

Mexico, in the Texas Indians.

It is clear that all these forces were leading slowly but surely to the occupation of central and eastern Texas, even in the absence of the stimulus of foreign aggression. But the old interests were now all quickened by rumors of foreign encroachment, and thenceforth the various lines of advance rapidly converged and led to the settlement of the country beyond the Trinity. At the same time the El Paso district, at the other extreme of Texas, became definitely settled as a result of a counter movement from New Mexico.

19                    The Settlement of the El Paso District

The center of the province of New Mexico transferred to the El Paso district, remained to end of seventeenth century.

In 1659, a mission, Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, was begun at El Paso, on the south side of the river, and a small civil settlement grew up there. Before 1680 another mission, San Francisco de los Sumas, was founded some twelve leagues down the river. In 1680 the colony received a large accretion through the revolt of the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico. As a result of this event all the Spanish inhabitants and the Indians of three pueblos retreated down the river and settled at the Pass and at different points below that place on both sides of the river for a distance of twelve or more leagues. There were now in or near the valley six missions, Guadalupe, San Francisco de los Sumas, Senecu, Socorro, Isleta and Santa Gertrudis; four Spanish villages or pueblos, San Loranzo, San Pedro de Alcantara, San Jose and Isleta; and the presidio of El Paso.

20    1683, Mendoza expedition with Father Lopez started for the Jumanos of the Nueces. This was the expedition that went up through the Big Bend country to probably the Concho river. Juan Sabeata, a Jumano Indian, urged the missionaries to come speaking of thirty tribes eastward.

"Among more than thirty tribes which he named as living toward the east were the 'extended nation of the Humanas,' the 'great kingdom of the Texas,' and the 'great kingdom of Quivira.'" He told particularly of the 'great