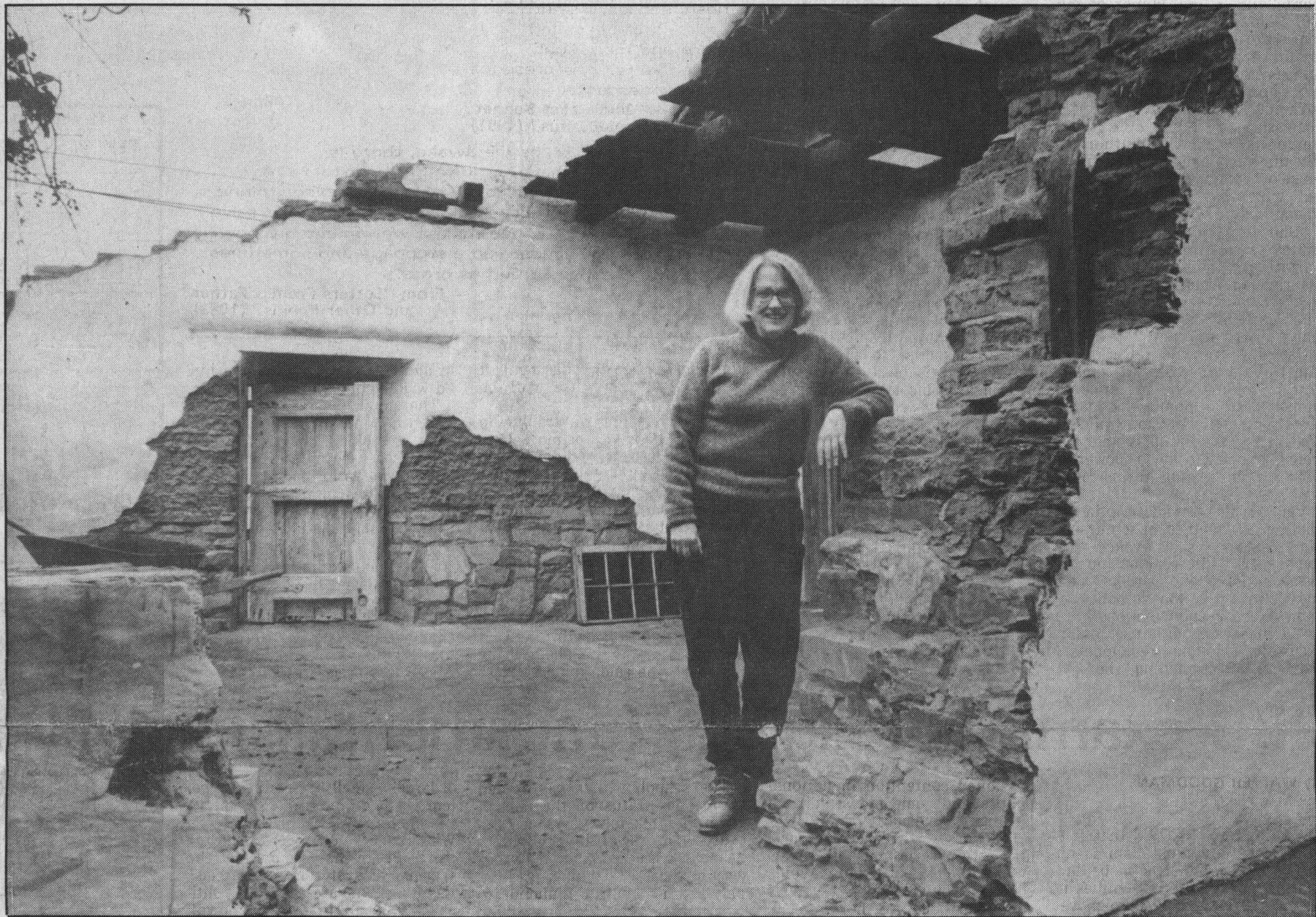


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Historic Buildings - Mission

Santa Cruz's humble beginnings can be found in the Mission Adobe's thick walls of mud



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Local historian Edna Kimbro, who is well-versed in the Mission Adobe's past, shows restoration efforts in this 1991 photo.

**I**TS THICK walls held the secrets of Santa Cruz's past for years. Now, the Santa Cruz Mission Adobe has been restored, bringing to life the stories of priests, Indians, soldiers and families who lived there.

How much do you know about the humble-looking building on the hill overlooking downtown Santa Cruz? Try this quiz.

## ? Monday's quiz

1. When and where was the original founding of Mission Santa Cruz?

2. What is the last standing building of Mission Santa Cruz and where is it located?

3. Did Spanish soldiers or Mission Indians originally live in the adobe building at the Santa Cruz Mission State Historical Park?

4. Who was murdered at Mission Santa Cruz?

5. Who was the last person to live in the last remaining Mission building located in the Santa Cruz Mission State Historical Park?

6. What is the connection between a lagoon and the Santa Cruz Mission Adobe?

7. How were roof tiles made during the Mission period?

8. Where were the original Mission Santa Cruz Gardens located?

9. What happened to Santa Cruz when the infamous pirate Hypolito Bouchard came into the Monterey Bay?

10. What is a neophyte?



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The view from the outside of the adobe, which is located on School Street in the Santa Cruz Mission Historical State Park.

### Answers

1. In 1791 on the day of the feast of St. Augustine, Aug. 28, the mission La Exaltacion de Santa Cruz was founded by Father Fermin Francisco de Lausen as the 12th in the chain of California missions. The original mission had been placed too close to the flood-prone San Lorenzo River and had to be moved to a site above the bluff and completed in the spring of 1794.

2. First called "Santa Cruz Mission State Historical Monument, the Santa Cruz Mission State Historical Park contains the last building of the original Mission. This adobe building, once called "home for new citizens," was constructed in 1822-24 and stands as the oldest building in Santa Cruz.

3. The adobe building was believed to be the quarters of the Santa Cruz Mission guards up until the 1880s. Recent historical and archeological investigations indicate that the adobe building is a portion of a long dormitory which housed Mission Indians.

4. Father Andres Quintana on the night of Oct. 12, 1812 was murdered by a group of Mission Indians. He was answering a call from an Indian when he was ambushed and strangled. Later in the night the priest was found coming to his senses and was then killed. Murder was not suspected until several years later when word came out in a quarrel between two Indians.

5. The last person to live in the adobe was Cornelia Hopcroft. She sold her portion of the adobe property to the

California Department of Parks and Recreation in 1958 when she was 79 with the stipulation that she could live in the building until she died. She died in 1983 at the age of 104.

6. Neary lagoon is named for the Neary family, an Irish immigrant family who owned a farm in the area and the western end of the Santa Cruz Mission Historical Park adobe from 1869 to 1958.

7. The rumor that they were made over Indians' thighs is false. The tiles were made on a mold and then heated in a large kiln oven.

8. The orchard of Santa Cruz Mission was located on the lowlands just north of Mission Hill where downtown Santa Cruz exists today. The orchards consisted mainly of pear and olive trees.

9. Mission Santa Cruz was threatened with a pirate invasion in November of 1818. Bouchard, a privateer from Buenos Aires, anchored two ships in Monterey Bay. The mission was alerted while he was sacking Monterey. Father Ramon Olbes took Mission Indians and all they could carry in the way of valuables from the Mission and the Mission was turned over to Joaquin Buella of Villa de Branciforte for safe keeping. When Father Olbes returned to Santa Cruz he found a mess. The Brancifortians "saved" Mission property so well that much had disappeared. The pirates ended up not landing on the north shore of Monterey.

10. A neophyte is a recent convert, much like the Mission Indian who took the Catholic faith.

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