

# Pioneer Village Workbook





**4. Old Aztec Jail**

Prior to 1887 there was no jail in Aztec. This jail was built in 1912. The jail was built out of 2X6 lumber that was laid flat.

Why do you think that it was built this way?

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## 5. Tinsmith & Print Shop

At various times this building was a hardware/lumber and general store and a residence between Aztec and Farmington. This building has displays for two kinds of businesses. A lot of different things were made by the Tinsmith and are on display here.

Name at least three things that were made in this shop.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



## 6. Caboose

This is a replica of a Denver and Rio Grande caboose. Employees of the Cumbres and Toltec Railroad built it from an old D&RG boxcar. The D&RG served Aztec from 1905 until 1968. A caboose was always at the end of the train.

What was the purpose of the caboose?

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## 7. Blacksmith & Carpentry Shop

In the early 1900s almost all towns had a blacksmith. List two things that the blacksmith did?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

What is a forge?

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## 8. Hamblet Cabin

This is an original log cabin built between Bloomfield and Farmington in 1880 by F.W. Hamblet. With just one room and a dirt floor the conditions were rather primitive compared to what we are accustomed to today.

When did the Hamblet family arrive into the San Juan area?

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## 9. Citizens Bank

The Citizens Bank was established in Aztec in 1905. Although the building is new construction, the tellers' cages are from the 1910 bank building, which is still located on Main Avenue.

Who was the first person to run the Citizens bank?

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## 10. Farmhouse

This is a reproduction of an early upscale farmhouse. The furnishings date from the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to approximately 1920s. Electricity was in use in Aztec by 1912 but it was not always reliable. In the Farmhouse is a Thunder Mug.

What do you think it was used for?

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## 11. Village Church

This community church was built in 1906. Originally it was a bit larger than it is now. It was dismantled and reconstructed at a slightly reduced, scale to correspond with the rest of the village. The pews, pulpit, piano, and hymnals are all original.

Where was this church originally located?

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## 12. Schoolhouse

This is a replica of a one-room schoolhouse. One teacher would have taught grades one through eight in this one room. By the late 1890s most small communities still did not have a high school.

Write down two teacher rules:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_



## 13. Magistrate's Office

Magistrate/Judge Fred Lawson used this building for 18 years to hear misdemeanor cases and issue dog and marriage licenses.

Who did the desk belong to?

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## 14. General Store & Post Office

The general store resembles any number of small stores that could be found in America near the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The service window in the post office came from the old Flora Vista Post Office.

What items in the General Store are not in a typical store today?

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## 15. Sheriff's & Doctor's Office

Before Aztec had electricity people used candles and lamps to light their homes and businesses.

Who did the sheriff's hat belong to?

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One of the first doctors to settle in this area was Dr. John W. Brown in 1878. He is remembered for his work with the Navajo people and for his leadership in settling disputes between the settlers and the Navajos.

Who donated most of the medical instruments on display?

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