

## State of the Missions Collection

**Creators:** Various Franciscan Friars active in the California Missions

**Date Range:** 1785-1831

**Extent:** 0.5 file drawers in Vault

**Abstract:** These reports present a summary of the information from the individual reports from each mission [see the Mission Reports Collection], thus giving an overview of the whole mission system.

**Language of Materials:** Spanish

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**Repository:** Santa Bárbara Mission Archive-Library, Santa Barbara, CA

**Institutional Code:** CaStbMAL

**Scope & Content:** These reports were composed by the president of the missions and based on the individual reports sent in yearly by the missionaries of the respective missions under their care. The data is given in columns which are crossed by horizontal lines. These documents for

the most part are outstanding examples of neatness and chirography and have the advantage of showing at a glance the entire mission progress in the course of a year. Three copies were made: one of which was sent to the governor, another to the College of San Fernando in Mexico City, and a third retained in the archives by the president of the missions in Alta California.

The first column contains the names of the missions, starting with San Diego and proceeding up the Camino Real as far as Sonoma. In each case, the date and year of founding, the mission's latitude, and the distance from the neighboring mission are given. Succeeding columns give the number of baptisms, marriages, and deaths at each mission from the beginning of the year in question; the number of Christianized Native people living at the mission; the number of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, colts, tame horses, mules; the number in *fanegas* sown and harvested of wheat, barley, corn, beans, peas, lentils, and horse beans. The total of each category is at the bottom of the columns. Poultry and fruits are not enumerated. Finally, the report is signed and dated by the president.

For the earlier period these documents measured 6 by 12 inches and for the latter period 16 by 24 inches.

**Arrangement:** The documents are arranged chronologically.

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