

Basic Detail Report



Santa Margarita Rancho

Date

1880

Primary Maker

Alexander Harmer

Medium

Pastel on paper

Description

Pastel painting of Santa Margarita Rancho (and pencilled note - "& Las Flores Adobe") with Don Juan Marco Forster in left foreground. Nearly one half of painting missing.

Done by the well-known artist Alexander Harmer, who

toured California in early '80s. The approx. size would have been 11" x 13". This work illustrates a small part of the adobe at one time owned by Pio Pico and enlarged by Forster, who acquired the property in 1864. The rancho was sold in 1882 to Richard O'Niell and James L. Flood, the same year in which Juan Forster's will was probated. Harmer has been called "The first great painter in Southern California and almost the only one of repute in the nineteenth century." Gift of Maria Ygnacia Melitas Forster, a daughter of Juan's oldest son Marco Antonio. Maria was baptized at the Mission of San Juan Capistrano in 1864.

Dimensions

Overall: 13 x 11 in. (33 x 27.9 cm)