

CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA HISTORIC LANDMARKS, DISTRICTS, and POINTS OF INTEREST

Point of Interest Number: **94**

Historic Name: **Rancho Attilio Site**

Address/Location: **South of Telephone Rd** (between Saticoy Ave & Wells Rd.)

Designated: **March 27, 2006**

Description:

Rancho Attilio was established in 1916 when Attilio Vanoni purchased approximately 117 acres near Saticoy from the Pacific Improvement Company for the raising of dry row crops, walnuts, lemons, oranges and avocados. The site was once part of Sa'aqtik'oy, a Chumash village, and is significant for its association with the development of the Saticoy area and the Vanoni family, which has farmed continuously in the region to the present for over a century.

Attilio Vanoni was a native of San Pietro in the Italian Alps who immigrated with his parents in 1895, settling in Ventura County, where they farmed in the Camarillo and Saticoy area. The 1940 edition of the History of Ventura County describes Mr. Vanoni as "one of the most successful ranchers in Ventura County and a man highly esteemed."

The ranch has been reduced from its original size to 67.7 acres, extending east of Saticoy Avenue to the Brown Barranca and south of Telephone Road to the Southern Pacific rail line. Most of the older buildings were demolished to accommodate a residential development and Veterans Home. A 2.7-acre parcel fronting on Telephone Road is the site of the original Vanoni homestead.

The property was designated a "Point of Interest" because the original ranch no longer exists but is associated with a significant aspect of our county's history due to its contribution to farming and the development of the area, and the history of the Vanoni family.