

**ANOTHER PIONEER
IS LAID TO REST**

**DOMINGO BASTANCHURY DIES
AT RIPE AGE**

Man Who Herded Sheep from Monterey to San Diego and Who Helped Build Up State Buried

Another of California's pioneers was paid final honors and laid to rest yesterday when the funeral services of the late Domingo Bastanchury were held in the Cathedral of St. Vibiana. Senor Bastanchury died Wednesday, after a lingering illness, aged 71 years, death coming to him at his home on the Orange county ranch of the estate. The wife and four sons who survive him were present during his last moments. Interment was in Calvary cemetery.

Senor Bastanchury was a French Basque, born in the little town of Alaitzes, in the heart of the Pyrenees mountains, in March, 1838. In 1869 he sailed around the Horn and engaged himself as a cattle herder. Following this business up and down the coast, he decided upon the present Orange county as promising much for the future and all his accumulated savings were invested there.

By dint of hard work and economy, Bastanchury became possessed of flocks and herds of his own, and later of large tracts of land. His first purchases of ranch land were made in 1888. Recently oil has been discovered on some of this ground, and while 3000 acres have been sold for exploitation to oil companies, the estate retains 3400 acres of land that is probably rich in oil deposits. Some of the best wells in the state have been sunk on the Bastanchury ranch.

Romance of Ranches

Senor Bastanchury's marriage was a romance, as were many of those in the pioneer days. In his native town the pioneer had known the Oxarrat family, a son of which came to California shortly after Bastanchury did. This man, John Oxarrat, visited frequently at the home of his friend in Orange county, and when Senorita Marie Oxarrat came to California in 1874 to visit her brother nothing was more natural than that the prosperous young neighbor should meet her. He not only did so, but lost his heart to her as well, and a year later they were married. Four sons were born to the happy couple, Dominick, Gaston, Joseph and John, of whom the eldest is now 23 and the youngest 20.

The family resides still on the old home place, three miles north of the town of Fullerton. The old ranch hacienda, to which Bastanchury took his bride in the '70s, stands today and is still in use, although not by the family. It is said this is the oldest ranch house in use in Southern California. A magnificent new home was built for the family in 1903, half a mile from the adobe where the young couple made their start so many years ago.

The funeral services yesterday were attended by many of the pioneers of Southern California, and the pall bearers were old friends and business associates of the dead man.

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