

2016 New Mexico History Conference

Farmington, New Mexico
April 14 - 16, 2016

Presented by the
Historical Society of New Mexico

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San Juan County Historical Society



Apple pickers and packers in the Farmington orchard of Mrs. Agnes Miller Currie, 1907. (Courtesy of the Farmington Museum)



2016 New Mexico History Conference Schedule at a Glance

Thursday, April 14

- 1:00 – 5:00 Conference registration and exhibitor set-up,
Farmington Civic Center, 200 West Arrington
- 5:30 – 6:30 Opening plenary session featuring Anne Hillerman,
Courtyard by Marriott, 560 Scott Ave
- 6:30 – 8:00 Opening reception, Courtyard by Marriott
DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Friday, April 15

- 8:00 – 6:00 Conference registration, book sales and exhibitor displays,
Farmington Civic Center
- 8:30 – 12:00 Conference sessions 1 - 8, Farmington Civic Center
- 12:15 – 1:15 HSNM Annual Meeting and lunch, Courtyard by Marriott
- 1:30 – 5:00 Conference sessions 9 - 16, Farmington Civic Center
- 5:30 – 7:00 HSNM Book auction, Courtyard by Marriott (cash bar)
DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Saturday, April 16

- 8:00 – 12:00 Conference registration, book sales, and exhibitor displays,
Farmington Civic Center
- 8:30 – 12:00 Conference sessions 17 - 24, Farmington Civic Center
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
- 1:00 – 5:00 Tours and local museum visits
- 5:30 – 6:00 Cash Bar, Courtyard by Marriott
- 6:00 – 8:00 HSNM Awards Banquet, Courtyard by Marriott (Preregistration
required)
- 8:00 – 9:00 Winners' Reception and Book Signing, Courtyard by Marriott

Opening Plenary Session Featuring Anne Hillerman Thursday, April 14, 5:30 - 6:30, Farmington Civic Center



Anne Hillerman is the author of the *New York Times* best-selling *Spider Woman's Daughter*, the continuation of the Joe Leaphorn/Jim Chee mysteries series created by her father, Tony Hillerman. The novel won the Spur Award from Western Writers of America as the best first novel in 2014 and also received two New Mexico-Arizona book awards for best mystery and best book of 2014. Her second novel, *Rock with Wings*, featuring the Navajo detectives and starring Bernadette Manuelito, was released in 2015.

Anne is founding director of the Tony Hillerman Writers Conference held annually in Santa Fe. She began her writing career as a newspaper reporter and continues in journalism as restaurant critic for the *Albuquerque Journal*. A New Mexican since the age of four, she lives in Santa Fe with her husband, photographer Don Strel.

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Friday, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Session 1, Room 1: Water, an Atomic Explosion, and an Unsolved Mystery

Session Chair: Adam D. Heien, Political Papers Archivist, New Mexico State University

Presenters: Adam D. Heien, Gerry Strickfaden, Nancy Owen Lewis

Session Sponsor: Albuquerque Historical Society

Water is for fighting...and Washington. The San Juan-Chama diversion project is one of the most important public works projects in New Mexico. This presentation will review the history of the project and the role of New Mexico's congressional delegation in funding and construction of the project. **Adam D. Heien** is the Political Papers Archivist at New Mexico State University. Adam sits on the Board of the Historical Society of New Mexico and is a member of the Society of American Archivists and the Society of Southwest Archivists.

Operation Gasbuggy: The A-bomb Down the Road. Gasbuggy was a 29 kiloton nuclear explosive detonated underground east of Farmington in December, 1967. The purpose of the experiment was to evaluate the stimulation of natural gas wells by shock-induced fracturing of the impervious rock. This talk will explain the conduct and results of Gasbuggy as well as other Plowshare detonations in New Mexico and southwestern Colorado. **Gerry Strickfaden** is a mechanical engineer, retired from Los Alamos Scientific/National Lab. He joined the Lab when there were quite a few Manhattan Project veterans still employed there, and he soaked up a fair bit of Manhattan Project lore.

Pastures Possessed: The Cattle Mutilation Conspiracy. This presentation examines the evidence and theories that emerged from the 1970s rash of mysterious cattle mutilations that focused national attention on the community of Dulce on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation. **Nancy Owen Lewis** has a PhD in anthropology, serves as 2nd Vice-president of the HSNM Board, and is a scholar-in-residence at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe.

Session 2, Room 2: People, Prehistory, and Historic Preservation in the San Juan River Drainages

Session Chair: Larry L. Baker, San Juan County Museum Association

Presenters: Paul F. Reed, Larry L. Baker, and D. Erik Simpson

Session Sponsor: Mike and Anita Stevenson

Chaco and After: The Middle San Juan Region in Historical Context. Archaeology and history diverged as scholarly disciplines more than 100 years ago in America. Nevertheless, many view these disciplinary boundaries as artificial and, in some cases, highly limiting. History supposedly began with the entrance of the Spanish to the American Southwest in 1539. Such a view, however, unnecessarily limits our perspective. This presentation will address the Chacoan and post-Chacoan history and archaeology of the Middle San Juan in a holistic manner and convey the importance of this significant period of time.

Navajo Defensive Sites: Pueblitos and Reservation in Dinétah. Navajo defensive sites, commonly known as *pueblitos*, were constructed during the late 17th and 18th centuries in the area known as Dinétah, the Navajo ancestral homeland. Many of these structures are built in defensive positions on isolated boulders and mesa edges, primarily as a strategy against Ute raiding. Forty eight *pueblitos* have been accepted to the National Register of Historic Places. Preservation efforts to stabilize the historic architecture have been undertaken by the San Juan County Museum Association/Division of Conservation Archaeology. Details of site architecture and masonry stabilization are presented for these spectacular ruins.

Development of Identity: Two Examples from the American Southwest. This talk explores the development of identity for two southwestern cultures: the Gallina and the Navajo. The first and earliest of the two, the Gallina culture, had a long history of development in southwestern Colorado and northwestern New Mexico. The Gallina people established an identity that can be characterized as conservative and resistant to external influence. The development of the Navajo identity is also an ancient phenomenon that is continually evolving in the present. It is an identity with strong Apachean roots that has incorporated various peoples and concepts into a cohesive, though not homogeneous, culture.

Friday, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Session 3, Room 3: Pioneer Women in Non-Traditional Roles

Session Chair: Sandra Mathews, a New Mexican teaching at Nebraska Wesleyan University

Presenters: Willard Steinsiek, Peter Linder, Joan M. Jensen

Session Sponsor: Las Vegas Citizens Committee for Historic Preservation

The Life and Work of Mary Louise Eldridge Among the Navajo. This presentation will tell the story of Mary Eldridge, who arrived on the Navajo Reservation in 1891, became involved in the struggle for Navajo rights, and became a central figure in early efforts to culturally assimilate the Navajo people. **Willard Steinsiek** is a United Methodist Pastor, currently serving as the Archivist for the New Mexico Conference of the United Methodist Church and who is publishing a semiannual Historical Journal for the New Mexico Conference Historical Society.

Workers in the Master's Vineyard: Single Women as Protestant Missionaries in Territorial Las Vegas. Using Las Vegas, New Mexico, as an ideal venue, this presentation will review the role of single women who came to serve as Protestant missionaries in Territorial New Mexico in the late nineteenth century. They worked in schools and organizations founded by the Methodist Episcopal Church and became a recognized and accepted presence in the community. **Peter Linder** is a New Mexico native, and he is currently Professor of History at New Mexico Highlands University who specializes in the history of the Southwest and Latin America.

Margaret Reid-Armer and the New Mexico Angora Goat Boom, 1890-1940. This paper discusses Margret Reid-Armer's work as a rancher in New Mexico and her role in the world-wide angora goat raising boom of the 1890s. It is based on the Armer-Reid papers in the Rio Grande Historical Collections at New Mexico State University Library. **Joan M. Jensen** is Professor Emerita in the History Department at New Mexico State University. She is co-editing a collection of essays on West Central New Mexico tentatively titled "Beyond Pie Town."

Session 4, Room 4: A Ceremonial, Baseball, and A Highway to the Four Corners

Session Chair: Kermit Hill, retired teacher and member of the HSNM Board

Presenters: Bruce Gjeltema, Carol May, Dirk Van Hart

Session Sponsor: Patricia Boddy and Kenneth Don Tharp

Gallup's Memorial to the American Indian Comes to Red Rocks: Ambitious Plans for Tourism and Tribute, 1955. This presentation describes the 1950s efforts of Gallup's business community to create an expansive park complex and memorial for the Gallup Intertribal Ceremonial and the effort's eventual failure. **Bruce Gjeltema** is a professor of history at the University of New Mexico Gallup campus and a member of the HSNM Board.

The Connie Mack World Series - A Community Event with Culture, Class, and Tradition. The Connie Mack World Series is a national baseball tournament for youth eighteen years old and younger that has been held continuously in Farmington, New Mexico, since 1965, fifty-one years. This presentation will review the history of the Series, which has hosted some of the nation's most talented ball players and created years of heritage and traditions. The Connie Mack World Series has a special place in **Carol May's** heart. She has been the Administrator for the event for the past seventeen years and has twice been honored as "Woman of the Year" by the American Amateur Baseball Congress.

Historical and Geological Excursion over New Mexico's Old Route 44. This is a non-technical *PowerPoint* exploration of what was once New Mexico State Highway 44, detailing the human and geologic history along the major transportation corridor connecting the Rio Grande Valley to Bloomfield in the San Juan River Valley. The presentation provides a survey of the highway and its environs in a new way and aims to make history and geology seem a natural and necessary pairing. **Dirk Van Hart** holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in geology, and in 1965 began a long professional career as a petroleum geologist in Oklahoma, Texas, California, Guatemala, and Ecuador.

Friday, 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Session 5, Room 1: The Catholic Church and Priesthood in Late Spanish Colonial New Mexico

Session Chair: Rick Hendricks, New Mexico State Historian and HSNM Board Member

Presenters: Rick Hendricks and Roberto Martínez

Session Sponsor: John Bloom

As Mexican independence approached the northern region of New Mexico, the Catholic Church and its priests in the area were also experiencing a great deal of tumult and confusion. This presentation will look at the tensions that existed between regular order priests of the Franciscans and the newly arrived diocesan (secular) priests from Durango, Mexico, and what those events tell us about life in New Mexico as it transitioned from Spanish to Mexican Territory. Presenters **Rick Hendricks**, New Mexico State Historian, and **Roberto Martínez**, Assistant State Historian at the New Mexico State Records Center and Archives will tag-team their way through a general overview of this period of New Mexico history and provide biographies of selected priests from the era.

Session 6, Room 2: Pioneer Communities of Northern New Mexico

Session Chair: Richard Melzer, Professor of History, UNM Valencia and HSNM Board Member

Presenters: Anita Martínez, Merideth Hmura, and Robert J. Tórréz

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Los Martínez, History of a Community Displaced with the Building of the Navajo Dam. This program will review the history of a community that disappeared under the waters of Navajo Lake and the relocation of the Rosa cemetery. **Anita Martínez** is a 7th grade New Mexico history teacher at Koogler Middle School in Aztec, New Mexico.

Cowles, New Mexico, and the History of a Dude Ranch: Mountain View Ranch. **Merideth Hmura** will discuss the mining history of Tererro, New Mexico, located east of Santa Fe, near Pecos, from 1880's to 1940. She will also review the Viles Foundation, Inc., a scholarship foundation that was begun in 1959 by the owner of Mountain View Ranch.

Chama, New Mexico: A “Wild West” Town on the D&RG Narrow Gauge. Present-day Chama, New Mexico, came into existence with the arrival of the Denver & Rio Grande narrow gauge railroad into northern New Mexico in 1879. The little town quickly developed a reputation for lawlessness and as a haven for outlaws. This presentation will review this early history and the role of the D&RG in the economic development of the region. **Robert J. Tórréz** is a former President of the Historical Society of New Mexico and served as the New Mexico State Historian from 1987-2000.

Friday 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

HSNM Annual Meeting & Lunch at the Courtyard by Marriott

(Preregistration for lunch required by April 1)

Thanks Especially to all the Presenters and Session Chairs,

to Robert Torrez, Program Chair

and to Mike Stevenson, Program Layout, and Dawn Santiago, Program Editing

Friday, 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Session 7, Room 3: Hate Crimes and a Deadly Disease

Session Chair: Craig Newbill, Executive Director, New Mexico Humanities Council

Presenters: Dianne Layden, PhD, Phillip B. Gonzales, PhD, Carol Sullivan, PhD

Session Sponsor: New Mexico Humanities Council

Hate Crimes in New Mexico: The Nosh Deli Case. In 2014, stickers with death threats to Jews were posted on the doors of Nosh Deli in Albuquerque. This paper will recount the case as well as current data for hate crimes and hate groups in the U.S. and New Mexico. **Dianne R. Layden** is a retired college professor, writer, and editor in Albuquerque who has done research on hate groups and hate crimes since the late 1980s. She serves on the boards of the Albuquerque Historical Society and the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society.

Anti-Semitism in the 1867 Election for Territorial Delegate to Congress from New Mexico. This will examine the contentious election for delegate to Congress of 1867 and summarize the anti-Semitic component of the election in which his opposition claimed that Charles V. Clever was Jewish and did not merit election to Congress. **Phillip B. Gonzales** is Professor of Sociology and Administrator at the University of New Mexico. He is author of the forthcoming publication, *Política: Nuevomexicanos and American Political Incorporation, 1835-1910* (University of Nebraska Press).

Denial, A Graphic Memoir About Early HIV Prevention Work in New Mexico. Personal, “I was there,” observations by the presenter of how individuals and institutions reacted to the then new and deadly sickness caused by the AIDS virus as the disease was beginning to have an impact in New Mexico. **Carol Sullivan** has a PhD in Cultural Anthropology and retired after an extensive teaching career and field work in the Oglala Sioux reservation, Mexico, and Brazil.

Session 8, Room 4: Women, Businessmen & Shady Dealings in Early New Mexico

Session Chair: Dawn Santiago, HSNM Board Member

Presenters: Virginia Sanchez, Doyle Daves and Linda Tigges

Session Sponsor: Nancy Saiers

Conejos Indian Agent Lafayette Head: Friend or Foe. Using new information about petitions by Hispano settlers to have him removed due to malfeasance of government-issued provisions intended for the Utes, this presentation will review Lafayette Head’s actions as agent of the Indian Agency at Conejos, Colorado, 1861-1875, as well as his interesting social, political, and secret life. **Virginia Sanchez** is an independent historian living in Virginia who calls Colorado home. She is the author of the award-winning book, *Forgotten Cucharas of the Lower Valley*, and has recently completed a self-published compendium of known captured and enslaved indigenous persons held in southern Colorado by Hispanos and Anglos between 1860 and 1870.

Damaso Lopez: Prominent Businessman in New Mexico-1820-1852. Damaso Lopez was a Basque who arrived in New Mexico in 1820 and became a prominent commercial figure in the territory’s mining, freighting, merchandising, and livestock-raising industries. **Doyle Daves** grew up in a ranching family near Clayton. He is a retired academic scientist and administrator who lives in retirement in Las Vegas. He has published widely on Santa Fe Trail travelers and their lives and families in nineteenth century New Mexico.

Wives Versus Husbands: Spanish Colonial Women and Spanish Law in New Mexico. During the 18th century in the Spanish Colonial period, Spanish women enjoyed protection under the law for which English-speaking women had to wait nearly 200 years. Using stories based on documents from the Spanish Colonial archives, this presentation will show how laws of inheritance, property rights, and seduction were understood and used by two women in their everyday lives. **Linda Tigges** serves as Treasurer of the Historical Society of New Mexico. She is the editor of *Spanish Colonial Lives: Documents from the Spanish Archives of New Mexico, 1705-1774* with the documents transcribed and translated by J. Richard Salazar.

Friday, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Session 9, Room 1: Memories of The Four Corners' Ancient Peoples

Session Chair: Doyle Daves, retired scientist and academic administrator

Presenters: Linda Wheelbarger, Katherine Flynn and Kermit Hill

Session Sponsor: John Ramsay

Ten Years at Point Pueblo. San Juan College field school excavations conducted at Point Pueblo (LA 8619) have revealed a Chacoan great house community on B-Square Ranch land owned by Tommy Bolack a few miles from the junction of the San Juan, Animas, and La Plata Rivers in Farmington. This presentation will review the excavations, which have revealed a great house and kiva and a road segment that extends southward. **Linda Wheelbarger** is a professional archaeologist who has worked in the Southwest for 38 years. As Adjunct Faculty, she teaches the field school, archaeology internships, and Community Learning Center classes at San Juan College.

Road to Ruins: The New Deal in the Four Corners. This presentation will review the New Deal programs and projects meant to preserve the ruins of the ancient people of the Four Corners area and to make them accessible to the public as part of the National and State Parks systems. Emphasis will be placed on construction, including infrastructure and highway building by a variety of New Deal programs. **Katherine Flynn** is Executive Director of the New Mexico Chapter of the National New Deal Preservation Association and a member of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of New Mexico. **Kermit Hill**, born in Las Vegas, New Mexico, is a retired high school teacher and long serving member of the Historical Society of New Mexico Board of Directors.

**Session 10, Room 2: Emmet Wirt, His Relations with the Jicarilla Apaches,
and the Leadership of James Garfield Velarde**

Session Chair: Rick Hendricks, New Mexico State Historian

Presenters: Robert McDaniel and Dr. Veronica E. Velarde Tiller

Session Sponsor: Kris and Terry Linton

This session will explore the life of Emmet Wirt, who came west as a teenager in the 1880s and built a small empire on the Colorado-New Mexico borderlands. A dominant figure on the Jicarilla Apache reservation during the early 20th century, Wirt was one of the most colorful characters in the history of the Four Corners area. These issues will be explored by **Robert McDaniel**, retired founding director of the Animas Museum in Durango, Colorado and author of numerous articles on southwest Colorado history. He is currently working on a book-length biography of Emmet Wirt. Robert's step-grandfather, Morrill E. Turner, was a business associate of Emmet Wirt and one of two administrators of Wirt's estate.

Veronica E. Velarde Tiller, a member of the Jicarilla Apache Tribe and author of *The Jicarilla Apache Tribe – A History, 1846-1970*, will provide the perspective and legacy of James Garfield Velarde, Chief of the Jicarilla Apache Tribe from 1886 to the 1940s. Velarde was a contemporary of Wirt's and had a distinguished life as Jicarilla leader and was one of the most photographed Jicarilla Chiefs, including several by Edward S. Curtis and William Henry Jackson, the official photographer of the Hayden Expedition in the 1870s. The presentation will be well illustrated with photographs depicting his career and his relationship with the photographers.

San Juan County was created January 24, 1887, taking its name from the San Juan River. The county seat is Aztec, a small community that has been overshadowed by the larger and nearby city of Farmington. The county is unique for the "Four Corners Monument" where Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado come together. **Farmington**, incorporated in 1901, has a population of over 45,000 and is located at the confluence of the Animas, La Plata, and San Juan Rivers. At one time it was called Junction City because of its location where the three rivers come together. In the early 1900s apples were a prime crop for local farmers. The oil and gas boom helped Farmington grow in the 1950s. Farmington is known throughout the southwest for the Connie Mack World Series held annually at Ricketts Park. The City is proud of the Animas River Trail as well as an amphitheater in Lion's Park which produces various summer musicals.

Friday, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Session 11, Room 3: The Struggles and Triumphs of Local Historical Societies

Session Chair: David Caffey, former Director of Instructor Support at San Juan College

Presenters: Catherine Davis and Heather McClenahan

Session Sponsor: Los Alamos Historical Society

Trials, Tribulations, and Triumph: History of San Juan County Historical Society. This presentation will review the development of the SJCHS from its beginnings in 1988 and its ups and downs to the present day. **Catherine Davis** is a founding member of the SJCHS, has twice served as president, and currently serves as archivist and researcher for the society.

Remaking a Historical Society. This presentation will show how the Los Alamos Historical Society has grown and changed over the last five years by putting its strategic plan into action, raised millions of dollars for capital projects and programs, and how it will soon be partnering with the National Park Service to take its stories to even wider audiences. **Heather McClenahan** is Executive Director of the Los Alamos Historical Society.

**Session 12, Room 4: A “West Texas” Perspective on Cather, the Camino Real, and a Killing
[A Presentation of the West Texas Historical Association]**

Session Chair: Bruce Glasrud, Sul Ross State University, ret.

Presenters: Jack Becker, Peggy Hardman, and Troy Ainsworth

Session Sponsor: Central New Mexico Corral of Westerners

Willa Cather, New Mexico, and the writing of *Death Comes for the Archbishop*. After reading the Cather novel, **Jack Becker**, librarian at Texas Tech University, makes the case that reading Willa Cather’s classic book should be required reading before visiting the Land of Enchantment.

Trekking on the Camino Real, Socorro County Style. This presentation takes us on a journey along the Camino Real in various parts of Socorro County, New Mexico, to include the remains of San Marcial, a railroad community destroyed by floods, the Jornada del Muerto, and up to Black Mesa to look down upon the site of the 1862 Battle of Valverde. **Dr. Peggy Hardman** is a long time member of the West Texas Historical Association and former board member. Her primary area of expertise is African-American history, and she currently teaches History and Government in Magdalena, NM.

The Murder of Colonel Matthew C. Butler in Alpine, Texas, in 1916. This presentation reviews the cause of a double homicide that made national news in July 1916 after Harry J. Spannall shot and killed his wife Crystal Holland Spannall and Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Calbraith Butler in Alpine, Texas. Spannall was tried three times in separate courts until found not guilty by a jury in 1920. **Troy Ainsworth**, a resident of Los Lunas, is the Executive Director of the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association and a member of the West Texas Historical Association.

The community of Aztec was well established as a commercial center for surrounding farmers and ranchers by the late 1880s. Aztec was named the county seat in 1887 when San Juan County was formed. However, this decision by the Territorial Legislature was much disputed, and an election was held in 1890 that resulted in Junction City (later part of Farmington) being named the county seat. In turn this election was overturned in court in 1892 due to irregularities, and Aztec became the county seat once more. Aztec was incorporated as a town in 1905. A telephone line was constructed from Durango in 1903 and the railroad arrived in 1905. The current county courthouse replaces buildings constructed in 1902 and 1957.

Friday, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Session 13, Room 1: The Old Spanish Trail in the San Juan Basin

Session Chair: Pat Kuhlhoff
Presenters: Pat Kuhlhoff, Dennis Ditmanson, and Rachel P. Prinz
Session Sponsor: Pat Kuhlhoff

A panel of members and officers of the Old Spanish Trail Association will present segments of the Main and Armijo Routes of the Old Spanish Trail and current efforts to identify, mark and preserve elements of the trail that run through the San Juan Basin.

Pat Kuhlhoff is a 27 year resident of Santa Fe and volunteers as a docent at the New Mexico History Museum/Palace of the Governors, Rancho de las Golondrinas, and the Santa Fe Opera. A member of the three New Mexico Trail organizations, she has a particular interest in OST.

Doug Ditmanson is a former Director of the Old Spanish Trail Association.

Rachel Preston Prinz is the Founding Director of the architectural preservation firm Archinia and the non-profit Architecture for EveryBody. She specializes in integrating aspects of historic preservation, vernacular design, and modern sustainability and works on the preservation and design of historic trails, landscapes, sites, structures, and buildings.

Session 14, Room 2: Nacimiento and Rio Puerco Roots Revisited

Session Chair: Baldwin G. Burr, Pres. Valencia County Historical Society and HSNM Secretary
Presenters: Nasario Garcia and Esther Cordova May
Session Sponsor: New Mexico Humanities Council

My Río Puerco Valley Roots Revisited. Nasario García takes us back to his beloved valley in the 1940s southeast of Chaco Canyon where he spent his childhood. He will present and discuss visual images of the landscape, animals, dwellings (what remains of them), and old-timers. Each of these entities have ultimately found their way to the printed page in Dr. García's works of fiction and non-fiction. **Nasario García** is emeritus professor of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, a well-known folklorist, and the author of numerous books of poetry, short stories, children's books, and oral history.

Conflicting Expectations of Women's Roles. This presentation will explore the conflicting roles of women related to the expectations of "proper" behavior and the realities imposed by the harsh environment the women inhabited. In essence this is the tale of northern New Mexico's "*Una mujerota o una mujer inútil* (a hard-working woman or a useless woman)." **Esther V. Cordova May** is the author of the popular book, *ANTES: Stories from the Past Rural Cuba, New Mexico 1769-1949*, based on her series of local history articles originally published in the *Cuba [New Mexico] News*.

Bloomfield, 14 miles to the east of Farmington, has a population of about 8000 and was originally settled by farmers and ranchers in the 1870s. Thanks to the oil and gas boom of the 1950s, Bloomfield's population is reported to have hit as high as 37,000. Oil seeps and gas emissions from water wells were known to early settlers in the area, but the first productive commercial oil well came in west of Farmington in 1923.

Friday, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Session 15, Room 3: Water, Flooding, and a Forgotten Air Base

Session Chair: Michelle Quisenberry, Senior Program Officer, New Mexico Humanities Council

Presenters: Roger Zimmerman, PhD, John W. McCullough, and Sharon Snyder

Session Sponsor: Roger Zimmerman

Albuquerque and the Yazoo. When the railroad arrived in 1880, downtown Albuquerque, or New Town, was located in what is called a “yazoo,” a depression that cannot drain properly because the adjacent river lies above it. The first railroad surveyors accounted for this swampy area in the design of the roadbed, and this presentation discusses the major natural water related features of New Town Albuquerque and of the efforts to mitigate deleterious effects.

Roger M. Zimmerman is a graduate of New Mexico Military Institute and served as a Professor of Civil Engineering at New Mexico State University and later as a Distinguished Member of Technical Staff at Sandia National Laboratories. He is presently the President of the Albuquerque Historical Society.

Fort Sumner Army Air Field: Glider Pilot and Powered Pilot Training Site in World War II. Based on a series of articles the author has written for the *De Baca County News*, this presentation will review the history and context of the Army Air Field located at the Fort Sumner, New Mexico, airport during WWII from 1942 to 1945. **John W. McCullough** is a Lubbock, Texas, native who began researching WWII pilot training sites while in graduate school at Texas Tech. He has previously presented on contemporary civilian pilot training program at Las Vegas.

The Great Flood of 1904 and Its Place in New Mexico History. In late September 1904, Mora County was hit by a flood that ranks as one of the worst natural disasters in state history. Through old photographs, newspaper coverage, and memoirs, this presentation will assess the event’s destruction and learn the effect of the flood on a ranch school operated by a man named Ashley Pond, Jr., who was forced to reopen his school in what became Los Alamos. **Sharon Snyder** is the author of *At Home on the Slopes of Mountains*, a biography of Peggy Pond Church. She is a historian with a keen interest in northern New Mexico and the Los Alamos and Santa Fe region.

Session 16, Room 4: The Hogback Trading Company

Session Chair: Shanna Baird, semi-retired owner of Farmington business, Baird Advertising

Presenter: Tom Wheeler

Session Sponsor: Pamela and Doyle Daves

In this one-man session, **Tom Wheeler**, whose family has operated the trading post at Hogback, New Mexico, for four generations, will make a wide-ranging presentation on his family’s experiences in the Four Corners. His great-grandfather Joseph Wheeler, who kept a diary from the time he was thirteen years old, brought several wagon trains to the region starting in the mid-1800s and started the trading post business in 1871. Tom will discuss his great-grandfather’s diary, the early trading post era and the stories and history told to him by his grandfather, Wilford Wheeler, as well as his own near half-century of experiences with Navajo culture and traditions.

Friday, April 15, Courtyard by Marriott

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Saturday, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Session 17, Room 1: Recent History and Changing Institutions

Session Chair: Roberto Martinez, Assistant New Mexico State Historian

Presenters: Juan M. Gallegos and Kermit Hill

Session Sponsor: Steve Zimmer

Changing Institutions, Changing Identities: the Post-World War II Student Movement at New Mexico Highlands University. This presentation will analyze the rhetorical practices of Nuevomexicanos and Anglo students as they appear in the pages of *The Candle*, NNMU's school newspaper, and examine how the students of the 1960s and 1970s utilized student government and the school newspaper to transform the campus community and integrate themselves into campus life. **Juan M. Gallegos**, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of English at New Mexico Highlands University. His research examines the rhetorical and literacy practices of Nuevomexicanos and how they adapted to the American conquest of the Southwest.

Circumstantial Evidence, History, Mystery, Literature and Cultures Meet in Tierra Amarilla, or was it Manhattan? This presentation looks at Reis López Tijerina and the Courthouse Raid of 1967 to examine the why of history and the relationship of causal factors where they may or may not occur. **Kermit Hill**, born in Las Vegas, New Mexico, is a retired high school teacher and long-serving member of the Historical Society of New Mexico Board of Directors.

Session 18, Room 2: Law and Disorder in Early New Mexico

Session Chair: Don Bullis, former HSNM 1st Vice-president and award-winning author

Presenters: Chuck Hornung, Mike Maddox, and David Shorr

Session Sponsor: Don and Gloria Bullis

Lawlessness in the Four-Corners: The Mounted Police in Northwestern New Mexico. This presentation is the tale of Ray Stewart, Boone Vaughn, John "Slim" Rusk, David J. Rusk, and Marshal D. Loveless of Chama who each served in the New Mexico Mounted Police in the Four-Corners region. **Chuck Hornung** is the recognized authority on the New Mexico Mounted Police and has written five books and numerous articles chronicling the deeds of these adventuresome territorial rangers.

Hell-Raising Texans in the Animas River Valley. This presentation follows the Stockton brothers from Texas to Colfax County, New Mexico, and then to Farmington and Durango, Colorado, and the events in 1881 surrounding Ike Stockton's attempts to avenge the death of his older brother Porter Stockton. **Mike Maddox** is a retired Park Superintendent for New Mexico State Parks and the author of *Porter and Ike Stockton: Colorado and New Mexico Border Outlaws*.

Community Population and Lynching in New Mexico. This presentation will address lynchings in New Mexico communities and their relationship to community populations from 1870 through 1890. Eight communities were selected that had some history of lynching between 1870 and 1890, and the analysis found that Los Lunas did not fit a simple lynching vs. population relationship. A possible explanation will be shared with the audience, and the presenter is looking forward to hearing other explanations. **David Shorr** holds a PhD in Psychology with emphasis on child development and is Emeritus Professor, Central Washington University. His research has focused on topics related to language, cognitive, social/emotional and educational development in children, and he is currently retired and living in Los Lunas.

Fruitland is an unincorporated community 11 miles west of Farmington. Mormons settled there about 1877-78, and it was originally called Burnham to honor one of these early settlers. The name was later changed to Fruitland because of the Fruitland Trading Company. It is still a rich farming area.

Saturday, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Session 19, Room 3: New Mexico's Historic Communities and Ranches

Session Chair: Janet Saiers, President of the Historical Society of New Mexico

Presenters: Derek LeFebre, Baldwin G. Burr, and Cynthia E. Orozco

Session Sponsor: David Caffey

Reproduction of Hispano Villages in the Jicarilla Apache Domain. This paper considers how the northern New Mexico villages of Guadalupita and Ocate began and how they developed during the latter half of the nineteenth century. **Derek LeFebre** is a United States History teacher in Greeley, Colorado. He conducted his MA thesis research through the Office of the New Mexico State Historian's History Scholars Program.

The Historic Ranches of Northeastern New Mexico. This presentation reviews some of northwest New Mexico's great historic ranches and the families that established a tradition of self-sufficiency and sustainable range management that continues to the present day. **Baldwin G. Burr** is president of the Valencia County Historical Society and is Secretary of the Historical Society of New Mexico.

A 20th Century History of Lincoln, New Mexico. This talk will focus on the changing nature of Lincoln as a community, the role the Lincoln County War played in its development, and its decline as a community because of the Lincoln County War. **Cynthia E. Orozco** is an instructor of History, Humanities, and Social Sciences at Eastern New Mexico University, Ruidoso.

Session 20, Room 4: Nineteenth Century Tracks through Navajo Country

Session Chair: Bruce Gjeltema, Professor of History at the UNM Gallup campus

Presenters: Robert M. Hagan and Sherry Robinson

Session Sponsor: San Juan County Historical Society

Tracking Nana. This presentation will retrace the path of Nana's epic raid through New Mexico Territory in the summer of 1881 and explore the sites of the various encounters to resolve inconsistencies found in different accounts. The presenter will provide new insights into the tactics employed by Nana and his adversaries and discuss the personalities and motivations of the various individuals involved on both sides of the conflict. **Robert M. Hagan** is a former newspaper reporter, magazine editor, and communications professional who has spent the last several years researching the history of Nana's Raid and its context in the long struggle of the Warm Springs Apaches to defend their New Mexico homeland.

Americans in Dinétah: Unrealistic Expectations and Exciting Discoveries. This presentation examines the 1849 expedition of Col. John Washington and James S. Calhoun into Navajo country and the role of James H. Simpson and brothers Richard and Edward Kern, who produced the first reliable map of Navajo country, and the first American reconnaissance of Canyon de Chelly and other landmarks of the region. **Sherry Robinson** is a long-time New Mexico journalist and the author of the award-winning *I Fought a Good Fight*, the story of the Lipan Apache.

The Navajo Nation is populated by the largest Federally-recognized Native American tribe, the Navajo (Diné), with a population of approximately 300,000, many living on the enormous reservation and some living in the urban areas of the United States. The land base of the Navajo Reservation covers 27,000 square miles, larger than the state of West Virginia and extending into the states of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. The Athabaskan-speaking ancestors of today's Navajo people (and also the Apache) were in the Four Corners region at least many centuries ago. Some Navajo also claim an ancestral relationship with the peoples who built the Chacoan pueblos in the region, such as at Aztec Ruins National Monument and at Chaco Canyon National Monument.

Saturday, 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

**Session 21, Room 1: History of the Native Americans in San Juan and McKinley Counties
Based on New Mexico Historical Markers**

Session Chair: Jacobo Baca, Assistant Director, New Mexico Humanities Council

Presenters: Phil T. Archuletta and Rosanne Roberts Archuletta

Session Sponsor: Richard Melzer

This session will present the history of communities and historic sites of the Four Corners based on the Official Scenic Historic Markers that are the topics of the Archuletta's publications, *Traveling New Mexico* and *Women Marked for History*.

Phil and Roseanne Roberts Archuletta are principals in P & M Signs, Inc., in Mountainair. Phil was the founder of Ojo Caliente Craftsman and has had the contract to create the New Mexico Historical Markers for over 40 years. Rosanne is a principal in a human resources consulting firm that provides employee training and coaching, staff recruiting and business consulting to organizations throughout the United States.

**Session 22, Room 2: Some Works in Progress: Three Ongoing Museum Projects in Cibola
County**

Session Chair: Mark Santiago, Director, New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum

Presenters: Jon Head and Mary Savacheck

Session Sponsor: Janet Saiers

The Western New Mexico Aviation Heritage Museum at the Grants/Milan airport grew out of several "Passport in Time" aviation projects and now displays an airway beacon which was part of a line of beacons guiding early air traffic across the west;

Double Six Gallery and Museum in Grants is an art gallery which displays many styles of art media, focusing on historic areas in Cibola County as well as the history and mystique of Route 66.

The Proposed Historical Museum in Grants, to be housed in the 1920-30s Grants Union High School building. Currently used by Cibola County government, the County and the Cibola County Historical Society are partnering to research possible uses of the building when vacated by the county in the near future in hopes of attracting more tourism to the downtown area. Jon Head and Mary Savacheck are long-serving members and officers of the Cibola County Historical Society and the Cibola County Mining Museum.

2016 HSNM Awards Banquet

Saturday, April 16

Courtyard by Marriott

5:30 - 6:00 (Cash Bar)

6:00 - 8:00 HSNM Awards Banquet (Preregistration by April 1 required)

8:00 - 9:00 Winners' Reception and Book Signing

Saturday, 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Session 23, Room 3: New Mexico's Historic Railroads

Session Chair: Fred Friedman, recognized authority on New Mexico's railroads and HSNM Board Member

Presenters: Loretta Hall, Fred Friedman, Lynn A. Melton

Session Sponsor: Gus Seligmann

The Chile Line. This presentation will discuss the history and influence of the narrow-gauge railroad that served northern New Mexico between Española and Alamosa, Colorado, and later to Santa Fe from 1880 until 1941. **Loretta Hall** is an active member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the author of six nonfiction books, including the recent award-winning *Space Pioneers: In Their Own Words*.

Logging Railroads of the Zuni Mountains in West Central New Mexico. This presentation will discuss railroad operations in the Zuni Mountains within the area now recognized as the Cibola National Forest as well as recent efforts to re-establish parts of the logging railroads' route for the development of a tourist railroad. **Fred Friedman** is a recognized authority on New Mexico's railroads and works with communities throughout New Mexico toward preservation of their railroad heritage.

H. A. Sumner: Chief Engineer of the Alamogordo & Sacramento Mountains Railroad. This presentation will discuss the career of H. A. Sumner, Chief Engineer for the Alamogordo & Sacramento Mountains Railroad and the El Paso & Northeastern Railroads in New Mexico and other rail lines. The "Switchback Legend," a common railroad story in the Cloudcroft, New Mexico, area that involves H. A. Sumner, will also be discussed. **Lynn A. Melton** was a Professor of Chemistry and Science/Mathematics Education. In retirement, he volunteers with New Mexico Rails to Trails and the Sacramento Mountains Historical Society and is coordinating efforts to preserve a 46-foot trestle located between the "S" Trestle and the Mexican Canyon Trestle.

Session 24, Room 4: American Indian Advocacy in Action: E. T. and J. M. Seton, 1930-1968

Session Chair: Christa Coggins, Great-granddaughter of Ernest Thompson Seton and Vice-president for Community Philanthropy at the Santa Fe Community Foundation

Presenters: Dr. Julie A. Seton and Mrs. Barbara Witemeyer

This session will present historical information about Ernest Thompson Seton and Julia M. Seton and their work as advocates of Native American Indian cultures. In 1930, they moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where they built The Seton Institute, a school for adults and adolescents that operated from 1932 to 1941. The curriculum included topics associated with woodcraft, handicrafts, nature studies, as well as philosophy and practices of several Native American tribes. The Setons encouraged development of talented Indian artists and craftsmen and published books that described Indian handicrafts.

Julie A. Seton is a granddaughter of E. T. and J. M. Seton. She holds a doctoral degree in Rhetoric and Professional Communication from New Mexico State University, where she also provides consulting and training in the areas of business communication and emergency management. She will talk about the Setons' efforts to change the negative connotations associated with the American Indian and how they served as advocates for protecting American Indian culture and traditions.

Barbara Witemeyer earned her B.A. in American Studies with a minor in Native American Studies from the University of New Mexico. She is an avid volunteer at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and Popejoy Hall. Barbara grew up in London where she became familiar with Ernest Thompson Seton's Woodcraft organization. She will talk about the Seton Institute's teachers and students, many of whom were youth organization leaders who brought their families with them while they studied at the Seton Institute.

Visiting the Four Corners

The Historical Society of New Mexico will not offer organized tours at the 2016 conference, but there are many interesting places to visit. In tote bags received by each attendee upon registration, there will be a colorful brochure entitled "Farmington, Jolt Your Journey." It is the 2016 Vacation Guide to the Four Corners region of northwestern New Mexico. Complete information is available from the Farmington Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-800-448-1240 or at FarmingtonNM.org. Several must see historical attractions are described below.

Aztec Ruins National Monument

Aztec Ruins is one of the best preserved archaeological sites in the Southwest and is a sacred ancestral place to many Native American people. It became a national monument in 1923 and a World Heritage site in 1987. The great houses at Aztec Ruins formed an important regional center for ancestral Pueblo people. You can explore a reconstructed ceremonial Great Kiva and walk through a series of rooms still roofed with original 900-year old beams. From Labor Day through Memorial Day, Aztec Ruins is open seven days a week 8 to 5. On Highway 518 just outside of Aztec. For more information visit www.nps.gov/azru.

Ferry crossing the San Juan River, 1901. (Courtesy of the Farmington Museum; donated by Ida King)



Aztec Museum

The Aztec Museum and Pioneer Village lets visitors experience pioneer life in the American West. Aztec's history of human habitation goes back a thousand years, when Native Americans settled along the Animas River. The remains of buildings they constructed became Aztec Ruins National Monument. The Pioneer Village gives visitors the opportunity to revisit a community of the early American West, with a number of original and reconstructed structures typical of an old western town. The Village and the exhibits in the Main Building give more of the history of the area as demonstrated by objects and stories from the past. A walking tour map of historic Aztec can be downloaded from the Aztec Museum web site, www.aztecmuseum.org. Although normally closed until May 1, the Museum will open for conference attendees from 1 to 4 on Saturday afternoon, April 16.

Farmington Museum

The outstanding Farmington Museum & Visitors Center at Gateway Park contains exhibits of area cultures and history. It is operated by the City of Farmington and has a large gift shop carrying many books on local history. It is open from 8 to 5 and admission is free with donations accepted. The address is 3041 East Main St. 505-599-1174. For more information see www.fmtn.org.

Salmon Ruins

The Salmon Ruins Museum, Library, and Research Center, just off Highway 64 near Bloomfield, offers visitors the opportunity to view an important Chacoan and Puebloan site. The site will be open to visitors from 8 to 5 on Friday and 9 to 5 on Saturday during the conference. In addition to maintaining the site, the Research Center offers cultural resource management services to a broad client base and is an active archaeological organization.



Three workers on a wildcat location near Durango, Colorado, 1920. (Courtesy of the Farmington Museum)

San Juan College School of Energy

San Juan College, founded in 1956, is New Mexico's fourth largest public higher education institution and is located in Farmington. San Juan College is proud of its new School of Energy located at the corner of Pinon Hills Blvd. and College Blvd. It contains the Sherman Dugan Museum of Geology. The Museum has mineral exhibits as well as historic photographs and mining equipment. The Museum will be open on Saturday afternoon, April 16 from 1 to 3 just for conference attendees.

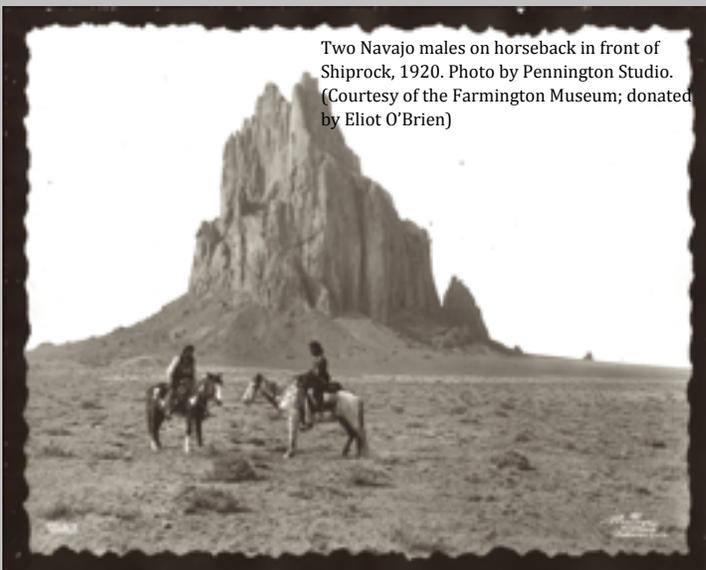
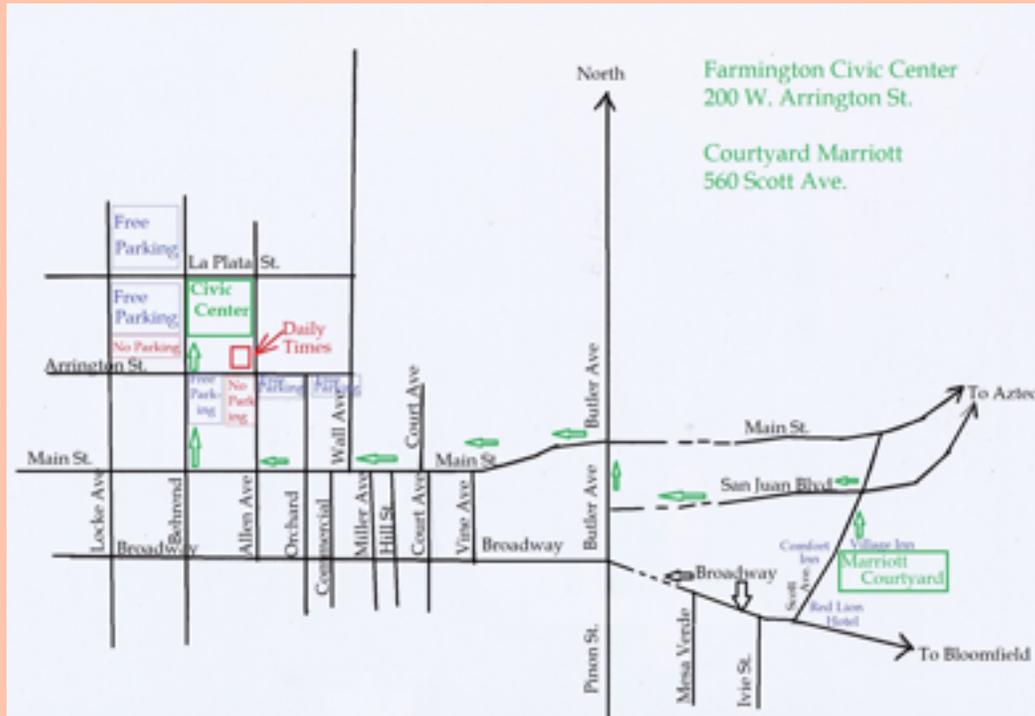
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A group of concerned residents of San Juan County met in June 1988 to plan a strategy to insure that the history of the county would be preserved for future generations. That meeting led to the creation of the San Juan County Historical Society (SJCHS).

The mission of the Society is to collect and preserve historical documents pertaining to San Juan county and create a computerized data base to enable research and scholarly endeavors. They have published numerous small books and pamphlets with topics ranging from historic and abandoned cemeteries, to historic churches, individual pioneer families, crimes, and the prehistory of the San Juan Basin. SJCHS meets five times a year with a speaker and shifts their meetings around Bloomfield, Aztec and Farmington.

2016 Conference Lodging

The conference hotel is the Courtyard by Marriott at 560 Scott Ave. Rates are \$89 single or double (call 505 325-5111 or go online at marriott.com). All conference program sessions will be held at the Farmington Civic Center at 200 W. Arrington.



Two Navajo males on horseback in front of Shiprock, 1920. Photo by Pennington Studio. (Courtesy of the Farmington Museum; donated by Eliot O'Brien)

The community of Shiprock is named for the nearby dramatic rock spire (Tse' Bit' ai, "The Winged Rock"), which rises about 1700 ft above the desert floor and is about 30 miles west of Farmington. Shiprock is the largest Navajo Nation community with almost all of its more than 8,000 residents being Native American. It is home to the Northern Navajo Fair held every October and to a branch of Diné College (formerly Navajo Community College). Shiprock was founded as a town in 1903 and now has its own historical society (the Shiprock Historical Society).

2016 New Mexico History Conference Registration Form

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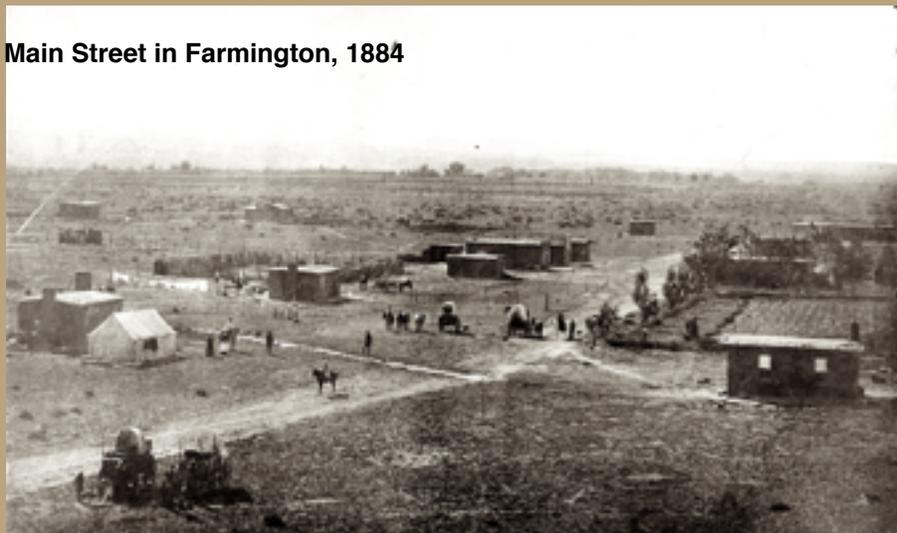
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