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A Study on the Valenzuela Lineage of Anthony Morales (b. 1947)

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Preface

It has been my professional observation far too many people are seriously misled by erroneous and imperfect genealogical methods employed by the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, first in 1928, then in 1950 and then again in 1969. [While this report does not include such background for this statement, a report is available upon request.] It is amazing how many people, who find relatives who were enrolled in the California Indian Jurisdictional Act (1928), ***do not do their homework and take it for granted the Bureau of Indians have done it for them.*** So now there are people whose ancestors appear the rolls but whose genealogy is disproven by modern genealogical methods. One cannot help but wonder how some people make up the stories they do. It is one thing to try to make sense of your family’s history but it is quite another to spin a yarn just to have it all unravel when it counts the most. It is my hope Mr. Morales will understand his mistake and attempt to make things right – not just for himself, but for the real Gabrieleno Indians.

Introduction

At the request of Chairman Andrew Salas, Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians [Kizh Nation], in response to the claims Anthony Morales makes regarding his Valenzuela relatives, I agreed to conduct a genealogical investigation on the facts of this lineage. After an in-depth and lengthy research effort, the results are conclusive – ***none of Morales’s Valenzuela ancestors possessed any California Indian heritage.***

Acronyms for the Footnotes and Citations

- B = Baptism
- BP = Santa Barbara Presidio (Santa Barbara, California)
- C = Confirmation
- CIJA = May 18, 1928 Congressional California Indian Jurisdictional Act
- CME = California Mission Extracts, as compiled by Thomas Workman Temple II, Cindy Buglio, Marie E. Northrop, et al.
- D = Burial
- ECPP = The Huntington Library, Early California Population Project database, 2006
- LA = La Plaza Church (Los Angeles, California)
- LPC = Mission La Purisima de la Concepcion (Lompoc, California)
- M = Marriage
- SB = Mission Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara, California)

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