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 Quintero Aceves  
Jose Maria Aguilan y Frages  
Jose Maximo *Alonis  
Justo Roberto Altamirano  
Tiburcio Altamirano  
Francisco Xavier *Alvarado  
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Luis Joaquin Alvarez de Acevedo  
Pedro Alvarez; Juan Francisco Alviso  
Felipe Sebastian *Alvitre  
Pedro Antonio *Amador

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

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Manuel Ramirez Arelano  
Juan Antonio Armesquita  
Jose Gabriel de Arce  
Joseph Darío Arguello  
Domingo de Monteguido Aruz  
Jose Calixto *Ayala  
Francisco Xavier *Beltran  
Dionisio Bernal  
Juan Francisco *Bernal  
Nicholas Antonio Benyesca  
Jose Ramon *Bojorquez  
Pedro Antonio Bojorquez  
Manuel Boronda  
Jose Bravo  
Vicente Briones  
Jose Antonio *Buelna  
Jose Ramon Buena  
Manuel *Buiteron  
Jose Manuel *Bustamante  
Francisco Xavier Calvo  
Manuel Camero  
Ygnacio Cantua  
Salvador Carriaga  
Guillermo Canillo  
Joseph Raymundo Carrillo  
Mariano Carrillo  
Ygnacio Isidoro de Castro  
Jose Macario *Castro  
Jose Mariano Castro  
Ygnacio Clemente Castro  
Marcus Chayboy  
Mariana Antonio Cordero  
Pablo Antonio *Cota  
Rogue Jacinto *de Cota  
Idefonso *Domenguez  
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Jose Joaquin Cayetano *Espinoza  
Salvador Manuel *Espinoza  
Jose Estrella  
Pedro Fages  
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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 Gonzalez  
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Jose Julian Guerrero  
Ygnacio Maria Guiterrez  
Toribio Martinez Guzman  
Jose Bernardo Heredia  
Justo Lorenzo Hernandez  
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Jose Ygnacio Maria de Jesus Lopez  
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Jose Valerio Mesa  
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Alejo Miranda  
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Joseph Ygnacio *Olvera  
Juan Maria *Olvera  
Ygnacio Narciso *Olvera  
Jose Antonio Ontevros  
Jose Francisco de Ortega  
Jose Maria *Ortega  
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Soldiers in the Monterey garrison in 1782 whose families have not been identified include:

- Artenio Alegre
- Manuel ?Amiana?
- Joaquin Beltran
- Marcelino Bravo
- Marcus Briones
- Francisco Cuguelas
- Jose Bonefacio 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 Doby

- 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, % Lumminis 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
by
Granville W. Hough, Pd.D.

Descendants of Spanish soldiers who
served in California while Spain was
allied with the American colonists of the
Revolutionary War have excellent refer-
ces 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
vice 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 activ-
ity 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 Hu-
bert Howe Bancroft.

3. Hubert Howe Bancroft's seven vol-
ume 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. Vol-
umes 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 Li-
brary. 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 Her-
itage 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

5. Presidio lists for 1782 are available
for San Diego, Santa Barbara, Mon-
terey, 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 chil-
dren 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 fol-
lows: 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 Work-
man 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 Expedi-
tion of 1781," Historical Society of
Southern California Quarterly (1931),
is very helpful, as are his other pub-
lished works.

8. As noted above, the Historical Soci-
ety of Southern California Quarterly
published dozens of studies in English
of the early California settlers and pop-
ulation 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 Califor-
nia are available on five LDS micro-
film rolls 1597975-1597979. There is
no index, but the families are arranged
alphabetically. N. C. Hough has pre-
pared 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, tele-
phone (714) 581-7575, email
gwhough@larkom.net.

Let There be Towns, Spanish Munici-
pal 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 con-
trol: the presidio (military forts and
troops), the mission, and civil settle-
ments, 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, intro-
ducing industry, and bringing law and
order and municipal government to the
frontier.