

# Juan Brito

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## From Fray Angelico Chavez

“Juan Brito and his wife, Antonia Ursula Duran, had lived in Santa Fe before the Rebellion.” (Chavez, 1992, p. 13)

“Cristobal Brito, a sixty-five-year-old Canary Islander, and Juan de Leon, a thirty-year-old native of Cadiz, were with Onate’s early troops, but no connection can be found between them and certain people of low estate who were natives of New Mexico in 1680 and 1693. Perhaps they were descendants of the Indian slaves which Brito brought along.” (Chavez, 1992, p. 12) [NOTE: Juan Brito was not related to Cristobal or the Juan de Leon Brito mentioned above. S. Lucero]

“Juan de Leon Brito, son of Juan Brito and Antonia Ursula Duran, had married Sebastiana Madrid at Guadalupe del Paso in 1692. At Santa Fe, on January 10, 1694, Brito, now a widower, married a Maria Granillo, of unknown parentage. He was a member of the Conquistadores Confraternity; he and a Diego Brito made adobes for the reconstruction of San Miguel Chapel in Santa Fe in 1710.” (Chavez, 1992, pp. 150-151)

## From Ralph Emerson Twitchell

“Juan de Leon Brito. Grant. Originally made to his father by Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponce de Leon. Re-validated by Don Juan Domingo de Bustamante, Governor, August 27, 1738.” (Twitchell, 1914, p. 36)

“The “Britos” were Tlascalan Indians. The “Analco” district surrounds the old chapel of San Miguel. “Analco” means, “the other side of the river.” (Twitchell, 1914, p. 36)

“165 Juan de Leon Brito and Maria Granillo, his wife, to Juana de la Cruz, widow of Joseph de la Virgen. Santa Fe, November 25, 1713. Conveyance. Before Juan Garsia de la Rivas. Refers to a house standing in 1713 in the Barrio de Analco, Santa Fe.” (Twitchell, 1914, p. 67)

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“Brito, or Britto, is a Portuguese surname.” (Wikipedia)

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