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Idanha (Portugal) is originally a Roman settlement and area named Igaeditani and later a sixth-century Swabian diocese associated with San Martin's work there, being represented in a council as early as 569. On general contemporary maps it is listed as Idanha a Nova located on the Ponsul River. The original site of Idanha (now locally named Idanha-a-Velha still exists and is located approximately ten miles north of Idanha-a-Nova. Both sites are not far from Castillo Branco. A brief historical archaeological description of Idanha is provided in *As Mubalhas and Torre De Idanha-a-Velha* by Pedro Salvado, C_mera Municipal da Idanha-a-Nova, Museu Coordenador Tavares Proenca Junior, Estacao Angueologia De Idanha-a-Velha (Egitania), Castelo Branco, no date (c. 1980).

This name was used for an important resort hotel in Soda Springs from 1887 until it burned on June 7, 1921.

A Marion County community in Oregon has a post office, established June 30, 1895, called Idanha.

Boise's Idanha Hotel was built in 1900.

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