

Santa Fe

The End Of The Trail



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Palace of the Governors
The Plaza Santa Fe

By early 1860's trade between the Missouri frontier down the Santa Fe Trail reached a level of \$1,500,000 dollars in commerce. The growth of population reached nearly 5,000 U. S. citizen engaged in all forms of trade with the main business centers of Santa Fe, Socorro and Taos. This large volume of business needed military protections, and it became vital for troops to be stationed at various forts to be built in the area.