

Espinosa
family

and finding some changes in a few ancestors. One of our members gave me an update on his wife's lineage and asked me to verify the names. In doing so, I found that the parents for one of the grandfathers were questionable. Normally, I use the Thomas W. Temple, II abstracts of the Mission records for a guide to find the families, and then usually check with both the Dorothy Gittinger Mutnick and Marie E. Northrop works. In this case all three of these researchers listed a child with two sets of parents!

One of our members, Gary Carlsen, has access to the filmed mission records at the Family History Center in Seaside, CA. I wrote to Gary asking for a copy of the baptismal record in question. After receiving the copy of the record in the mail I found that according to the handwritten baptismal record entered by the priest at the mission, this child was easily identified. The record is very clear, the handwriting very legible, and the copy is a great one. Absolutely no doubt as to the parents.

OK, now to give you all the details. If you are a descendant of Gabriel Espinosa and his wife Mauricia Tapia, then this information is for you!

According to all the researchers I mentioned, Gabriel Maria Espinosa was baptized 28 April 1798, at Mission Nuestra Señora de la Soledad. That particular entry, #414, shows the following: that he is the legitimate son of Miguel Espinosa, a native of Sinaloa, soldier of Monterey, and of Maria Gabriela Yguera, a native of the Pueblo of San Jose. There are NO padrinos listed in this entry. However, the following entry, #415, is for an Indian child, and the padrino and madrina are identified as being for both records. They are Vicente Arroyo and his wife

Maria Dolores Mesquita. Yes, it's spelled that way, not Amesquita. There is no mention at all of Cayetano Espinosa and Rosa Tapia.

What this means to all of you descendants of this Gabriel Maria Espinosa is that while the Espinosa line stays the same, the female line changes from Tapia to Higuera. Mr. Temple incorrectly listed Cayetano Espinosa and Rosa Tapia as the parents of Gabriel Maria. Fortunately there are few changes in your ancestral lines. Rosa Tapia and her parents, Felipe Santiago Tapia and Maria Philomena Hernandez will be deleted. We are ADDING the following lines beginning with Maria Gabriela Higuera, the wife of Miguel Espinosa. She is listed as Maria Gabriela in this son's record, however in her own baptismal record she is listed as Gabriela Maria:

Gabriela Maria Higuera, b. 28 Feb 1782, baptized Mission Santa Clara, #335. She was the daughter of Manuel Higuera, soldier of the Pueblo of San Jose and of Antonia Rondondo, according to the copy of the original handwritten record. Antonia's name is normally listed as Redondo, and in one case as Limon...but that's another story!

Manuel Higuera was the son of Ygnacio Higuera and Maria Ygnacia Buelna, according to both Mutnick and Northrop. At this time, we have no parents listed for Antonia Redondo, the wife of this Manuel Higuera. If you have any information regarding these parents, along with primary documentation, please contact me, so the files, and our history, can be updated.

As we find these changes we will publish them here in *Noticias*, and correct the records in our Traveling Genealogy Library. If you have purchased a CD of the Thomas W.



Temple, II abstracts be certain to make a note of the correction in your own records.

Please remember, your membership status is never in doubt with any of the changes we find. We are only verifying family lines through the use of original records rather than relying solely on the transcriptions of others. If you feel we are in error, and you can provide actual **original** documentation to verify the ancestor, we will adjust the files accordingly. We are trying to be as **factual** as possible. We are not interested in perpetuating inaccurate information. If you have changes that should be made, please contact me as soon as possible, preferably in writing.

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HARRY W. CROSBY

GATEWAY TO ALTA CALIFORNIA

We were privileged to have our Historian member #1261, Harry W. Crosby, speak at our meeting on April 27 in Oceanside.

We were given the opportunity to buy his newest book at the October meeting in Reno. The book has already been reviewed in *Noticias*.

Mr. Crosby signed books before our Sunday breakfast buffet.

He spoke on his new book and previously published books—*Antigua California*, *The Call to California*, *Doomed to Fail*, *Tijuana 1964*, *The Cave Paintings of Baja California*, *The King's Highway in Baja California*, and *Last of the Californios*.

He reminded us of his many mule back trips covering the land he writes about and photographs for his books.

Harry is consumed with finding out more about Francisco Xavier Aguilar who came to San Diego with Rivera y Moncada in 1769.

Harry asks members of Los Californianos who have any information on Francisco Xavier Aguilar to contact him at 1277 Silverado, La Jolla, CA 92037, (858) 454-1034, hrosby@san.rr.com

FUTURE ISSUES OF ANTEPASADOS

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CHAIRMAN

More than a dozen possible subjects for future issues of *Antepasados* were discussed by our Board of Directors at the April 26, 2003 Los Californianos meeting. It is obvious that neither one person, or even a small Committee, can do all the needed research, typing, nor editing that is required to produce a volume of *Antepasados*.

Therefore, we are suggesting that some of you may wish to share in the production of one or several issues and will step forward and volunteer your help.

It is **not** necessary to attend meetings in order to participate in this project. With the ability to communicate by telephone, e-mail, and snail mail, it makes it much easier than in the past. We received help and information from members (as well as non-members) up and down California, as well as from other parts of the United States—some of us will probably never meet, but we know that they support the Committee and our organization. I believe they feel they have helped preserve our heritage by the assistance they gave us in producing the first ten volumes of *Antepasados*, and will continue to do so in the future.