

PETALUMA ADOBE

Casa Grande Road, 4 miles east of Petaluma

Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, commandant of the Sonoma Pueblo, built this huge U-shaped adobe structure as headquarters for his ranch over a ten-year period from 1836 to 1846. It was one of the showplaces of the province and remains the largest example of the Monterey Colonial style in the country. A fourth side that would have formed a quadrangle around a courtyard was never completed. The adobe is now a state historical monument.