Loma Linda was just another barren part of the Greater San ernardino Va"e The area was first sett'ed b Nati e meri ans and named Guan hama or p'ent to eat t is presumed that when these ear' inhabitants first arri ed the must ha e arri ed in the spring time when things were green and 'u_uriant

The a"e was gi en fur ther attention when a Spanish road was de e'oped between Sonora in e_i o and ontere a'ifornia The need for a supp' station at some intermediate point between the Sierras in the north and the San Gabrie' ission 'ed to an e_pedition to the a"e Legend has it that these San Fran is ans ame to the a"e on a 1 1 ording to the oman atho'i a'endar of Saints that da was the feast da of San ernardino of Sienna and the named the a"e in his honor ission wor was begun among the ndians but what 'itt'e progress was made was disrupted be ause of the 1 1 earth ua e The hot springs of the a"e a'so be ame more a ti e during this time ndian superstitions and fears were aroused The be'ie ed some powerfu' spirit angered b the new hristian faith aused the ua es To appease the spir its the massa red most of the hristians and destro ed the bui'dings n 1 a new mission and hape' was bui't att'e were set to gra^Zing in the a"e a sawmi" was bui't at Forest Home to ma e 'umber for the mission ission authorities estab'ished the sisten ia its present 'o a tion is off of arton oad as an outrea h effort to be in bet ter onta t with the ndians of the San ernardino ountains and the esert and to afford better prote tion for the mis sion s 'i e sto that gra^Zed on the grasses of the San ernardino Va"e The San Gabrie' ission prospered unti' 1 when e_i o passed the t of Se u'ari^Zation whi h too from the padres a" ontro' of their 'and

fter 1 'and grants and the estab'ishment of 'arge ran hos di ided the 'and the 1 4 s e_i an and Spanish o'oni^Zation dominated the area These ri h 'andowners were nown for being so ia' generous and hospitab'e This ba'an e was bro en in 1 4 when a ormon regiment under aptain Jefferson Hunt was mustered out of ser i e fo"owing the war between e_i o and the nited States aptain Hunt and a group of ormons ame into the a"e pur hased att'e and horses and sett'ed down ormon inf'uen e swe"ed unti' 1 5 when righam oung re a"ed man of these pioneers ba to tah Genti'es most' from Te_as and issouri rushed to bu the heap 'and where an emigrant wagon and team ou'd be e_x hanged for a home or a ran h ndians on o asion

atta ed the sett'ers and thus an ear' fort was bui't

Sett'ers ontinued to arri e through the 1 6 s and 1 s n the ear' 1 s a wa e of it bui'ding swept the entire oun tr from the e_i an border in the south to the Teha hapi mountains in the north n these boom ities hote's and hea'th resorts rose up in a night 'i e mushrooms

Loma Linda s e_isten e as a resort began when E Hi"s so'd 6 a res of 'and whi h in 'uded his home on the mound on e ember 5 1 6 t was pur hased for $ 1 5 b a i erside s ndi ate omposed of o er Lett Kingston G O Newman m usse" and others The new' formed ompan ere ted a hote' at a ost of $ whi h was to be an e'egant p'a e for tourists The new hote' was finished about the end of 1 'arge it of more than a res was p'otted and houses and stores and shops were ere ted t was named ound it February 1 1 the ound it stage was arr ing 'oads of passengers to the it dai' ound trip fare and 'un h ost $1 The in estors hoped to se" 'ots for a good profit around the hi" The pri' 1 dedi ation brought out the fo' 'owing omment from the edi tor of the ed'ands itrograph ound it ma et be famous the wor'd o er as a hea'th resort

ith ompetiti e inf'uen e and intermittent drought the area around ound it on tinued for a number of ears hen it fa ed a se ere finan ia' depression 'i e man other ear' resort ities a ross

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