

# *Album of Views of the Missions of California*

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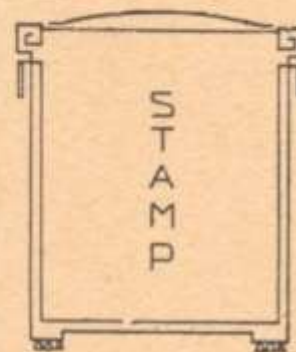
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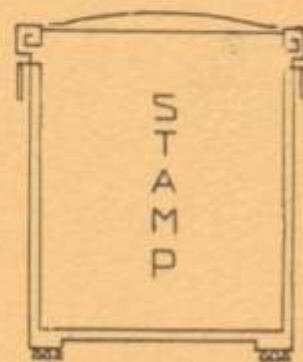
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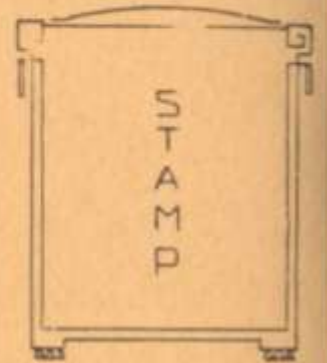
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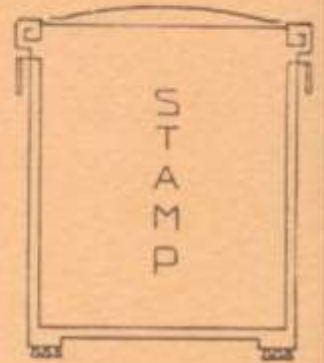
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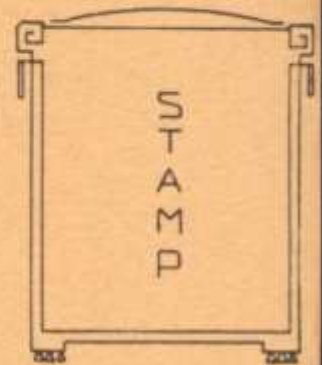
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Mission Dolores - Founded 1776 San Francisco, California



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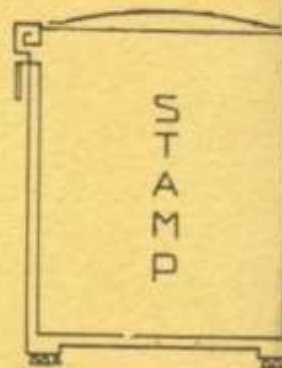
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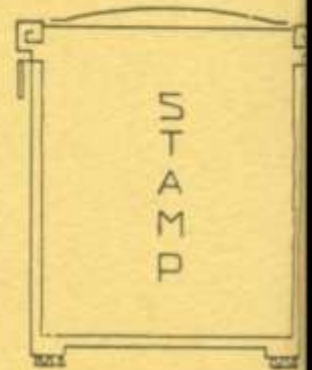
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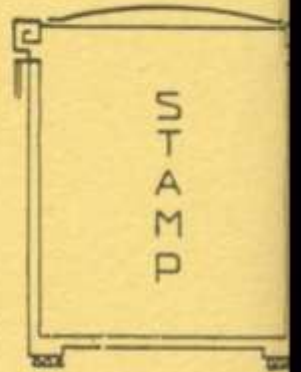
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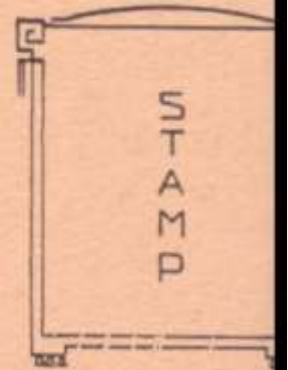
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Mission Santa Barbara Cal.

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California—1786.**

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Ruins of Mission La Purisima Concepcion, California, 1787.

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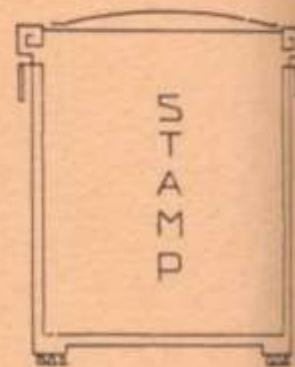
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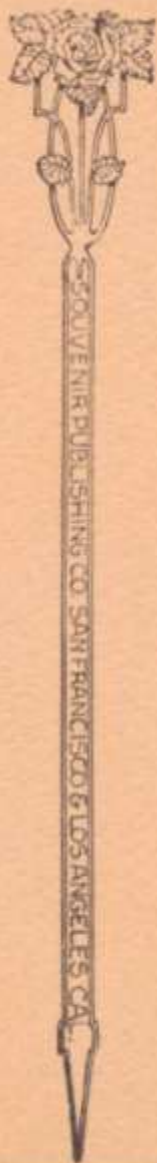


Nuestra Señora de La Soledad, California, 1791.

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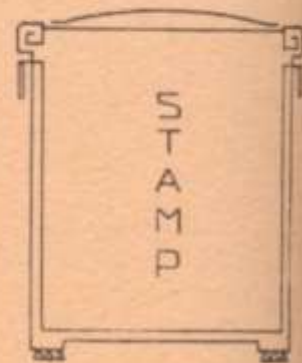
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Ruins of the Mission of "Our Lady of  
the Solitude!"



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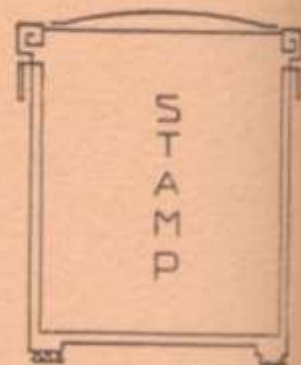
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San Juan Bautista Mission, San Juan, California, 1797. Z22

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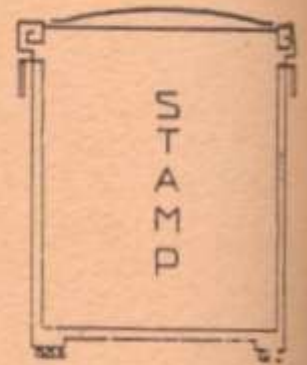
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Mission San Miguel, California, 1797

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Mission San Fernando, Rey de España, 1797 California.

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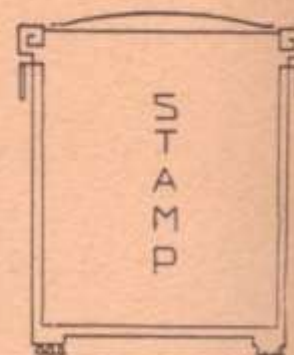
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Mission San Luis, Rey de Francia, California - 1798 - Z25

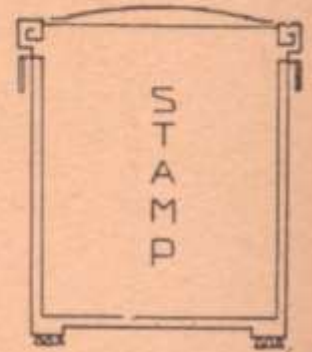
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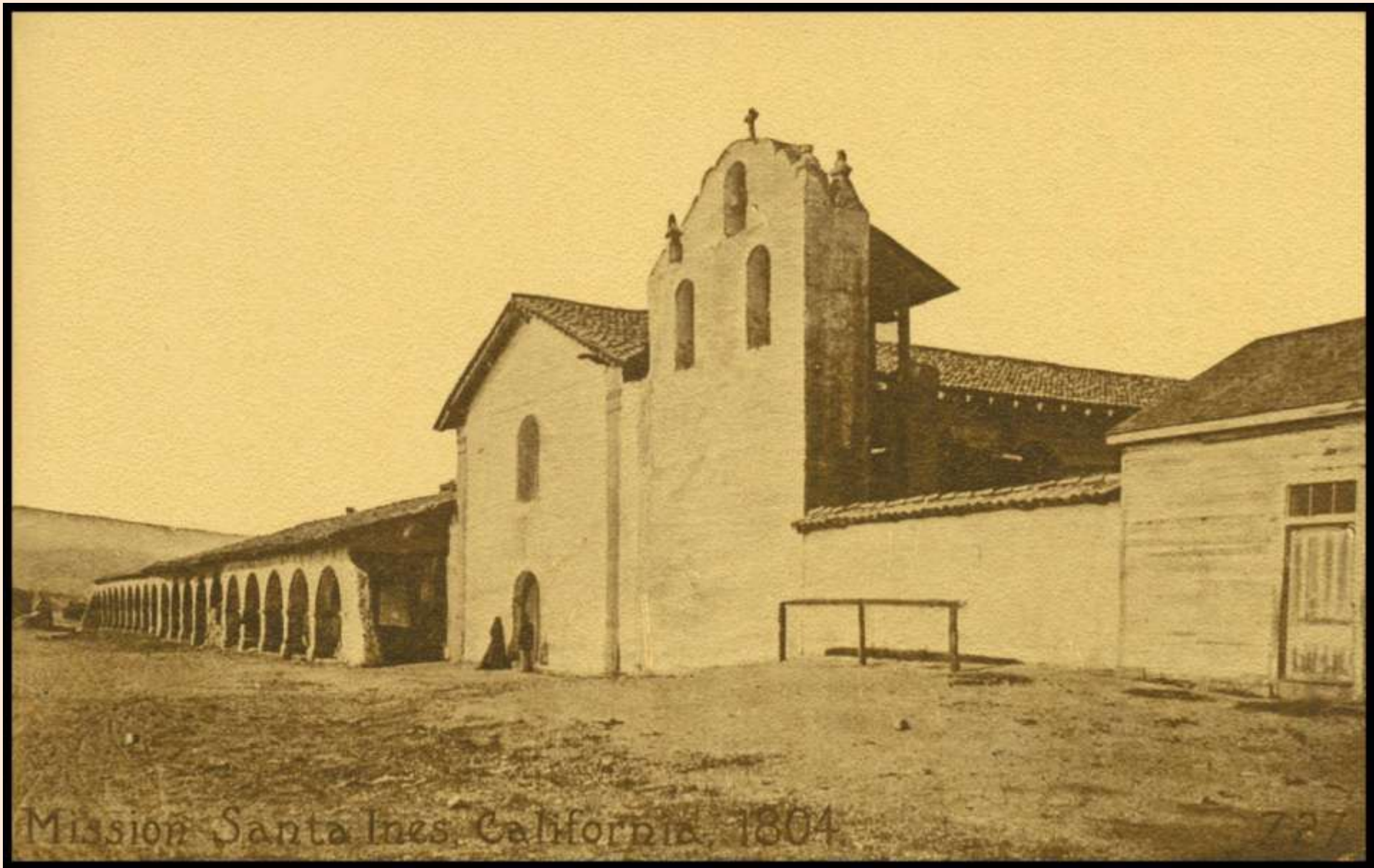


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Mission Santa Ines, California, 1804

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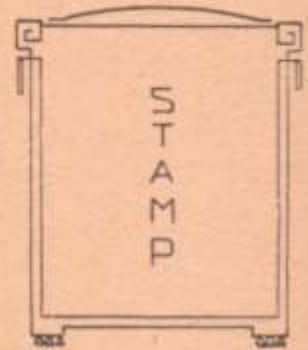
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Dedicated, 1804.

Situated some 30 miles from Santa Barbara, in one of the most beautiful spots of this glorious state. It is the only mission founded in the early decade of the nineteenth century.



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Mission San Antonio de Pala, California

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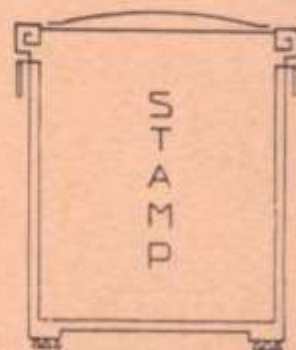
**Mission San Antonio de Pala—1815.**

It is to be reached by carriage—a 16-mile drive from Fallbrook, San Diego County.



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Mission San Rafael Arcangel, founded 1817, San Rafael, California.

**Mission San Rafael, "Archangel," ..  
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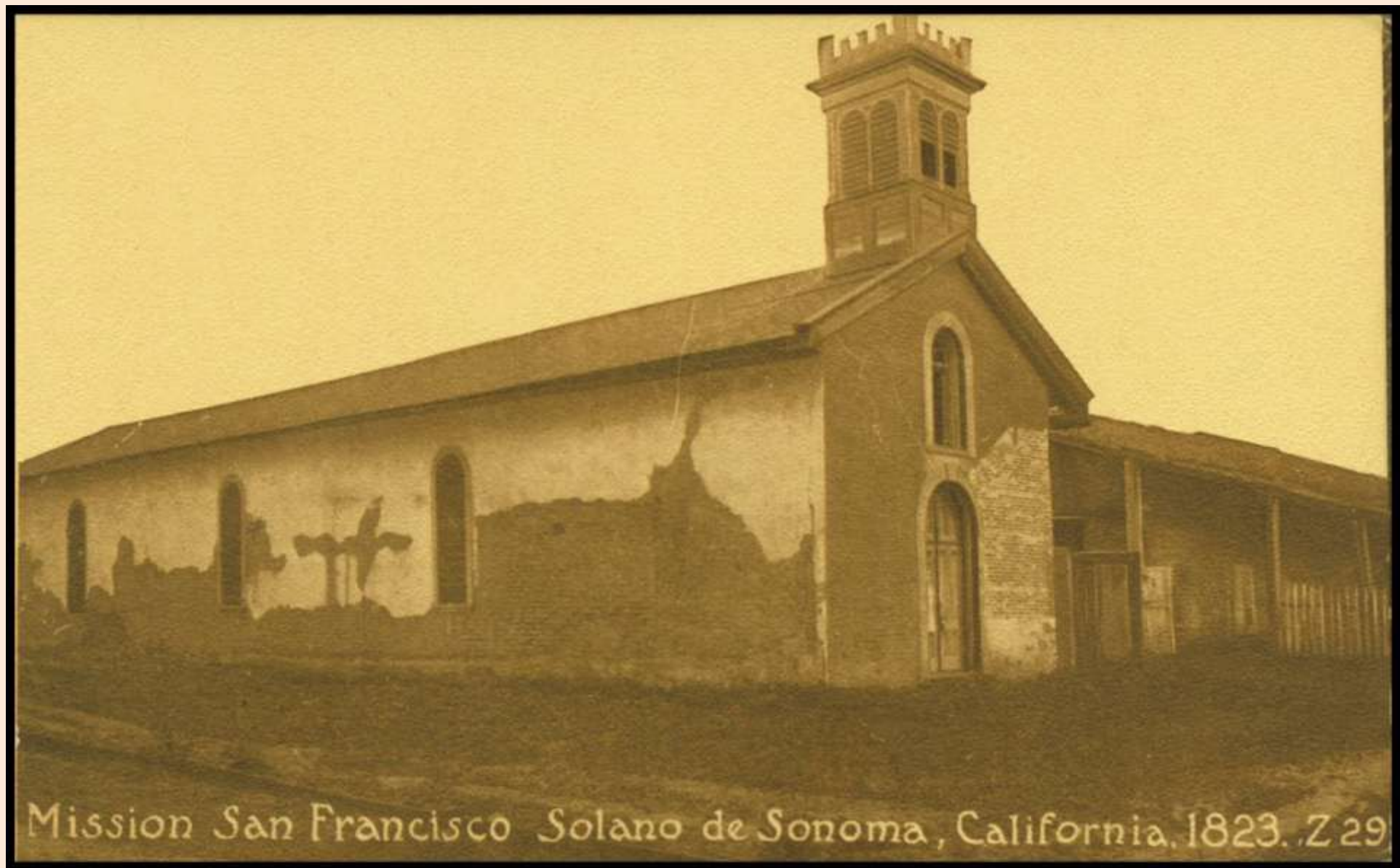
San Rafael was founded December  
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Mission San Francisco Solano de Sonoma, California, 1823. Z 29

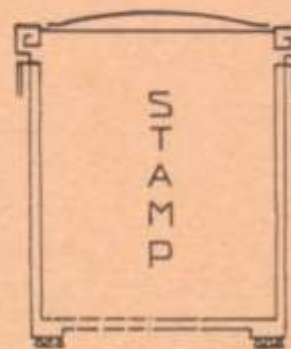
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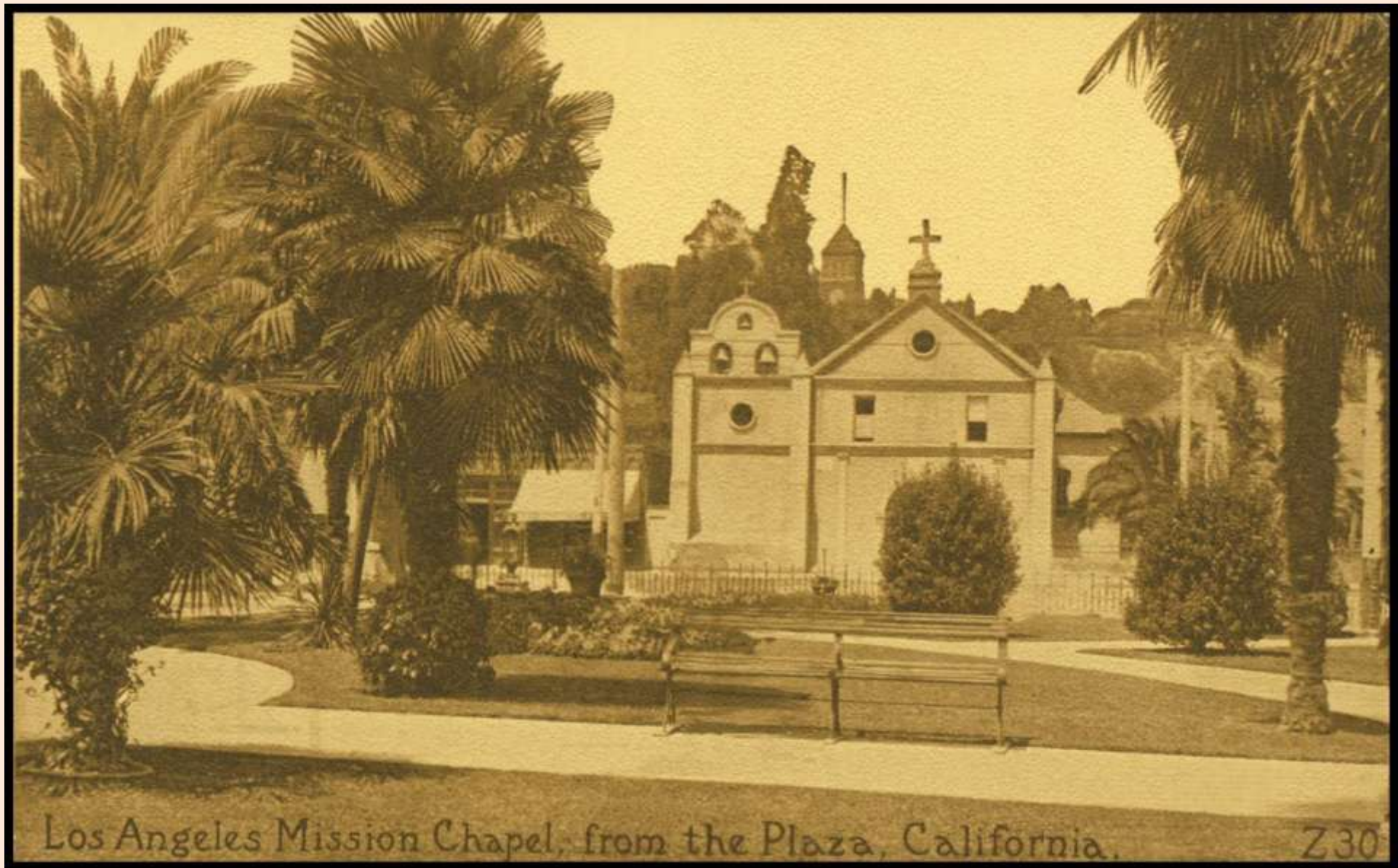


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Los Angeles Mission Chapel, from the Plaza, California.

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**Los Angeles Mission Chapel from the Plaza.**

The Old Plaza Chapel is the first church built in Los Angeles; the foundation was laid in 1814 when this beautiful city was but a little pueblo of less than a thousand inhabitants. It was formally known as the Church of Nuestra Sonora, Reina de Los Angeles (Our Lady, Queen of the Angels), and is one of the four Asistencias of the San Gabriel Mission. Regular religious services are held there as of old.



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