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The present Pueblo of Tesuque founded in 1694, consists of one and two-story adobe homes constructed around a central plaza. The church which is on the north side of the plaza was built in 1915 and incorporated the sacristy of an early 18th century church which collapsed in the late 19th century. Northwest of the church stands an abandoned square ceremonial In 1963, a new community center was dedicated at the kiva. pueblo.

In 1776, Fray Atanasio Dominguez visited the pueblo and observed:

The location, then, of the pueblo buildings must be considered south in relation to the church and convent. In front of the convent there is a little plaza surrounded by three blocks joined together; and the fourth side, which closes in the square plaza, consists of two sections. The first and upper half is the convent, and the lower half is a separate tenement. There are three passages: one on the corner above the convent, another separating the convent and the tenement, and the third on the corner below the tenement. ... It can now be assumed that the houses of which the pueblo is composed are adobe and like other Indian houses in these parts. All have upper and lower dwellings, but they are built like a dovecot, for the patio is communal like the plaza and street. The entrance to some houses is by little doors on the street; others have ladders, and some of these ascend to a door which resembles a little window torn in the wall of the upper apartment, while others rest on a porticolike jacal or on the roof of a small room that juts out from the lower dwelling and has a little flat roof which provides access to the upper dwelling. The fastenings are a wooden lock and key (pp. 49 50).

Major John G. Bourke, U.S.A., in 1881 also inventoried the village noting particularly the novel method of entrance to the houses. He wrote:

We were marched over to the other side of the plaza and observed on our way that the chimneys of the houses were made of earthenware pots, placed one upon another and coated with mud, that upon the roofs in nearly all cases were bakeovens, and that to enter any house it was necessary first to ascend a ladder to the roof of the first story and then descend to the living rooms. Because we did not attend to this last peculiarity, we walked quite around the residence of the gobernador, followed by the whole swarm of boys and girls laughing and screaming at our ignorance. At last, we found the proper ladder and climbed to the second story. This was built upon the first, but the walls were not, as with us, flush with the front walls of the edifice. They (See Continuation Sheet)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

First visited in 1583 by Antonio de Espejo and later in 1591 by Gaspar Castaño de Sosa, the Pueblo of Tesuque became the site of the mission church of San Lorenzo de Tesuque in the early 17th century. The pueblo which is the southernmost of the five surviving Tewa pueblos was then located three miles east of the present site. On September 9, 1598, Juan de Oñate, the Colonizer of New Mexico, assigned Fray Cristóbal de Salazar and Juan de San Buenaventura, a lay brother, to administer to the spiritual needs of the Tewa Indians. The pueblo had a major role in the Great Pueblo Revolt of 1680 against Spanish rule. On August 9 of that year, Governor Antonio de Otermin had two Tesuque messengers, Catua and Omtua, arrested by Francisco Gómez Robledo and escorted to Santa Fe for questioning concerning a possible pueblo revolt. The Tesuque Indians immediately notified the other pueblos and started the revolt that same day by killing a Spaniard, Cristóbal de Herrera. The next day, the revolt became widespread and Tesuque Indians killed their resident priest, Fray Juan Bautista Rio, when he returned from Santa Fe with a guard to say mass.

When General Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponce de León reconquered the area in 1692, he was well received at the pueblo and Governor Domingo promised peace. However, when Vargas returned in January, 1694, he found the pueblo abandoned and the tribe occupying Las Peñas Coloradas facing Pojoaque. The Tesuque Indians had moved by May of the same year to the mesa of San Ildefonso to join the natives of eight other northern pueblos. On September 1, Vargas decided to strike a decisive blow against the nine pueblos concentrated on the mesa. By holding the fields planted in the river valley, Vargas was able to starve the defenders of the mesa into submission. The Pueblo of Tesuque was reestablished at its present site by September 17, 1694 and was the only one of the Tewa pueblos which took no part in the 1696 Pueblo Revolt.

In 1744, Fray Miguel de Menchero surveyed the area and of Tesuque he noted, "The Indian mission of Tesuque was restored and is now settled with fifty families." (vol. 3, p. 402). The church of San Diego had been constructed sometime before 1706 and in 1760, Bishop of Durango Pedro Tamarón visited the (See Continuation Sheet)

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receded in such a manner as to leave a platform in front; this was the roof of the first story and was formed of round pine logs, covered with small branches and afterwards plastered smoothly with mud. (p. 312)

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mission and wrote, "This Indian pueblo is a visita of Santa It is three leagues to the north of the place from which Fe. it is administered." (p. 54). The church became a visita of Pojoaque in 1782. Fray Francisco Atanasio Dominguez in 1776 also inventoried the pueblo and of the church he recorded, "The church is of adobes with thin walls, single-nave construction, about 30 varas [1 vara equals 32 2/3 inches] long from the door to the high altar, a good 7 varas wide, and 8 high as far as the bed molding." (p. 47). Of the inhabitants, he noted, "As for service, there is none at all, since they do not even give the father who visits them a single load of firewood. Even if he asks for it, there is always some petty authority to oppose the gift, " (p. 43). Dominguez listed the population of the village as 45 families consisting of 194 persons.

The Pueblo of Tesuque was not as exposed as its neighbors were to Spanish encroachment. Concerning encroachment of Tesuque lands, Myra Ellen Jenkins in her article "Spanish Land Grants in the Tewa Area" notes:

In early June of 1752 Juan de Gabaldón of Santa Fe petitioned for a grant on both sides of the Tesuque River, south and east of the Pueblo of Tesuque. Governor Vélez Cachupín ordered an extensive investigation of possible adverse claims by the Indians and by Juan de Benavides, whose lands were listed by Gabaldón in his petition as the northern boundary. Alcalde Mayor Bustamante Tagle reported to the governor June 7 that the Indians registered no adverse claim, but that Benavides objected, fearing that Gabaldón would cut off his irrigation water. Gabaldón promised not to interfere with the water and agreed to build a reservoir for the benefit of all. The grant was approved and Gabaldón placed in possession June 17, with strict orders not to cut off the water from the river, "especially from the Indians of San Diego de Tesuque." (p. 132).

In 1870 Indian Agent W.F.M. Arny listed 98 persons living at the pueblo. Major John G. Bourke, U.S.A., in 1881 visited Tesuque Pueblo and wrote, "First, the 'gobernador' or 'cacique' (See Continuation Sheet #2)

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(he acknowledged both titles) showed us two silver headed batons of office; one marked in plain script - 'President Lincoln á Tesuque, 1863,' and the other, unmarked, received from the Mexican Government before the coming of the 'Americanos.'" Bourke also observed the church and noted, "'Este es la iglesia' (this is the church) said our guide, pointing to a sadly dilapidated one story flat roofed adobe structure surmounted by a very small bell:" The church collapsed in the late 19th century and a portion of the sacristy was incorporated in the present church when it was built in 1915.				

The Congress of the United States on December 22, 1858 confirmed a 17,471.12 acre grant to the Pueblo of Tesuque which was patented on November 1, 1864. This acreage was reduced by later court decisions accepting the claims of non-Indians in the Rio de Tesuque area. In 1963, pueblo lands included 16,960.37 acres.

Tesuque has always been one of the smallest and poorest of the pueblo communities, a condition which has resulted mainly from the lack of water for irrigating. A small dam constructed on the Tesuque River in the 1930's has somewhat alleviated the problem. The pueblo over the years has kept many of its ceremonies such as the dances performed on the feast day of San Diego on November 12th, the Corn dance, the Eagle dance and the Bow and Arrow dance.

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