

La Casa del Rancho Santa Margarita
y Las Flores,
Oceanside, San Diego County, California

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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LA CASA DEL RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA y
LAS FLORES. U. S. Highway 101,
Oceanside, San Diego County, California.

Owner: Santa Margarita Rancho, Halcott B. Thomas, President,
Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank, 5th & Spring St.
Los Angeles, California.

Date of erection: About 1841.

Architect:

Builder:

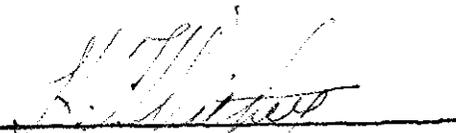
Present Condition: Very well preserved.

Number of stories: One, with basement under rear portion.

Materials of Construction: Original parts are assumed to have field stone foundation laid in adobe mortar as was the custom at the time of building. Walls of sun dried brick laid in adobe mortar, probably plastered with adobe mortar and white washed. Alterations and additions in more recent years have been made in concrete, hollow tile and frame construction plastered and painted. Floors are of wood, cement. Roofs are are wood framed and tile covered.

Other existing records: "History of San Diego" by Wm. E. Smythe, Vol. 1. pages 112 and 174. "Historic Spots of California, Southern Counties," by Hero Eugene Rensch, pp. 18-23.

Additional Data; The Santa Margarita Rancho was at one time a part of the holdings of the San Luis Rey Mission. In 1841 the rancho of 89,742.93 acres was granted to Pio Pico by the Mexican Government. He later transferred it to his brother-in-law John Forster. At the present time the property consists of 346,000 acres, with the house located ten miles off the U. S. Highway 101, midway between Oceanside and Fallbrook.



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