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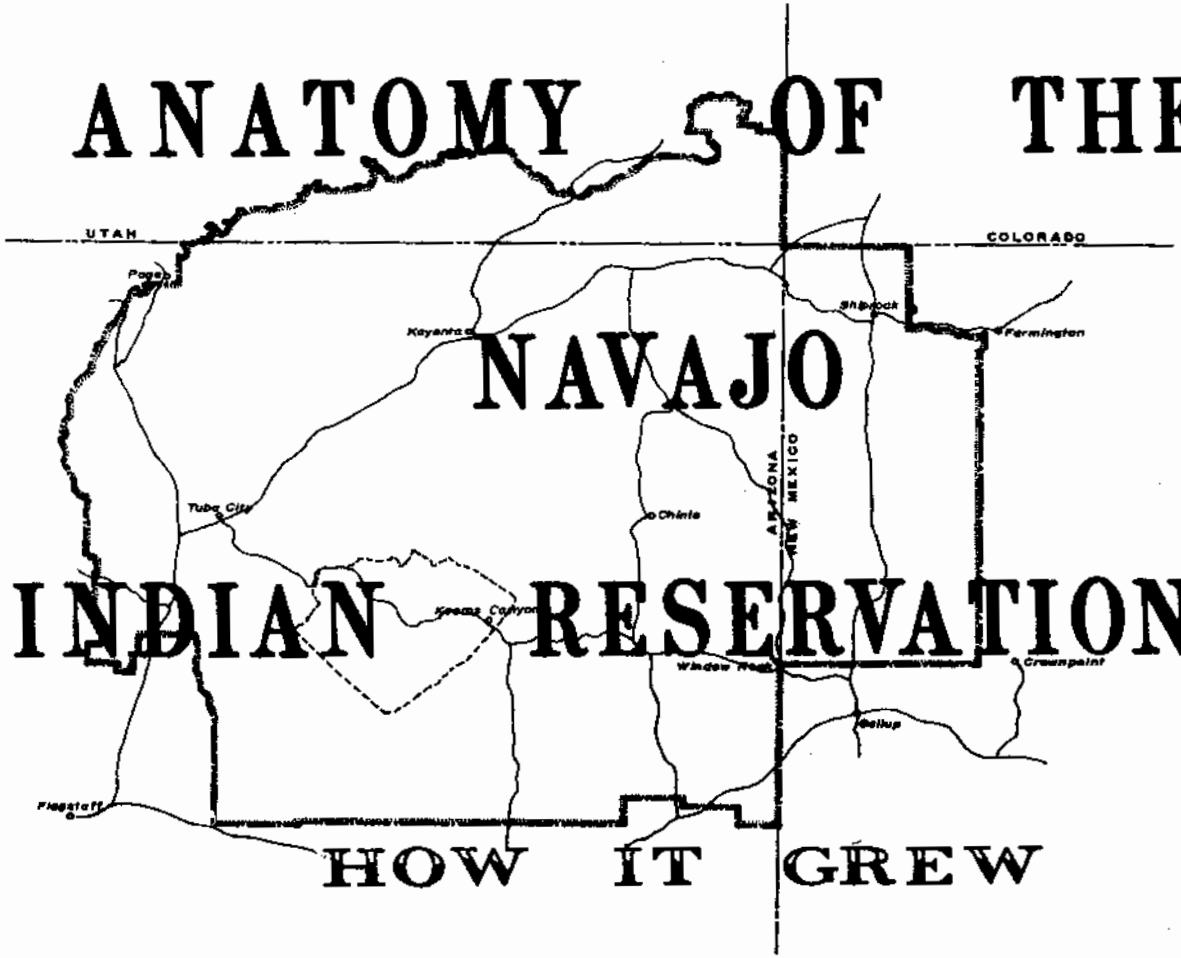

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

This book has been prepared to answer the many questions arising from the complex nature of Navajo land holdings and land use, how the Navajo Indian Reservation was created, and how it grew to its presently-established dimensions.

Beginning with Map No. 1, which is a skeleton outline of the Navajo Indian Reservation as presently constituted, sequential Maps No. 2 through No. 21 illustrate progressively how the space within this skeleton outline gradually became filled to become the Navajo Indian Reservation.

Following each map are the documents supporting each addition, revocation, exchange, or other transaction involved.

Map No. 22 shows the three satellite Navajo reservations of Alamo (or Puertocito), Cañoncito, and Ramah.

Following Map No. 22 is a tabular breakdown by acreages of Navajo land use in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah - both on and off the reservation.

Preceding Map No. 1 is a DIGEST OF CONTENTS from which can be ascertained at a glance the chronological sequence of enactments leading up to the creation of the present Navajo Indian Reservation.

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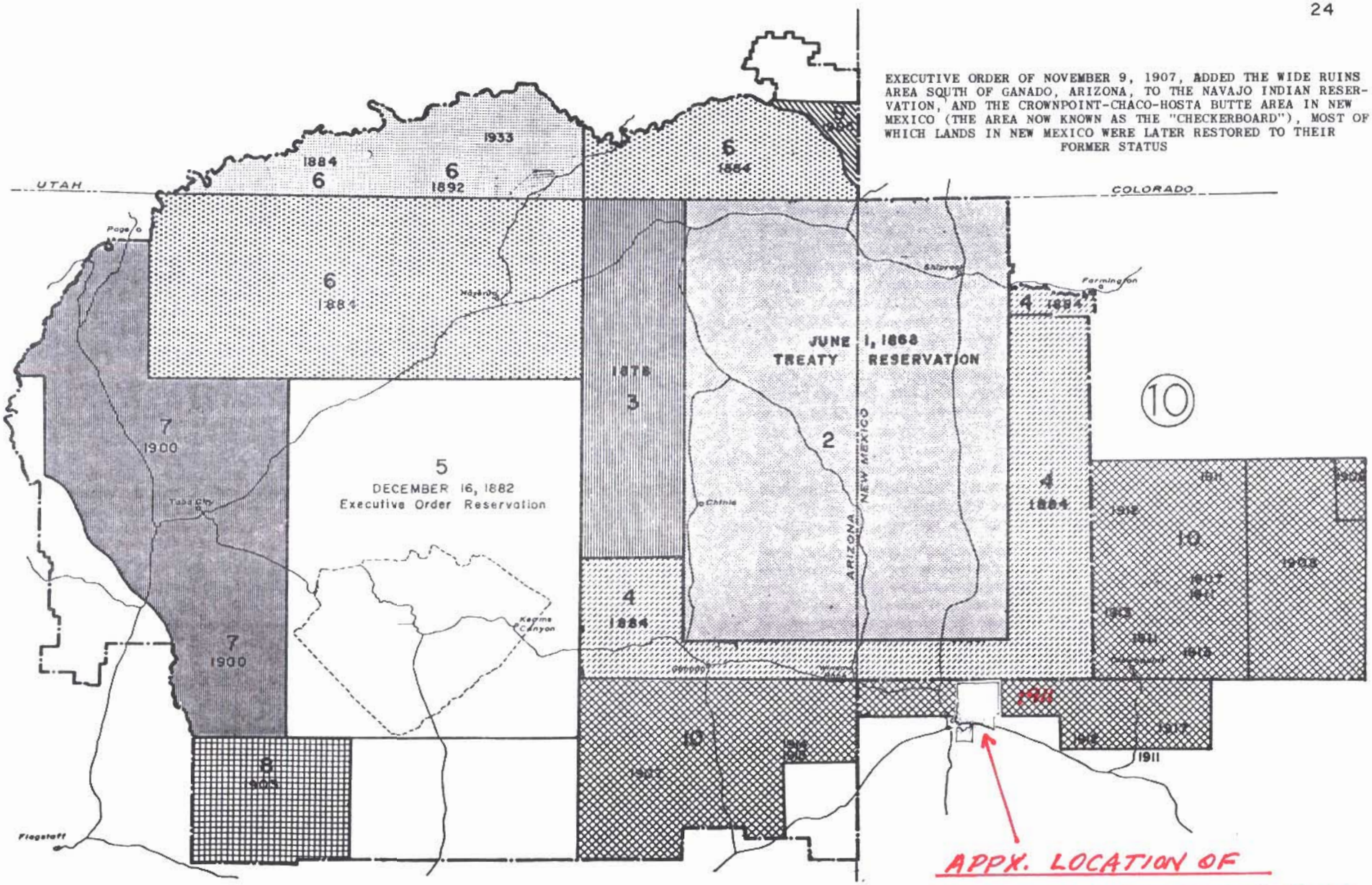
EXECUTIVE ORDER OF NOVEMBER 9, 1907, ADDED THE WIDE RUINS AREA SOUTH OF GANADO, ARIZONA, TO THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION, AND THE CROWNPOINT-CHACO-HOSTA BUTTE AREA IN NEW MEXICO (THE AREA NOW KNOWN AS THE "CHECKERBOARD"), MOST OF WHICH LANDS IN NEW MEXICO WERE LATER RESTORED TO THEIR FORMER STATUS



APPX. LOCATION OF PRESENT-DAY CHURCH ROCK CHAPTER (2006).

Executive Order No. 709 of November 9, 1907

It is hereby ordered that the following-described tract of country in the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico, viz:

Commencing at a point where the east line of the Navajo Indian Reservation, as at present constituted, intersects the north boundary of township twenty-three north, range thirteen west, New Mexico Meridian; thence due east to the northeast corner of township twenty-three north, range five east; thence south to the southeast corner of township seventeen north, range five east, New Mexico Meridian; thence west to the first guide meridian; thence south on the said guide meridian to the southeast corner of township fifteen north, range nine west; thence west to the southwest corner of township fifteen north, range fourteen west; thence north to the northwest corner of township fifteen north, range fourteen west; thence due west to the boundary line between the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico; thence south on the boundary line between the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico to the northeast corner of township twenty-three north, range thirty-one east; thence west to the northwest corner of township twenty-three north, range twenty-nine east; thence south to the northwest corner of township twenty-one north, range twenty-nine east; thence west to the northwest corner of township twenty-one north, range twenty-nine east; thence west to the northwest corner of township twenty-one north, range twenty-six east; thence south to the southeast corner of township twenty-one north, range twenty-five east; thence west to the southwest corner of township twenty-one north, range twenty-two east; thence due north to the southern boundary of the Navajo reservation, as at present constituted, be, and the same is hereby, withdrawn from sale and settlement and set apart for the use of the Indians as an addition to the present Navajo Reservation: *Provided,* That this withdrawal shall not affect any existing valid rights of any person.

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November 9, 1907

HISTORY

Amendments and modifications. See Ex. Ords. No. 744 of Jan. 28, 1908, No. 1000 of Dec. 30, 1908, No. 1284 of Jan. 16, 1911 No. 1995 of July 23, 1914

Cross References

Disposition of surplus lands in reservation created by this Executive Order, see Act May 29, 1908, ch. 216, § 25, 35 Stat. 457

Executive Order No. 744 of January 28, 1908

Whereas it is found that the Executive Order of November 9, 1907, setting apart certain lands in Arizona and New Mexico as an addition to the Navajo Indian Reservation, conflicts in part with Executive Order of November 11, 1907, setting apart certain lands as an addition to the Jicarilla Indian Reservation, New Mexico, said Executive Order is hereby so amended that the description of the tract of land set apart as an addition to the Navajo Reservation shall read as follows:

Beginning at a point on the eastern boundary of the Navajo Reservation where it intersects what would be, if extended, the township line between townships 23 and 24 north; thence east along said township line between townships 23 and 24 north to the northeast corner of township 23 north, range 6 west, New Mexico Meridian; thence south to the northeast corner of township 21 north, range 6 west; thence east to the northeast corner of township 21 north, range 5 west; thence south to the southeast corner of township 17 north, range 5 west; thence west to the first guide meridian west; thence south on said guide meridian to the southeast corner of township 15 north, range 9 west; thence west along the township line between townships 14 and 15 north to the northwest corner of township 15 north, range 14 west; thence west along the township line between townships 15 and 16 north to the boundary line between the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico; thence south on said boundary line to the northeast corner of township 23 north, range 31 east, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona; thence west on the township line between townships 23 and 24 north to the northwest corner of township 23 north, range 29 east; thence south to the northwest corner of township 21 north, range 29 east; thence west on the township line between townships 21 and 22 north to the northwest corner of township 21 north, range 26 east; thence south to the southeast corner of township 21 north, range 25 east; thence west on the Fifth Standard Parallel north to the southwest corner of township 21 north, range 22 east; thence north on the range line between ranges 21 and 22 east to its intersection with the south boundary of the Hopi (Moqui) Indian Reservation, Arizona; thence east to the southeast corner of said Hopi (Moqui) Reservation; thence north on the one hundredth and tenth degree of longitude west to the south boundary of the Navajo Reservation, Arizona; thence east along the said south boundary to the boundary line between Arizona and New Mexico; thence continuing east along the boundary line of the Navajo Reservation, New Mexico, to

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the southeast corner of said reservation; thence north along the east boundary of said Navajo Reservation to the place of beginning.

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January 28, 1908

HISTORY

Modifications. See Ex. Ords. No. 1000 of Dec. 30, 1908, No. 1284 of Jan. 16, 1911, No. 1995 of July 23, 1914

Cross References

Disposition of surplus lands in reservation created by this Executive Order, see Act May 29, 1908, ch. 216, § 25, 35 Stat. 457

Executive Order No. 1000 of December 30, 1908

It is hereby ordered that the unallotted lands in Townships seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, and twenty-one North, Ranges five, six, seven and eight West, and Townships twenty-two and twenty-three North, Ranges six, seven and eight West of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, withdrawn from sale and settlement, and set apart for the use of the Indians as an addition to the Navajo Reservation by Executive Orders dated November nine, nineteen hundred and seven, and January twenty-eight, nineteen hundred and eight, be, and the same are hereby, restored to the public domain, except the following-described lands embracing one hundred and ten unapproved allotments, namely:

The Southwest quarter of Section twenty-three, Township seventeen North, Range five West; the South half of Section thirty-five, Township eighteen North, Range five West; Section twenty-three and the North half of Section twenty-five, Township nineteen North, Range five West; the West half of Section five and the East half of Section six, Township twenty North, Range six West, unsurveyed; the Northwest quarter of Section three, the Northeast quarter of Section four, the South half of Section five, the Northwest quarter of Section eight, Section seventeen, the North half of Section nineteen, Section twenty and the Southeast quarter of Section thirty-one, Township twenty-one North, Range six West; the West half of Section thirty-three, the South half of Section thirty-four, and the West half of Section thirty-five, Township twenty-two North, Range six West; the North half of Section three, Section four, the West half and the Southeast quarter of Section seven, the Southeast quarter of Section eight, Section nine, the West half of Section sixteen, Sections seventeen and eighteen, the North half and the Southeast quarter of Section nineteen, Section twenty, the West half of Section twenty-one, the East half of Section twenty-two, Section twenty-three, the Northwest quarter of Section twenty-eight, the North half of Section twenty-nine and the Northeast quarter of Section thirty, Township twenty North, Range seven West; the West half of Section six, the Southeast quarter of Section nineteen, the Southwest quarter of Section twenty, the North half and the Southeast quarter of Section twenty-four, the East half of Section twenty-five, the Southwest quarter of Section twenty-six, the South half of Section twenty-seven, the Southeast quarter of Section twenty-eight, the Northwest quarter of Section twenty-nine, the Northeast quarter of Section thirty, the East half of Section thirty-three, Section thirty-four and the West half of Section thirty-five, Township twenty-one North, Range seven West, and Sections one and twelve and the Southeast quarter of Section eleven, Township twenty-one North, Range eight West of the New Mexico Principal Meridian.

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Executive Order No. 1284 of January 16, 1911

It is hereby ordered that all lands not allotted to Indians or otherwise reserved within the townships in New Mexico added to the Navajo Reservation by Executive Orders of November nine, nineteen hundred and seven, and January twenty-eight, nineteen hundred and eight, lying west of the first guide meridian west, be and the same hereby are restored to the public domain.

WM. H. TAFT

The White House
January 16, 1911

HISTORY

Modifications. See Ex. Ord. No. 1359 of May 24, 1911, No. 1483 of Feb. 17, 1912