

# TIME AGAIN

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## A Brief History of the Luiseno.

They were known as Payomkawichum, or "People of the West." They referred to themselves as Ata'axam or "the People." According to their lore, the Ata'axam have always occupied the San Luis Rey Valley, including the coastline, the neighboring lagoons, the oak forest, the meadows, and creeks and rivers to the north and south of the valley. The Ata'axam harvested the fertile land and sea. Their extensive knowledge of the environment was passed through their culture with songs, stories and dances from generation to generation.

Spaniards established Mission San Luis Rey in 1798. During this period the Spanish missionaries imposed the name San Luiseno on the original inhabitants of the land due to their proximity to the Mission. Many of the Ata'axm died as a result of European diseases, forced labor, starvation, and loss of their way of life due to relocation and conversion to Catholicism.

During the Mexican Period (1832-1848), Mexico's Sequestration policies took mission land from the church and granted vast acreage to Californio ranchers. The Ata'axam were forced to serve as laborers on Rancho Santa Marqarita y Flores, Rancho Monserrate, Rancho Guajome, Rancho Aquia Hedionda, and Rancho Buena Vista.

The American period follows the Mexican War in 1848 and California Statehood in 1850. Under terms of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, Mexican nationals living in the Southwest became U.S. citizens and their property rights required to be respected.

However, most of the Luisenos had no land title documents and no rights under the new American government. Native Americans would not become U.S. citizens until 1924.

A reservation in the San Luis Rey valley was denied the San Luis Rey Band since the land was already being homesteaded by U.S. settlers. In the 1870s a few reservations were established near Palomar Mountain.

One estimate by Lee Davis in his "California Tribes (1996) in Encyclopedia of North American Indians is that the population of Mission Indians was reduced by

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2. New roof at the Heritage Center

3. Termite fumigating and damage repair for all our wooden buildings

4. Parking lot repair

5. New entrance gate at the Heritage Center

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Our Old Fashioned Christmas on December 8<sup>th</sup> was a big success! Thank you to all who joined in the festivities!

At left: Santa (Mike McGuire) finding out what the children wanted in their stockings this year.



Above: Santa's helper (Gina Abdelrahman) helping the children with arts and crafts

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