

# VESTIGES of *Lands End*



## *Petlenuc*

*Petlenuc* is the Native American Ohlone name for a coastal settlement located on the northwest portion of the San Francisco Peninsula facing the ocean and Golden Gate. *Petlenuc* may also have been a specific village in the vicinity of present-day Crissy Field. A group of Yelamu families lived at *Petlenuc* until the 18th and 19th centuries, when they were forced from their land into Spanish missions.

People living at or near *Petlenuc* likely came to the beaches of Lands End to gather mollusks, hunt seabirds and marine mammals, and gather eggs. Preparing those materials for transport inland helped to create the archaeological midden sites in the area.

With extensive sand dunes and rocky cliffs, the landscapes in which the Yelamu lived were the most desolate and dramatic of Bay Area tribal territories. Though early Europeans described the Lands End area as barren, for thousands of years the Ohlone cultivated the landscape within their territories through burning, pruning and other means to enhance production of their native foods and maintain animal habitat.