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WELCOME to Tularosa this 21st day of October, 1996. This beautiful little Village was established in 1862 after earlier attempts were thwarted by the Mescalero Apaches. Unlike most early settlements the business district developed along what is now Granado Street rather than around the "Plaza".

313-315 Granado Here you see the Tulie Cafe and Bar, we see the old Kirk or Guillon or Powell Garage.

316-318 Granado Across the street the new Horsefeathers Craft Shop replaces the Simms Drug Store and Lynns Gas Company.

311 Granado Olde Oak Rose has opened where the Bailey Hotel had its beginning in 1916. One of our beloved, Dr. J.D. Robinson had his office in the 1920 - 30's.

312 Granado Human Systems Research was once the C. R. Jefferies Insurance Office in the 1920-30's. Steve & Joe Wolgemuth kept the Tularosa Citizens well groomed in their two chair Barbershop.

310 Granado The Emporium (now closed) was once the Hardin Grocery and Galanter Department Store.

308 Granado The Tularosa Dry Goods (Flores de la Tulie) has been a succession of grocery, clothing and department stores, as well as a cafe.

307 Granado is owned by the Gonzales family. The building has been a 5 and 10 Cent Store, briefly a mortuary and an appliance shop.

300 Granado The Western Auto Store housed both the Holloman and Champion Hardware Stores.

301 Granado White Sands Equipment (Parts ±) was for many years a poolhall and more recently Engles Appliance Shop.

219 Granado This partially demolished building is the site of Prude Mercantile Co., the (Hanau) Hanna and R.D. Champion General Merchandise, Walter Dill Meat Market and the Country Store.

200 Granado Across the Street, Crazy Clothes Horse brightens the Otero County Bank Bldg, which was the first Bank Branch office in the State of New Mexico. The U.S. Post Office was housed here in the late 1930's early 1940's. On 3rd Street at the back of the Bank Bldg, there was a Telephone Office in the 1930's and 40's.

216 Granado This empty building has been used as a garage. The Masonic Lodge met in the upper story.

212-214 Granado (for rent) This building was owned by Clovis B Aguilar Sr. family. Mr. Aguilar was a depot agent, Postmaster and merchant.

210 Granado La Tienda Vieja where Don and Sylvia Powell reside and operate their Antique Store originally belonged to Louis and Enlalia Vigil. Louis Vigil was a longtime merchant, early Postmaster, and School Superintendent. The Post Office door is now housed in the Tularosa Village Historical Museum. The original structure was built in the mid 1860's.

- \* 600 Third St. - Accurate Bookkeeping
- \*\* 606 Third St. - The Coffee Pot
- \*\*\* 608 Third St. - The Undercover Shop
- \*\*\*\* 212 - 214 Granado St. - Tularosa Frame Shop

**209 Granado** Tularosa's very first Telephone Office was located here. The Chief Operator was Maggie Lumbley. It is now owned by Shirley Powell. Doorstep designation: Pat: U.S. Grant 1879 Gonzales - "Rifle Holes" can be noted high on the west wall.

**109 Granado** The United Methodist Church is located directly over the site of a waterfall in the original course of the Tularosa Creek - referred to as the "Pozo Grande". The cornerstone was placed in 1922. It was one of the Churches formed from the old Union Church, the first Protestant Church in Tularosa. The Baptist Church was formed in 1911 and the Nazarene in 1923.

### CONTINUE TOUR AT 501 1ST STREET NORTH TO ALAMO STREET

**1] 501 1st Street** The Adeline Chavez home has a partial remains of the old fort. (almost all of the homes were fortified - high windows and "rifle holes" were prominent) Some citizens gathered here during the "Battle of Round Mountain" April 17, 1868.

**2] 502 1st Street** In 1933, during the Great Depression the WPA Project brought to Tularosa this lovely revival Pueblo Style High School.

**3] 505 1st Street** This location was the site of Tularosa's first tennis court. On the West end of this lot a small building held a goodly supply of wooden coffins owned by an early mortician, Pat Kirk. His home is still at 105 Granado.

**4] 504 1st Street** The red brick school building stands over a large natural spring. Built in 1916, five seniors graduated here from the Class of 1917. Before the school was built, the property was occupied by a cigar factory owned by Mr. Eisenbach. The factory employed twenty girls and stood in the area immediately in front of the area where the brick school now stands.

**Continue north on 1st Street to Alamo street** - The acequia system (ditches) can be seen north of Utter Lane along 1st Street. The system was established in 1862. The "Acequia Madre" (mother ditch) was cut into the original Tularosa Creek and down Utter Lane to 1st Street to be dispersed north and south throughout the entire Village. ~~Celebration of the Acequia Madre~~

### 5] Go west on Alamo to continue the tour to the south on 2nd Street

**6] 1109 2nd Street** The small adobe at this address was built prior to 1885. In the 1930s, it was home to a "muy viejo hombre" (very old man) known as Blind Billy. He kept a light burning in his home for his sighted friends.

**7] 1009 2nd Street** The beautiful weeping willow in front of this house is the result of an act by a very naughty little boy. After receiving his just punishment, the boy's father placed the willow switch in the ground to remind the young man to mind his manners. He must have been mighty good thereafter since the switch was never removed and has grown into this tree.

**8] 712 2nd Street** This residence also dates prior to 1885. An example of the chamfered architecture where double doors are built into the corner of a building. One door provides entrance into a residence and the other into a business. In this case, it was at one time a pool hall and at another a grocery.

**9] Corner of 2nd Street and Fresno 114-116 Fresno** This long adobe with chamfered corner, the Benito Montoya Hall, was probably used as a meeting hall, pool hall and for dances.

**10] 200 2nd Street** The Valley Lodge was once the Cooper Hotel, a stage stop and boarding house.

**11] 700 3rd Street** This chamfered adobe constructed in 1904 by Dr. Pullman was later used as a drug store. Looking to the south, **606-612 3rd Street**, is another chamfered adobe built in the mid 1880s and now the Yates Apartments.

**12] On the block to the west**, the settlers built a structure similar to the Yates Apartments, known to some as the Old Tularosa Fort. It was complete with a twenty foot gate, wagon yard, well and privies. It was also called the Pat Coglean Block and the Meadows Block.

**13] Look to your north** At 4th and Encino Street is the St Francis de Paula Church parish hall and rectory. The Church was finished in 1868-69 to commemorate the victory of the settlers over the Apaches at Round Mountain on April 17, 1868.

**14] 800 3rd Street** St Francis de Paula School was opened in 1956. It covers the block from 2nd to 3rd Streets.

**15] On your left " Acequia Madre "** (Mother Ditch) resides alongside the "Mother Church", two parts of the foundation of Tularosa.

#### **PROCEED ALONG 4TH ST (HIGHWAY 70) AND WESTSIDE**

**1] 703 4TH Street** The "Plaza Publica" contains the Village hall, Fire and Police Departments. The Prado School (Tularosa's first) and the Plaza School were located here.

**2] 615 4th Street** The Sandoval Bldg was built prior to 1903 also known as the Richter Bldg was a grocery and pharmacy. In 1940, House of Providence Orphanage was opened by Fr. Francis Redman.

**3] 504 4th Street** Donkey Dust, the newest eatery was also The Outlaws Cafe and Rosalia's.

**4] 506 4th Street** Tularosa Books, Music and Video was formally the Tularosa Clinic, Dr. Klump's office and Dr. Singh's office.

**5] 500 4th Street** The Cornerstone Chapel was a Rexell Drug Store. Frank Prado was one of the early pharmacists.

**6] 503 - 507 4th Street** Wild Bill's Saddlery (now Moved) was previously the Tularosa Trading Post and even earlier Mollers Lounge and City Bar. It had a large meeting room that was also used for dances.

**7] 505 5th Street** Former Peppard Home. Mrs. Peppard had an old adobe hotel and eating house facing Granada Street. She served only lunch in this house. President Taft reportedly lodged in her hotel.

**8] 802 5th Street or 408 Encino** The old Duran home, Cesario Duran, the first Alcalde (Mayor) of Tularosa lived here.

- 9] 801 5th Street The O'Hare residence (was on 1876 Map) former owner C. Jaramillo and Falas.
- 10] 508 Cedro The former home of Clovis B. Aguilar. The dedication stone states the house was built in 1931, a memorial to the Clovis Aguilar family.
- 11] 709 -715 6th Street One of the oldest homes in Tularosa (built by Benito Duran) is on the 1885 map. Mr. Prado had a general store and the first Post Office in the Tularosa Valley here.
- 12] Corner of 7th and Encino A Sycamore tree planted in 1941 by Robert Ferris had reached 108 feet tall, and a crown spread of 73 feet and a circumference of 10 feet in 1982. It was designated Champion American Sycamore of New Mexico by the Department of Natural Resources.
- 13] 600 8th Street The Karen Lerner home. Karen was the daughter of Jan Clayton, well known actress. Her Grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. G. V. Clayton bought this property from the Connells in 1896.
- 14] 601 Granado Governor George Curry lived in this house in 1910. It housed the first jail (basement room).
- 15] 609 6th Street Human Systems Research (a non profit Organization of Anthropology Research) The south portion of this building was the old Union Church, the first Protestant Church in Tularosa. The property was donated by S. P. Clayton - The Church and the property were willed to the Ladies Earnest Working Club) forerunner of the Tularosa Women's Club. (the oldest in the State).
- 16] 509 Granado Site of the Old Wilson Dance Hall. It was on the 1885 map. After a fire in 1966 only the foundation of the original building remains.
- 17] 507 Granado Jenny Clayton Simperts home was built in 1900. The 2 front rooms served as a general merchandise store.
- 18] 501 Granado Apartments were formally Fribley Dry Cleaners, a newspaper office, the Tularosa Village Historical Museum occupied it briefly.
- 19] 500 Granado The First Baptist Church. This modern structure replaced the original small white frame church that was built when the First Baptist was the first to leave the Union Church in 1911.
- 20] 408 Granado Tularosa Old Town Pottery replaced the Allen Furniture Store.
- 21] 406 Granado The Good Junk Shop is located were the Ketch Gas Co. and Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall were previously located.