(casitas) known to have existed on the ranchería site were burned down, and, according to family oral tradition, Catherine Peralta, Lucas Marine’s wife, was the last person to live on the ranchería. What remained were large, scattered, extended families, related to one another through marriages and godparenthood, who maintained and treasured the knowledge of their identity. It was into this changing world that the children of Porfidio Sanchez and Ramona Marine were born at the Sunol ranchería.

The Families Period (1914 to the Present)

Several censuses and ethnographic materials show that the grandparents of the contemporary Muwekma families continued to live near Alisal after 1914. Documents from the Department of the Interior, dated 1913, 1915, 1916, and 1917, specify the existence of the “Verona Band” of Indians in Alameda county. The existence and location of the Verona Band was again corroborated by the Department of the Interior in 1927. The California Jurisdictional Act of 1928 (45 Stat. L. 602) created an application/enrollment census for California Indians who could verify that their ancestors were living in the state on June 1, 1852. This special census (1928-1933) is the most precise document available for the period, as it listed all the Indians of the Verona Band, specified where they lived, and in some cases actually identified them as “Ohlone Indians.” Recorded on two applications, two Muwekma relatives identified themselves and their tribal affiliation as “Ohlones” and “Olanian” to examiner Fred Baker. Dolores Sanchez’s maternal uncle, Lucas Marine, referred to his tribe as “Ohlones.” He was the youngest son of Dolores’s grandparents, Raphael and Avelina Cornates Marine, and he married Catherine Peralta, José Guzman’s granddaughter. Some of these individuals are still alive and are the grandparents and parents comprising the Muwekma elders.

The most extensive information about the Ohlones of the Verona Band comes from the work of Smithsonian Institution linguist and ethnographer John P. Harrington, who worked with Ohlone descendants at Carmel, Monterey, and San Juan Bautista, as well as in Pleasanton. Harrington interviewed Verona Band Ohlones between 1921 and 1930, and his main informants were Maria de los Angeles Colos, José Guzman, and other immediate family members (Susanna Nichols and Catherine Peralta), all descendants of the multiethnic Indian communities established after the secularization of Mission San Jose. Like Kroeber and Merriam before him, Harrington encountered a rich linguistic environment among the Ohlones of Pleasanton. Californio Spanish and Miwok Ki’k predominated as a lingua franca, but Harrington also heard Chochenyo and recorded dance songs, vocabularies, and stories in that language. He did the same for two other surviving Ohlone languages, Mutsun/Hoomontwash, in the San Juan Bautista area, and Rumsen in Carmel and Monterey. Harrington’s notes provide tantalizing glimpses of an ethnographic puzzle, the heterogeneous components of the complex and varied world of the Ohlone in the early twentieth century. The word for “the People,” “Muwekma” appeared in early linguistic publications and was still in use when Harrington visited the east bay. The information he recorded described the last generation of Ohlones to have grown up speaking indigenous languages.

The East Bay Muwekma/Ohlone families continued to live in Pleasanton, Sunol, Niles, Milpitas, Newark, and Livermore in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. During these years, Ohlone existence passed out of the public eye and into the private domain. Kroeber wrote his extinction sentence in 1925, and while the families did not “go into hiding” per se, they adopted a quiet and discrete profile. The pervasive, and often openly hostile, racism of American society at this time still sometimes categorized Indians as “criminals” and the Ohlones, along with other indigenous Californians, as primitive “Digger Indians.” This atmosphere, and historical circumstance, contributed to the waning of the cultural revival that the people of Alisal had experienced.

One whole side of the descendants and relatives of José Antonio lost a great deal of their heritage. Ramona Marine Sanchez, the daughter of Avelina Cornates Marine, who had herself been raised by José Antonio and Jacoba, her grand-uncle and aunt, died young in childbirth in 1921. Ramona grew up within the environment of transitional Ohlone culture, having lived at Alisal and being the child of Avelina. Evidence suggests that the Ohlone heritage at Alisal was passed most strongly through the female line. Strong, independent female leaders, called mayen, may derive from ancient Costanoan and Miwok traditions, since early Spanish sources describe mayen as sometimes, but not always, the wives of capitanes. Ramona’s death was thus profoundly disruptive to the passing of cultural
as a domestic in San Francisco until age seventeen. She married at a young age and moved with her husband to a ranch in Milpitas during the early 1930s. She and her family lived very simply and survived the years of the Great Depression. One of Dolores’s daughters, Julia Lopez, recalls that while their mother would send the children off to church, she would never go herself. “And she was brought up in the Mission,” Julia said. “Us kids wondered about it, but now I realize she must have gone through many changes while living there.” Later, in the 1940s, Dolores and her family moved to a working-class neighborhood in east San Jose known as Sal Si Puedes (“Get Out If You Can,” so-called because the unpaved streets would flood during the wintertime). In San Jose, the children went to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, although their mother did not. Julia remembers how three of the church’s leaders, Fathers Poole and MacDonald and Sister Bravo, would take her and her siblings to a monastery in Los Gatos to play. Julia reflected that while “everything was taken from my mother when she had to go to the Mission,” Dolores still knew which herbs that grew in the hills were medicinal, and told her children that they were Indians. At times of sickness, she would take her children up to Alum Rock Park to the sulphur springs, and to collect herbs, to make them well.66

Other immediate family members lived near Dolores in San Jose. Her brothers Enos Sanchez and Robert Sanchez were neighbors. Both served, along with several of their cousins (Henry Alvarez, Salvador Piscopo, Ben Galvan, Ernest Marine, and others), in the United States armed forces during World War II. They have maintained their identity, and knew about certain aspects of their heritage.67 Various cousins, uncles, and aunts living throughout central California also visited on occasions when they were in town.

Henry “Hank” Alvarez, a Muwekma elder and first cousin to Dolores Sanchez, remembers growing up in Santa Cruz with his mother, Dolores Marine. He is the youngest of seven children of his mother’s first family. During the depression, Dolores Marine, then married to Phillip Galvan, Sr., moved to Brentwood. Henry grew up there with his step-brothers and sister and remembers many families coming to visit and to “spend the night and my mom cooked for everybody.” He remembers his mother talking about linguist J.P. Harrington: “I remember that there was a man who came around. Heh, my mom didn’t like him

Lucas Marine and his (second) wife, Cecilia Armija, ca. 1925. Courtesy Alvarez and Galvan families.
because he used to talk too much. She knew him, but she never liked him because he talked too much. . . . asked too many questions.” In 1942, Hank enlisted in the United States Army and served in Europe. He landed at Utah Beach during the Normandy invasion and was discharged from the service on December 28, 1945. Hank also knew his two uncles, Dario and Lucas Marine, very well and would visit with their families. Both of his uncles, he recalls, spoke in the Indian language, but he never knew which dialect.

Dolores Sanchez’s daughter Julia Lopez remembers Christmases in Fremont with Tia Trini and her family, including Ruth Orta, her brothers and sisters and their families, as the best of times for the Sanchez children. Julia recalls Tia Trini as a person who took care of other people in the family and understood their cares and needs. She was also a storehouse of information about the families’ heritage, although at this time she was seldom asked anything about this. It seems that it was enough during those years to spend time with the members of the extended family, to feel the warmth and security of the ingathering at Christmas, or at weddings, births, and funerals, and quietly to know about and share their identity. The strength of these families is what kept Ohlone identity alive.

Recently, some of the descendant families of José Guzman, Victoria Marine Munoz, and Dolores Marine Galvan have submitted their applications for enrollment in the Muwekma tribe. Albert Galvan, son of Benjamin and Jenny Galvan, was elected to the tribal council. As the process moves forward toward federal recognition in this year of the quincentennial of Columbus’s voyage, tribal members hope that other documented families will join the Muwekma as rightful inheritors of their aboriginal birthright, thus bringing the tribe to full circle.
Full Circle

The Ohlone families remained invisible almost until the final disposition of the Settlement Act in 1964. In 1972, the enrolled Ohlones, along with the other eligible California Indians, received their share of the final judgment for the value of California Indian lands specified in the unratified eighteen treaties of 1851 and 1852. Many of the Muwekma received, in final judgment for all of their ancestral lands, with interest, the sum of $668.51 per person. The process of contemporary revitalization, as we have related here, was initiated when the checks from the federal government were mailed out, and questions were raised in the minds of many of the descendants. At that time, Rosemary Cambra, daughter of Dolores Sanchez, and now chairwoman of the Muwekma Ohlone tribe, began the process of consciousness-raising. As the great-great-grandniece of José and Jacoba Antonio, and a vigorous and visible leader, Rosemary now leads the federal acknowledgement process. By slender threads, the knowledge and heritage passed from the Costanoan villages at the time of contact with the Spanish, through the crucible of great loss and suffering during missionization and early statehood, to the first great revitalization at Alisal, and then quietly through the last sixty years. The time of silence is over, and the second revitalization of the Muwekma Ohlone families is moving forcefully. Hank Alvarez perhaps best captures the spirit of this revitalization by stating: “We should be recognized. Our greatest achievement is to try to do this. I talk to my wife and talk to the children about this, how important it is for our grandchildren to carry on and to do what they are supposed to do about their heritage; be proud of it and not deny it and not be ashamed of it. I was never ashamed of saying I was an Indian.”

See notes beginning on page 453.
A 1989 Muwekma gathering of four generations in Alameda County, at Coyote Hills, East Bay Regional Park. The site (Ca-Ala-328) is a reconstructed village above a prehistoric shellmound, where P.B.S. television filmed its recent documentary, “The Voice of the Planet.” Seated from left to right are: Amah-Mutsun elder Adela Gilroy (San Juan Bautista Ohlone), Muwekma elder Dolores Sanchez, Rosemary Cambra, Muwekma elder Robert Sanchez, Mary Louisa Cruz, John Cambra, Jr., and Anna (Cruz) Fajardo, holding her baby daughter Blanca. Photograph by Alan Leventhal.

Dolores Sanchez is a Muwekma tribal elder. She has been central to the Muwekma Ohlone tribal revitalization by providing leadership and support for the tribe’s effort toward federal recognition. She has actively been involved with lifehistory projects and has participated in many tribal research programs.

Alan Leventhal has been trained as an archaeologist and has conducted field work in the Great Basin and California for the past twenty years. He has also been involved with various Native American communities, from New York to California. In addition to working on the administrative staff at San Jose State University, he is a part-time instructor in anthropology at Ohlone College. For the past twelve years, he has worked as an archaeologist and ethnohistorian with the Muwekma tribe and more recently with the Amah-Mutsun Ohlones and the Carmel Mission band of Costanoans.

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Rosemary Cambra is the elected chairperson of the Muwekma Ohlone tribe. She has been active in seeking federal acknowledgment for her tribe, as well as the two other Costanoan/Ohlone tribal groups. She has been a distinguished guest speaker at various Bay Area universities, including Stanford, Santa Clara, University of California at Berkeley, University of California at Santa Cruz, and San Jose State University.
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44. Ibid., 44-46.
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46. Ibid., 341-46.
48. Serra to Rafael Verger, April 8, 1779, in Serra, Writings, 3:349-51.
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61. Geiger and Meighan, As the Padres Saw Them, 105-106.

Patterson, “Indian Life in the City,” pp. 402-411.

1. The term “Pomo” has come to designate people who are descendants of Pomo-speaking natives of Lake, Glenn, Mendocino, and Sonoma counties, California. Pomo is a branch of the Hokan language family and has been subdivided by linguists into seven mutually unintelligible languages identified by geographical prefixes: Northern Pomo, Central Pomo, Southern Pomo, Southwestern Pomo (Kashaya), Eastern Pomo, Northeastern Pomo, and Southeastern Pomo. There are local dialects of all seven languages. Frances Jack speaks the Hopland dialect of Central Pomo as her first language.
3. All the quotes attributed to Frances Jack, as well as the information pertaining to her experiences, were collected by the author in a series of interviews with Frances Jack at Hopland Rancheria between 1985 and 1990. Interview notes are in the possession of the author.
4. Drs. B. W. and E. C. Aginsky of Columbia University, New York, directed a summer field school in conjunction with the New York University Social Science Field Laboratory in Ukiah from 1939 to 1947. Their students focused on understanding the social, political, and economic relations of people living in the Ukiah Valley. The unpublished and unedited field notes from the school are housed at the Department of Anthropology, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California.
6. From Columbia University/New York University Social Science Field Laboratory unpublished notes, 1938-1940.
7. Documents relative to the history of the Oakland YWCA can be found at Oakland Public Library, Oakland History Room, Newspaper Clipping Files, “YWCA.”
10. Documents pertaining to Anthony Chabot and the Chabot Home can be found in the Oakland Public Library, History Room, Newspaper Clipping Files, “Chabot.”
11. All the quotes attributed to Mildred Van Every, as well as the information pertaining to her book, Chabot, can be found in the unpublished notes of the Columbia/N.Y. University Social Sciences Field Laboratory, 1939-40, housed at Sonoma State University.
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19. CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) was passed in 1970 and amended in 1984. CEQA requires public agencies to assess the effects of their activities upon the environment (Public Resource Code, Section 21000 et seq.). The California Resource Agency has issued CEQA guidelines; Appendix K of these guidelines specifies what constitutes an “improvement archaeological resource.”

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25. Ibid.

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