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### **Romantic Story Of Mission**

The founding and development of the California missions has always been a subject of great romantic interest in the early history of the state. A particularly important facet of that era has been compiled by Father Maynard Geiger: "A Pictorial History of the Physical Development of Mission Santa Barbara from Brush Hut to Institutional Greatness, 1786-1963." The book includes a historical resume, and approximately 150 photographs and architectural drawings with ample captions. It is a fascinating picture of the founding and life of a mission. Published by the Franciscan Fathers of California, it was printed in an edition of 500 copies by the James H. Barry Company, San Francisco.

Of special interest is "A Visit to Rincon Hill and South Park" by Dr. Albert Shumate. This 24-page booklet, with a large folding map, tells the story of South Park from 1852, when it was conceived as a residential area for the elite in San Francisco, to the end of the century when its eminence rapidly subsided. The edition, limited to 200 copies, was expertly printed by Roger Levenson at his Tamalpais Press in Berkeley, for E. Clampus Vitus. Dr. Shumate recently retired as president of the California Historical Society.