



Mission San Luis Rey De Francia

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MISSION SAN LUIS REY DE FRANCIA

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FOUNDING

Mission San Luis Rey was founded in 1798 in Oceanside on a hill. It is 35 acres large. The site was chosen on the coast because many Native Americans lived there, and they were pleasant and hard working. The people important to the founding are Father Fermin Lasuen, Father Anthony Peyri, and the main priest, Antonio Peyri. The main priest stayed at the mission for thirty years.

HISTORY

It was always a mission and was not used for any other purposes. The Native Americans there made butter, tallow for candles, leather products, and woven clothing. They also grew corn, wheat, and beans. The mission got knocked down by an earthquake and was rebuilt in 1903.

DESCRIPTION

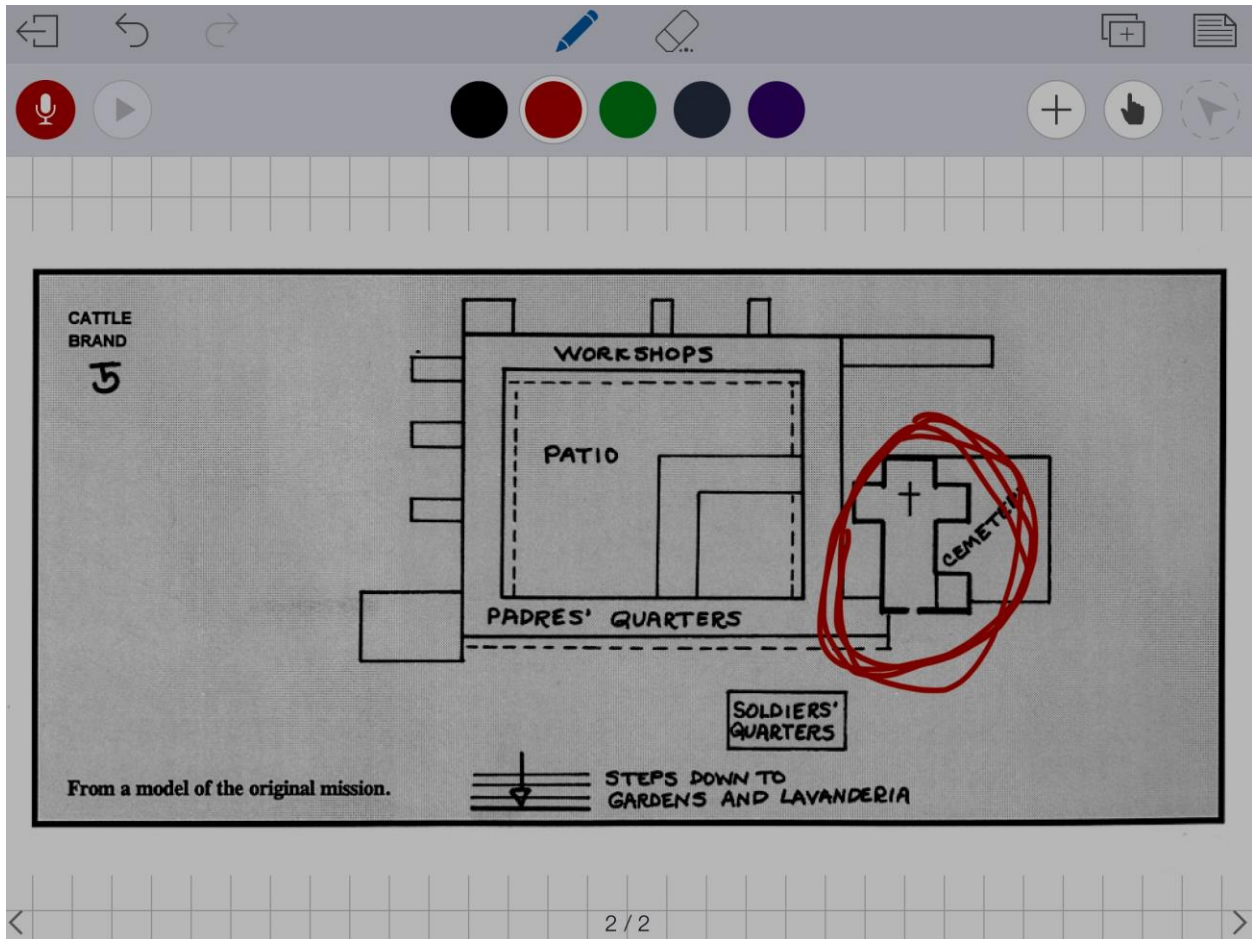
The major features of the mission are a bell tower and a church shaped like a cross. It is on a hill. It has a large graveyard. The church has a domed ceiling. The church is made of adobe bricks and the roof is made of tile. The mission has housing for priests, soldiers, and young women. There are springs for water, an infirmary for sick and hurt people, and gardens. The mission is built out of brick, tile, and adobe brick.

PRESENT DAY

Today the church is painted white, the mission has one of the best museums of all of the missions. It has lots of original artifacts. The mission is used for religious meetings, and to use the museum. It is managed by Fr. David Gaq. Most of the mission is restored including the ceiling beams, floor tiles, and the church. Twelve of the original arches are still standing.

FACTS ABOUT THE MISSION

It is called the king of the missions because it is on a hill. Back then it was \$200,000 to buy the mission, and \$1,000 to rent a room. It had more Indians than the other missions. It has one of the oldest trees in the world. It has the only church other than San Juan Capistrano shaped like a cross.



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