Historic Contexts of San Clemente

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Historic Preservation Workshop Series

February 11, 2009, 7:00pm: Mills Act (HPPA)
Community Center - Ole Hanson Fireside Room, 100 N. Calle Seville

April 2, 2009, 6:30pm: Historic Preservation and Sustainability
Community Center - Ole Hanson Fireside Room, 100 N. Calle Seville

May 11, 2009, 6:30pm: What Can I or Can’t I Do?
Community Center - Ole Hanson Fireside Room, 100 N. Calle Seville

August 13, 2009, 6:30pm: Spanish Colonial Revival Architecture
Casa Romantica, 415 Avenida Granada
Historic Resources

- 203 Historic Resources
- 7 Historic Objects, Sites, Etc.
  - Municipal Pier
  - Cotton Estate Gate
  - Aqueduct
  - Bridle Paths
  - Sidewalks
  - Municipal Golf Course
  - Max Berg Park
- 22 Historic Landmarks
Historic Contexts

- An historic context statement should identify the various historical factors that shaped the development of the area, including:
  - Historical activities or events
  - Historic personages
  - Building types and architectural styles
  - Building materials
  - Patterns of physical development
San Clemente’s Historic Contexts

1. Native American Inhabitants [0]
2. European Settlement (1542 – 1924) [1]
3. Ole Hanson and the Spanish Village (1925 – 1936) [168]
5. Postwar Growth and the Nixon Years (1950 – 1980) [0]
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Original Native American groups

Fig. 1. Tribal territories with reservations and land grants.
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Spanish Conquistador
Fr. Junipero Serra
After the Mexican War of Independence in the early 19th century, coastal land as far south as Mission San Luis Rey was held by Mission San Juan Capistrano.
Secularization

- Pio Pico, last Mexican governor of California, awarded Mission Viejo, and then Rancho Santa Margarita, to John Forster, an English seaman who had married a sister of Pico.
California Governor, Pio Pico
John “Don Juan” Forster
Other players

- Felipe Carillo was granted Rancho Los Desechos
- E. Vejar was given Rancho Boca de la Playa, which was then acquired by Marcus Forster
- By 1887, the Forster family had added Rancho De Los Desechos to their holdings
- Then came Echenique, Goldschmidt, the Hamilton Cotton syndicate in 1925 and finally Ole Hanson
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Ole Hanson, Founder of San Clemente

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Dates to remember

- December 6, 1925 – San Clemente is officially founded
- February 21, 1928 – City is incorporated
Administration building

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Rapid construction schedule

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El Camino Real and Avenida Del Mar

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Hamilton Cotton’s residence

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