

History Center San A book resulted: Dirt Roads and Dusty Tales, A Bicentennial History of. Hannah worked continuously in history museums in California from 1977 to 2000.

Alta California became Mexican territory in 1821 and then came under U.S. authority after the Mexican-American War in 1848. Since then Bouchard has come to be viewed by some as a pirate more than a patriot. First-person interviews of people who survived the attack, chronicled in early histories of California, refer to Bouchard that way, Middleton-Tidwell says. The 200th anniversary re-enactment is aimed at dispelling those early impressions. While the attack on the California coast 200 years ago might be a footnote in state history, Bouchard is known as a national hero in Argentina, Melzer said. Other Californians

If California was an exciting and hospitable place for newcomers, it no longer served the needs of groups that had lived there before the Gold Rush. Every year, illness and armed skirmishes took their toll on the Native Americans in the state. The Spanish, Mexicans, and mission fathers had confined their activities to the coast, and the tribes and clans inland had suffered comparatively. The Turn of the Century in California

California had become part of the life of the United States in the middle of the nineteenth century--an exotic land of untold promise on the distant P

Read the full-text online edition of *California: A Bicentennial History* (1976).¹ We therefore invite you to consider that the history of your state may have more to do with the bicentennial review of the American Revolution than does the story of Bunker Hill or Valley Forge. The Revolution has continued as Americans extended liberty and democracy over a vast territory. John Adams was right: the states are part of that story, and the story is incomplete without an account of their diversity. The Declaration of Independence stressed life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; accordingly, it shattered the notion of holding new territories in the subordinate status of coloni