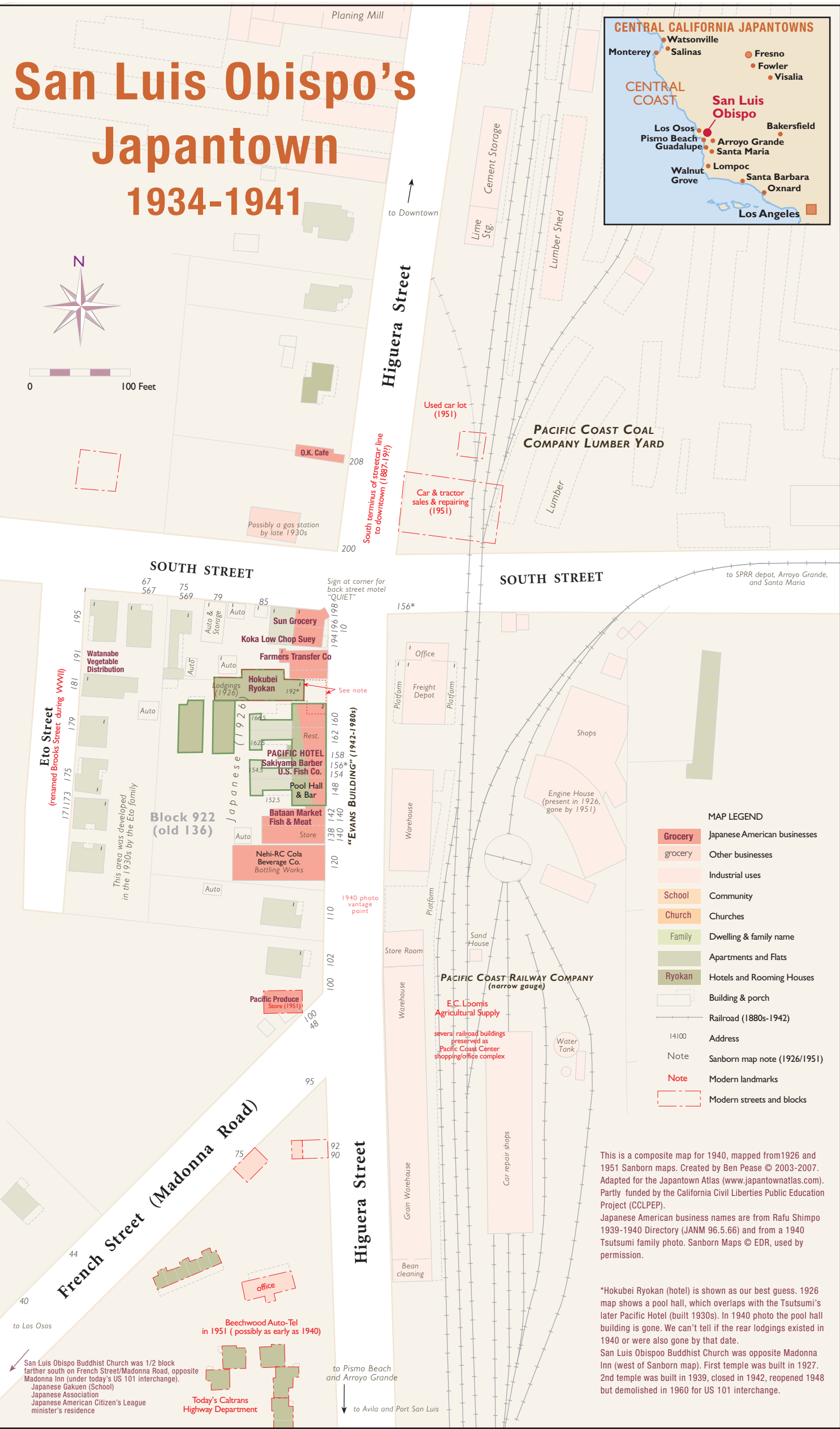
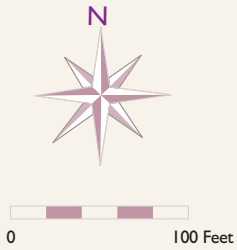


San Luis Obispo's Japantown 1934-1941



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*Hokubei Ryokan (hotel) is shown as our best guess. 1926 map shows a pool hall, which overlaps with the Tsutsumi's later Pacific Hotel (built 1930s). In 1940 photo the pool hall building is gone. We can't tell if the rear lodgings existed in 1940 or were also gone by that date. San Luis Obispo Buddhist Church was opposite Madonna Inn (west of Sanborn map). First temple was built in 1927. 2nd temple was built in 1939, closed in 1942, reopened 1948 but demolished in 1960 for US 101 interchange.