

OÑATE EXPEDITION FIRST COLONISTS



The inspector at last put in an appearance during the second week of November, an occasion that produced a welcoming salvo of harquebus shots. Oñate went forth to greet him, and the two men embraced in the Spanish style. Then they retired to Don Juan's tent to confer. The new arrival was Juan de Frías Salazar, an aging soldier who had fought with the King's armies in Flanders and afterwards came to New Spain where he made a fortune in mining. Oñate had every reason to expect that Salazar would prove as accommodating as his predecessor, Lope de Ulloa, but unhappily he was in for another jolt.

At their first meeting, Salazar displayed his true character. He was arrogant, pompous, willful, and petty, the sort of man to let power go to his head and assume dictatorial authority. Brusquely, Salazar informed Don Juan that all of his commands must be executed promptly and without challenge. His initial terse order astonished Oñate. The entire expedition, the inspector declared, must start north at once, and several days up the trail he would halt it at his pleasure and conduct the visita.¹

These names are taken from the inspections by the Commissary General, Juan de Frías Salazar, December 5, 1597, through January 10, 1598, with Jaime Fernández, Royal Notary.²

Don Juan de Oñate 1/7/98

Soldiers

Franciso Vázquez 12/7/97

Juan Medel 12/7/97

Juan Ortiz Riquel 12/7/97

Miguel Pérez de Villa Viciosa and one servant 12/7/97

Gonzalo Hernández, wife, married daughter, and son old enough to bear arms 12/7/97

Pedro Sánchez Monrroy, wife, children, and family 12/7/97

¹ Marc Simmons, *The Last Conquistador, Juan de Oñate and the Settling of the Far Southwest*, University of Oklahoma Press: Norman, 1991, 85-86.

² George P. Hammond, *Don Juan de Oñate, Colonizer of New Mexico 1595 – 1628*, University of New Mexico Press, 1953, 226-285.

Francisco Hernández Cordero, wife, and father-in-law 12/7/97

Alonso Martínez 12/7/97

Gonzalo de la Carrera 12/7/97

Isidro López 12/7/97

Antonio de Seriñana 12/7/97

Francisco de Ledesma 12/7/97

Juan González de Vargas 12/7/97

Bernabé de las Casas 12/7/97

Don Juan de Escarramad (sponsored in part by Oñate) 12/7/97

Miguel Montero de Castro 12/7/97

Hernán Martín Serrano and wife Juana Rodríguez 12/6/97

Juan Gutiérrez Bocanegra and son, Antonio Gutiérrez Bocanegra 12/6/97

Manuel Francisco 12/7/97

Alonso de Sosa Albornoz and wife, Doña Beatriz Navarro

Juan Pérez de Donís, wife Doña Anna de Herrera, son Fray Gonzalo de Herrera, preacher and teacher in the order of St. Augustine, two grown sons, lay brothers, two maiden daughters, and a married daughter 12/5/97

Captain Felipe de Escalante 12/5/97

Alférez Domingo de Lezama 12/5/97

Francisco Cadino (sponsored in part by Oñate) 12/6/97

Martín Ramírez 12/5/97

Lorenzo de Munera 12/5/97

Alonso Robledo 12/5/97

Pedro de San Martín (sponsored in part by Oñate) 12/6/97

Captain and Alférez Francisco de Sosa Peñalosa, wife Doña Euphemia, daughter Doña Juana de Trejo, married to Diego de Zubía, captain and purveyor of this army, son Francisco de Sosa Peñalosa, son Estevan Illán de Sosa married to Doña Juana de Argüello 12/7/97

Contador Alonso Sánchez, Contador of Public Treasury (accountant), wife and children 12/7/97

Captain Marcos Farfán de los Godos, and servants Pedro de Rivas and Hernando Rascón 12/7/97

Captain Don Luis Gasco de Velasco, wife Doña Isabel 12/7/97

Captain Gerónimo Márquez, five children male and female 12/7/97

Captain Alonso Gómez Montesinos 12/7/97

Alonso de Quesada, three servants, two men, one of which is married to a female servant, and one soldier 12/7/97

Juan del Caso Baraona 12/7/97

Cristóbal López 12/7/97

Andrés Pérez 12/7/97

Luis de Araujo 12/7/97

Lucas de Tordesillas 12/7/97

Hernando Hinojos and Sebastián Rodríguez, brothers 12/7/97

Juan Pérez de Bustillo, wife, seven daughters and two grown sons 12/6/97

Francisco Sanchez (caudillo, a military leader, under Captain Alonso Gómez) 12/7/97

Antonio Hernández (soldier under Captain Gregorio Márquez) 12/7/97

León de Ysasti 12/7/97

Pedro de Sariñana 12/7/97

Juan de León 12/7/97

Juan de Griego 12/8/97

Gaspar López de Tabora (sponsored a soldier named Antonio Rogriguez) 12/6/97

Alférez Bartomolé Romero, wife Dona Lucia Lopez, household and family 12/8/97

Alférez Pedro Robledo (company of Captain Alonso de Sosa Albornoz), and four sons, Diego Robredo, Alonso Robredo, Pedro Robredo, and Francisco Robredo 12/6/97

Alférez Bartomolé González de Almaguer, several servants (one armed) 12/8/97

Juan de Pedraza 12/8/97

Alonso Martín (sponsored by Oñate – it's not clear if an Alonso Martínez, also sponsored by Oñate, is a separate person) 12/6/97

Alonso Varela 12/6/97

Manuel Díaz 12/6/97

Pedro Varela 12/6/97

Asensio de Arechuleta 12/6/97

Cristóbal Sánchez and Juan Rodríguez (brothers) 12/7/97

Captain Pablo de Aguilar Ynosoja 12/8/97

Joseph Brondate (stated he could not go on the expedition due to 'pressing matters') 12/8/97

Martín Carrasco, and a servant 12/9/97

Juan Rogríguez 12/8/97

Captain Juan Moreno de la Rua 12/9/97

Marcos Cortés 12/9/97

Captain Marcelo de Espinosa 12/5/97

Juan de Victoria 12/11/97

Alférez Alonso Núñez Hinojosa (sponsored by Oñate) 1/6/98

Sargento Mayor Vicente de Zaldívar (nephew of Oñate) 12/8/97. His brother's name, Maese de Campo Juan de Zaldívar, is missing from these rolls).³

³ Simmons, *The Last Conquistador*, 33.

Captain Gregorio de César 12/13/97

Sargento Rodrigo Zapata 12/9/97

Juan Velarde Colodro (Oñate's private secretary) 12/8/97

Lorenzo Salado de Ribadeneyra (Oñate's valet), one male servant 12/8/97

Isidro Suárez de Figueroa (sponsored by Oñate) 1/6/98

Alférez Juan de Victoria Carvajal (probably Vitoria not Victoria), two grown sons Gerónimo and Estevan, and one male servant 12/8/97

Francisco García, wife, and small daughter 12/8/97

Franciso Hernández Guillén (sponsored by Oñate), wife, two daughters, one married, a son-in-law, and a grand-daughter 12/8/97

Francisco Sánchez, one male Indian servant 12/16/97

Alférez Diego Núñez de Chaves (Alférez to Captain Bartolome de Cardenas) 12/15/97

Rodrigo Belmán (sponsored by Oñate) 1/4/98

Cristóbal Pérez (sponsored by Oñate) 1/4/98

Juan de Medina (sponsored by Oñate) 1/4/98

Juan Ximénez (sponsored by Oñate) 1/4/98

Diego Hernández (sponsored by Oñate) 1/7/98

Diego Castilla (sponsored by Oñate) 1/7/98

Isidro Juárez (sponsored by Oñate) 1/7/98

Juan Guerra (sponsored by Oñate) 1/7/98

Diego Landín (sponsored by Oñate) 1/7/98

Jorge de Zumaya (sponsored in part by Oñate)

Bartolomé de Herrera (sponsored in part by Oñate)

Captain Gaspar Perez de Villagrà (missing from the rolls)

Franciscan Missionaries

Father Rodrigo Duran (left the expedition just before it started)

Fray Cristóbal de Salazar (Onate's cousin)

Fray Diego Márquez (was reassigned just before the expedition started)

Three Priests and a lay brother (probably all these left with Fr. Duran)

Replacements (ten priests and lay brothers) arrived 3/3/98:

Fray Alonso Martínez (commissary)

Settlers

Conspicuously missing from these rolls are Don Juan Onate's son, Cristóbal, and many women and children and other relatives of the men who are listed.

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