

# The *Ramaytush* Ohlone

## First Peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula

Prior to the arrival of the Spanish in 1769 a number of *Ramaytush* Ohlone families lived in villages around what is now called San Bruno Mountain. The village of *Siscástac* was located in the valley to the northwest of the mountain. The village of *Siplichiquin* was located to the south.

Although likely the name of an area, *Urebure* is the name we now give to the group of people who lived in the area around San Bruno Mountain. Like their neighbors along the San Francisco Peninsula, they spoke the *Ramaytush* dialect of the San Francisco Bay Costanoan language. No known descendants of the *Urebure* survive today.



*Ohlone Headdresses by Louis Choris, 1816*



*Tule Canoe*

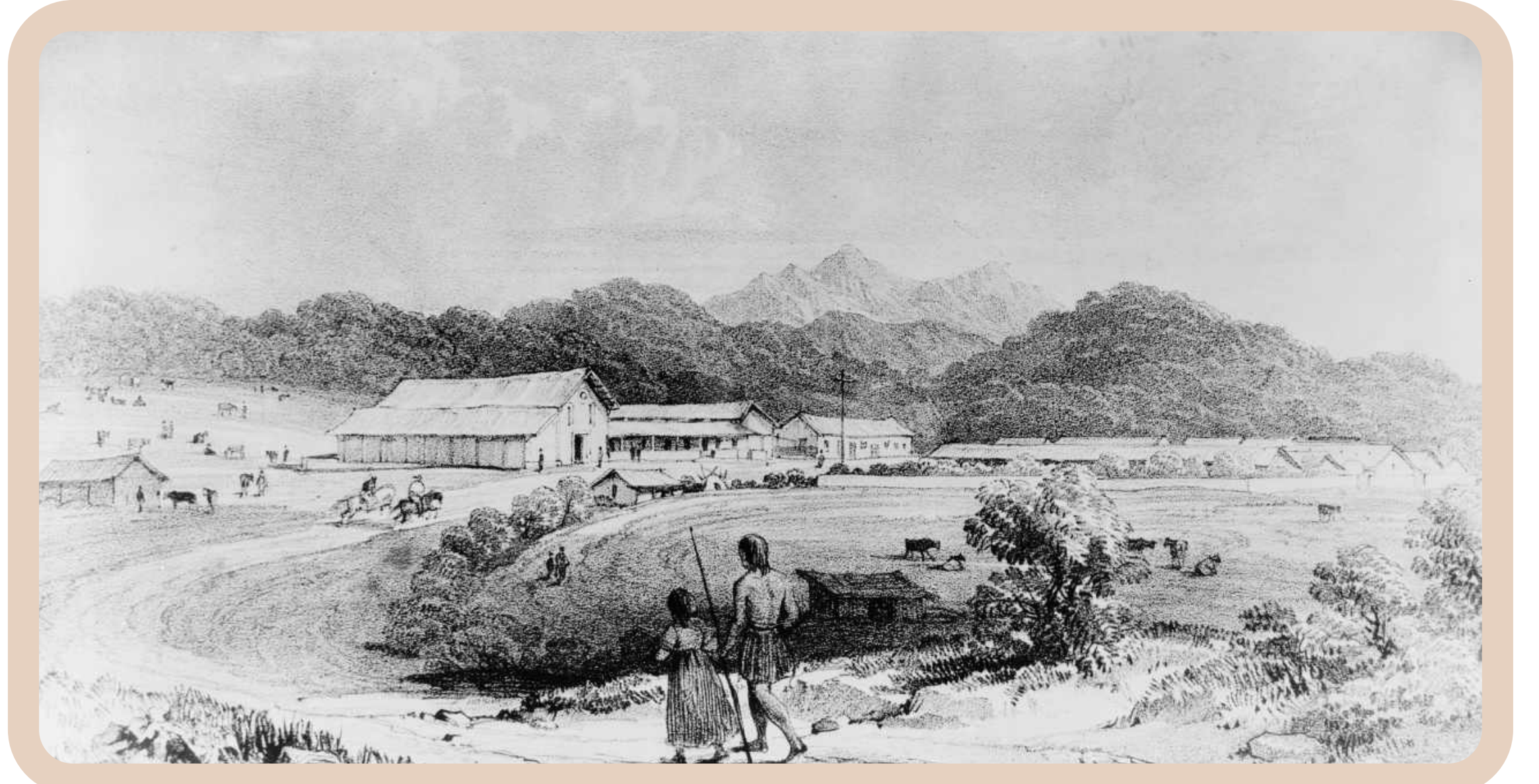


*Ohlone Dancers*

The *Urebure* were one of the first tribal groups of the *Ramaytush* Ohlone to be incorporated into Mission Dolores beginning in 1777. By 1785 the *Urebure* had been entirely removed from their ancestral homeland.

Moreover, by 1801 all of the native San Francisco Peninsula people had joined Mission Dolores and approximately 80% of the population had died.

By 1842 only 15 of the descendants of the original peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula were living at Mission Dolores.



*Mission Dolores by Louis Choris, 1816*



Jonathan



Gregg

"Like other places within our ancestral homeland, San Bruno Mountain holds special significance to the *Ramaytush* Ohlone peoples, and we are grateful to others, like San Bruno Mountain Watch, for their efforts to help preserve and protect our ancestral homeland." -Jonathan Cordero, Ph.D

Living descendants of the *Ramaytush* Ohlone originate from the *Aramai* tribe and the village of *Timigtac*, located along Calera Creek in the city of Pacifica in San Mateo County. Only one lineage is known to have living descendants in the present.

Among those living descendants are Jonathan Cordero, Chairperson of the Association of *Ramaytush* Ohlone, and Gregg Castro, Principal Cultural Consultant for the tribal association. Along with their membership, Jonathan and Gregg work together to research, revitalize, and preserve *Ramaytush* Ohlone culture and history.

This panel was authored by Jonathan Cordero and Gregg Castro. Learn more about the *Ramaytush* Ohlone at [www.ramaytush.com](http://www.ramaytush.com)