

Tour Number One

This tour includes three cemeteries of **Arrey**, one in **Caballo**, two in **Truth or Consequences**, one in **Engle**, and one in **Cutter**.



Arrey is located twenty miles S of Truth or Consequences along US Highway 187 & 5 miles N of Derry. The **Old Cemetery** is across from Arrey Elementary School. The first person buried there died from a rattlesnake bite in 1894. It was in continuous use until 1932.

Newer Cemetery:

Mr. Veater a contractor for the highway and owner of Veater's Hall donated land on top of the hill south of the old cemetery for a new cemetery when the former US Highway 85 (now 187) was built, but the people continued to use the old cemetery until 1932 when John Crane killed a Mr. Antes. Since Mr. Antes had no relatives here, the county paid Albino Gonzales and his brother \$15 to bury him in the new cemetery.

The **Third Cemetery** is part of the Arrey Community Church property. The first person to be buried in this cemetery was Dorothy

Davis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Davis. She was in an automobile — hay wagon accident in March 1936 while she was on her way to practice for the dedication of the new Arrey School.



Caballo is approximately 15 miles S. of Truth or Consequences, NM. This settlement began when John Gordon and his family came to the area in the spring of 1908 to homestead. When the lake behind the Caballo Dam began to fill in 1938, it covered the homes of the early settlers and they moved to the foothills on the west side of the Rio Grande where they continued to raise their livestock. The name Caballo was derived from the Sierra De Los Caballos Mountains, named for the herds of wild horses found on the mountains, descendants of the horses (Spanish word, caballos) brought here in the 1540's by Coronado.



Truth or Consequences, the county seat of Sierra, on I-25 and the Rio Grande, SW of Elephant Butte Reservoir is often abbreviated to TorC. An early Spanish name for the "little cottonwoods" was Alamocitos. As English-speaking settlers arrived, the locality came to be called Hot Springs for the thermal springs here (or Oja de Zoquete, "mud spring"). In 1912-1916, the construction of Elephant Butte Dam helped to formulate the town of Hot Springs. The **Hot Springs Cemetery** is located E. of Date Street between 9th and 7th streets and is the older of the two cemeteries here.

Vista Memory Gardens Cemetery is N. of the city past the Interstate overpass and the painted water tower. This land was donated 24 Jan, 1972 by Dr and Mrs. Elsworth Hubble to the city of TorC. It was developed for internment in 1974.