

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
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March 19, 1984

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Gentlemen:

Will you please manufacture one historical landmark plaque. Enclosed is a check to cover approximately half of the cost. Please bill the Squibob Chapter of E Clampus Vitus, c/o Dr. Eugene K. Chamberlin, 3033 Dale Street, San Diego, CA 92104, for the balance of the manufacturing cost and shipping charges.

DESERT TOWER

BERT VAUGHN OF JACUMBA BUILT THE STONE TOWER IN 1922-23 TO COMMEMORATE THE PIONEERS AND ROAD AND RAILROAD BUILDERS WHO OPENED THE AREA. IN THE 1930's W. T. RATCLIFFE CARVED THE STONE ANIMAL FIGURES WHICH LURK IN THE ROCKS SURROUNDING THE TOWER, CREATING A FANTASY WORLD OF SURPRISE AND STRANGE BEAUTY. THIS REMARKABLE SCULPTURAL ASSEMBLAGE IS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S EXCEPTIONAL FOLK ART ENVIRONMENTS.

CALIFORNIA REGISTERED HISTORICAL LANDMARK NO. 939

PLAQUE PLACED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN COOPERATION WITH IMPERIAL VALLEY PIONEERS AND SQUIBOB CHAPTER, E CLAMPUS VITUS, MAY 5, 1984.

Please send us a rubbing for the plaque as soon as it is completed, so that we can verify the text.

When the plaque is completed, please notify Dr. Chamberlin and he will arrange to pick it up at the foundry, (916) 283-2803.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra J. Elder".

Sandra J. Elder  
Acting Executive Secretary

enclosure

cc: SHRC, SHPO, Public Information, OHP Staff, Dr. Chamberlin