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Trival of the Spanish and rebuilt after a flood in 1886, the Pueblo of Santo Domingo was originally constructed of adobe and situated around a plaza. Fray Francisco Atanasio Dominguez who visited the pueblo in 1776 described it as follows:

The pueblo consists of six blocks, or buildings, of dwellings. Of these, two stand one after the other below the right corner of the new church, and face due east overlooking the church and convent to their left side on the north and to the south on their right side. The four remaining blocks face due south with their backs to the church and convent. They are all separate from one another, with a street in the form of a cross dividing the four. The houses have upper and lower stories like those I described at Tesuque, and these are better arranged than the ones there, with a beautiful plaza overlooked by the last ones mentioned between their facades and those of the church and convent.

The whole pueblo is surrounded by a rather high adobe wall with two gates. . . . (p. 137).

In 1706, a church was in the process of being constructed and between 1740 and 1760 a new and larger church was built next to the 1706 structure. Of the two churches, Dominguez observed:

There are two churches at this mission, one old and the other new. For the present the old one must detain us, for in order to convey a clear understanding of everything, as I am trying to do, I cannot omit to say that it is in good condition but is used only for burying the dead and as a passageway to the new one. Its location makes this necessary since it has always been joined to the convent along the wall on the Epistle side, with its outlook and principal door to the south. The new one is beside it, with about a vara [1 vara equals 32 2/3 inches] and a half between the Gospel wall of the old church and the Epistle wall of the new. This little alley is closed by walls at both ends and roofed over, but it is so dark that it is really a cellar. One crosses this to enter the new church.

Father Zamora [Fray Antonio Zamora] built it out of his alms. It is adobe with very thick walls, single-naved, and the outlook and main door are due south (pp. 130-131).

In 1886, the Rio Grande overflowed its banks and destroyed the two churches, convents and western portion of the pueblo. In the reconstruction, the pueblo was extended to the east incorporating the surviving structures. However, the present pueblo plan shows long house blocks and the complete absence of a plaza. Dancing and other activities take place in a wide central street. The adobe pueblo contains two large kivas and a church which was erected about 1890 outside of the village proper. The present condition of the pueblo is excellent.

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With a population of 2,311 in 1970, the Pueblo of Santo Domingo, named for the patron saint St. Dominic, is the largest of the eastern Keresan pueblos. When Juan de Oñate, the Colonizer of New Mexico, came to the area in 1598, he found the Santo Domingos inhabiting a pueblo known as Gipuy situated near the site of the present pueblo. Later, this pueblo was washed away by a flood and another pueblo known to the natives as Huashpa tzena was constructed on the west banks of the Rio Grande. The pueblo became the ecclesiastical headquarters for the Franciscan Minor, the order to which the jurisdiction of New Mexico was assigned by Spanish authorities. About 1641, the Pueblo of Cochití became a visita of the pueblo. After 1782, both the pueblos of San Felipe and Cochití were visitas of Santo Domingo.

When the pueblos united in the great Revolt of 1680 against Spanish rule, the Indians of Santo Domingo killed the priests stationed at the pueblo. With the arrival of General Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponce de León who reconquered the area for Spain during the years 1692-1696, the Indians of Santo Domingo were found occupying the mesa of Jemez. Their initial response in 1692 was a promise to submit once again to Spanish rule. However, when Vargas returned to New Mexico in 1693, he found the tribe defiantly occupying the mesa above their pueblo. July 20, 1694, Vargas decided to launch a campaign against the Jemez and Santo Domingos who were then fortified on the mesa of Along with his allies from the pueblos of Santa Ana, Zia and San Felipe, Vargas attacked the mesa on July 24, 1694. The mesa was swiftly captured, 84 Indians were killed and 346 captives were taken. Many of the Santo Domingos became scattered during the reconquest period.

Flooding of the Rio Grande in the late 1600's destroyed Huashpa Tzena, and about 1700, a new pueblo called Kiua by the Santo Domingos was constructed on the present site of Santo Domingo. In 1706, a church was in the process of being constructed. Between 1740 and 1760, a new and larger church was built next to the 1706 structure. Bishop of Durango Pedro Tamarón visited the pueblo in 1760 and noted, "It comprises 67 families, with 424 persons." Sixteen years later, Fray Francisco Atanasio Dominguez also visited the Santo Domingos and

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observed, "There are two churches at this mission, one old and the other new." He also noted that the pueblo had six blocks of dwellings, with the churches and convento located near a plaza. Defensive adobe walls with two gates surrounded the entire town. In describing the locale, Dominguez recorded that a rancho of a Spaniard and his family of ten was located one league to the north. Apparently, this was the residence of José Miguel de la Peña as church records contain entries for "El Rancho de José Miguel de la Peña," 1777-1780. By 1791, the name was shortened to "El Rancho de Peña" and after 1792, became "El Rancho de la Peña Blanca." Today, the town of Peña Blanca is situated in this area.

In 1807, Major Zebulon M. Pike, U.S.A., and his Spanish captors passed through the pueblo on their way to Chihuahua. General Stephen Watts Kearny, U.S.A., also entered Santo Domingo on his march to California in 1846.

The Santo Domingos took an active part in the Rebellion of 1837, culminating in the assassination of Governor Albino Pérez southwest of Santa Fe, August 8th. Former governor Santiago Abréz, then Prefect of the north, was taken prisoner and killed within the pueblo on August 9, 1837. No reprisal was taken against the pueblo when Manuel Armijo suppressed the revolt.

In 1886, another flood ravaged the pueblo sweeping away the two churches, convento and western portion of the pueblo. The present village was built slightly to the east away from the river. Those portions which survived the flood were rebuilt and incorporated into the newer section. A new church was constructed around 1890 and is located outside of the village proper.

Although the buildings have continued to be damaged by flooding as recent as 1941, Santo Domingo has been a center for Indian activity particularly in hosting the meetings of the All Pueblo Council, organized in 1922. It is also very well known for its Green Corn Dance held yearly on August 4th.

The Congress of the United States on December 22, 1858 confirmed a 74,743.11 acre grant to the Pueblo of Santo Domingo which was patented in 1864. This acreage was reduced by later court decisions. In 1964, pueblo lands included approximately 69,262 acres, including lands used jointly with the Pueblo of San Felipe, lands in conflict with the Pueblo of Cochiti and lands acquired from the Bureau of Land Management in 1961.

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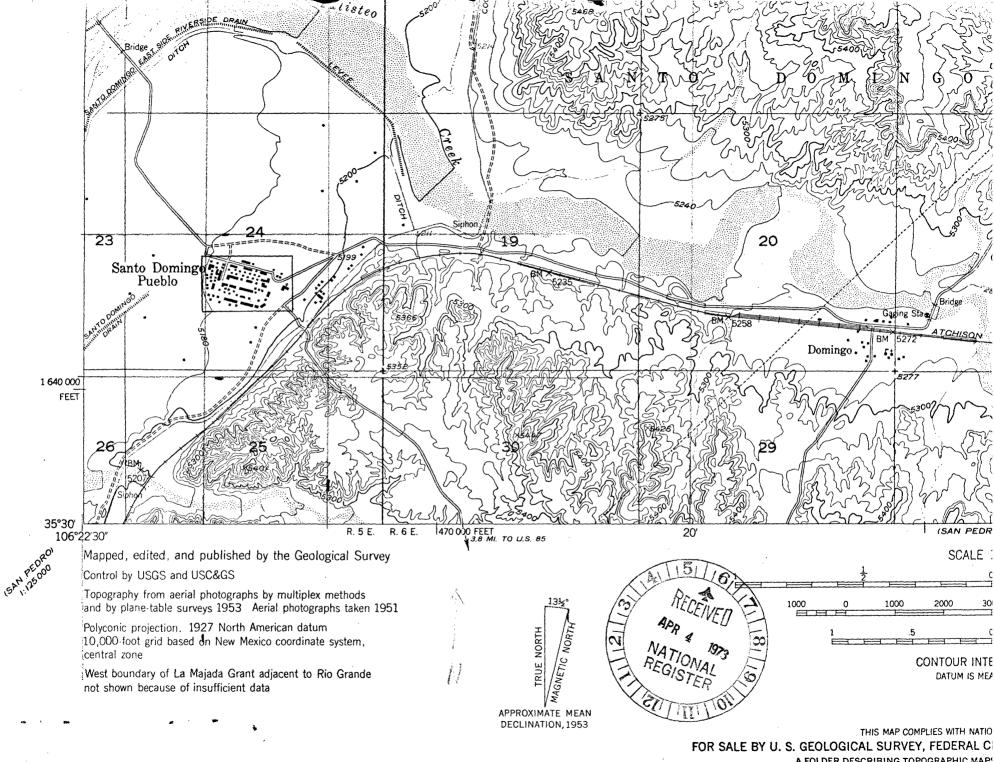
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