

## P. GALTES PIONEER OF KERN DIES

Merchant and Builder Who  
Came Here in 1871  
Claimed by Death;  
Long Illness.

Paul Galtes, who came to Bakersfield nearly 50 years ago, before Bakersfield had a railroad and when Havilah was the county seat, died yesterday morning in Ocean Park. He was in his 86th year, was born in Spain and had held a prominent place in municipal affairs, being merchant, banker, builder and member of the first board of trustees of Bakersfield in 1898.

He is survived by four children, Felix Galtes, cashier of the National Bank of Bakersfield; Father Paul Galtes, Jr., who is a Jesuit priest of St. Louis; Sister Mary Christa of the Sisters of the Holy Name, and Mrs. Lucy Hebling of Bakersfield. His children were with him when he died. The remains will be brought to Bakersfield for interment, beside those of Mrs. Galtes, who died two years ago. The funeral will be in charge of Payne & O'Meara.

**Arrives in Kern in 1871.**  
At the time of his arrival, in 1871, Bakersfield sheltered six families, and a few shanties represented the business blocks of the village of that date. The railroad had not been built and passengers had no means of conveyance aside from the stage or their own private vehicles. On every side the barren land stretched out toward the sun-stricken desert and only an optimist could have predicted the possibilities of irrigation. The following year, however, found the county seat removed from Havilah to Bakersfield and the prosperity of the present dates from that period.

**Starts Store.**  
The young Spaniard bought a shanty with a frontage of 25 feet on Nineteenth between K street and Chester avenue, and in the small building he stocked

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