

# San Benito County

The San Benito County Courthouse in Hollister.  
Part 1 of 3: San Juan Bautista, Mission San Juan  
Bautista, Hollister.



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## San Benito County Data

**Population: 53,234 (Rank: 43)**

**Land Area (square miles): 1,389 (Rank: 35)**

The county is located almost entirely in the Coast Ranges. At the north end of the county is a valley where farming takes place. The county is named after the valley that in turn was named by Father Crespi in 1772 after Saint Benedicto, the patron saint of the married. The county was not created until 1874.

Farming is the number-one industry and most of it takes place in the valley. The main crop is lettuce. The main road is Highway 156, which joins Highway 152, which crosses Pacheco Pass.

Hollister, the county seat, and the quaint little mission town of San Juan Bautista are located in the valley and most of the people live here. Highway 25 runs down the middle of the county beginning at Highway 101, through Hollister to Highway 198.

This road runs along the San Andreas Fault. It also leads to the Pinnacles National Monument.

**Cities: Hollister, San Juan Bautista. Towns: Tres Pinos, Paicines.**

## Introduction

California is comprised of 58 counties. The state, the third largest in the U.S., has the greatest diversity of geography of any of the states. It has huge deserts, high mountain ranges, fertile valleys and a 1000 mile coastline. Beginning in 2001 my wife and I began to travel and photograph the state as a retirement hobby.

In 2009 we published a CD containing about 4,000 photos of the regions of the state. Since that time we have added about 10,000 more photos to our collection. It was also at this time (December 2008) I began to send a photographic diary of our trips to friends and people with an interest in California geography.

Now we are organizing our collection by county using all of our photos dating back to 2001.

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# San Juan Bautista

The city dates back to 1797 when the mission was founded. Today's population is 1,862. (August 2000)



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# San Juan Bautista

This is probably the only two story outhouse in California.  
(March 2002)



# San Juan Bautista

The plaza is a state park. The mission has always been a parish church.  
(March 2002)



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# San Juan Bautista

*This pepper tree is over 200 years old.  
(March 2002)*



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## MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

FOUNDED JUNE 24, 1797 BY FATHER LASUEN  
15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE 21 MISSIONS LARGEST AND ONLY  
CHURCH WITH 3 AISLES DEDICATED IN 1812  
MONASTERY WING CONSISTED OF 36 ROOMS

THIS MISSION HAS NEVER BEEN ABANDONED  
IT IS NOW THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

# San Juan Bautista

(March 2002)



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(September 2009)



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You will note that the front of the mission has been recently landscaped. The old mission was never like this. (September 2009)



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# Hollister

The town has a population of 35,000 . It was started in 1868. Part of the San Andreas fault runs under the town. (March 2002)



# Hollister

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# Hollister



Hollister became famous after World War II when a motorcycle gang took over the town. A movie – the Wild Ones starring Marlon Brando – implanted it into popular culture. (March 2002)

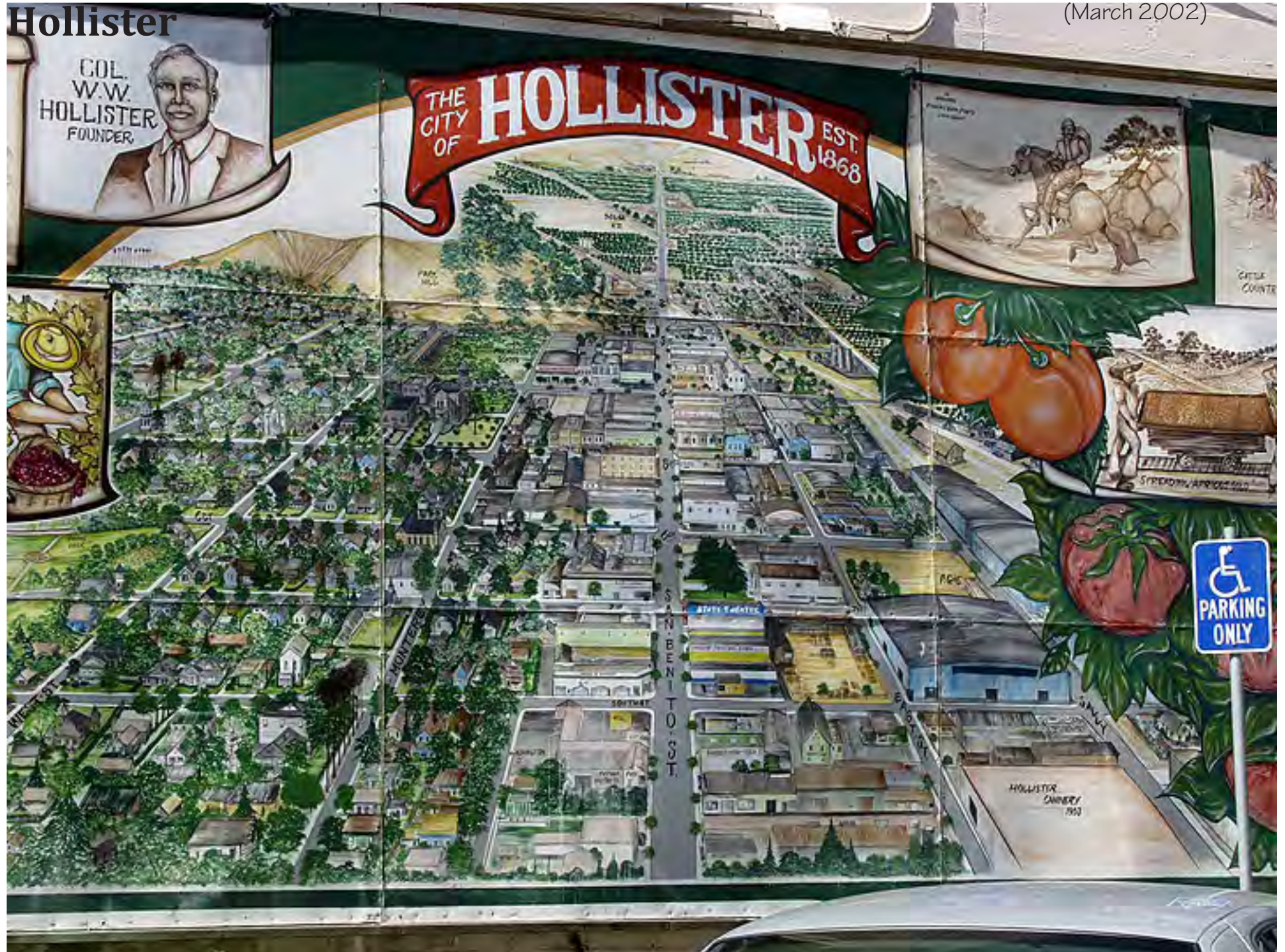
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