Dana Adobe Cultural Center Activity Sheets

During these stressful times, I know a lot has changed and most of us feel discombobulated. I hope these activities bring happiness and new knowledge to each of you.

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The Rancho Nipomo Dana Adobe is also known as Dana Adobe. In 1837, Mexico awarded a 3,738-acre tract of land to Captain William Dana and Maria Josefa by an 1832 treaty with the Mexican government. It was given to them as a reward for their service. The Adobe was named after the military commander, Captain William Dana, who helped the Mexican government in its struggle against the American occupation. The Adobe was built as a residence for the Dana family and served as a place to store their goods. Today, the Rancho Nipomo Adobe is open to the public as a historical site.

Welcome to the Dana Adobe Cultural Center
Dana Adobe

Read the handout and complete the crossword puzzle below

**Across**

7. Chief source of income
10. City that Captain Dana was born
11. Mrs. Dana maiden name (3 words)
12. Name of the Mexican land grant of 37,888 acres granted to the Dana Family
14. Original settlers of Nipomo who have lived here over 9,000 years (2 words)

**Down**

1. Number of children that lived to adulthood
2. The number of DANA members (2 words)
4. Captain's full name (3 words)
5. The place where Captain and his wife met (2 words)
6. The number of children Captain and his wife had (2 words)
8. The Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos (DANA) is what type of organization
9. In the 1820's California was apart of
11. Casa de Dana was the first exchange point for what route
13. Captain Dana was a captain of a what
Adobe in 1839 the Dana family moved from Santa Barbara to their new home in 1837 Dana received a 37.887 acre Mexican Land Grant in Nipomo. He designed and built the Dana Adobe.
Best Clothes

Serape—blanket and/or jacket
Chaps—protection

Boots (ankle to knee)
Artilia (short chaps)

Reata (rope)

Bandana (under hat)
Ppdbando (low crown) for wind & breeze

Work and Travel Clothes

Espartera

Espuelas

Knife in scabbard
Handa
Loop

Sash
Vest
moved from Santa Barbara to their new home. Captain and Senora Dana had twenty-one children, most of whom were born in Santa Barbara.

In 1837 Dana received a 37.887 acre Mexican land grant in Nipomo. He designed and built the Dana Adobe. By the 1840s, California culture had transformed from a Spanish-colonial society to a mixed American and Mexican culture. Dana Adobe was a prime example of the expansion and growth of Califormia culture after Mexican independence and independence from Spain.

The Rancho Period (c. 1820-1849) was a short-lived yet significant period in California's History. Mexican independence from Spain brought about great social, political, and economic changes. With the secularization of mission land, greater opportunities for rancheros to expand their land holdings became possible. The expansion of property's inherent changes in California's economic development; societal and political changes continued with the economic changes thus creating the Rancho Identity and time period.
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