

# Individual Report for Francisco Javier Leonardo Garcia

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Sex: Male

Father: Jose Miguel Garcia

Mother: Maria Rafaela Miranda

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**Individual Facts:**

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Birth: 06 Nov 1843

Census: 1852 in Contra Costa County - listed as Havire age 10

Census: 1880 in Tassajara. Contra Costa

Land Grants Received: 10 Apr 1885 in Contra Costa CA - Homestead

Mortgage: Jan 1891 in Placed 40-acre plot on Section 4 for mortgage security. 1893 tax assessment shows George Beck as owner

Death: 09 Dec 1909 in Northern Addition, Livermore, California

Baptism: Mission San Jose

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**Shared Facts:** Maria Lucia Evangelista Miranda

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Marriage: 20 Oct 1875 in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Oakland, California

Children: Isaac Garcia  
Christina Garcia  
Annie Garcia  
Roberto Garcia  
Leandro Garcia  
Rose Garcia  
Jennie Garcia  
Sarah Garcia  
Adolph H Garcia

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**Notes:**

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Person Notes: Died suddenly at the Northern Addition home of his daughter, Sarah Garcia Franco Miranda  
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1880 Census - Tassajara, Contra Costa  
Laborer

Name spelled Haviel Gacio - Says single in error...not noted as being in same location as Lucia

Javier Garcia, also settled in the Black Hills. Javier (variously spelled Xavier, Javiel, Jabiell, Havriel, Gabriel or Gabel) Garcia was born on 6 November 1843 and baptized Francisco Javier Leonardo Garcia at Mission San Jose. He grew up on the famil rancho east of Alamo near the Mesas and the Mirandas. His father was Jose Miguel Garcia, and his mother was Rafaela Miranda, another daughter of Manuel Miranda.

In the 1852 Javier is listed with his large family as "Havire," age 10. The Garcias had owned a quarter of the Romero Grant but in 1857 the courts ruled the Romero Grant invalid, so most of their rancho property was lost. The Garcias had borrowed money with a loan in 186 from financiers Simon Wolf and Michael Cohen, but had been unable to repay it. They owed \$508. The sheriff ordered a tax sale in 1866 of their remaining 140-acre property to the highest cash bidder. [*Contra Costa Gazette* 6 Oct1866:2]

Javier Garcia married Lucy Miranda, a sister of his mother, The Alameda County marriage records show that he was issued a license on 27 September 1870. At first Javier and Lucy were married in a civil ceremony, perhaps because the priest was unhappy that an aunt and nephew would

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marry. Their church wedding at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oakland took place on 20 October 1875. Three of their children were baptized in Oakland, one at Mission San Jose, and then four more at St. Michael's in Livermore. The Livermore baptisms run from 1881 to 1889.

In March 1881 "Jabiel" Garcia applied for a 41-acre homestead on section 4 T2S/R2E in the Black Hills; he was issued the patent on 10 April 1885. The November 1884 proof claims his settlement, directly north of the 80-acre homestead of Romualdo Valenzuela, in November 1879. He owned a house and barn, an enclosed vegetable garden, a two-acre orchard, and 10 acres planted in grain for hay. He and Lucy had six children, including daughter Sarah. [San Francisco General Land Office, Homestead Entry 2538, National Archives, DC.] Sons Robert and Isaac Garcia were attending Summit School in 1889 and 1890. Lucy Miranda Garcia died of pneumonia in Livermore at age 41 on 6 January 1892. Her husband had used his 40-acre plot on section 4 for mortgage security in 1891. [*Contra Costa County Mortgage Book 27:533*] However, the 1893 tax assessment map showed George Beck as the owner of Javier Garcia's 80 acres. After losing or selling his Black Hills property, Garcia moved into Livermore. He died suddenly at the Northern Addition home of his daughter, Sarah Garcia Franco Miranda, on 9 Sep 1909. [Local Brevities," *The Livermore Herald* 11 Dec 1909:4]

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Probably the earliest "fast foods" offered to Livermore patrons were tamales, handmade by local Hispanic women. In January, 1897 Mrs. Marcado Felis advertised in the Herald - "Surprise chicken tamales" daily; Spanish dishes made to order; enchiladas on Saturday and Sunday at one of Mr. Garcia's houses on First Street between L and M.

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