

# Año Nuevo State Park

## Cultural Resources



Image of a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Clipper Ship



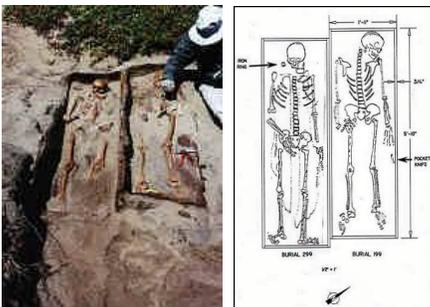
Historic Clipper



Shipwreck off California



View north from Franklin Point



Excavation and sketch of burials

## FRANKLIN POINT

- Named after the Clipper Ship the **SIR JOHN FRANKLIN**. The Ship struck rocks in heavy fog off the point on **January 17, 1865**. The ship was destroyed killing the Capitan and 11 men. Subsequent wrecks included the **Coya**, killing 27. It was this wreck that called for a light house and signal station along this treacherous coast.
- **Franklin Point** became the final resting spot for many of the lost seamen from ship wrecks off the coast.
- **Archaeologists** have recovered and removed burials that were exposed by the elements at **Franklin Point**.

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View of Año Nuevo Island from mainland



Jack Chambers,  
Keeper 1920's



Light Tower and Fog  
Whistle



Seals overtake facilities 1960's

## Año Nuevo Island

- In 1870 the Federal Government purchased **Año Nuevo Island** in order to build aids to navigation
- A **light** and **fog whistle** were established on the island. Light house Keepers were employed and lived on the island with their families until **1948**.
- The first **northern elephant seals** were reported on the island in **1955**
- In **1958** the island was sold to the **State of California**. It becomes a Scientific Preserve.
- Following acquisition facilities were developed to support day use activities and seal viewing.

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One Room Adobe  
(H.L. Dwight 1891)



Dickerman Dairy Barn and Horse Barn



Flora Dickerman-Steele-Elliot House

## Dickerman-Steel Ranch

- **Rancho Punto Año Nuevo**  
Mission Santa Cruz outpost  
1820's -1930's  
State Archaeologist discovered adobe foundations in 2003.
- **Dickerman Dairy Barn**  
Listed on National Register of Historic Places: period of significance 1875-1899
- **Creamery**  
Eligible for listing in the NRHP
- **Horse Barn**  
Eligible for listing in the NRHP  
Currently undergoing Rehabilitation
- **Flora Dickerman-Steele-Elliot House**  
Eligible for listing in the NRHP  
Currently serves as Park Ranger residence

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