



SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA

Historic Old Santa Cruz Mission 1791-1857-1931



Built by the Spanish Fathers in 1791 the Santa Cruz Mission was completely destroyed in 1857, but was restored in 1931. The Mission contains many relics of the by-gone days when Santa Cruz was but a link in the chain of Missions. Like the other Missions the Santa Cruz Mission was established to help convert the 70,000 primitive Indians then living in this part of the state. The Santa Cruz Mission was not on the main path of the El Camino Real and so had a much harder time to survive than did the larger Missions.