

Historic sites in Yorba Linda

Rancho San Antonio

Esperanza Road, one-half mile east of Imperial Highway

In 1835 Bernardo Yorba built a fifty room adobe ranch house, the Rancho San Antonio. Named in honor of Saint Anthony of Padua, the rancho housed the family as well as over a dozen servants and craftsmen. The Yorba family lived there until the 1890's when the adobe walls began to deteriorate. In 1926 the home was demolished. Today, there is a monument on the site and it is registered with the state of California as Historical Landmark #226.

Yorba Cemetery

6749 Parkwood Court

The Yorba Cemetery, Orange County's second oldest cemetery, was established in 1858 by Bernardo Yorba and deeded to the Catholic Church. Over 400 Yorba family members and friends are buried in the cemetery. When the cemetery closed in 1939, it fell victim to vandals who defaced and stole many of the rustic markers and marble headstones. In 1967 the Orange County Board of Supervisors accepted the deed of the cemetery and restored the site.

First Schoolhouse

4866 Olinda Street

Yorba Linda's first school house was built in 1911. Local residents donated from \$2.50 to \$30 toward its building. Others assisted in building the school, or donated lumber, roofing, and doors. The first day of school was September 18, 1911, with Amanda Longnecker as Yorba Linda's first teacher. Proud of their school, residents held a social there on October 13, 1911. Gingerbread, pumpkin pie, and coffee were served. Today, it is Salon Taylori.

Nixon family home

18001 Yorba Linda Boulevard

Frank and Hannah Nixon moved to Yorba Linda in 1912, where they built a home and planted an adjacent lemon grove. On January 9, 1913, President Richard M. Nixon was born in the house. The Nixon family resided here until 1922, when they moved to Whittier, California. Today, the home is part of the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace.

First church

4845 School Street

Yorba Linda's first church was built in 1912 by residents from various denominations. The first Sunday church service was held on August 11, 1912. The Nixon family attended this church.

Lemon packing house

18200 Yorba Linda Boulevard

In 1922 the Yorba Linda Citrus Association built a wooden lemon packing house. In 1929 the building burned down and was replaced by a concrete packing house. It was

converted into a variety of retail and office spaces in 1962. In 1980 it was redesigned again with 24-Hour Fitness as the main proprietor.

Pacific Electric Depot

18132 Imperial Highway

In 1910-1911 the Pacific Electric Railway Company extended its service to Yorba Linda and built a depot. It strengthened the economic vitality of the community by providing an inexpensive and direct route to markets in Los Angeles. Today, it is a Polly's restaurant.

Susanna Bixby Bryant Ranch House

5700 Susanna Bryant Drive

In 1875, John Bixby, one of the founders of Long Beach, purchased nearly 6000 acres of land from the Yorba family and established a cattle ranch. In 1911 Susanna Bixby Bryant, his daughter, built a ranch house. In 1927, she created a 200-acre garden, the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, as a memorial to her father. After Susanna passed away, the ranch was sold; her garden was move to Claremont College and the house left unoccupied. In 1983 the house was annexed and restored by the City of Yorba Linda. Today, it serves as the home of the Yorba Linda Heritage Museum and Historical Society.