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**ALTA CALIFORNIA**  
The Historical AMERICA 250 Edition  
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## **The Premiere Edition of Alta California, Touchstone of Architectural Heritage and Native Culture**

There has been a renewed interest in the legends and mysteries surrounding the founding of Spanish Alta California. As the author of five historical works on the subject, my newest release, planned for September 2026, commemorates the Alta California 250th anniversary, within a pictorial monograph. The book recounts many historical experiences of California Native Americans in the eighteenth century, during the founding days of the construction of these mission structures, at the crossroads of California's architectural history and Indigenous culture. Alta California traces back to these monumental structures of the first Spanish colonial settlements, marking a significant historical change. The Franciscan mission churches and settlements are completely restored on the 600-mile mission trails of California history along El Camino Real. Recovered vintage glass plate photographs reveal the immense scale of these monumental churches. The descriptions of Native lives and customs, accompanied by the author's annotations, tell a story of Alta California's earliest years, consisting of struggle and turbulence.

The WPA collection of sepia-tone photographs from the 1920s and 1930s illustrates the scale and size of the buildings, at the intersection of European and California Native culture. The book provides an outline of Alta California's first days and vivid details describing the Indigenous experiences of well-known tribal chieftains. The founding days of Alta California during the 1770s present a significant chapter in the origin story of our present-day cities, including San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, and Sonoma. By honoring Native laborers in the tens of thousands, the founding of Alta California under the Spanish colonial system represents an enduring presence in the history of generational losses to the California Native culture. In recognition of Native freedom fighters during the 18th Century, a particularly relevant event becomes even more appropriate during the 2026 AMERICA 250 commemoration.

Today's visitors and residents exploring California's coastal harbors and presidios tour the 24 original landmark settlements nearby. Visitation to all the early Spanish Alta California buildings statewide totals in the millions of trips each year. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss potential partnership opportunities and next steps for editing and publishing this high-quality work. Please visit our flagship website, [www.AltaCalifornia250.com](http://www.AltaCalifornia250.com), for a comprehensive presentation of the proposed book and marketing plan for a successful launch in 2026.

Yours truly,  
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