



Don Bernardo Yorba Rancho

Date

Early 20th Century

Primary Maker

Yorba Rancho

Medium

Photographic print

Description

This early 20th century photograph shows the ruins of the Don Bernardo Yorba Rancho. Don Bernardo Yorba, son of Antonio Yorba, a Catalanian soldier with the Portola expedition 1769, was the grantee of Santiago de Santa Ana Rancho, the only Spanish grant in what is now Orange County. Don Bernardo built the first two-story adobe house in what is now Orange County, on his Rancho Canon de Santa Ana, granted to him in 1834 by the government. The home contained 90 rooms and history records that over 1,000 mission-trained Indians were employed. He was one of the wealthiest and most distinguished men of his day.