

Kiva
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THE KIVA
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Nambe Pueblo was known to the earliest Spanish explorers. The Kiva might, therefore, be of prehistoric origin. We know, however, that Don Diego De Vargas destroyed most of the Kivas by fire, at the time of the reconquest in 1693. This would indicate that a new roof was placed over the Kiva shortly after that time but the exact date can only be determined by tree ring analysis.

The Kiva is still used by the Indians at Nambe as a meeting place and for their religious ceremonies.

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