

In the same work, pages 585 and 586, I find that General William J. Palmer, in the summer of 1868, visited the Zuñi Indians, of whom it is said, "The Zuñis preserve the old Aztec faith pure and simple." "They raise fruit, corn, and sheep, in abundance. . . . Palmer saw one of their white Indians. He had red hair, blue eyes, and a complexion fair even for a white man." "He showed none of that preternatural paleness of the eyes, feebleness, and appearance of being a freak of nature generally observed in Albinos, but seemed to be a strong normal man. From generation to generation these white Zuñians have white children."

Richardson further describes the Pueblos as a "race of half-civilized Indians, who live in towns, and claim to be unmixed descendants of the ancient Aztecs. They never intermarry with whites, and their women — almost the solitary exception to Indian tribes in general — are reputed inflexibly chaste." — *Beyond the Mississippi*, page 264.

In a report upon the Indian tribes, made to the War Department by Lieutenant A. W. Whipple, Thomas Ewbank, Esq., and Professor William W. Turner, published in 1855, after a description of the ancient town of Zuñi and the Zuñian Indians, I find the following paragraph: —

"It is to be regretted that we obtained no portrait of the white Indians of Zuñi; but the small-pox being prevalent among them, it was deemed imprudent to visit their houses. Some of them, however, were seen,

having light or auburn hair, fair complexions, and blue eyes. It is remarkable that the first Indian from Zuñi seen by Father de Niza, in 1539, is described as a white man of fair complexion." — See *Report*, page 31.

It appears in the published journal of the exploring expedition, under command of Lieutenant A. W. Whipple, that the expedition was at Zuñi on the 23d of November, 1853. — *Journal of Expedition*, page 68.

Pueblo Zuñi is among the Zuñi Mountains, in the western part of New Mexico, west of Albuquerque is an ancient city, and contains about two thousand inhabitants, and has been known to the Spaniards for over three hundred years, during which time it has not materially changed in its appearance.

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