

SAR Seeks Descendants of Spanish Soldiers who Served in California during the American Revolution

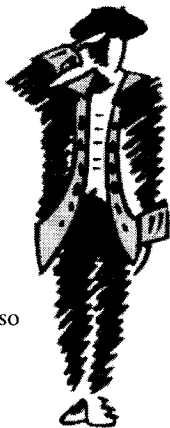
Spain declared war on England 21 June 1779 and strongly supported the revolutionary efforts against England on many fronts until peace was declared 3 Sep 1783. During this period, King Carlos III of Spain reinforced the California settlements of New Spain and established the new pueblo of Los Angeles, the new presidio of Santa Barbara, and the new mission at San Buenaventura. The 250 plus soldiers who served in these frontier settlements were specifically focused on warding off the English and Russian claims and advances.

The South Coast Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), considers these Spanish soldiers as allies whose descendants can join the SAR just as descendants of Spanish soldiers on the Southern coast or descendants of other soldiers in the former English colonies on the East Coast. Any descendant from a Spanish soldier who served during the critical period of 1779-1783 is invited to join. Of the 250 plus soldiers in California in service during the four year period, wives and children of 185 have been identified. By intermarriage, these families include most of the 3000 Spanish/Mexican people in California in 1822 when Mexico declared Independence from Spain. The 185 soldiers are listed below with asterisks (*) by those who have been entered into the Personal Ancestry Files of the LDS.

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Primos, if your ancestors are listed among those that have been compiled by the Sons of the American Revolution, I strongly urge you to consider submitting your family data and joining the SAR. It will send a clear message of historical unity and promote our heritage. Mimi

Francisco Acebedo
 Jose Antonio Quinterio Aceves
 Jose Maria Aguila y Frages
 Jose Maximo *Alanis
 Justo Roberto Altamirano
 Tiburcio Altamirano
 Francisco Xavier *Alvarado
 Asencio Alvarez; Juan *Alvarez
 Luis Joaquin Alvarez de Acevedo
 Pedro Alvarez; Juan Francisco Alviso
 Felipe Sebastian *Alvitre
 Pedro Antonio *Amador



Carmen Arana
 Manuel Ramirez Arellano
 Juan Antonio Armesquita
 Jose Gabriel de Arce
 Joseph Dario Arguello
 Domingo de Montegudo Aruz
 Jose Calixto *Ayala
 Francisco Xavier *Beltran
 Dionisio Bernal
 Juan Francisco *Bernal
 Nicholas Antonio Beneyesa
 Josef Ramon *Bojorquez
 Pedro Antonio Bojorquez
 Manuel Boronda
 Jose Bravo
 Vicente Briones
 Josef Antonio *Buelna
 Jose Ramon Buelna
 Manuel *Buitron
 Jose Manuel *Bustamante
 Francisco Xavier Calvo
 Manuel Camero
 Ygnacio Cantua
 Salvador Carriaga
 Guillermo Canillo
 Joseph Raymundo Carrillo
 Mariano Carrillo
 Joaquin Isidoro de Castro
 Jose Macario *Castro
 Jose Mariano Castro
 Ygnacio Clemente Castro
 Marcus Chayboya
 Mariana Antonio Cordero
 Pablo Antonio *Cota
 Rogue Jacinto *de Cota
 Idefonso *Domingwez
 Jose Maria *Dominguez
 Juan Jose Dominguez
 Alejandro Antonio Duarte
 Jose Joaquin Espinosa
 Jose Joaquin Cayetano *Espinosa
 Salvador Manuel *Espinosa
 Jose Estrella
 Pedro Fages
 Anastacio Maria Feliz
 Jose Feliz
 Jose Doretio Feliz
 Joseph Francisco *Feliz
 Jose Vicente *Feliz
 Juan Victorino Feliz
 Jose Rosalino Fernandez
 Jose Miguel Flores
 Nicholas Galindo
 Carlos Gallegos
 Felipe Santiago *Garcia
 Francisco Bruno Garcia

Luz Garcia
 Isidro (Jose) German
 Jose Maria Gongora
 Felip Indalecio *Gonzales
 Jose Rafael Gerardo Gonzales
 Juan Pablo Grijalva
 Jose Julian Guerrero
 Ygnacio Maria Gutierrez
 Torbidio Martinez Guzman
 Jose Bernardo Heredia
 Justo Lorenzo Hernandez
 Joaquin Higuera
 Jose Joaquin Higuera
 Jose Joaquin Antonio *Higuera
 Jose Manuel *Higuera
 Salvador Higuera
 Ygnacio Anastacio de la Higuera
 Jose Francisco Leyba
 Ygnacio Antonio Linares
 Pedro Antonio Lisalde
 Jose Ygnacio Maria de Jesus Lopez
 Juan Francisco Lopez
 Sebastian Antonio *Lopez (Jr)
 Francisco Salvador *de Lugo
 Luis Gonzaga Lugo
 Jose Manuel Ignacio Lugo
 Seferino de Lugo
 Jose Maneul Machada (aka Orchaga)
 Joseph Maria Martinez
 Juan Ignacio Martinez
 Toribio Martinez
 Francisco Xavier Mejias
 Juan Norberto Mejias
 Pedro Jose Mejias
 Antonio Mesa
 Jose Valerio Mesa
 Rafael Mesa
 Alejo Miranda
 Jose Monroy
 Antonio Montano
 Juan Andres (Hilario) Montiel
 Jose Joaquin Moraga
 Jose Antonio *Navarro
 Juan Crispin Perez Nieto
 Joseph Manuel Perez Nieto
 Juan Matias Olivas
 Joseph Ygnacio *Olvera
 Juan Maria *Olvera
 Ygnacio Narciso *Olvera
 Jose Antonio Onteveros
 Jose Francisco de Ortega;
 Jose Maria *Ortega
 Juan Ismerio de Osuna
 Miguel Antonio Pacheco
 Juan Francisco Padilla
 Juan Antonio Basilio Parra

Sons of the American Revolution Continued



Jose Victor Patino
Luis Pena
Gabriel Antonio Peralta
Juan Jose Peralta
Luis Maria Peralta
Felipe Santiago *de la Cruz Pico
Joseph Maria *Pico
Juan Maria Pinto
Pablo Pinto
Jose Polanco
Vicente *Quijada
Juan Francisco *Reyes
Julian Rios
Sgt ??? Robles
Juan Esteban Rocha
Ignacio Rochin
Antonio Mirando Rodriguez
Joaquin Rodriguez
Jose Augustan Antonio
Rodriguez
Jose Ygnacio *Rodriguez
Manuel Rodriguez
Pablo *Rodriguez
Pedro Pablo *Rodriguez
Felipe Romero
Jose Esteban Romero
Juan Maria *Romero
Eugenio Rosalio
Mateo Rubio
Efigenio *Ruiz
Fructuoso Maria Ruiz
Juan Maria *Ruiz
Justo Nasario Saez
Hermenegildo Sal
Jose Pedro Loretto Salazar
Jose Maria Gil Samaniego
Jose Antonio Sanchez
Joseo Tadeo Sanchez
?Gregorio? Antonio Sandoval
Francisco Serrano
Francisco Xavier *Sepulveda
Jose Miguel *Silvas
Jose Maria *Soberanes
Francisco Sotello
Gillermo Soto
Ygnacio *de Soto
Felipe Santiago Tapia
Eugenio Valdez
Jose Melesio (Hilario) Valdez
Juan Ygnacio Valencia
Ignacio Vicente Ferrer Vallejo
Jose Manuel Valenzuela
Jose Pedro Gabriel Valenzuela
Jose Segunda Valenzuela
Juan Augustus Valenzuela
Juan Atanasio Vasquez

Manuel de Vasquez
Jose Antonio Maria Velarde
Jose Fernando de Velasco y Lara
Juan Jose Villalobos
Antonio Clemente Feliz
Villavicencio;
Jose Maria *Verdugo
Juan Maria Verdugo
Mariana de la Luz Verdugo
Ygnacio Leonardo Maria Verdugo
Juan Jose *Villa Lobo(s)
Rafael de Jesus Villavicencio
Juan Villela
Juan Antonio *Ybana
Jose Antonio Yorba
Pio Quinta Zuniga.

Soldiers in the Monterey
garrison in 1782 whose families
have not been identified include:

Artemio Alegro
Manuel ?Amiuna?
Joaquin Beltran
Marcelino Bravo
Marcus Briones
Francisco Caguellas
Jose Bonifacio Estrada
Diego Ruiz
Francisco Sanchez
Jose Maria Soto
Manuel de Vargas
Casimiro Varelas
Francisco Villagones
Rafael Villavicencio
Marcus Villela.

Soldiers in the San Diego
garrison in 1782 whose families
have not been identified include:

Julian Acevedo
Ignacio Rafael Alvarez
Jose Joaquin Armenta
Manuel Ramon Bernal
Augustin Castillo
Antonio de Castro
Jose Manuel Canedo
Anastasio E. de Cota
Gregorio Crispin
Hermenegildo Flores
Jose Maria Gloria
Jose de la Luz Garcia
Jose Antonio Leyva
Jose Antonio Pena
Jose Ignacio Perez
Jose Estevan Perez
Manuel Antonio Robles
Jose Alejandro Solis

Garrison lists for Santa
Barbara and San Francisco have
not been recovered, but Jose
Prudencio Arangure was at Santa
Barbara. Those on escort duty with
the nine missions have not all been recovered. Also,
those who were massacred with Captain Rivera y
Moncada by the Yuma Indians are not all known.

Families have not been identified for military
leaders:

Lt Col Juan Bautista de Anza
Capt Fernando de Rivera y Moncada
Capt Jose Morero
Capt Bernardo de Urrea
Lt Jose de Zuniga
Ensign Jose Velasquez
Lt Don Diego Gonzalez

They apparently did not settle in California. Many
known soldiers returned to Mexico and established
their families there. Descendants of these persons
would be eligible to join the SAR if they can define
and document their families.

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Likely Repositories of the Spanish Archives of Pre-statehood California *Compiled by Bill Doty*

- Library of Congress, 101 Independence Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20540, (202) 707-5000
- Monterey County Recorder, PO Box 29, Salinas, CA 93902, (408) 755-5041
- Steinbeck Library, 350 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, CA 93901, (408) 758-7311
- Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720 (SIG) 642-6000
- Sutro Library of the San Francisco Public Library, 480 Winston Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132, (415) 731-4477
- Huntington Library, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108, (818) 405-2141.
- Historical Society of Southern California, % Lummis Home, 200 East Avenue 43, Los Angeles, CA 90031, (213)222-0546
- Los Angeles County Archives, 222 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 974-1196
- Los Angeles City Archives, 555 Ramirez St, Los Angeles, CA 90012,(213) 485-3512
- California State Archives, 201 N. Sunrise Ave, Roseville, CA 95661

**Ten References for
Spanish Soldiers of 1779-1783**

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Descendants of Spanish soldiers who served in California while Spain was allied with the American colonists of the Revolutionary War have excellent references for documenting service of their ancestors. We know families of 194 of the approximately 300 soldiers who served during those years. Ten useful references follow:

1. Descendants who already know their soldier ancestor's name can start with Marie Northrop's two volumes, *Spanish-Mexican Families of Early California, 1769-1850*, Vol 1 (revised 1987), and Vol 2 (1984). Statements of military service in these volumes was taken from Bancroft's Pioneer Index.
2. Hubert Howe Bancroft's *California Pioneer Register and Index Including Inhabitants of California, 1769-1800* extracted military service or other activity as recorded in Bancroft's earlier seven volume *History of California*. The Pioneer Register was later republished as Vol 17 in the "complete" *Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft*.
3. Hubert Howe Bancroft's seven volume *History of California* noted military service or other activity when it was found in Spanish records. These records seldom give more than the places or times where the soldier was listed or the activity in which he was engaged. Volumes I and II cover the Spanish period, III and IV the Mexican period, and the others later periods to the 1880 decade, when the volumes were published. These volumes are also in the "complete works" as volumes 18 through 24. Some of the sources Bancroft used burned in the San Francisco fire of 1906, but the majority are stored in the Bancroft Library, Univ. of California, Berkeley, CA.
4. The service records for California soldiers are stored in the Archives of the Indies in Seville, Spain. Mr. Raymond F. Wood abstracted 900 service records for

the Spanish soldiers he could identify in California between 1769 until after Mexican independence and placed these abstracts in the Autry Museum of Western Heritage, 4700 Western Heritage Way (in Griffith Park adjacent to the Los Angeles Zoo). These records show dates of enlistment, promotion, discharge, death, and retirement. They can be studied by appointment: call (213) 667-2000.

5. Presidio lists for 1782 are available for San Diego, Santa Barbara, Monterey, and San Francisco. San Diego and Monterey are in the California Collection of Marie Northrop, LDS film #1411704, item 12. Dr. Hough has Santa Barbara and San Francisco lists as copied by others many years ago at the Bancroft Library.

6. The *1790 Padron* (census) lists the soldiers and their families. The ages of those listed as soldiers and their children frequently indicate how long the soldiers had been in service. Some of these lists were published by Marie Northrop in the *Historical Society of Southern California Quarterly* as follows: Los Angeles (June 1959); San Francisco (Dec 1959); Santa Barbara (Mar 1960); Monterey (June 1960); San Jose (Sep 1960); and San Diego (Mar 1961).

7. Published works of Thomas Workman Temple, II, are generally accurate and well documented. His abstracts of mission records are available through LDS Family History Centers. His "Soldiers and Settlers of the Expedition of 1781," *Historical Society of Southern California Quarterly* (1931), is very helpful, as are his other published works.

8. As noted above, the *Historical Society of Southern California Quarterly* published dozens of studies in English of the early California settlers and population groupings.

9. Early mission records have been studied and abstracted by numerous scholars and amateurs. The most accu-

rate records are of course those micro-filmed by the LDS from the original Spanish entries.

10. Adam C. Derkum's 38 notebooks, *Spanish Families of Southern California* are available on five LDS micro-film rolls 1597975-1597979. There is no index, but the families are arranged alphabetically. N. C. Hough has prepared a list of surnames for which there are significant entries, and this list is available on request.

Lists of soldiers, etc., and Sons of the American Revolution information, are available from Granville W. Hough, 3438 Bahia Blanca West, Apt B, Laguna Hills, CA 92653-2830, telephone (714) 581-7575, email gwhough@larkom.net.

Let There be Towns, Spanish Municipal Origins in the American Southwest, 1610-1810 by Gilbert R. Cruz. Texas A&M University Press, \$17. New book, brochure description.

When the Spanish moved into what is today the American Southwest, they set up three institutions to establish control: the presidio (military forts and troops), the mission, and civil settlements, or towns. Of these, only the town has survived to this day although the presidio and the mission continue to live on in the popular imagination.

Reprinted this year in paperback (first edition, cloth, 1988), this is the story of the origins of six towns in New Spain: San Antonio and Laredo (Spanish Texas), Santa Fe and El Paso (Spanish New Mexico), and San Jose and Los Angeles (Spanish Alta California)

The author contends that early civil settlements were probably the single most significant factor in establishing Spanish dominion in the Southwest. Cruz assesses the importance of the towns in populating the frontier, introducing industry, and bringing law and order and municipal government to the frontier.