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**The Lineage of Cindi M. Alvitre**

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***Preface***

As most extensive genealogies go, it is normally difficult to follow each generation through the written word. In order to best follow the persons being discussed in this report, I highly recommend using the accompanying genealogical pedigree chart. [Enclosed in left pocket of the binder in which the report and evidence are assembled and presented.]

Secondly, as a means to better understand the use of special fonts and acronyms, the following is offered:

- 1) The bold and Italics font is used to highlight the name exactly as it was spelled in the referenced document. If a name is spelled differently than what might be expected as the usual spelling, it is not a typo. Rather, it is a means to illustrate the exact spellings (or dates) as they were seen in the referenced document.
- 2) The term “(sic)” is a designation that the transcriber acknowledges the name was spelled as such in the original document and no effort was made to correct that spelling.
- 3) Terms or letters that provide clarification are inserted in brackets [ ].
- 4) The acronyms used in the citations follow:

B	Baptism record
C	Confirmation record
BP	Mission Santa Barbara Presidio, Santa Barbara, CA
CME	California Mission Extract Collection, as compiled by Thomas Temple Workman II, Cindy Buglio, Marie Northrop, et al., and on microfilm on file with the Genealogical Society of Utah
D	Burial record
ECPP	The Huntington Library, Early California Population Project, 2006
LA	La Plaza Church, Los Angeles, CA
M	Marriage record
SBV	Mission San Buenaventura, Ventura, CA
SD	Mission San Diego, San Diego, CA
SG	Mission San Gabriel, San Gabriel, CA
StBon	St. Boniface Church, Anaheim, CA

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## ***Introduction***

At the request of Chairman Andrew Salas, of the Kizh Nation, Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians, and in response to his claims that Cindi M. Alvitre is not descendent of Gabrieleno Indians, I agreed to conduct a genealogical investigation of her claimed Indian lineage. The ***result of this investigation demonstrates Alvitre is not of California Indian descent***. This report provides the evidence and analysis which led to that conclusion.

A preliminary investigation into Alvitre's activities was conducted to determine how she may be related to a Gabrieleno Indian. Based on the following excerpts, she claims this lineage through her father, Bernardo Alvitre, and an ambiguous ancestor from Santa Catalina Island:

"Tongva Cultural Workshops

"About the Workshop Organizers

"***Cindi Moar Alvitre*** has been Director of Ti'at Society since its inception in the late 1980s. She is a Tongva descendant of the Moompetam (Salt Water Clan). ...<sup>1</sup>

"She was the organizer and first woman chair of the Gabrieleno-Tongva Tribal Council, and is currently the chair of the Traditional Council of Pimu. As the daughter of the late Bernard "Nino" Alvitre, for nearly 30 years Cindi Alvitre has continued the family's tradition of social activism. ... She continues to dedicate her life to the preservation and protection of the Tongva culture."

*The Press-Enterprise, "Catalina Homecoming"*<sup>2</sup>

"...According to oral history, Cindi is descended from a Gabrieleno island woman who was shipped off the island and taken to Mission San Juan Capistrano."

This effort also confirmed she publically represents herself as a *Gabrieleno* Indian:

The Guibord Center, Religion Inside and Out<sup>3</sup>

"Cindi Alvitre, Moompetam

"Director and founder of Ti'at Society

"Cindi Moar Alvitre (Tongva) is a mother and grandmother and has been a cultural/environmental educator for over three decades. She is descendant from the Tongva, the original inhabitants of Los Angeles & Orange Counties, and the four Southern Channel Islands, and served as the first woman chair of the Gabrieleno/Tongva Tribal Council."

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.farmlab.org/2007/08/tongva-cultural-workshops-sept-8th-15th.html>

<sup>2</sup> *The Press-Enterprise*, "Catalina Homecoming," Living section, published 27 Aug 2000.

<sup>3</sup> <http://theguibordcenter.org/cindi-moar-alvitre/> (see evidence date under 2007).