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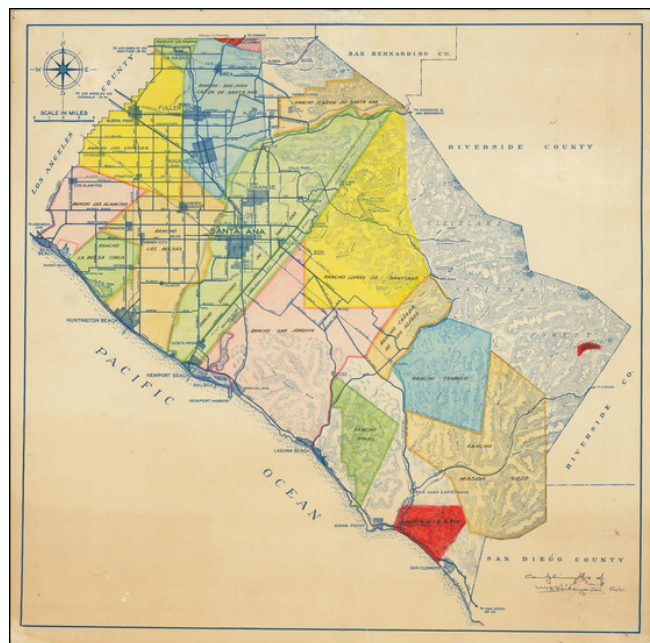
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[Orange County Ranchos -- Signed by Orange County Surveyor]

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Map Maker: Hillyard
Date: 1947 circa
Place: n.p.
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21.75 x 21.2 inches
Price: \$ 750.00



Description:

Showing Flint & Bixby Allotment in Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana

Hand finished map of Orange County, bearing the signature of Warren K. Hillyard, Chief Orange County Surveyor from 1921-1955. The map was signed by Hillyard during the year he served as President of the County Engineers Association of California.

The map is a blue line map of Orange County. An early owner, almost certainly Hillyard or someone working for him, has drawn in the names and locations of the principal orange county ranchos and colored the map by Ranchos. The map includes the inscription "Compliments of W.K. Hillyard 5/20/47".

The one exception to the annotations is a reference to the Flint and Bixby Allotment, a strip of land running along the southeast part of Rancho Santiago de Santa Anita. Extending from Newport Beach to the Santa Ana River, it includes most of Costa Mesa and the Orange County Airport, covering an area partially bounded to the northwest by Newport Avenue and partially centered on Red Hill Avenue. The Allotment traverses the entire county and nearly dissects it into two equal parts on either side.

Flint and Bixby

The map illustrates a large tract of land referred to as the Flint and Bixby Allotment. The name appears on



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in real estate records in the 20th Century, as well as various government reports on Water and the Railroads.

Flint and Bixby's land companies date back to Benjamin and Thomas Flint and their cousin Llewellyn Bixby, who left Maine for California in 1851. They turned from mining to ranching, and in 1852-53, the three cousins drove more than 2,000 sheep from Ohio to California, launching an long running ranching enterprise. With Llewellyn's brother Jotham they went into business as Flint, Bixby & Company.

Beginning in 1855, Flint, Bixby & Company and its various enterprises would acquired over 100,000 acres in Central and Southern California, including large parts of

- Rancho Los Cerritos
- Rancho Los Alamitos
- Rancho San Justo
- Rancho Palos Verdes
- Rancho San Joaquin
- Rancho Lomas de Santiago
- Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana

James Irvine was a partner in the purchase of over 100,000 acres of contiguous lands in Rancho San Joaquin, Rancho Lomas de Santiago Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana. In the 1870s, Irvine purchased the interests of Flint and Bixby.

Detailed Condition: