

# PLAZA AT THE MISSION OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, CALIFORNIA

FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES FOUNDED TWENTY-ONE MISSIONS ON THE PACIFIC COAST OF THE SPANISH COLONY OF ALTA CALIFORNIA BETWEEN 1769 AND 1823. CONTROL OF ALTA CALIFORNIA SHIFTED TO MEXICO IN THE 1820S AND TO AMERICA IN THE 1840S. SOME OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT GREW AROUND THE MISSIONS BECAME MAJOR CITIES; SOME MISSIONS WERE ABANDONED AND LATER RECONSTRUCTED. PORTIONS OF EL CAMINO REAL -- THE ROAD CONNECTING THE MISSIONS -- BECAME INTERSTATE OR STATE HIGHWAYS.

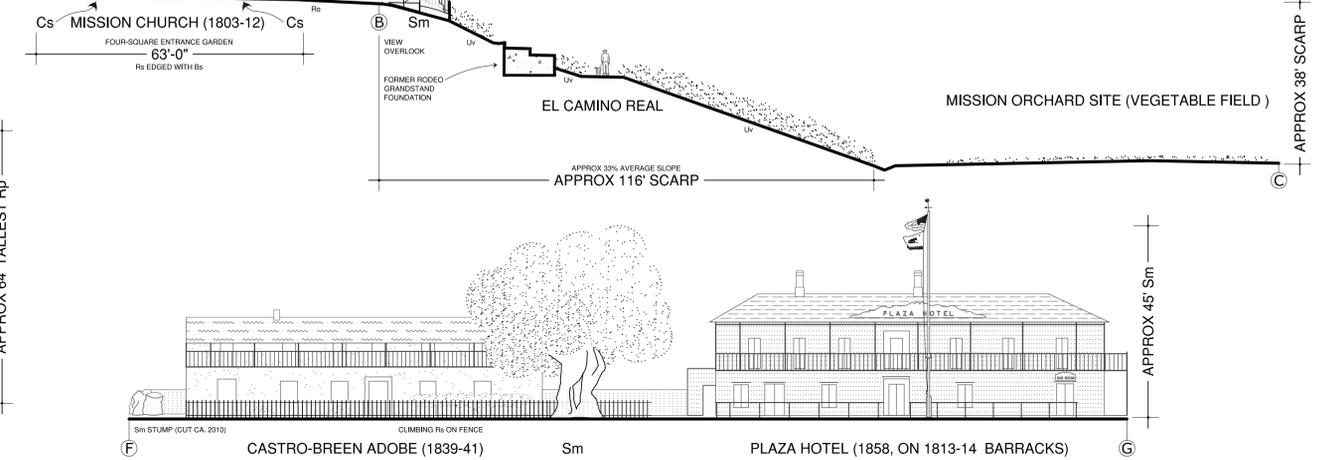
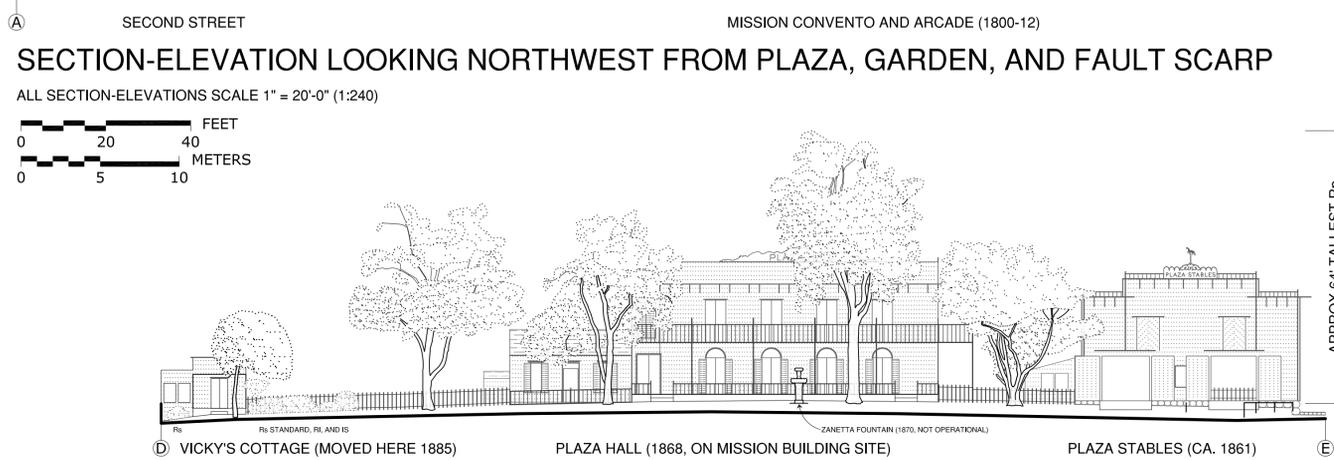
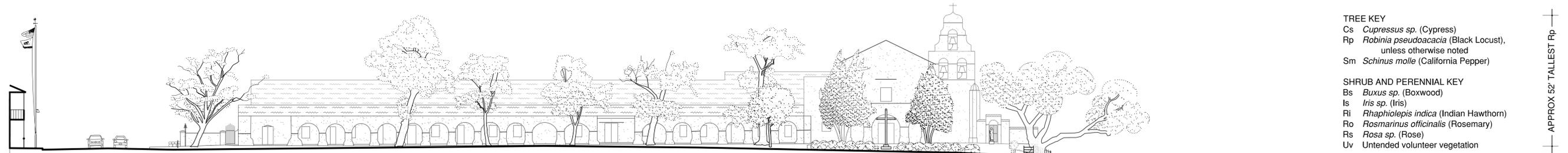
MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA WAS THE FIFTEENTH MISSION TO BE ESTABLISHED, IN 1797. DESPITE REPEATED DAMAGE FROM EARTHQUAKES ON THE ADJACENT SAN ANDREAS FAULT, MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA WAS NEVER MOVED FROM ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION AND HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS USE AS A CHURCH SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT. ITS ENVIRONS ARE STILL LARGELY AGRICULTURAL, ITS PLAZA HAS BEEN RESTORED TO THE SPIRIT OF ITS 1870 STATE, AND ITS ADJACENT PORTION OF EL CAMINO REAL IS STILL UNPAVED. NOTED ARCHITECT IRVING MORROW, LANDSCAPE

ARCHITECT EMERSON KNIGHT, AND MISSION RESTORATION SPECIALIST HARRY DOWNIE PLAYED A PART IN THE RESTORATION OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDSCAPE. CURRENT AND FORMER MISSION SITES ARE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTEREST.

HABS REPORT AND DRAWING WERE PREPARED BY CATE BAINTON IN 2012 AND 2016, RESPECTIVELY. FIELD MEASUREMENTS WERE DONE WITH THE GENEROUS AND INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE OF LES TABATA IN 2015-16.

HABS DRAWINGS WERE PREPARED BY ROGER BLAINE ET AL. IN CA. 1934 AND CLYDE TRUDELL IN 1966. HABS LARGE-FORMAT PHOTOGRAPHY WAS PRODUCED BY ROGER STURTEVANT IN 1934, JAMES ROSENTHAL IN 2002, AND CAROL HIGHSMITH IN 2013.

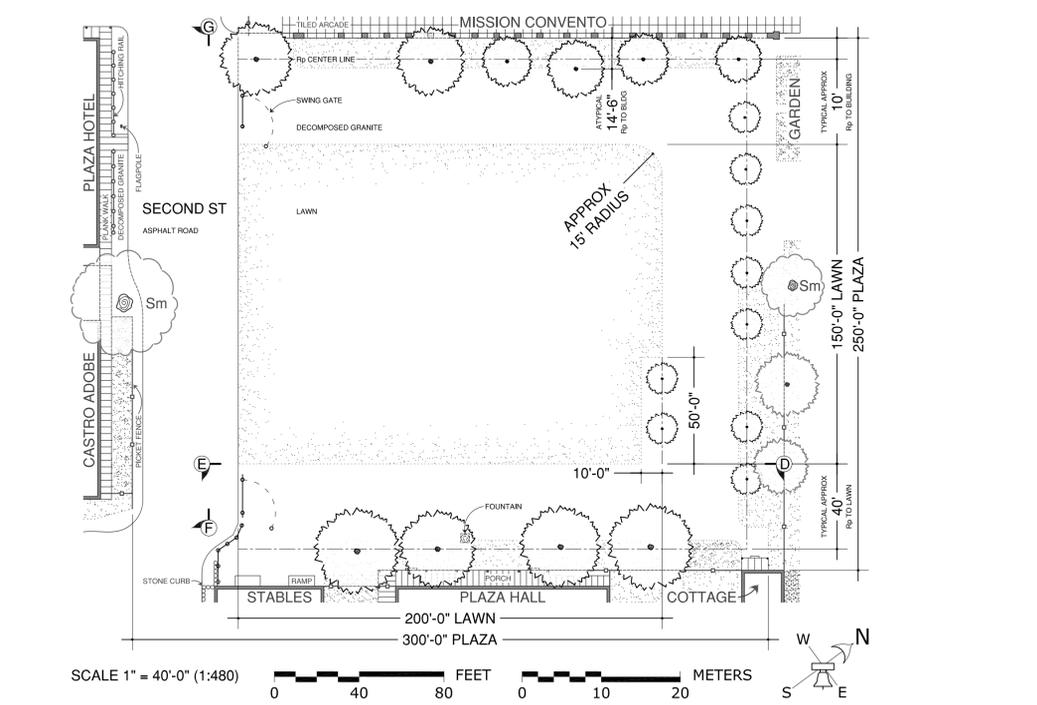
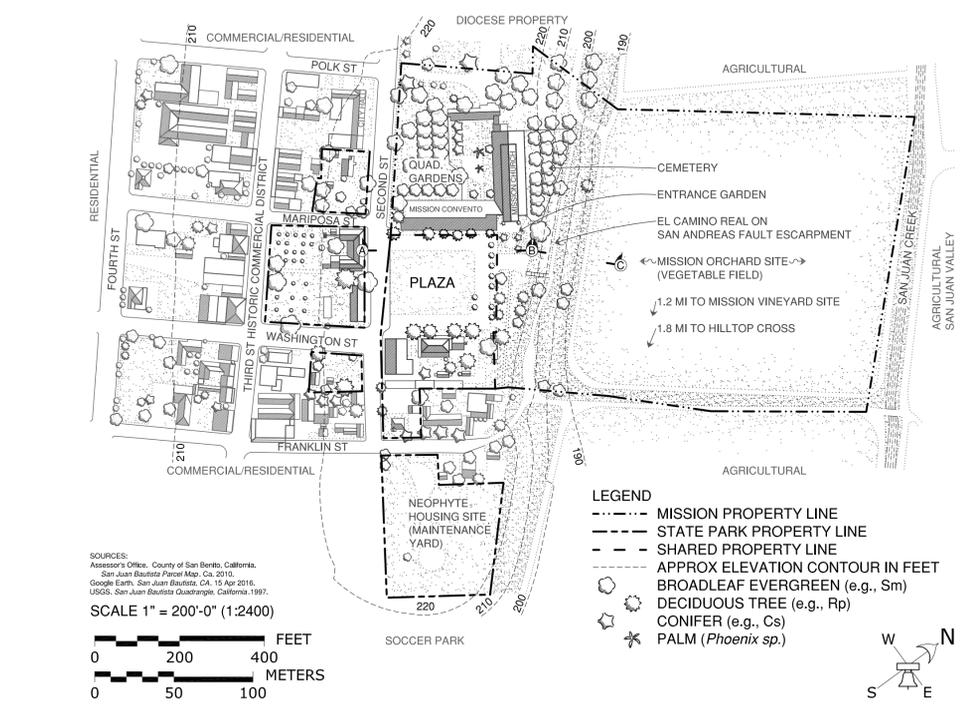
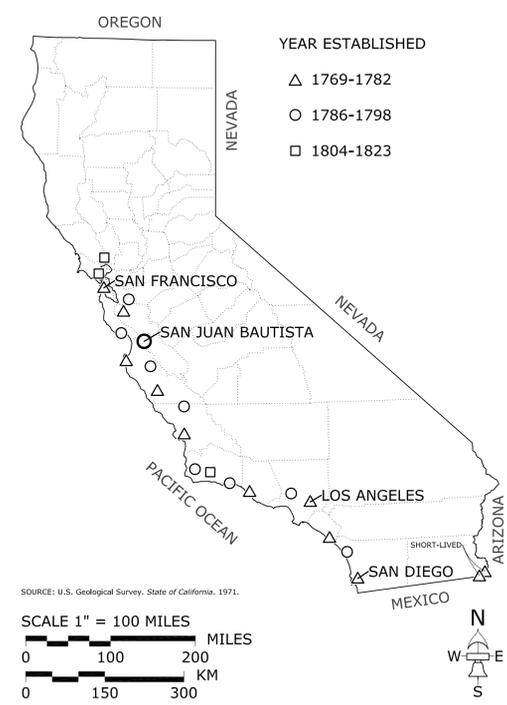
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- TREE KEY**
- Cs *Cupressus sp.* (Cypress)
  - Rp *Robinia pseudoacacia* (Black Locust), unless otherwise noted
  - Sm *Schinus molle* (California Pepper)
- SHRUB AND PERENNIAL KEY**
- Bs *Buxus sp.* (Boxwood)
  - Is *Iris sp.* (Iris)
  - Ri *Rhaphiolepis indica* (Indian Hawthorn)
  - Ro *Rosmarinus officinalis* (Rosemary)
  - Rs *Rosa sp.* (Rose)
  - Uv Untended volunteer vegetation

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HISTORIC AMERICAN LANDSCAPES SURVEY  
 SURVEY NO. CA-84-A  
 SHEET 1 OF 1  
 MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, PLAZA  
 SAN BENITO COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
 SECOND STREET BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MARIPOSA STREETS  
 SAN JUAN BAUTISTA  
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