# **Individual Report for Jose Antonio Garcia**

**Individual Summary:** Jose Antonio Garcia

Sex: Male

Father: Mother:



## **Individual Facts:**

Birth: 1733 in Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico

Expedition: 1775 in Recruit for Anza Colonization Expedition; Accompanied by wife and

five children

Milit-Beg: 31 Dec 1776 in Private; Inhabitant of the Presidio of San Francisco with wife

Petronila de Acuna, their 3 children, & his 2 stepchildren

Death: 24 Jan 1778 in Santa Clara Mission, Santa Clara, California

Burial: 25 Jan 1778 in Santa Clara Mission, CA - burial first of a gente de razon at

this Mission

#### **Shared Facts:** Maria Petronilana Josefa de Acuna

Marriage: Abt. 1770

Children: Jose Vicente Garcia

Maria Barbara Graciana Garcia

Jose Francisco Garcia Maria Josefa Garcia Juan Guillermo Garcia Jose De Los Reyes Garcia Francisco Maria Leon Garcia

### Notes:

Person Notes: De Anza Expedition recruit: Came with Anza in 1776 after being recruited by the Captain; first member of the Anza Expedition to die.

Source: Marie Northrup Vol 1

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Source: Derived from Eldredge, Zoeth Skinner, 1912. The Beginnings of San Francisco, (New York: John C. Rankin Company), 291-306. via http://anza.uoregon.edu/people/whoswho.html)

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The family was present at the founding of the Presidio de San Francisco and at the first Mass which was offered there on 19 Jun 1776. He was a soldado at the Mission San Francisco in 1776 and was a member of the escolta of the Mission Santa Clara at his death in 1778.

"Familias de Garcia, Heredia Martinez, Padilla y Otras del Pueblo de San Jose, Alta California " Lo Buglio, Rudecinda "Spanish-American Genealogist"

INHABITANTS OF THE PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO DECEMBER 31. 1776

Pvt. José Antonio García, his wife Petronila Josefa de Acuna, and their children María Josefa, José Francisco, and Juan Guillermo, as well as

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Señora García's two children from her first marriage, María Graciana and José Vincente Antonio Hernández

- Historic Resource Study El Presidio de San Francisco A History under Spain and Mexico, 1776-1846

Rowland, Leon (Main Author), ...Santa Cruz, the early years: including Old Santa Cruz Mission; Villa de Branciforte; the story of Old Soquel..., Paper Vision Press, 1980: Santa Cruz, Calif. Book, Jose Antonia GARCIA. Born in Culiacan, Sinaloa. Soldier with Anza. Brought wife, Maria Josefa de ACUNA, and five children. He was sent to the Santa Clara mission guard in 1777. He died the following year and his widow married Juan Antonio AMEZQUITA. The children who came from Sinaloa were: Maria Graciana, Maria Josefa, Jose Vicente, Jose Francisco, Juan Guillermo.

Pioneer Register and Index: 1st death at Santa Clara i. 306.

Garcia, J. Antonio (mulato) and Josefa de Acuna (race unknown)
- Hispano-Mexican Pioneers of the San Francisco Bay Region: An Analysis of Racial Origins
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