

Manuel Butron: Catalanian Volunteer

Generation No. 1

1. **Manuel¹ Butron** (Jose^A)¹ was born abt. 1727 in Molina de Segura, Valencia, SPN², and died 4 Jan 1793 in San Jose, Alta CA, New SPN. He married **Maria Margarita Dominguez** 20 May 1773 in Mission San Carlos Borromeo de Monterey³, daughter of Eene Rnuto and Leneza Vecina. She was born abt. 1758 in Alta CA, New SPN⁴, and died 25 Jan 1815 in Monterey, Alta CA, New SPN⁵.

Notes for Manuel Butron:

Manuel Butron was a Catalanian Volunteer, under the command of Lt. Pedro Fages and a member of Juan Gaspar de Portola's second land expedition in search of Monterey Bay, Alta California, New Spain.

The "Compania Franca de Voluntarios de Cataluna" (Free Company of Catalanian Volunteers), were originally known as the "Compania de Fusileros de Montana de Cataluna" (Company of Mountain Fusilers of Catalonia) and were recruited in April of 1767 in Barcelona, Spain from the "Segundo Regimiento de Infanteria Ligera de Cataluna" (Second Regiment of Light Infantry of Catalonia) stationed in Barcelona, Spain.

The Catalanian Volunteers were to be used as a trouble-shooting reserve unit in New Spain. They would be under the command of Captain Augustin Callis, Lieutenant Pedro Fages, and sub-lieutenants Estevan de Vilasca and Pedro de Alberni. Manuel Butron was one of the original 90 Catalanian Volunteers.

The Catalanian Volunteers began their march from Barcelona to Cadiz by way of Madrid and Seville. In Seville they were assigned to New Spain as combat troops for the Sonora Campaign. In Cadiz, the Volunteers boarded the ships "Juno" and "San Juan" under the command of Don Juan Antonio de la Colina, and sailed for New Spain on May 27, 1767.

The Catalanian Volunteers disembarked at the port of Veracruz in August of 1767, and began their long march to Mexico City. From Mexico City they marched to Tepic and arrived there in October of 1767. They remained in Tepic through December 1767, and on January 20, 1768 they boarded the ship "Laurentana" and sailed for Guaymas. Due to severe weather the "Laurentana" arrived in the port of Guaymas in the month of May, after 105 days at sea. It took over a year to travel from Barcelona to Guaymas.

In August of 1768, the Catalanian Volunteers participated in fighting marauding rebel Indians in Sonora. In September of 1768, in preparation of the colonization and defense of Alta California, Lieutenant Pedro Fages and 25 Catalanian Volunteers were ordered to San Blas from Guaymas. Manuel Butron was one of the 25 Catalanian Volunteers. Early in December of 1768, the Volunteers arrived at La Paz, Baja California on the ship "San Carlos" under the command of Captain Vicente Vila of the Royal Spanish Navy.

The Catalanian Volunteers under the command of Lieutenant Fages sailed from La Paz aboard the ship "San Carlos" commanded by Captain Vila on January 10, 1769 and arrived in San Diego on April 29, 1769. Upon arriving at San Diego, most of the crew and half of the Volunteers were ill with scurvy.

Gaspar de Portola's first land expedition to find Monterey Bay, left San Diego on July 14, 1769 and consisted of 64 persons including Lieutenant Fages and six or seven Catalanian Volunteers. The expedition failed to find Monterey Bay, and was camped near the mouth of the Salinas River on October 4, 1769 and continued their march northward. On November 4, 1769, the expedition was at Sweeney Ridge overlooking San Francisco Bay and realized that they had traveled to far north. Portola was using maps dated 1734. On November 11, 1769 the expedition began their return trip to San Diego. On November 27, the expedition arrived at the site of Monterey and did not realize that they were at Monterey Bay, as they were expecting a small snug harbor. The expedition arrived at San Diego on January 24, 1770.

Portola's second land expedition to find Monterey Bay, left San Diego on April 17, 1770. The expedition included Lieutenant Fages and 12 of the surviving Catalanian Volunteers and Father Juan Crespi and Father Francisco Gomez. Manuel Butron was one of the surviving Catalanian Volunteers. The expedition arrived at

More About Maria Antonia Amesquita:
Baptism: 5 Sep 1791, Mission Santa Clara de Asis³⁸
Burial: 30 Mar 1831, Mission San Juan Bautista Cemetery³⁹
Religion: Catholic

Marriage Notes for Sebastian Butron and Maria Amesquita:
Married at the Mission San Carlos de Monterey.

More About Sebastian Butron and Maria Amesquita:
Marriage: 30 Dec 1807, Mission San Carlos Borromeo de Monterey⁴⁰

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