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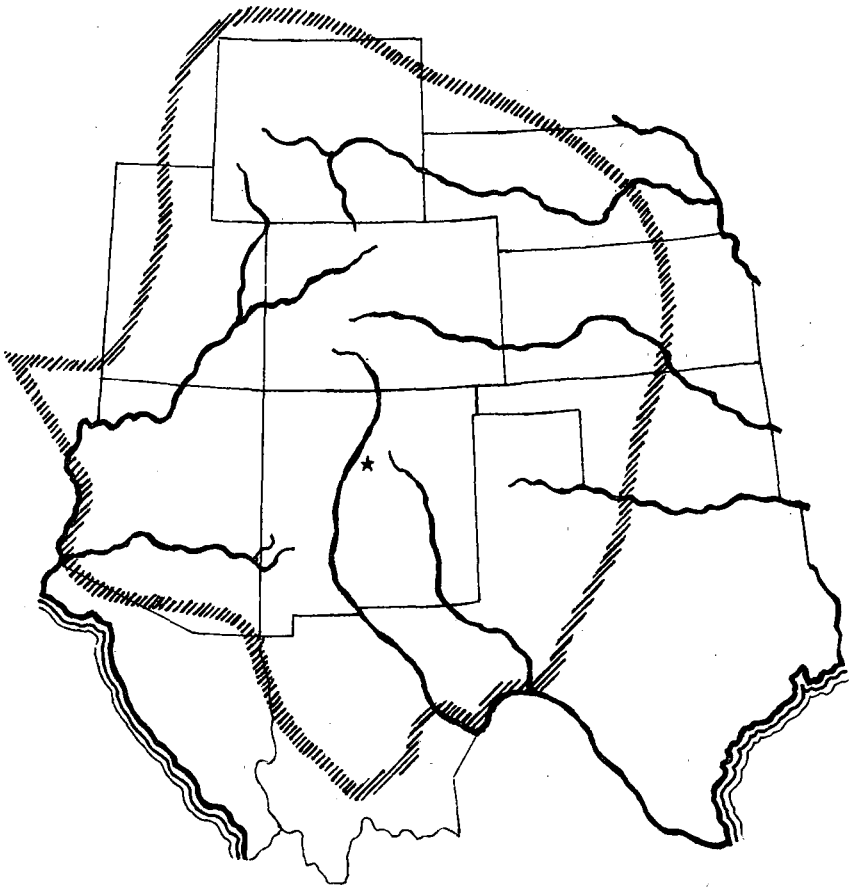
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Map of greater New Mexico, adapted from Warren A. Beck and Ynez D. Haase, *Historical Atlas of New Mexico* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1969), 1, 19. Artwork by William R. Rector.

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It is January 1993 and the *New Mexico Historical Review* starts its sixty-eighth year of uninterrupted publication. A new year, a new volume, and a time to reaffirm the editorial direction of the founders of this journal. Editor emeritus Eleanor B. Adams most succinctly stated the philosophy of the *New Mexico Historical Review* in 1973 as follows:

A quarterly journal for the publication of legitimate historical material for New Mexico and regional interest, including scholarly articles, documents, bibliographies, and book reviews. Geographically, the region comprises the area of the Spanish Colonial Viceroyalty of New Spain north from Mexico City. This does not exclude the publication of material deemed relevant to the general background and understanding of this region even though not dealing specifically with it.

Former editor Richard W. Etulain further qualified the direction of the journal by proclaiming:

The journal's primary interests include the Spanish Colonial viceroyalty, Spanish exploration, and Spanish colonization north of Mexico City; northern Mexican provinces to 1848; territorial and statehood of New Mexico; and all peripheral material deemed relevant to an understanding of these regions.

These statements are endorsed and further refined as follows:

The *New Mexico Historical Review* is a quarterly journal dedicated to publishing the history of the early and present region of New Mexico. This area, graphically presented in the accompanying map, includes territories explored and settled over the past four hundred years under Spanish, Mexican, and United States aegis. Of equal importance are the interpretations of pre-European indigenous populations, studies treating the Spanish Colonial viceroyalty north of Mexico City, and other material central to understanding greater New Mexico.

No territorial designs are intended or advocated by this editor, but rather the intention is to elicit essays that reflect the evolution of New Mexico over the centuries.