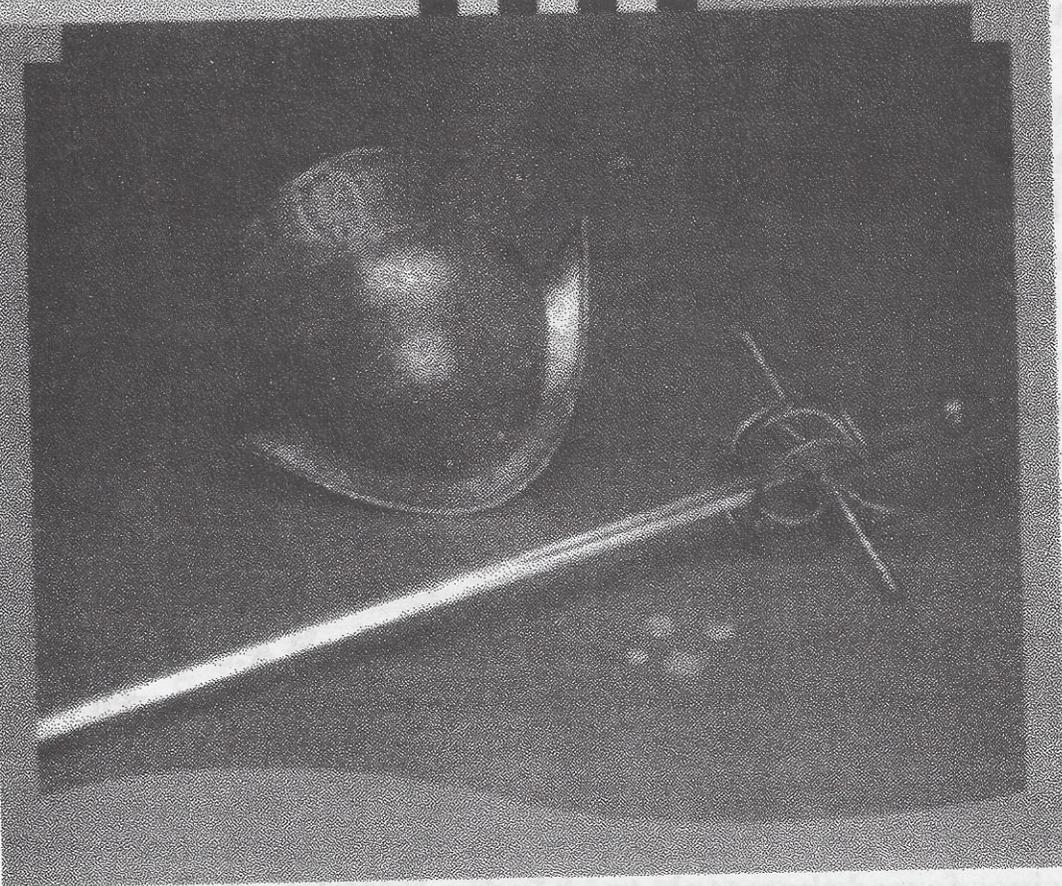




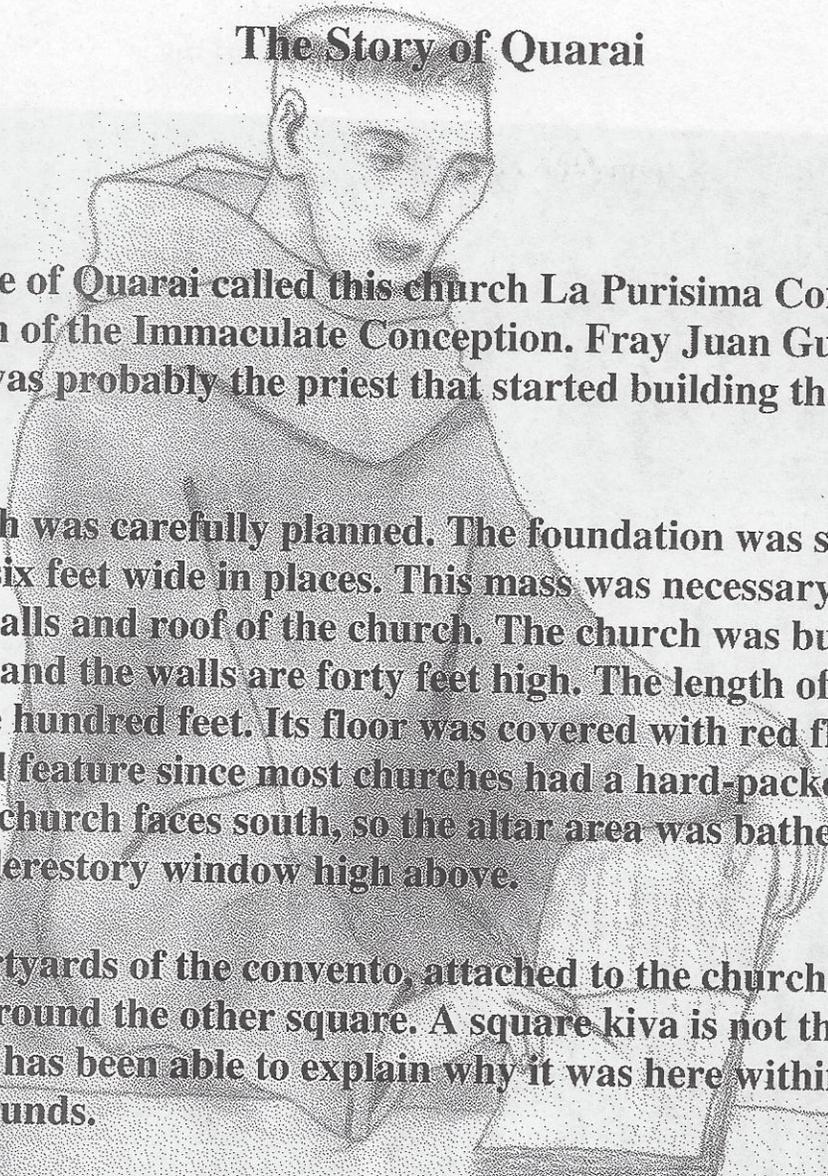
# Quarai

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## The Story of Quarai



The people of Quarai called this church La Purisima Concepcion, the church of the Immaculate Conception. Fray Juan Gutierrez de la Chica was probably the priest that started building the church in 1630.

The church was carefully planned. The foundation was seven feet deep and six feet wide in places. This mass was necessary to support the high walls and roof of the church. The church was built of red sandstone and the walls are forty feet high. The length of the church is over one hundred feet. Its floor was covered with red flagstones, an unusual feature since most churches had a hard-packed adobe floor. The church faces south, so the altar area was bathed in light from the clerestory window high above.

In the courtyards of the convento, attached to the church, are two kivas, one round the other square. A square kiva is not that unusual, but no one has been able to explain why it was here within the church grounds.

Here at Quarai there are fine springs of clear cool water fed by melting snow from the surrounding mountains. The Tiwa Indians were dry-land farmers. They planted corn, beans, squash, and cotton. They also mined salt from nearby salt lakes, which they used to preserve meat, to eat, and to trade.

The pueblo, or Indian village, was built around A.D. 1300. About 600 Tiwa speaking Indians lived here. They manufactured pottery and traded with nearby pueblos.

But, like all of the Salinas pueblos, drought, famine, and Apache uprisings forced the people to abandon this place that they once called home. In the late 1670's they left never to return.

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Please answer these questions.

1. What did they name the church?
2. What was the priest's name who started the church?
3. How many kiva's are there in the courtyards?
4. How deep and how wide were the foundations of the church?
5. What were the walls of the church and pueblo built from?
6. Why did the church face south?
7. Where did they get their water?
8. What did the Tiwa Indians plant?
9. Where did they go to get their salt?
10. Give at least one reason why they left.

Let's play the **search** game.

*Squash*

*Altar*

*Gutierrez*

*Springs*

*Quarai*

*Snow*

*Pueblo*

*Church*

*South*

*Round*

*Sandstone*

*Kiva*

*Beans*

*Adobe*

*Flagstone*

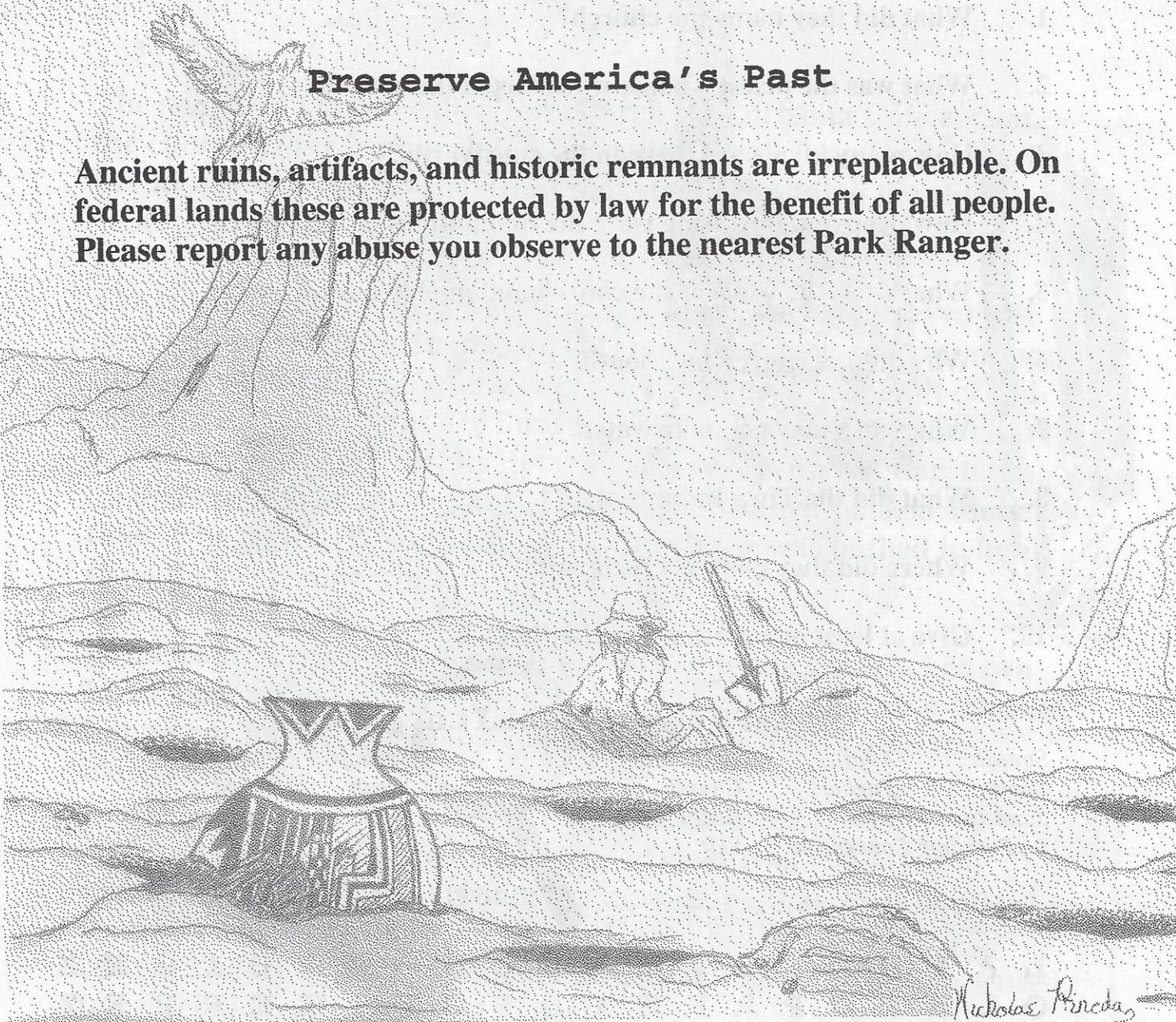
*La Purisima Concepcion*

*Salt*

*Corn*



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