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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: California
COUNTY: Ventura
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ENTRY DATE

APR 10 1975

*** 1. NAME**

COMMON:
The Mission Historical District

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Mission San Buenaventura + Mission Compound etc Use this

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Bounded by Poli and Santa Clara Streets and Ventura Avenue and Palm Street

CITY OR TOWN: San Buenaventura CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 13th

STATE: California CODE: 93001 COUNTY: Ventura CODE: 111

3. CLASSIFICATION See Attachment #1

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>City Fire Dept.</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <u>New County Museum being planned</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
See Attachment #2

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Ventura County Records Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
2387 E. Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:
Ventura California 93003 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
See Attachment #3

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
(Check One)		(Check One)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This district roughly corresponds with the presumed Mission Period settlement. It includes the existing Mission, the settling tank, the holding reservoir and a portion of the aqueduct, and the foundations of numerous Mission Period out-buildings.

The Mission is a 40 x 140 foot mission-brick structure which has had some interior alterations made during its life-span. The exterior of the building remains much the same as when first constructed by the Franciscan Fathers and is in excellent condition.

The surrounding district area has been altered extensively above ground, but numerous historic and pre-historic archaeological features remain intact below the surface. Excavations in 1966-67 revealed foundations of a 10-room structure, well, gate, and portions of several other buildings and garden walls south of Main St. (R. O. Browne Report of 1973). Federally funded excavations in 1974 exposed foundations of five distinct buildings on the north side of Main Street adjacent to the Mission. One of these may be the original Mission itself.

The church built in the summer of 1782 could not have been more than a temporary structure. In their Annual Report of December 31, 1794, the Fathers, after relating that the dwelling of the missionaries and the other quarters had been erected to form a square, continue to say that there is still lacking the church "to close the quadrangle of the Mission; but they are working continually. An apartment has been erected." The report adds, "twelve varas long and six varas wide, and it is roofed with tiles." (Engelhardt, 1930)

Archaeological investigations during 1974 tend to clarify the structures referred to in the above statement.

In 1799 the sacristy of the church, constructed of mission-made brick, was finished and the present Mission Church was dedicated in 1809.

A garden south-west of the Mission was fenced with an adobe wall which was capped with tile. It contained twenty acres and extended west to the present Ventura Avenue and south to Highway 101.

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4. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This district represents many important phases in the historical development of the City of San Buenaventura, the early history of California, and one of the first permanent European settlements on the west coast of the United States.

1. Pre-Historic: It contains the locations of one known Chumash Rancheria: Ca-Ven-4 - Mitsakhanakan. Archaeological investigations at Ca-Ven. 87 reveal extensive prehistoric remains underlying the Mission Period structures. Radio-carbon dates are pending, but the earlier remains may be expected to date several thousand years old, substantially before contact.

2. Historic: Building activities at the Mission San Buenaventura extended over a period of time from the founding of the Mission in 1782 until secularization became effective in 1836. The Mission lands were granted by California Governor Pio Pico to Jose Arnaz in 1846. They were patented to de Poli in 1874 by the United States Government. President Lincoln deeded a portion of the original property around the church to the Roman Catholic Diocese in 1862.

Mission San Buenaventura was the 9th of the 21 missions founded in upper California by the Franciscan Fathers. The additional structural evidence associated with this period represents some of the earliest building construction by non-aboriginal inhabitants in the area: most of these have been recorded as an archaeological unit, viz: Ca-Ven. 87. A part of the area was also the site of an early Chinese settlement, as well as a continued extension of the Western European settlers.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 1930 - San Buenaventura: The Mission by the Sea
 Santa Barbara, California. Schauer Printing Studio, Inc.
Browne, Robert O.
 1973 - Summary of Exploratory Archaeological Work at San
Buenaventura Mission, 1966-1967 and
 1974 - San Buenaventura Mission Water System, Ventura, Ca.
 City Printing Office
 Map: U.S. Coast Survey Topography & Hydrography Survey of
 1855. Washington, D. C.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

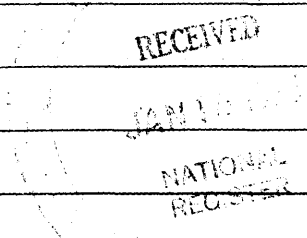
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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	119° 17' 56"	34° 16' 55"				
NE	119° 17' 43"	34° 16' 55"				
SE	119° 17' 43"	34° 16' 46"				
SW	119° 17' 56"	34° 16' 46"				

SEE MAP CD

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **29.4 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
James R. Capito, Robert Lopez, Myrle Kirk

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Preservation Commission** DATE: **9/18/74**

STREET AND NUMBER:
501 Poli Street - P. O. Box 99

CITY OR TOWN: **Ventura** STATE: **California, 93001** CODE: **06**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date: JAN 2 1975

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/10/75

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register
 Date: APR 8 1975

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The following supplemental information is intended to clarify the nature and extent of historical and archeological resources within the boundaries of the area proposed for National Registry as the Mission Historical District, Ventura County, California.

An in-depth investigation of archeological records, along with excavation performed at the site, indicates that the proposed boundaries encompass all known and inferred archeological values associated with the Mission San Buenaventura complex. Although originally submitted as the Mission Historical District, the area would be more properly designated as Mission San Buenaventura and Mission Compound Site. The Mission stands in the northeastern portion of the area encompassed by the proposed boundaries, while Mission Period remains occur beneath the ground surface throughout the remainder of the area; one other Mission Period structure, the Mission aqueduct filtration building, still stands in the northwestern portion of the area. The Peirano Grocery Store, located directly across the street from the present Mission building, is the only other historic structure included within the area proposed for registration.

Excavations have indicated the presence of extensive, well-preserved Mission Period archeological resources within the area encompassed by this nomination. The archeological values of the Mission compound site represent the total known Mission Period remains associated with Mission San Buenaventura. These remains are very rare and are the only archeological source of information about Mission Period San Buenaventura and have a high potential for yielding information about settlement patterns associated with the California Mission system.

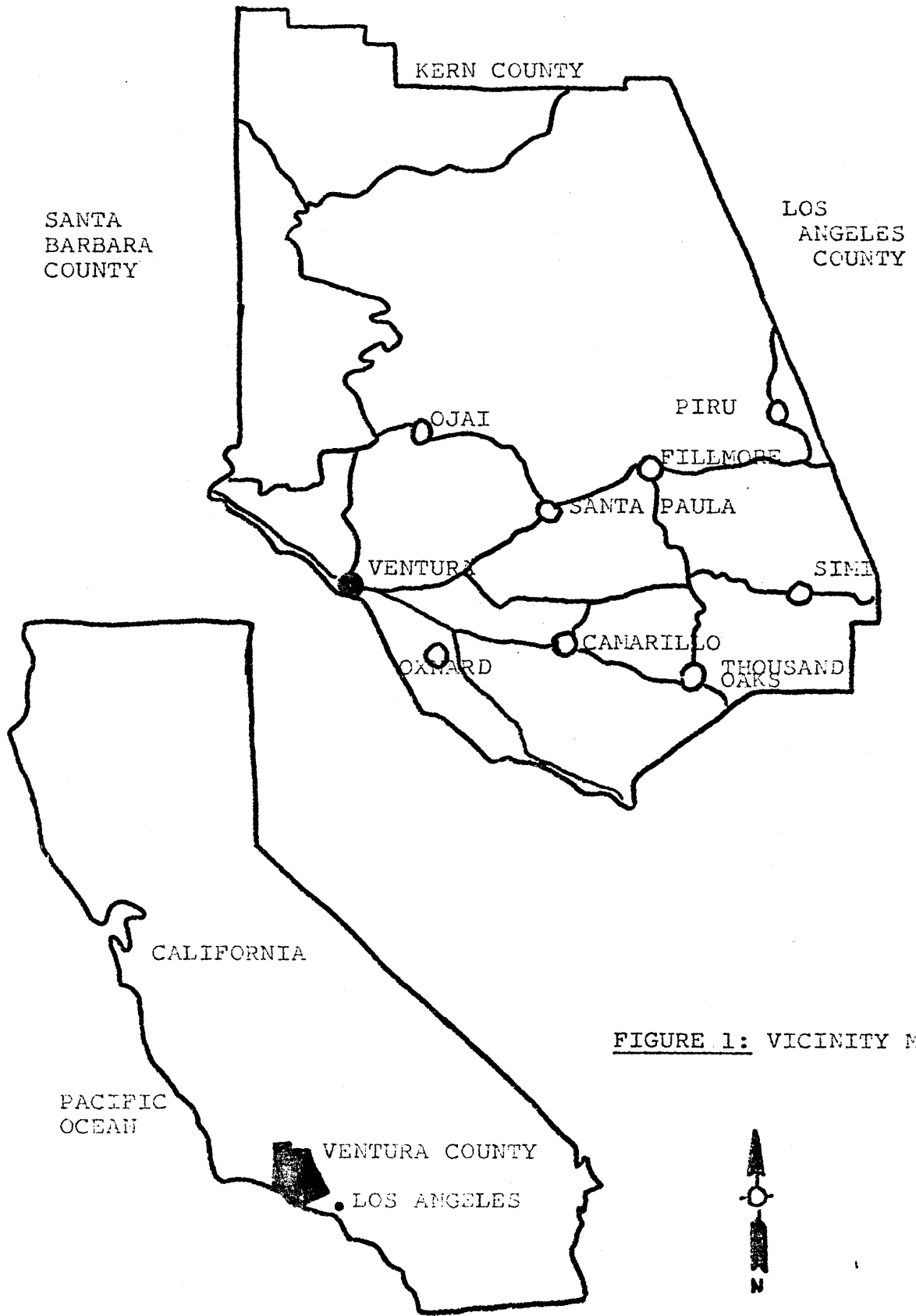


FIGURE 1: VICINITY MAPS



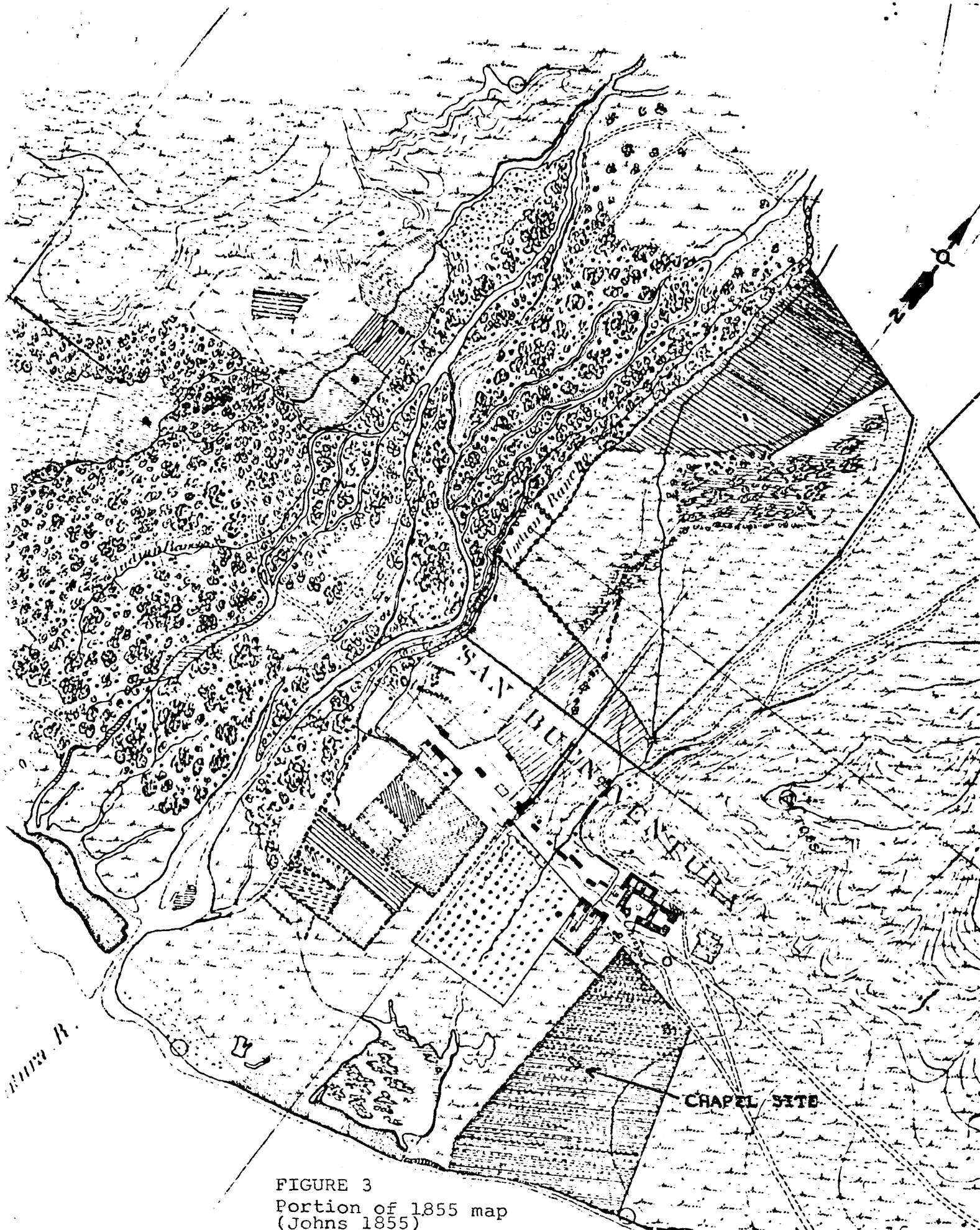


FIGURE 3
Portion of 1855 map
(Johns 1855)



FIGURE 4
Portion of 1870 map
(Greenwell 1870)