

The Development of Virgin River Anasazi Habitation Dwellings with Examples from Little Creek Mesa

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#1 PIT HOUSES TO PUEBLOS:

The Usual Growth Pattern For Virgin River Anasazi Pueblos

The People Were Both Farmers & Hunter-Gatherers,
Living In Small Extended-Family Groups



In The Early Days, Pithouses Were *Seasonal* Dwellings Only,
With Added Storage Cists

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As The People Became More Reliant On Farming,
Much More Corn Storage Was Needed

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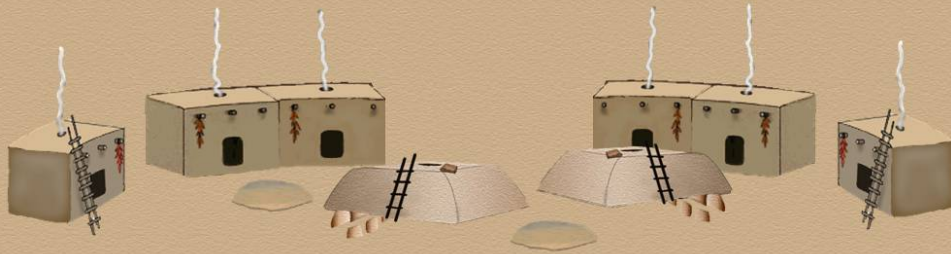
And So More Above Ground Units Were Added For Storage,
A Few At A Time

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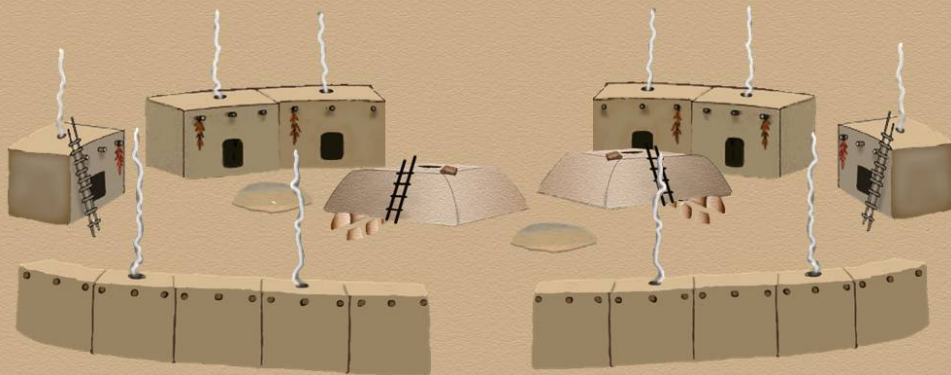
At Some Point, The People Began Living In The Above-Ground Units
And Used The Pit Houses For Storage

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Changing Pithouse Below-Ground Entrances To Roof Entries
Would Have Helped Keep Rodents & Bugs Out Of The Corn

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More Storage Space Was Added
To House The Surplus Food

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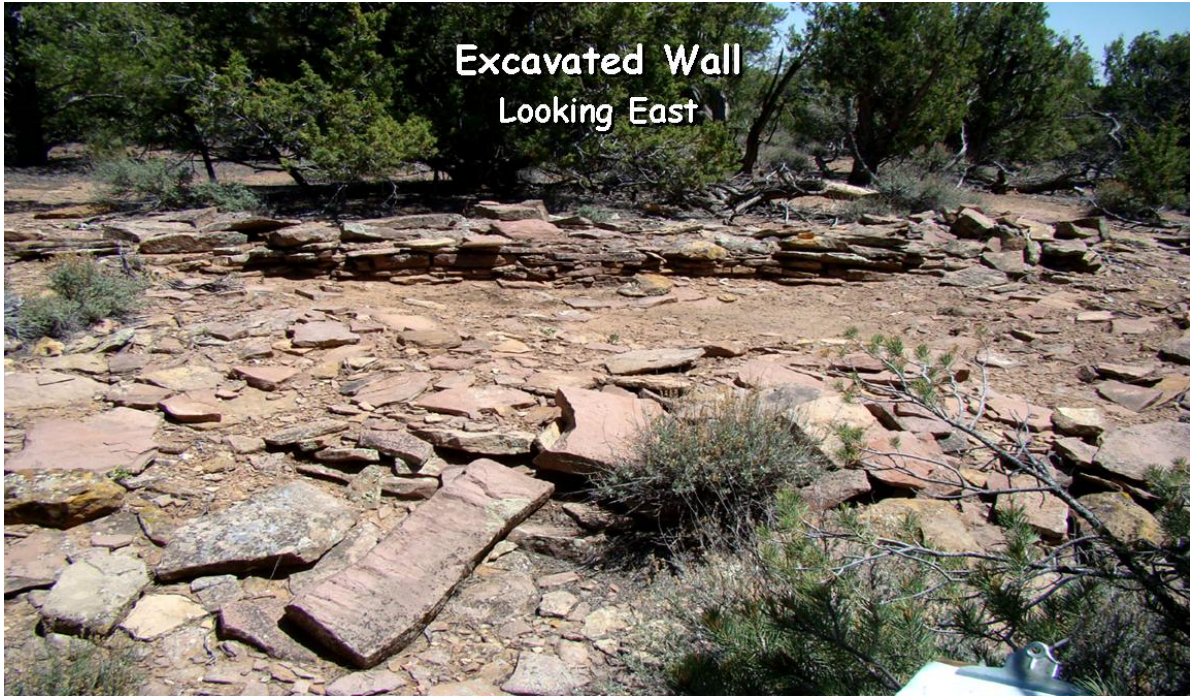
More Modifications Were Made,
And The Former Pithouse-Storage Units Evolved Into Kivas
In A Central Plaza

LATE PERIOD

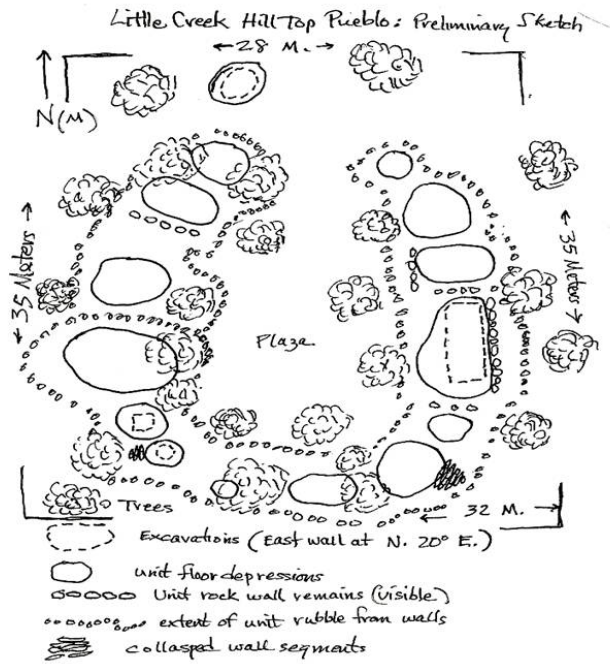
Circular Footprint Standing Wall Pueblos With Storage Cists
Around Central Plaza; Heavy Dependence On Corn



Little Creek Mesa



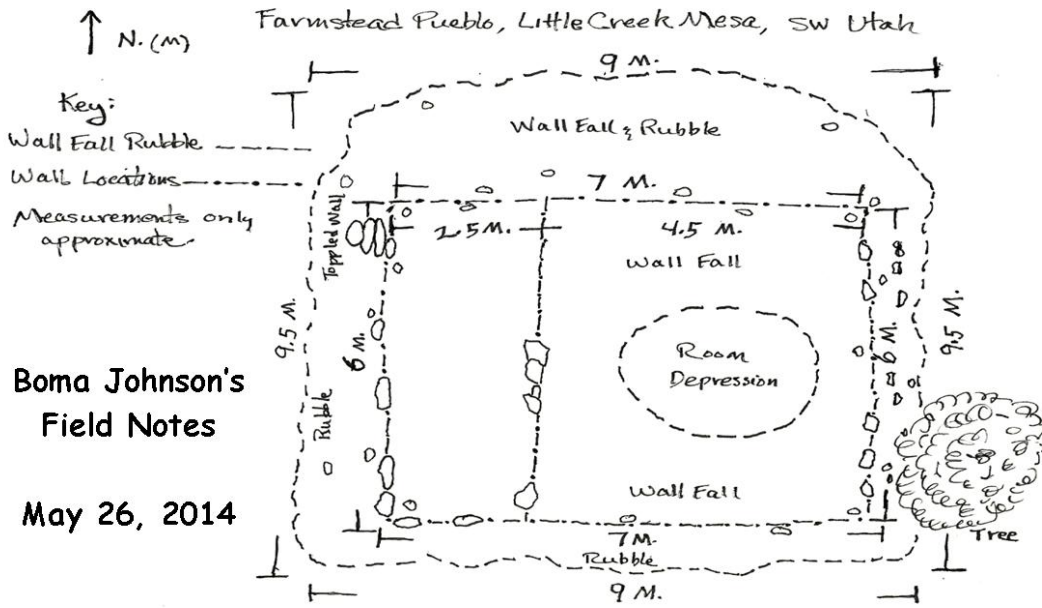
Excavated Wall
Looking East



Hill Top Site (Large Pueblo Under Trees)

Boma Johnson's
Field Notes

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