Anza Trail Naipes

ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

Naipes (playing cards) were a popular pastime in New Spain.
A typical deck of naipes included four suits:
Cups, Coins, Clubs, and Swords
numbered 1 through 12.

This deck includes images and stories about
the Anza Expedition colonists of 1775-76.

POSSIBLE USES

During an Anza Trail walk or field trip, have each participant draw a card. Ask them to keep that individual in mind as they learn more about the Anza Expedition. Questions to engage the audience:

"Based on the story you read on your card, what would be some of the motivations for the colonists to join the Anza Expedition?"

"What might have been some of the colonists' fears or concerns?"

The person who draws the Anza card can role play as a leader or commander of your Anza Trail walk.

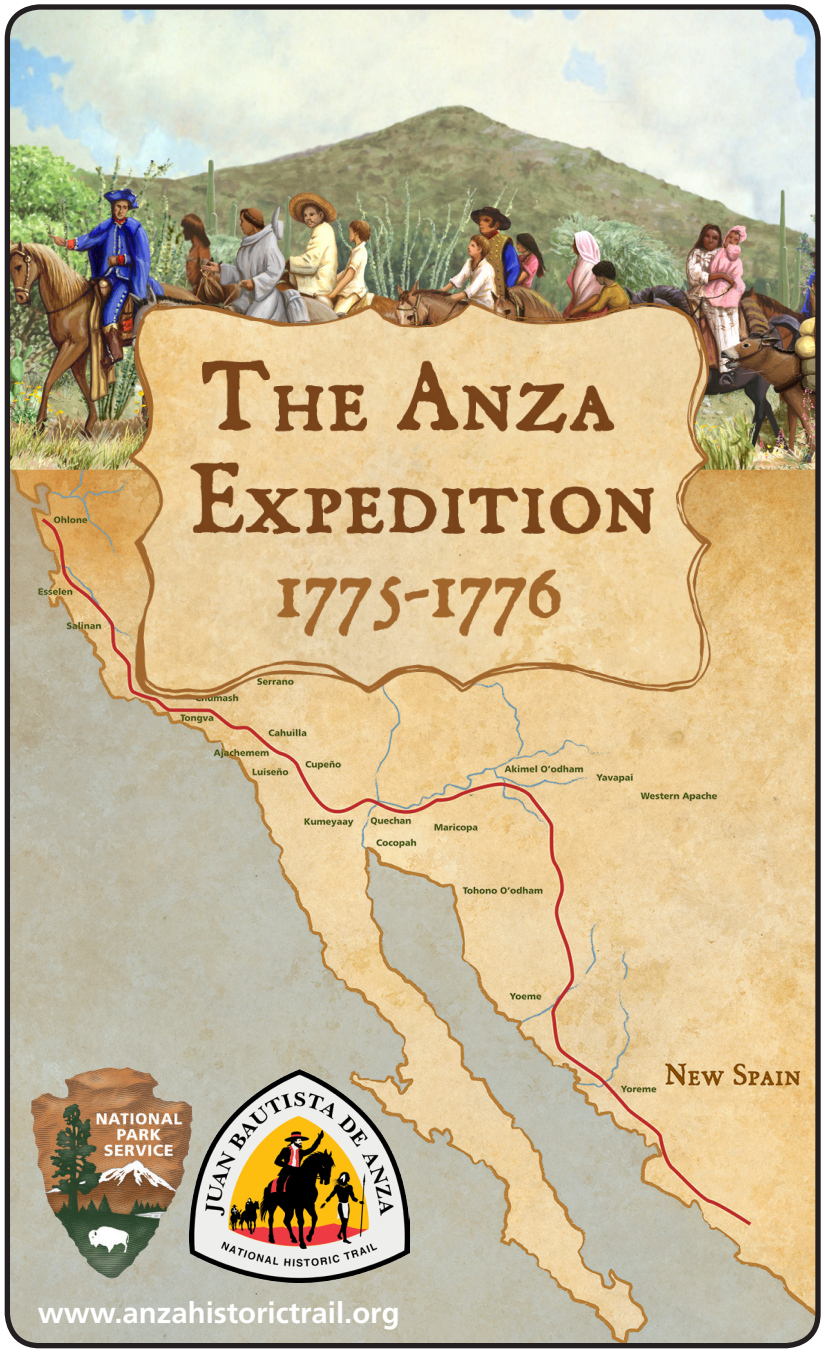
Commander Anza kicked off his expedition with a rousing
"Vayan subiendo!" ("Everyone mount up!")

We're not playing with a full deck!

The deck below has
images and stories for 36 cards.
An entire suit (clubs) is missing!

Who would you like to see
represented on the blank cards?
What stories and voices are missing?

You may draw your own suit of
clubs to make a full deck.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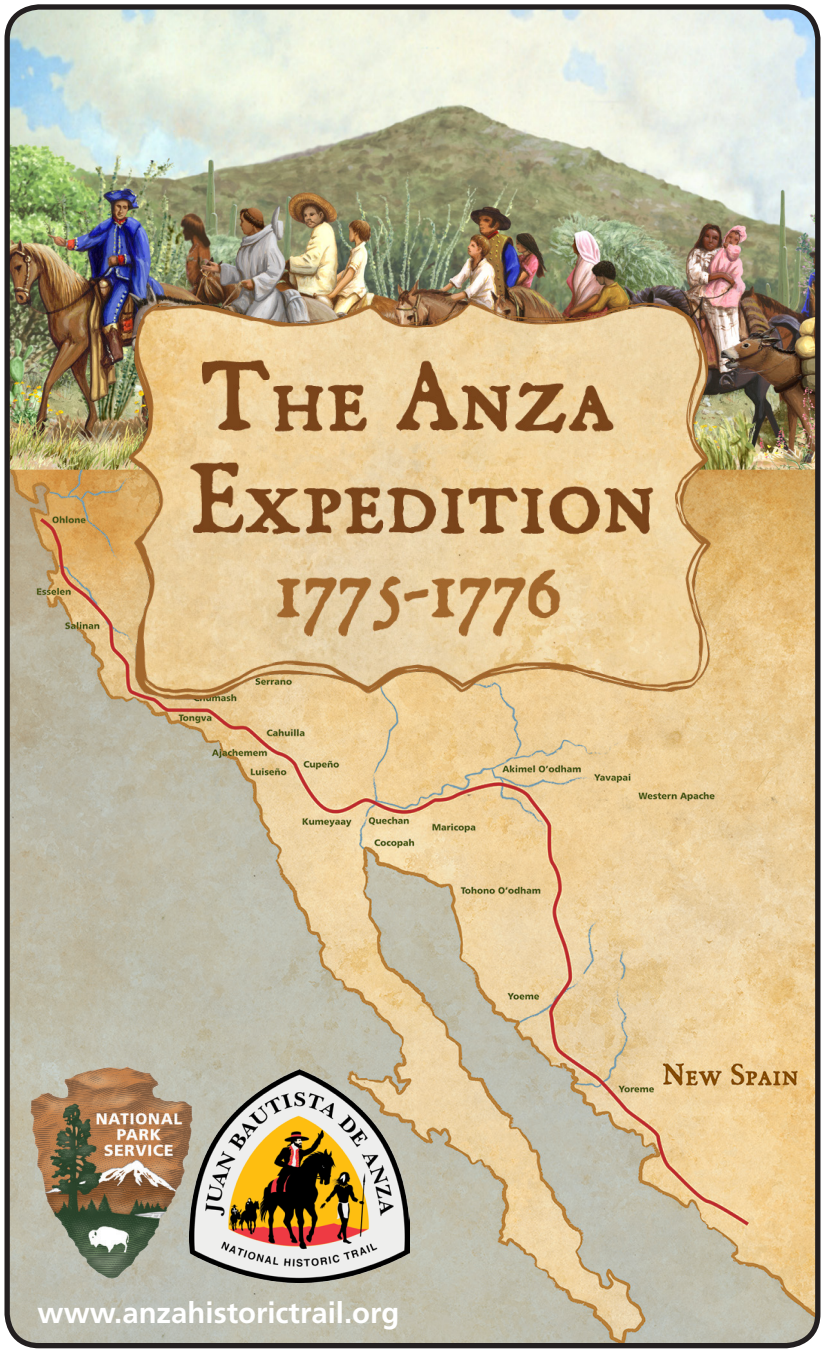
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Feliciana Arballo

I am 25 years old. I am the widow of **José Gutiérrez**. I have two children: **María Tomasa**, age 4, and **Eustaquia**, born only a month ago.

My husband died a few months ago, and there was no one in my area that I would like to marry.

Last spring people came by my house and told me they had enlisted to go with Commander Anza to *Alta California*. I have been living near Horcasitas for some time. I begged Anza to let me and my daughters go with him to *Alta California*, and he accepted.

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Father Pedro Font

I was born in Catalonia, Spain. After becoming a Franciscan priest, I came to New Spain. I think the Indians must join the Catholic religion and learn all the advantages of becoming loyal subjects of the Spanish Crown.

I have been asked to accompany Commander Anza to *Alta California*. I will be responsible for the spiritual life of the people on this trek.

I am an expert in the use of the English quadrant, an instrument that will allow me to record latitudes as we travel. This information will be very important for mapmakers. I will also bring along my *psalterio*, a special kind of harp. Perhaps the Indians will enjoy its music.

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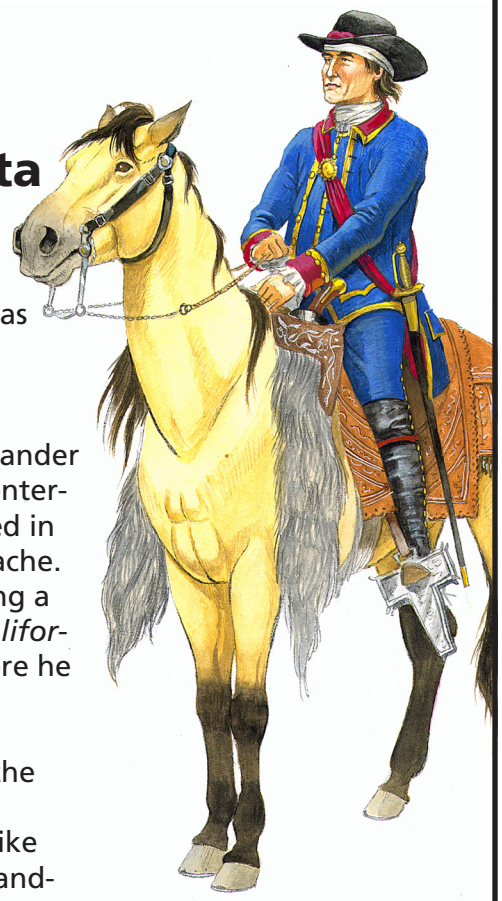

Juan Bautista de Anza

I am 39 years old. I was born in Sonora, New Spain.

My father was commander of the presidio at Fronteras where he was killed in a battle with the Apache. He dreamed of finding a land route to *Alta California*, but he died before he could do so.

I became captain of the presidio at Tubac—a frontier soldier, just like my father and my grandfather. In 1774, I requested an assignment to find a land route from Tubac to *Alta California*. I was successful. And so now, in 1775, I am following orders to recruit soldiers and their families to establish a settlement at San Francisco.

I can offer them a salary, food, and clothing. What Anza promises, Anza delivers. My wife, **Ana María Pérez Serrano**, will remain at Tubac while I am gone.

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María Micaela Ruiz

I am 28 years old. My husband is **Manuel González**. We have five children, including **María Gregoria**, who is 15. My family is Apache, and we have been with Commander Anza for some time at the Tubac Presidio.

Our family shares the same faith and customs brought by the Spanish missionaries. We are loyal to the King of Spain. Other Apaches make raids on the settlers, and steal their horses.

We are going with fewer saddle horses than Commander Anza had planned because of these raids.

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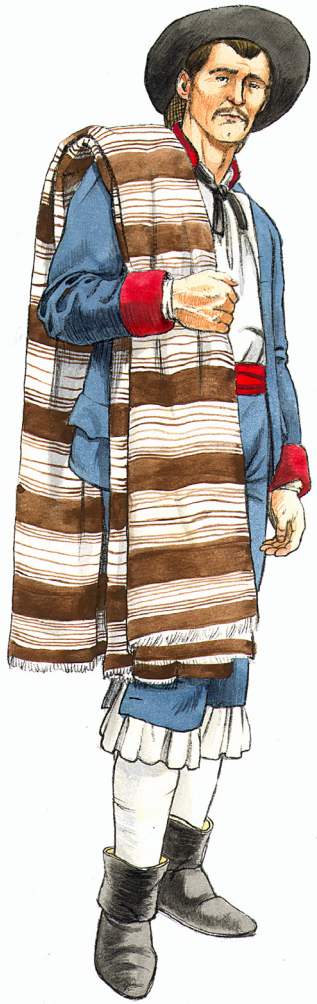
Manuel Ramírez Arellano



I am 33 years old. I am married to **María Agueda López de Haro**. We were both born in Sonora. We have one little boy, Mariano, who is just a year old.

We lived in Horcasitas when Commander Anza came and asked for men who would like to join the army. He said that we would have the opportunity to learn how to be soldiers and then travel to *Alta California*.

I thought about it for two months. My life in Horcasitas is not bad, but I was told that land in *Alta California* is good for raising livestock.

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José Joaquín Moraga

I am 30 years old.

I was an officer at the presidio in Fronteras when Commander Anza asked me to be the second in command of a very important expedition to *Alta California*.

We will be taking many families to this new land. I have been asked to stay in *Alta California* to establish a new presidio.

I am to bring my family on this expedition, but my wife has been very ill, and she is not able to take the trip with me.

Anza has given me permission for her to travel later when she is well enough.

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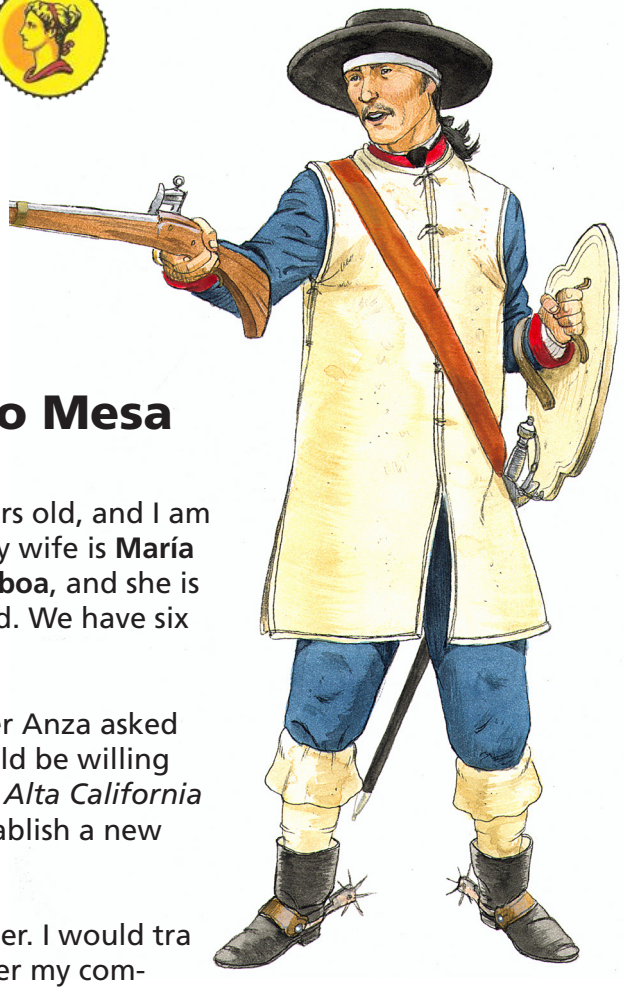

Valerio Mesa

I am 33 years old, and I am *español*. My wife is **María Leonor Borboa,** and she is 30-years-old. We have six children.

Commander Anza asked me if I would be willing to move to *Alta California* to help establish a new presidio.

I am a soldier. I would tra vel wherever my commander told me. But Anza is giving me a choice in this matter as I must take my family along. My wife and I thought it over. She has agreed to come, even though it will be a very hard trip for us.

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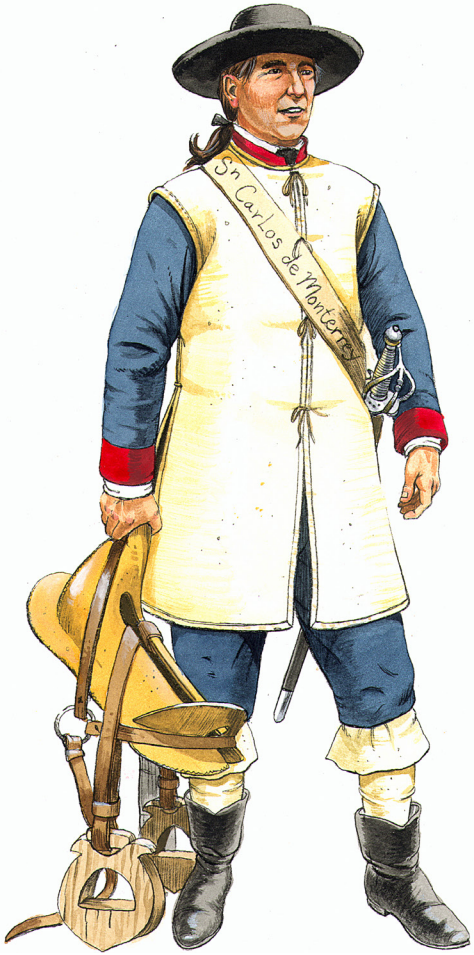
Ignacio María Gutiérrez

I am 30 years old, and I am an Indian. My wife's name is **Ana María de Osuna**, age 25, and she is an Indian as well. Commander Anza came to Culiacán to ask for men who would like to join the army.



He said we would have the opportunity to learn how to be soldiers and then travel to *Alta California*. We will be given land and can settle in the new colony there.

I would be willing to go because our life here has been very hard. After a long discussion with my wife, we decided to go along, despite the hazards and length of the trip. We have two daughters, and my wife is expecting our next child very soon.

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María Bárbara de Espinosa

I am 18 years old. My husband is **Ignacio de Soto**. He is 27 years old.

When Commander Anza came to Villa de Sinaloa recruiting soldiers to go to *Alta California*, he wanted couples with large families. We only have two children, but we are young and healthy and expect to have many more. My husband was permitted to enlist.

I am anxious to go as I have family there already. We are also bringing 14-year-old **Simón Antonio**, as there will be a large herd of horses and other livestock on the trail. Simón's help with them will be needed.

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Juan Antonio Amézquita

I am 35 years old, and I am married to **Juana Gaona**. I am a soldier stationed at the Tubac Presidio. Commander Anza selected me to move to *Alta California* to help found a new presidio. I accepted with pride. We will bring our five children.

My son Manuel, who is 14 years old will bring his new wife, **Rosalía Zamora**, who is 13.

Manuel was much too young when he married, and he will need all the help we can give him. I hope the opportunities in *Alta California* will allow him to succeed.

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María Jacinta Bástida

I am a 26 years old. I am married to **Santiago de la Cruz Pico**. We lived in San Miguel de Horcasitas with our six children.

Commander Anza will provide my family with clothes for the expedition, including hats, shoes, and ribbon. I was provided so many yards of cloth to make clothing for my children! We are bringing along 15-year-old **María Josefa** to help our family on this journey.

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Ana María Josefa Soto

I am a 35-year-old *española*. My husband's name is **Juan Francisco Bernal**, and he is 38. We have seven children. My husband and the older boys had been working on Rancho El Tule near Villa de Sinaloa, when Commander Anza came to our town asking for recruits.

There will be a large herd of cattle and horses on the expedition, and my boys will be very useful in helping drive the herds. I think *Alta California* will have great opportunity for our sons.

The boys hope to enlist in the army when they are old enough.

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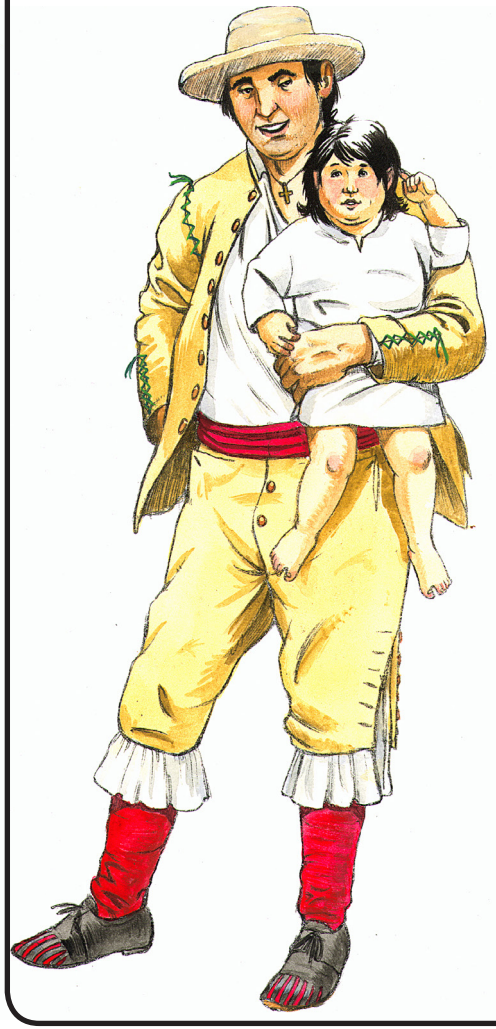
Antonio Quiterio Aceves

I am 35 years old. My wife's name is **María Feliciana Cortés**, and she is 30 years old. We have five children, and also 20-year-old **José Antonio** lives with us.



My family is from Durango, but times were hard for us there, so we moved to Culiacán where I was a farm worker. Life was no better. When Commander Anza set up his recruiting table in the plaza asking for men who would like to join the army and help start a new presidio in *Alta California*, I listened to him. I went home and told my wife that I would be joining. It will be a hard trip as our youngest children will have to ride with us, but we hope for a better life.

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I am 36 years old. My wife's name is **María de la Luz Muñoz**, and she is 30 years old.

We have three children. I was a farm worker living in Villa de Sinaloa when Commander Anza asked for men who would be willing to join the army.

Our pay is one peso per day. Life in Sonora had been very hard, and this salary allows me to provide much better for my family, so I decided to enlist.

José Manuel Valencia

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Juana María Cárdenas

I am 23 years old and married to **Felipe Santiago Tapia**. We have only been married for a short time. His first wife passed away, leaving him with eight children to care for.

We also have a little boy of our own, **Victorio**, who is 6 months old.

When Commander Anza came to Culiacán and set up his recruiting table in the plaza, he said he was particularly interested in bringing large families to *Alta California*. We were very welcome.

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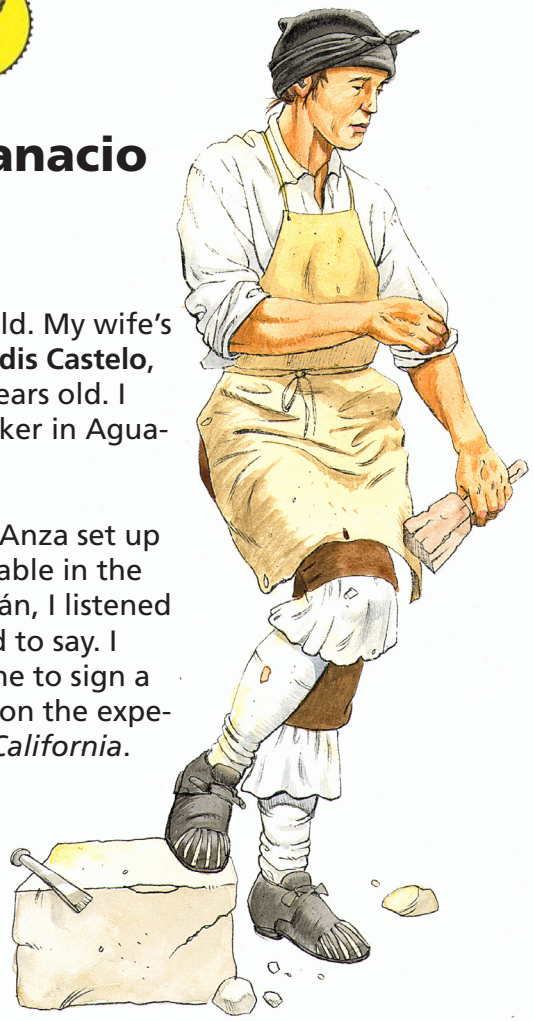
Juan Atanacio Vázquez



I am 40 years old. My wife's name is **Gertrudis Castelo**, and she is 25 years old. I am a farm worker in Agualulco, Sinaloa.

When Colonel Anza set up his recruiting table in the plaza of Culiacán, I listened to what he had to say. I was the first one to sign a contract to go on the expedition to *Alta California*.

We will bring our two sons: **Antonio**, age 8, and **Pedro José**, age 7. I am also bringing my relative, **José Tiburcio**, and his wife, **María Antonia Bojórquez**.

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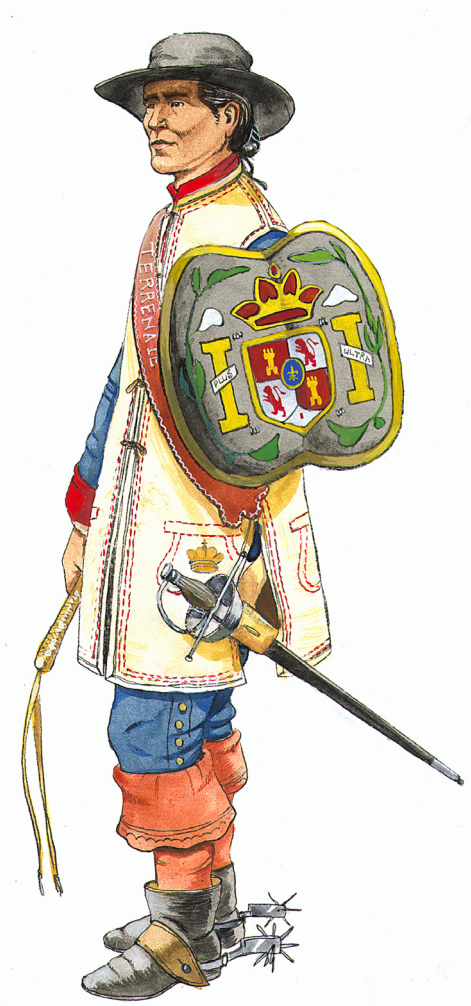
I was born at Guevavi, near Tumacácori, in 1744 and I am 31 years old. My wife is **María Dolores Valencia**, and she is 31 years old.



We are both *españoles*. I was an officer stationed at the presidio of Terrenate. Commander Anza promoted me to sergeant—third-in-command on his expedition to *Alta California*. Promotion to sergeant is an honor, and is not common, but I am a good leader, and I know how to read and write.

My wife and I have two girls, **Josefa** and **Carmen**. Also going with us is my servant, **Claudio**, who is 21 years old.

Juan Pablo Grijalva

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Teresa Pinto

I am 18 years old. I am from Villa de Sinaloa. My husband's name is **Nicolás Galindo**. He is 33 years old and from Chihuahua. We have a little boy, **Juan Venancio**, who is now 5 months old.

My father, **Pablo Pinto**, told us he had enlisted in Commander Anza's expedition to *Alta California*. We were given the opportunity to go as part of my father's family.

We will be given all the things we need for the trip and, when we arrive, we will have land, animals, and other things that will help us start a new life. But, unlike the soldiers' families, we will not get a salary.

My sister, **Juana**, will be going with her husband, so it will be good to have all of my family close by.

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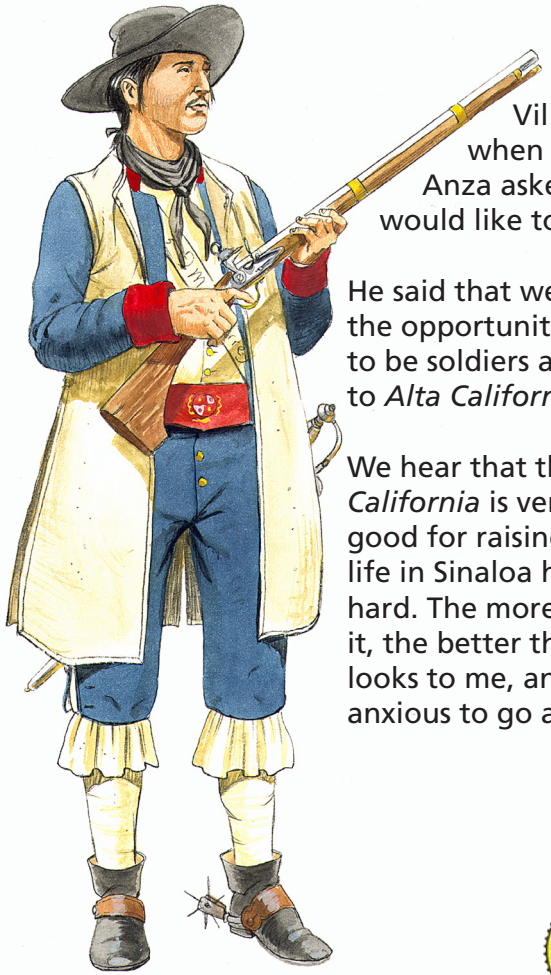
Luis Joaquín Álvarez de Acevedo

I am 35 years old. My wife's name is **María Nicolasa Ortiz**, and she is 30 years old. We have two children.



I was a farm worker in Villa de Sinaloa when Commander Anza asked for men who would like to join the army.

He said that we would have the opportunity to learn how to be soldiers and then travel to *Alta California*.

We hear that the land in *Alta California* is very rich and good for raising cattle. Our life in Sinaloa has been very hard. The more I think about it, the better this opportunity looks to me, and my son is anxious to go also.

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María Dolores Morales

I am 26 years old. My husband's name is **Jose Antonio de Sánchez**, and he is 29 years old. We are both *españoles*.

We have two young children. Commander Anza came to Villa de Sinaloa and asked if any men would be willing to become soldiers and move to *Alta California* to help establish a new presidio.

My husband and I talked it over. It will be a hard trip for us since we will have to carry our children on horseback for many long days. We will be taking a very dangerous trail, and it is a very long trip. But, we may be given land in *Alta California*. We hear it is a good place to live. My husband is also happy, since he has always wanted to be a soldier.

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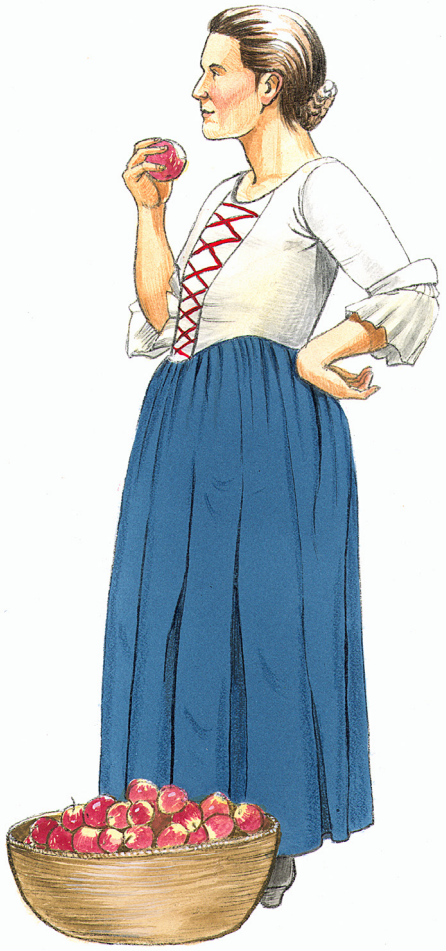
María Carmen del Valle

I am 40 years old and come from Sinaloa. My husband's name is **Juan Salvio Pacheco**, and he is 46 years old. We are bringing three adult children with us to *Alta California*, as well as our two younger children.



Miguel, age 25, and **Gertrudis**, age 13, will likely be looking for someone they wish to marry.

My husband and I have had a hard time bringing up our five children, and we hope that this new land provides them the opportunity to marry well, have many children, and prosper.

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I am 30 years old. My husband, **Ramón Bojórques**, is 32. We are from Villa de Sinaloa, but my husband, who is a soldier, was stationed at the presidio of Buenavista on the Río Yaqui when Commander Anza selected him for this expedition.

We are bringing two daughters with us to *Alta California*. **Gertrudis** is 14, and **Micaela** is 12. Both girls are already thinking about getting married. Once we get to San Francisco, we will be so far away from the rest of my family and friends that I will probably never see them again.

I knew what a soldier's life was like when I married Ramón, so I will not complain.

María Francisca Romero

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Pedro Bojórquez

I am a 27 years old. My wife's name is **Francisca Lara**, and she is 18 years old. We have one child, little **Agustina**. I was a farm worker living in Villa de Sinaloa when Commander Anza asked for men who would like to join the army and go to *Alta California*.

As soon as I enlisted I started receiving army pay. I also received: 3 good linen shirts, 3 pairs of cotton trousers, 2 cloth jackets, 2 pairs of pants, 2 pairs of stockings, 2 pairs of buckskin boots, a hat, and 4 yards of ribbon!

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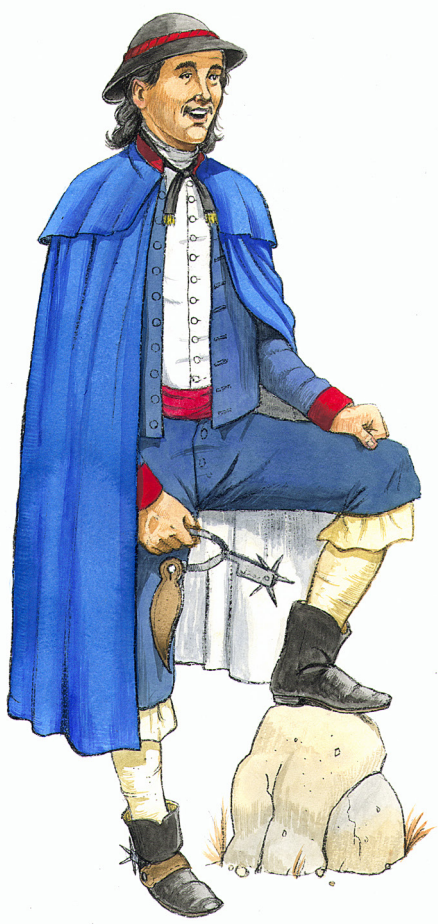
Pablo Pinto

I am 43 years old. My wife, **Francisca Xaviera Ruelas**, is 40. We have with us three children.

Our two married daughters and their families are also coming to *Alta California*. I was a farmer living in Villa de Sinaloa. Life there was very difficult, and I worried about my son's ability to make a living. This year the drought was very bad.



Farming was almost impossible, and I don't think it will get better very soon. So I decided to join Commander Anza's expedition and became a soldier. I am older than most of the others, but I am strong and in good health, so I am confident I will be successful.

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María Josefa Espinosa

I am 17 years old. I am married to **Carlos Gallegos**, and he is 34.

He is twice my age, but he is a kind, good man, and I am happy to be his wife. Carlos is a soldier who has been chosen by Commander Anza to travel to *Alta California*. My husband has accepted the assignment, so I will be going with him. I am not too happy about this trip since the new presidio is so far away.

I will try to be a good wife and do what needs to be done. I wish we were not going.

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Petra Ignacia Ochoa

I am 20 years old. My husband is **Agustín Valenzuela**, and he is 30 years old. We have one daughter, **Ceferina**, who is 3 years old.

My husband heard that Commander Anza was recruiting soldiers to serve at a new presidio in *Alta California*, and he has accepted the assignment. I am not too happy about it, since the new presidio is so far away, and we must travel along a very dangerous trail.

When we arrive, who knows what we will find? But life in Sinaloa has been very hard, so perhaps it will be better for us to move to this new area.

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Pedro Pérez de la Fuente

I am 28 years old. I was so poor that I could not provide for a wife, so I have not yet asked anyone to marry me.

Perhaps I will do better in *Alta California* and find a woman who will accept me as her husband.

Until we leave on the expedition, I am staying at the Tubac Presidio.

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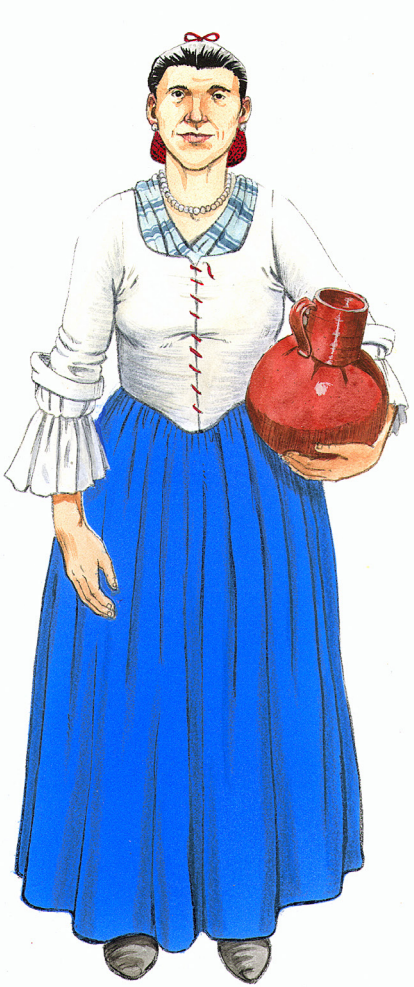
Felipa Neri



I am 45 years old. My husband's name is **Sebastián Antonio López**, and he is 47 years old.

We are the oldest couple going with the expedition. We have three children who are going to go with us to *Alta California*. Our son **Sebastián Antonio** is 17 years old, and our oldest daughter **Tomasa** is 20 years old. Our youngest girl, **Justa**, is only 5, and you can imagine how spoiled she is. Colonel Anza came to our town and asked for men who would be willing to become soldiers and move to *Alta California* to help establish a new presidio. Anza was very pleased when my husband enlisted as he is an experienced mule packer and driver.

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Josefa Acuña

I am 28 years old. My husband is **Antonio García**, and he is 42 years old. I have five children, including two from my first marriage.

My husband moved four years ago to Culiacán. He was a farm worker when he heard that Commander Anza was recruiting soldiers to take with him to *Alta California*. He promised a salary, plus land, livestock and tools upon our arrival. My husband has accepted the assignment. He is one of the oldest men in this group, but he is strong and healthy. We are both looking forward to starting a new life in *Alta California*. Commander Anza has gone over this trail only once so there may be many surprises. Hopefully we will all get there safely.

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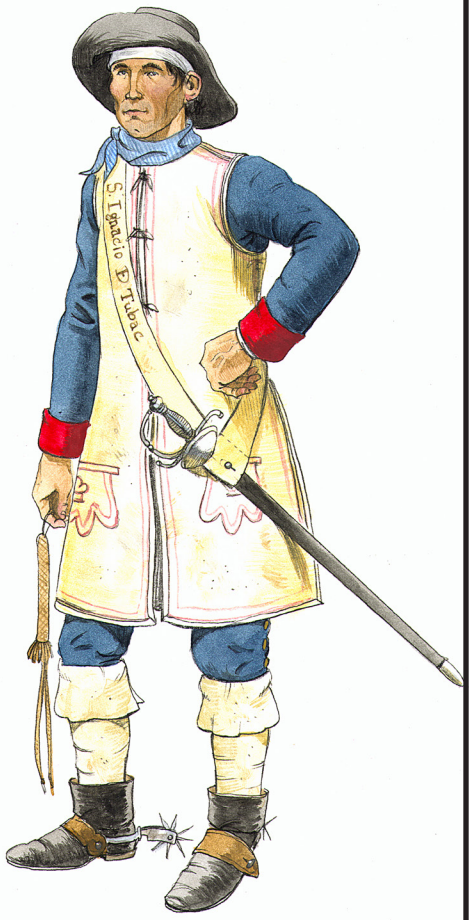

I am 35 years old. My wife's name is **María Ángela**, and she is 30 years old. We have four children, including a 5-month old boy.

I was stationed at San Miguel de Horcasitas when Commander Anza asked me if I would join the expedition to *Alta California* and help establish a new presidio.

One of the conditions is that my wife and children travel with me. I am a soldier and she is a soldier's wife, so we are here.

Domingo Alviso

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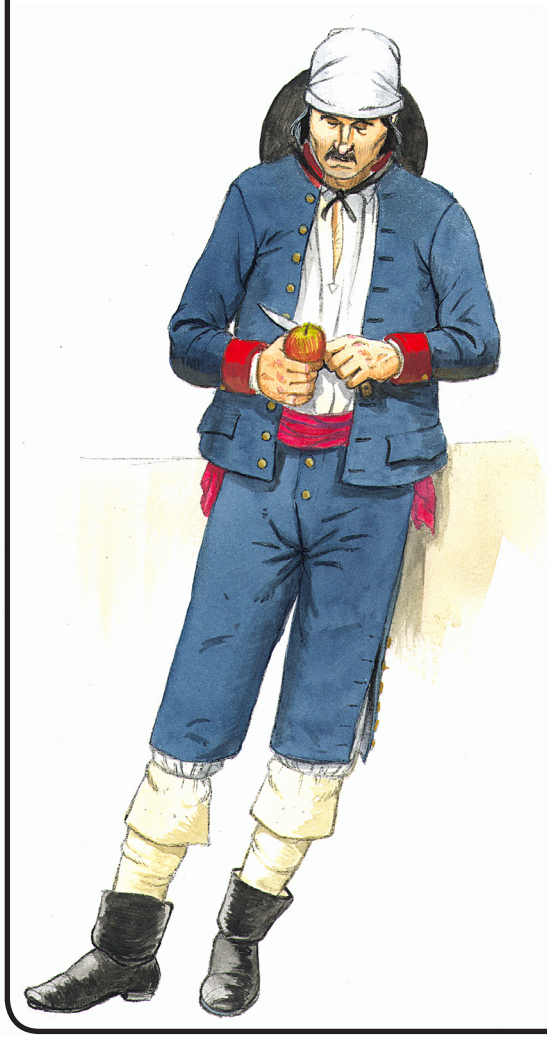
Casimiro Varelas

I am 27 years old. My wife is **Juana Santos Pinto**, and she is 16 years old. We are from Sinaloa. We have one little boy, **Juan Antonio**, who is 5 months old. My father-in-law enlisted in Captain Anza's expedition to *Alta California*, and two weeks later my wife's sister and her husband also agreed to go. My wife would be the only member of her family left behind. She has pleaded with me to ask the Commander to allow us to go. We have been offered food and supplies to make the trip, as well as land, tools, and livestock to become established there.



I am glad Anza has accepted us.

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Francisca Xaviera

I am 33 years old. I lived with my husband, **Gabriel Peralta** at the presidio of Terrenate. He is a veteran soldier.

We are both *españoles* and have four children.

My husband was chosen by Captain Anza to go with him to *Alta California* to serve at a new presidio, and he has accepted the assignment.

I am not too happy about the trip, since it will be a hard journey and there are only ten tents for all the soldiers and their families.

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Gertrudis Rivas

I am a 22-year-old *española*. I am married to **Ignacio Linares**, who is a 30-year-old Indian. We have three children, and I am expecting another child.

My husband served as a soldier at the presidio of Horcasitas when he was chosen by Captain Anza for the expedition to *Alta California*.

I am not too happy about it. I don't know what will happen when the baby is born. Many of the other wives on this trip have very young children also.

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Isabel Berreyesa

I am 18 years old. My brother is **Nicolás Antonio Berreyesa**, and he is 15.

It was very hard for us to make a living after our parents died, and we have become very poor. When Captain Anza came to Villa de Sinaloa, we heard that some of our neighbors enlisted in his expedition.

I have no husband, and Nicolás is too young to join the army, but we begged Captain Anza to let us come along. Nicolás can help with the animal herds, and I can help with the children.

Perhaps Nicolás will become a soldier when he is older.

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Joaquín Isidro de Castro

I am 43 years old. My wife's name is **María Martina Botiller**, and she is 40 years old. We are both españoles. We have been blessed with eight children: five boys and three girls. We are also bringing a 9-year-old Indian boy from Guasave that we have given the name **Francisco Antonio Castro**.

I have had a very hard time earning enough to support my large family. By joining Captain Anza's expedition, I can be certain that they will all be provided with food and clothing. When we get to *Alta California*, I will also get land and livestock to provide for them.

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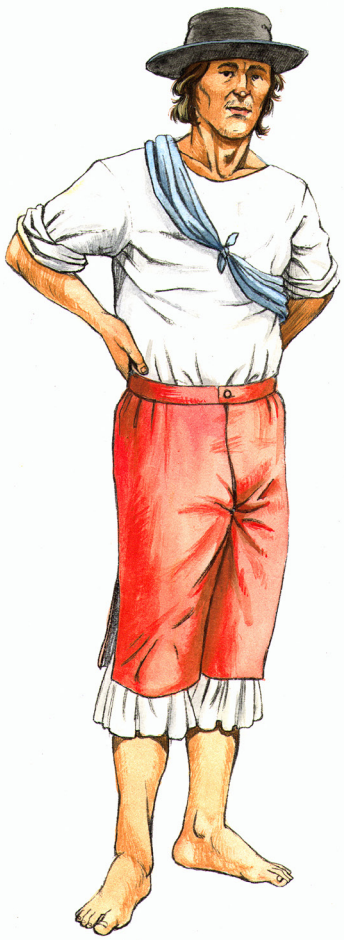
Gregorio Antonio Sandoval



I am a 30-year-old widower. Several months ago I was living in Chihuahua when the word came that Captain Anza was recruiting soldiers for a new settlement in *Alta California*. I heard he would consider anyone.

I was too poor to marry again and saw this as my opportunity. I convinced my girlfriend, **Mariá Dolores Ontiveros**, that I should enlist and she could come meet the expedition at Mission San Xavier del Bac, where we would be married.

We have waited a very long time, and this is our opportunity.

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