



PUEBLO LAS JUNTAS

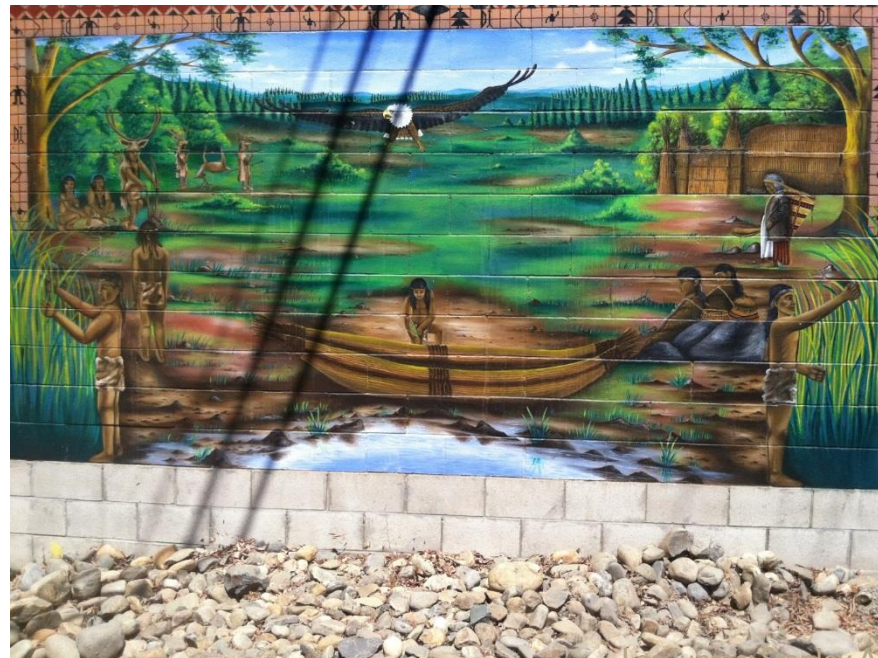
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“Las Juntas was one of the very first settlements in the San Joaquin Valley.” (Clough & Secrest 1984)

I'm guessing Las Juntas was settled before 1810 (S. Lucero)

Kawahchu [Grass Nut Place]

- Kawwatchwah Yokuts village
- At site of Las Juntas
- Still occupied by Yokuts in 1854



Saga: Latta 1976, page 229

“Mestizo village of
Las Juntas
near Mendota”
[Jose Jesus Lopez]”

“American” description

- Meeting place for fugitives (Hoover 1958)
- Horse stealing, gambling, drinking and murder
- Joaquin Murieta and Tiburcio Vasquez obtained supplies from La Junta
- Safe from pursuit of American officers





RESIDENTS DOCUMENTED BY

Residents of Pueblo de las Juntas

Joaquin Murrieta & His Horse Gangs by Frank Latta

- ACEVEDO, Claudio
- CARAVANTES, José Francisco
- GUTIERREZ, Pablo
- HERRERO, Antonio
- HIGUERA, Julio Ramon
- Indio José
- López, Antone
- López, Antonio
- López, Juan
- López, Juan María “ojo de aguilá”
- MARTINEZ, Antonio
- MARTINEZ, Teodora
- MELENDEZ, Lorenzo
- MENDEZ, Juan
- SALAZAR, Juan
- SALGADO, Juan
- URRIAS, Ambrosio
- YNIGO, Gregorio
- YNIGO, Matilde
- VILLEGAS, Antonio

Families who lived in Las Juntas

(Clough & Secrest 1984)

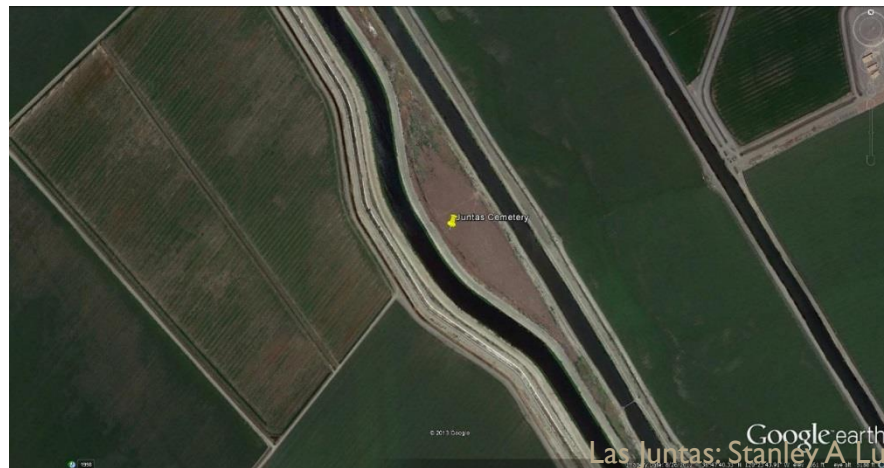
- Pedro Aguirre
- Ambrosio Arias
- Francisco Cariponto
- Juliano Higuera
- Juan Liviano
- Juan López
- Juan Mendez
- Nocha Morales
- Juan Salazar
- Don Jesus SantaMaría
- Gregorio Ynigo



Buried in Pueblo de las Juntas Cemetery

From Joaquin Murrieta & His Horse Gangs by Frank Latta

- Indio José
- López, Antonio
- MARTINEZ, Antonio
- URRIAS, Ambrosio
- VILLEGAS, Antonio



St. Mary's Catholic Church in Visalia

Researched by Sheila Ruiz Harrell [[California's First Families](#)]

- Louis Rodriguez & Edevigis Oliva;
- Domingo Zaragoza & Josefa Madrid;
- Jose Moraga & Virginia Solaca;
- Juan Valencia & Jesus Bojorques;
- Jorge Onorario & Feliciana Carbantes;
- José Montenegro & Juana Jimenes;
- Fernando Moreno & Barbara Salona;
- Jorge Garcia & Juliana Cervantes;
- Manuel Estrada & Florencia Enriques



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Earliest residents

- The earliest families included Indians from the San Joaquin Valley and families from San Ysidro [Gilroy], Mission Santa Clara, Los Angeles, Watsonville, and San Gabriel.
- After 1849 families came from Sonora, Mexico and one man from Chile, South America.

Old California Ranchos

- **Rancho los Californios**
Fresno County. Old village in San Joaquin Valley
- **Rancho New Colombia**
Fresno County. Owned by Henry Miller [1827-1916]
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Fresno County. Owned by Henry Miller [1827-1916]
- **Rancho Pozo**
Fresno County. Owned by Henry Miller [1827-1916]



- **Rancho El Tejon**
Kern County. Owned by José Antonio Aguirre [1799-1860] and Ygnacio del Valle [1808-1880]
- **Rancho la Liebre**
Kern County. Owned by José María Flores
- **Rancho San Emigdio [Rancho San Emidio]**
Kern County. Owned by José Antonio Dominguez [1796-1844]
- **Rancho San Luis**
East of San Luis Obispo. Owned by grandfather of Lupe Cantua

Las Juntas families forced to move

(Clough & Secrest 1984)

- 1850 population of Las Juntas was about 250
- 1879 Miller & Lux
- Firebaugh merchant Myer offered lots for one dollar
- About 200 people from Las Juntas moved to Firebaugh [50 to 250]
- Most of the Las Juntas refugees were employees of Miller & Lux

Firebaugh cemetery monument at Toma Tek in Firebaugh



Monument by flagpole

Firebaugh Families

A memorial cemetery created by Sheila Ruiz Harrell [[California's First Families](#)]

Contains over 80 names

Residents of Firebaugh and their descendants

Burials from cemeteries in:

Colusa - Dos Palos - Gilroy - Fresno

Lemoore - Los Baños - Madera

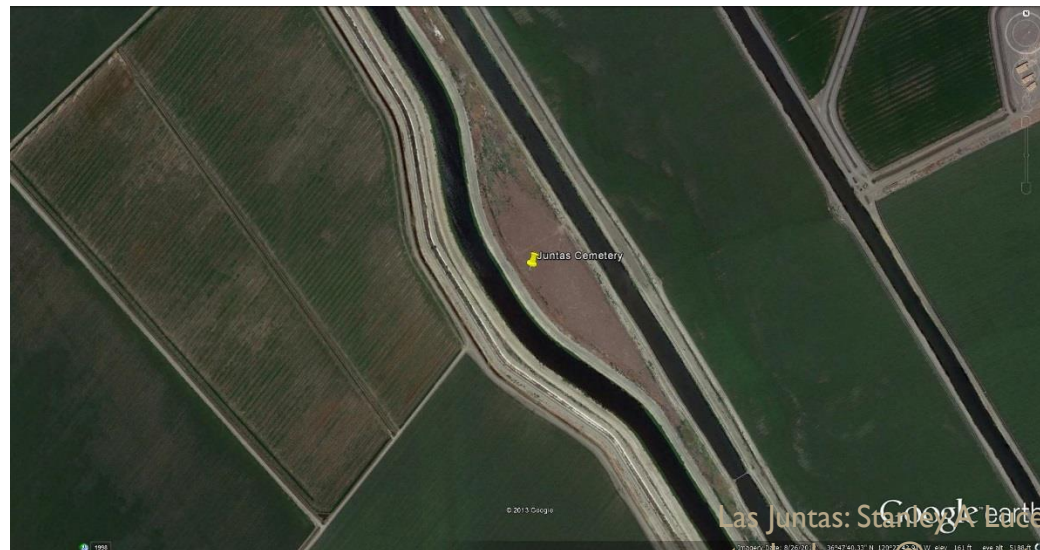
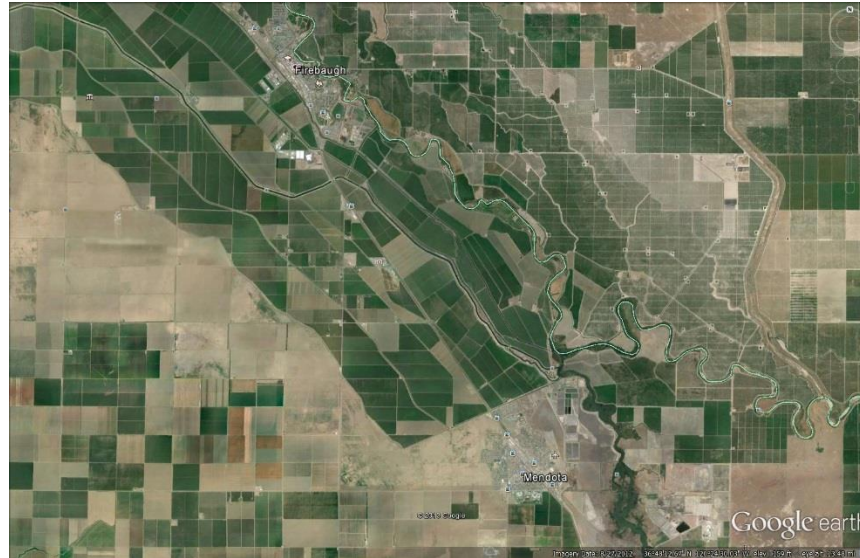
Modesto - Morgan Hill - Sanger

San José - San Mateo

Santa Nella Village - Stockton

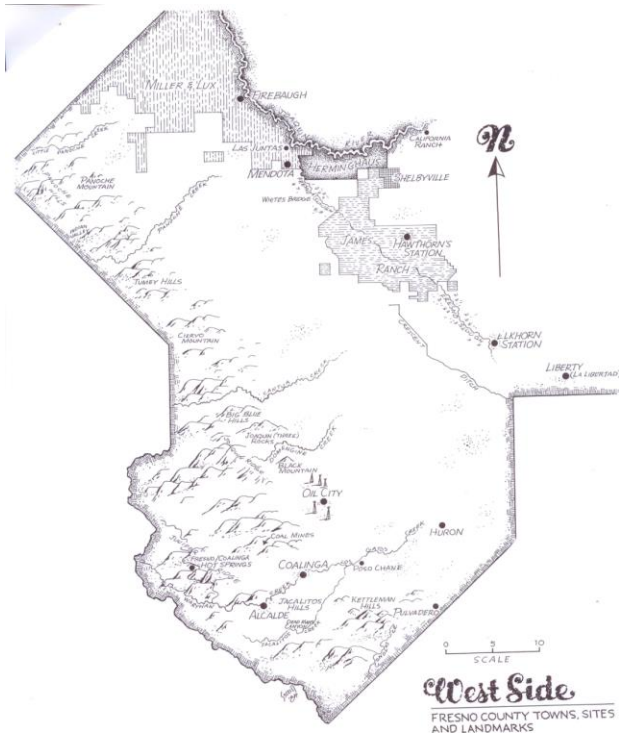


North of Mendota / SE of Firebaugh



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Old West Side Fresno County



Miller & Lux – Mexican Land Grants

(Iglesias 2001)

- “By the 1870s, former Mexican land grants constituted over half of Miller & Lux’s 300,000 acres in California.” [page 59]



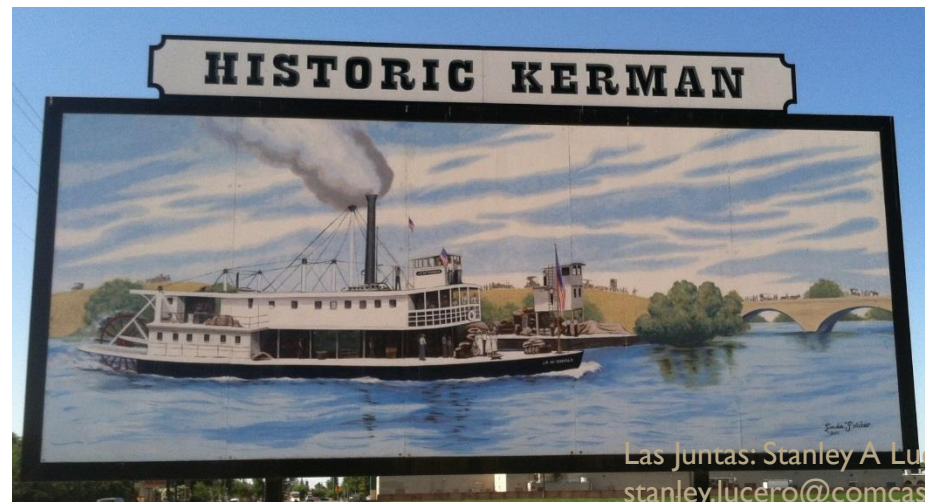
Miller & Lux holdings in the north San Joaquin Valley. (From Garden of the Sun by Wallace Smith. Copyright 1939 by Lymanhouse, Los Angeles. Courtesy of the Bancroft Library.)

1873 Tulare Lake

Largest
freshwater
body of
water west
of the
Mississippi

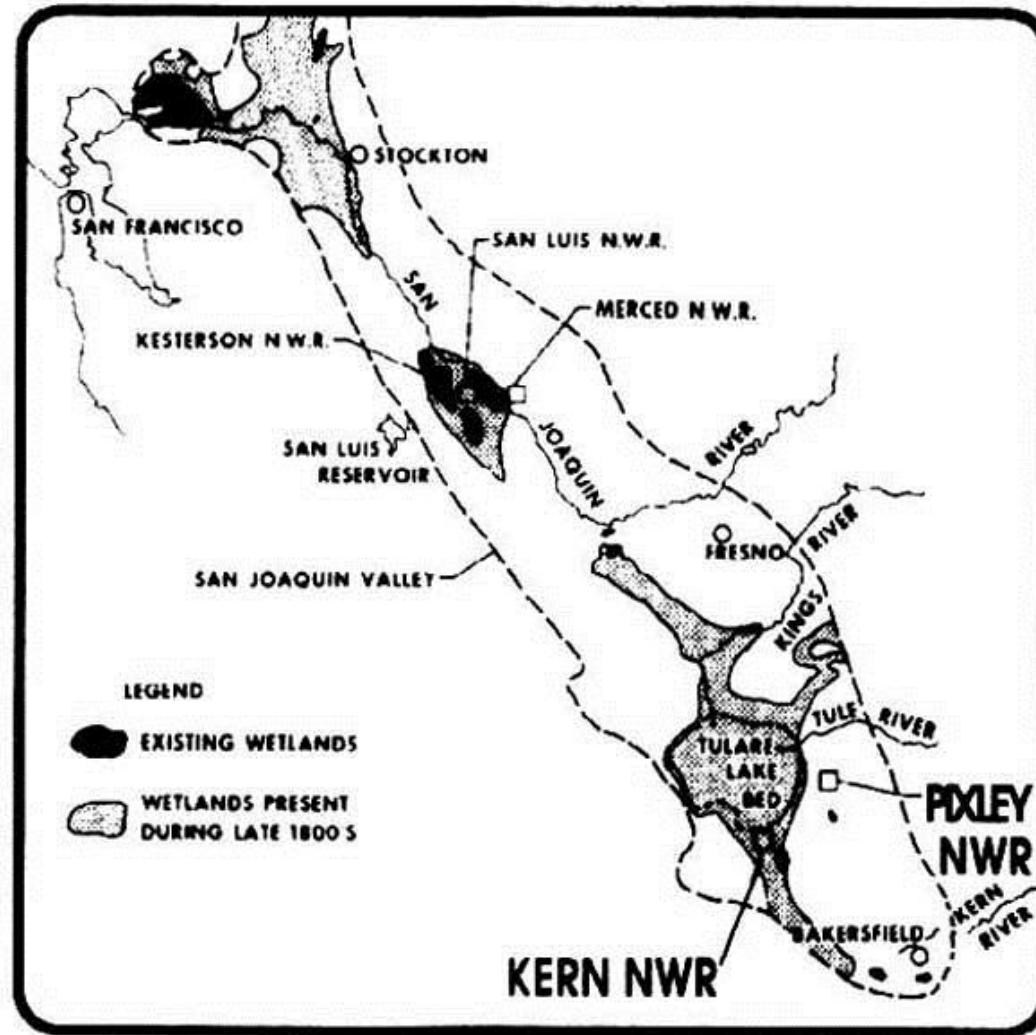


Rivers and swamps



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Historic San Joaquin Valley River Drainages



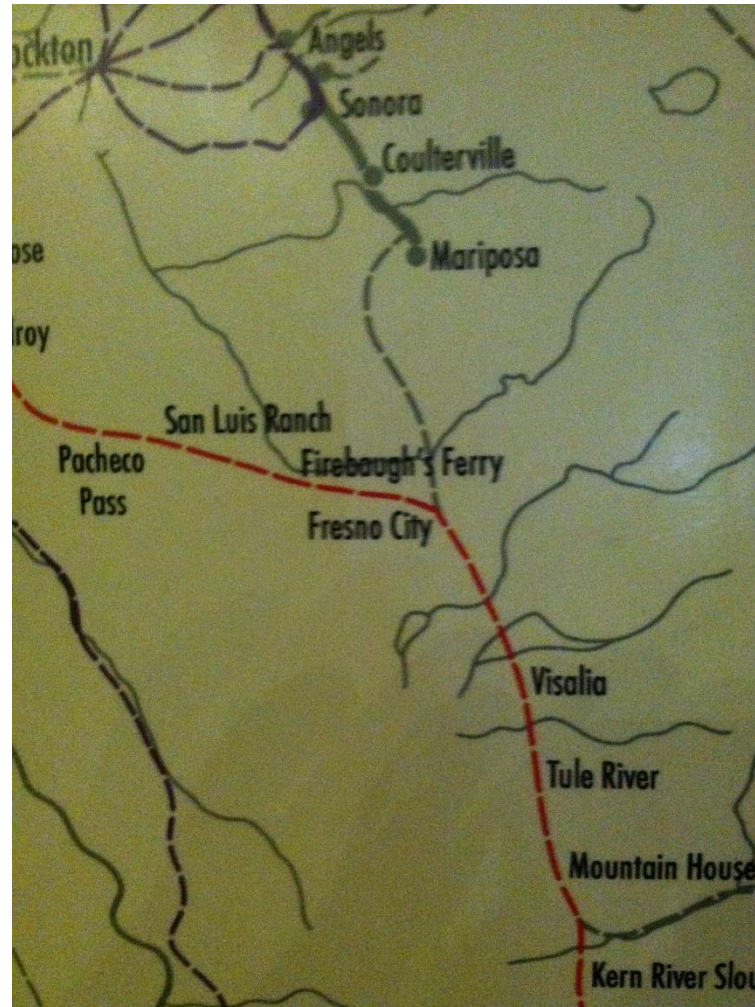
El camino Viejo a Los Angeles



From San Diego Old Town



Early California Stage Roads I

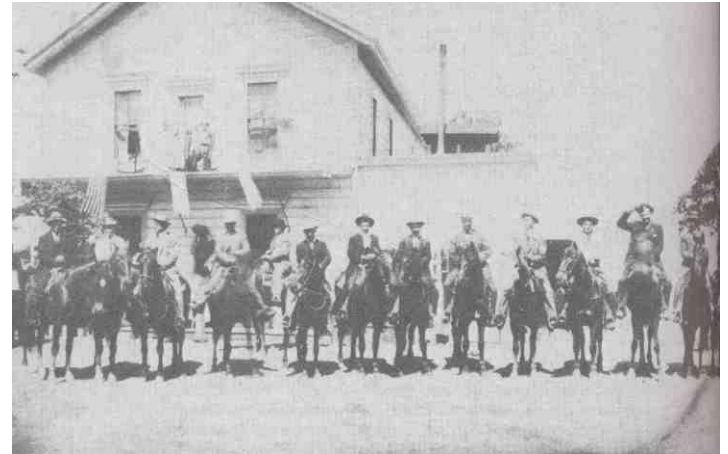




LIVED IN PUEBLO DE LAS JUNTAS

Antonio López 1821-1853

- Sold some wild mustangs to Murrieta Gang
- Captured by Love Ranchers 1853
- Drowned with feet tied under horse



Jesus Lopez (brother of Antonio) and his vaqueros at the Miller & Luz New Columbia Ranch. [see Saga: Latta, p. 228]

Theodora Martinez 1826-1931



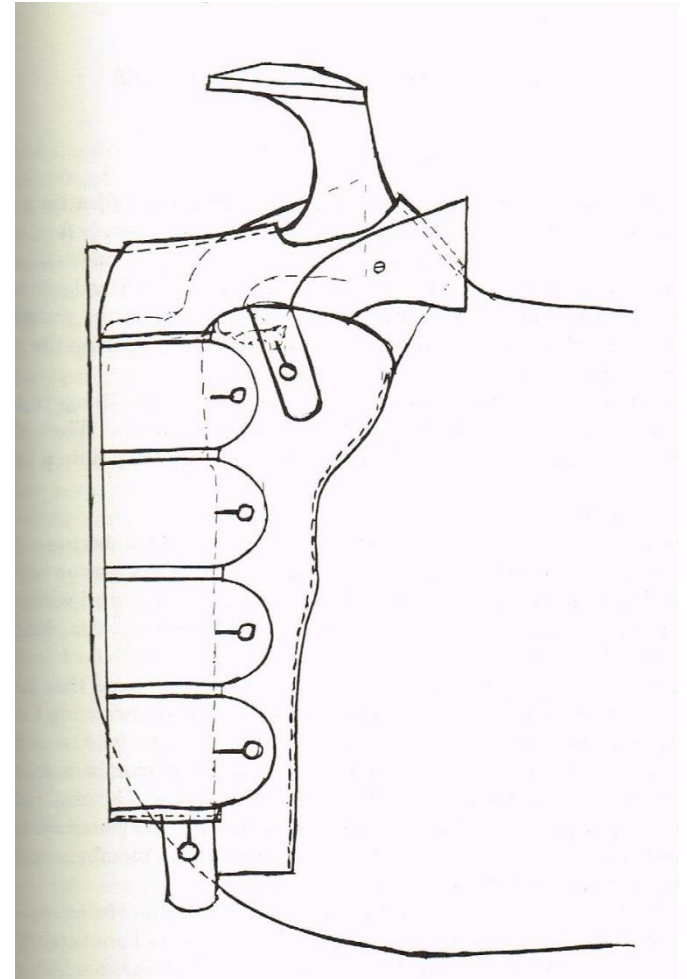
Teodora Arredondo at the age of 101 years and entirely blind. She rode horseback from Caborca to California in 1847, back to Caborca horseback in 1854 and back to California again in 1857. On this trip she also rode horseback and carried a two-month-old baby in her arms—each time traveling over the dreaded Camino del Diablo. Her first husband, Yñigo, packed for the Murrieta Gang for more than three years and she accompanied him much of the time.

28 Photo by Frank F. Latta and now in Bear State Library.

“About ten people who lived at Las Juntas claimed to have come in with carretas over the old road.”

Juan Salazar 1830

- Son of Manuel Salazar and Rosa Huerta from Sonora, Mexico
- Parents and brother Jesus lived in Hornitas and Visalia
- Saddlemaker
- Made and repaired riding rigs for Murrieta Gangs



Juanita Bojorquez 1832-1901

- d/ Juan Bojorques & Maria Ysidora Galindo
- Married José Antonio María Castro 1848
Mission Santa Clara
- Married Jesus Palomares Buela 1857
Watsonville
- Married Manuel Enriques. Moved to Las Juntas



Misson Santa Clara de Asis

Pedro Aguirre 1836-1893

- Married 1873 Audelia Melendez
- Possibly owned the Aguirre store in Rancho de los Californios
- Also lived in Hornitos, Las Juntas, Borden, and Madera



Escolastico Borboa 1840-1925

María Quirina Buelna 1860-1906





RELATED TO JUNTAS FAMILIES

José Jesus López 1853-1939



- From Lopez Station in San Fernando
- Cousin to Las Juntas López's
- Majordomo of Rancho el Tejon

See Saga: Latta, p 1

Salvador Preciado 1862-1958

María Clemencia Enriquez 1872-1953



- Salvador son of Francisco Preciado & Igenia Duarte from Watsonville.
- Clemencia daughter of Manuel Enriquez & Juana Bojorquez.

Who was the full-blood Indian wife?



Albert Henry López 1891-1971



- Born in Gilroy
- Firebaugh Constable for 25 years
- Son of Antone López and Theresa Harper.
- Grandson of Antonio López [1831-1853]



WE NEED TO REWRITE THE HISTORY OF LAS JUNTAS

Can you help?

- I want to rewrite the history of Pueblo Las Juntas from the point of view of the descendants of the families who lived there.
- Contact me if you know someone who has family stories about Pueblo Las Juntas.



RESOURCES

Refer to my website for updated
information



Residents of Pueblo de las Juntas

1810-1879

Pueblo de las Juntas Family Tree

- Families, ancestors, and descendants of residents of Las Juntas
- Be sure to look at sources and citations

Las Juntas Cemetery (defunct)

- Memorials to individuals from Las Juntas
- Cemetery headstones moved to Firebaugh in 1940
- Cemetery bulldozed before 1988
- Headstones dumped at “sewage treatment plant”

Sheila Ruiz Harrell

- Firebaugh Families: findagrave memorials to former residents of Firebaugh [including Las Juntas]
- California's First Families: professional genealogical services

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