



Historic Yorba Cemetery Maintenance

OC Historical Commission — August 2, 2022



History

- Established in 1858
- First recorded burial in 1862
- Oldest private cemetery in California
- Bernardo reinterred in 1924
- Last burial in 1939
- Vandalism
- Board of Supervisors accepted deed in 1967
- County dedication on March 5, 1976
- Major cleanup in the 1980s
- Plaque dedication in 2002

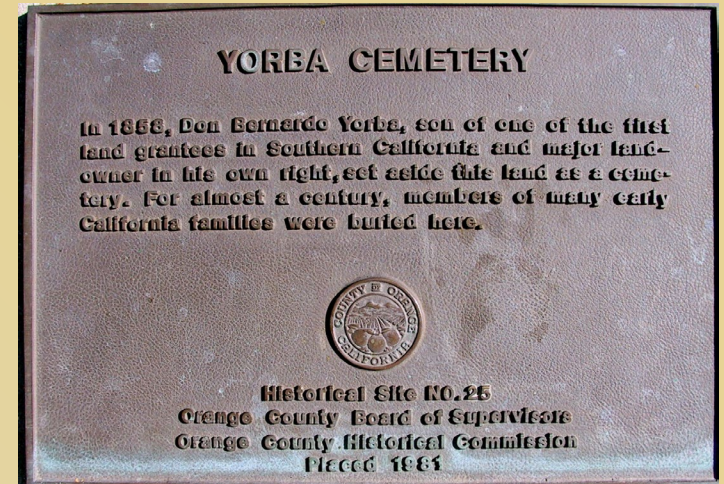
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Fun Facts

- Designation for Yorba Cemetery
 - California State Landmark No. 25, placed in 1981
- Interpretation
 - Pioneers of the Santa Ana Canyon
 - Life in the Canyon



Hours of Operation

- Open on the first Saturday of each month
- 10–11:30 a.m.
- Docent-led tours
- Groups tours by appointment only
- Special events



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Restoration Plan 2022

- Research to identify and provide proof of burials
- Collaborate with Orange County Cemetery District/Santa Ana Cemetery Staff
- Contractor–KC Restoration
- Historical Operations Maintenance Staff



Research

- Burial records
- Newspaper articles
- Photographs
- Slides
- Marie Northrop
- Mike Miniaci/Santa Ana Canyon Historic Council
- Ann Nepsa
- Cost: Free



OCCD/Santa Ana Cemetery Staff

- Replace crosses with concrete headstones
 - Train OC Parks staff to create forms and stamp names and dates
- Raise sunken/broken plot surrounds
- Cost: Minimal—materials only
- Savings: \$49,000



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KC Restoration

- Headstone repair
 - Cost: \$9,840
- Lamb head restoration
 - Cost: \$6,270



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Historic Operations Group Park Maintenance Staff

- Work with Santa Ana Cemetery staff
 - Surrounds
 - Headstone fabrication
 - Concrete cross fabrication
- Savings: Approximately \$4,000



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Questions?



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