The Development of Virgin River Anasazi Habitation Dwellings with Examples from Little Creek Mesa

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#1 PIT HOUSES TO PUEBLOS:
The Usual Growth Pattern For Virgin River Anasazi Pueblos

The People Were Both Farmers & Hunter-Gatherers, Living In Small Extended-Family Groups

In The Early Days, Pithouses Were Seasonal Dwellings Only, With Added Storage Cists

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As The People Became More Reliant On Farming, Much More Corn Storage Was Needed
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And So More Above Ground Units Were Added For Storage,
A Few At A Time

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At Some Point, The People Began Living In The Above-Ground Units
And Used The Pit Houses For Storage
#5 The Usual Growth Pattern For Virgin River Anasazi Pueblos

Changing Pithouse Below-Ground Entrances To Roof Entries Would Have Helped Keep Rodents & Bugs Out Of The Corn

#7 The Usual Growth Pattern For Virgin River Anasazi Pueblos

More Storage Space Was Added To House The Surplus Food
#9 The Usual Growth Pattern For Virgin River Anasazi Pueblos

More Modifications Were Made, And The Former Pithouse-Storage Units Evolved Into Kivas In A Central Plaza

LATE PERIOD
Circular Footprint Standing Wall Pueblos With Storage Cists Around Central Plaza; Heavy Dependence On Corn
Little Creek Mesa

Excavated Wall
Looking East

Hill Top Site
(Large Pueblo Under Trees)

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