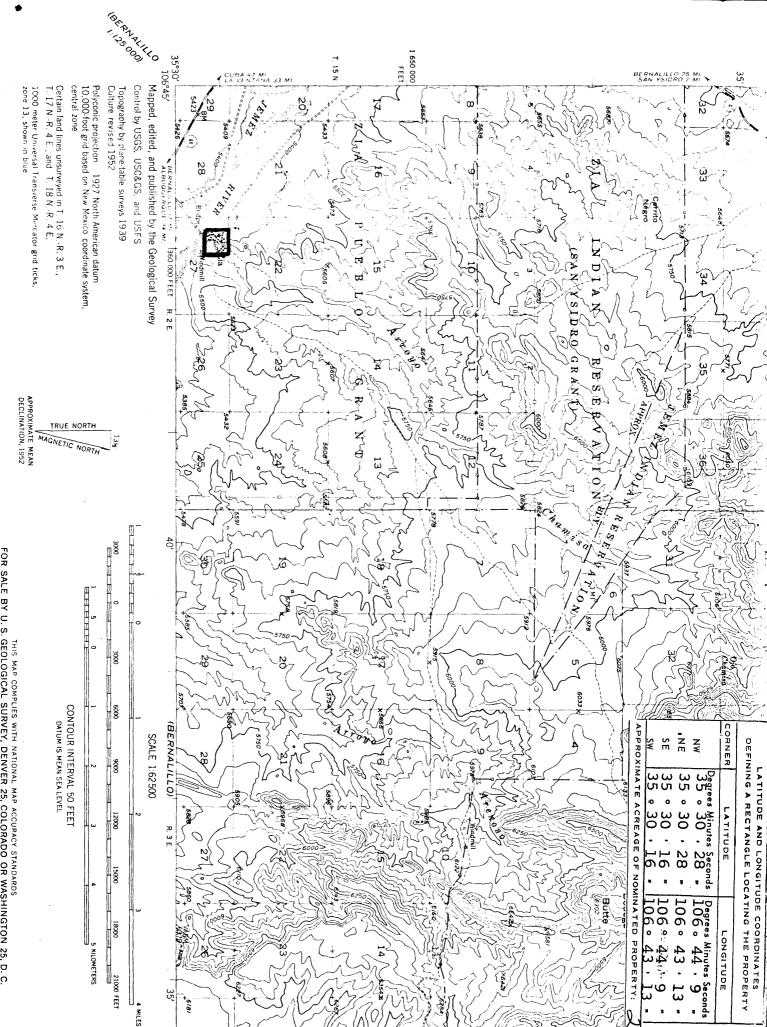
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In 1706 a Franciscan lived at Zia . In 1728 , an epidemic of measles broke out in the adjoining pueblos and at Zia . All of them fled into the nearby Jemez mountains . The Governor at that time , Bustamante , considered this a rebellion and ordered them to return to their pueblos which the Zias did of their own free will . Bishop Tamaron visited Zia in 1760 as did Dominguez in 1776 , when he gave his usual detailed description of the church and pueblo .





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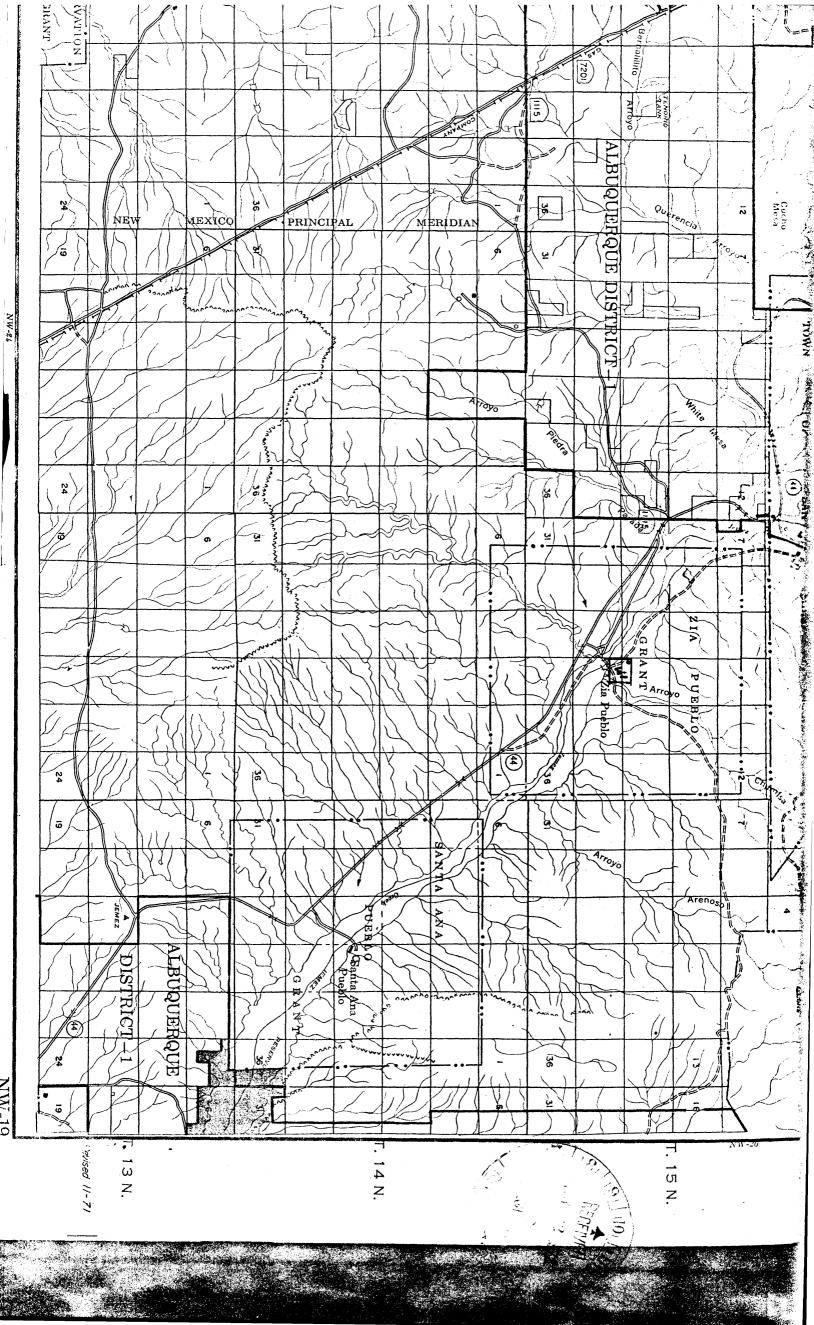
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