



San Luis Rey Mission Graveyard

Date

1895

Primary Maker

F.H. Maude & Co.

Medium

Photographic print

Description

This 1895 photograph depicts San Louis Rey’s Mission Graveyard. The earliest source of western cemeteries in California came following 1769 with the creation of our state’s missions. Every mission had at least a small graveyard where friars and others associated with the mission would be buried. The Bowers Museum has a large collection of photographs of the missions, and as a result, their graveyards. many of the individual plots are fenced which was a way to keep both people and livestock from disturbing one’s eternal rest and to ensure it remained easy to find should nature take the marker itself.

Dimensions

Overall: 6 x 8 in. (15.2 x 20.3 cm)