

A Brief History of Aztec. New Mexico

The recorded history of Aztec begins during the summer of 1776 with the arrival of Father Francisco Atanosio Dominguez and Father Francisco Velaz de Escalante. These two men were friars who were seeking a shorter trail route from Santa Fe to the missions in California. They, along with several explorers, passed through the San Juan Basin en route to find a suitable trail. Don Bernardo de Miera y Pacheco, a mapmaker and surveyor, was a member of the exploring party. Many of the names of the rivers and valleys documented at that time, such as Rio Florida (River of Flowers), Rio de Las Piedras (River of the Stones), Rio de Los Pinos (River of the Pines), and Rio de San Juan (River of St. John) were derived from his maps and are still in use today.

Father Dominguez and Father Escalante never did find a suitable trail to the missions of California. However, early settlers and explorers into the San Juan Basin region were grateful for their efforts to provide a route of travel.

The town of Aztec was established in the late 1800s. It was originally only a trading post in Taos County during the 1880s, and did not become an established community until 1887. By 1890, the Aztec Town Company was formed dividing 40 acres of land for laying out the town, and Aztec was born. your meal

In 1894, the Territorial Legislation financed a program to help boost the economy. "Experimental Farm" was a program that taught farmers the best crops to grow for the area in which they were living. Although the program was successful as well as helpful, it ended it 1901 due to a lack of appropriations by State Legislation.

The economy of Aztec was sustained due to new people building homes and farms and older citizens received pensions from the Civil War, which increased their income and added to the economy.

Also in 1895, the addition of Main Street created a number of new businesses such as a blacksmith, a drugstore, barber shop, livery barn and a flour mill operated by water power. Two lawyers, a doctor and a dentist, a meat market, a saloon and a mercantile store were located on the other side of town.

Aztec became a beautiful town by 1900. Beautiful homes with picket fences and gardens helped Aztec become a well-established town with a growing economy

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Grilled Chicken Breast

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