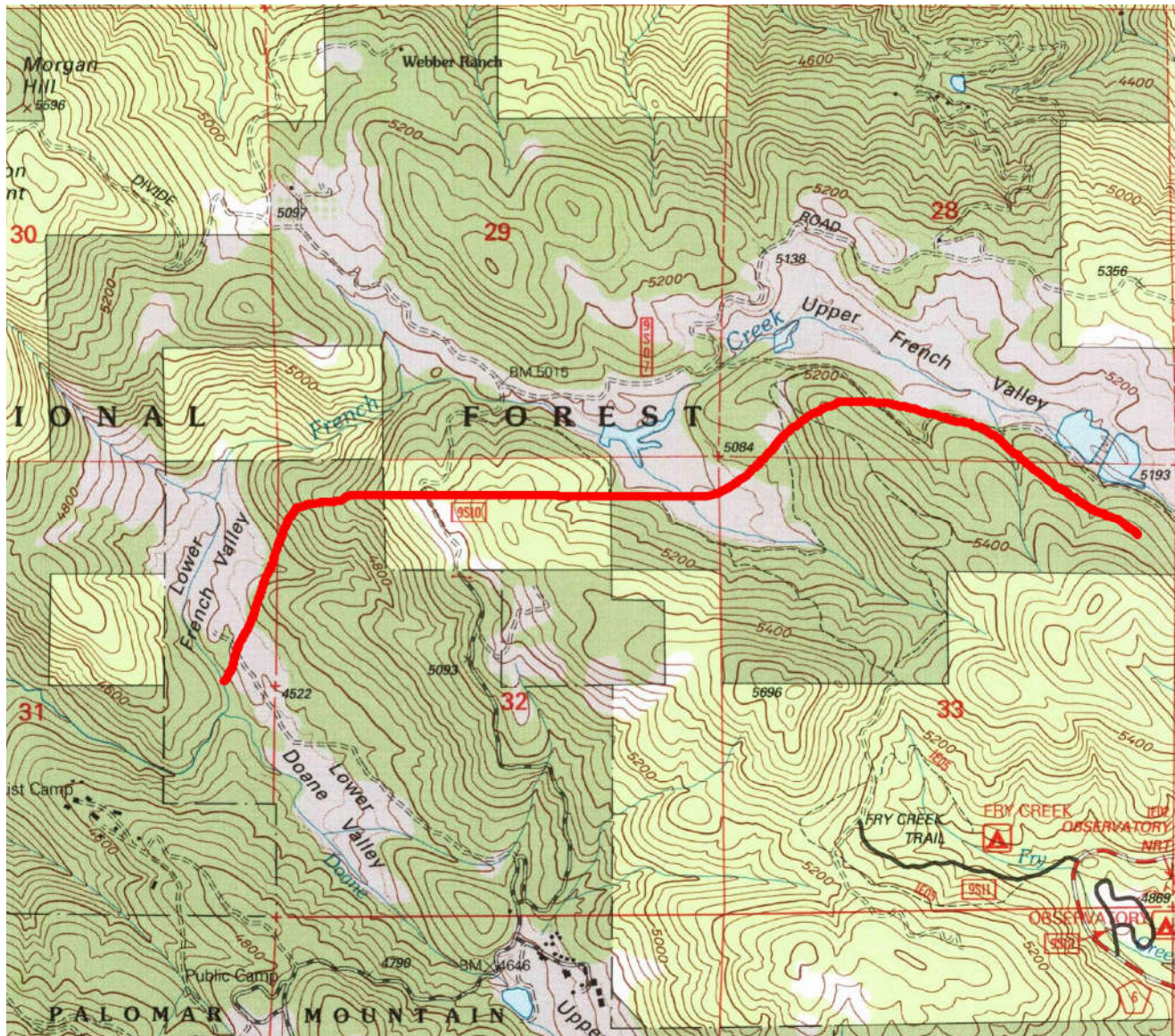


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French Valley and French Creek on Palomar Mountain are named after Hubert Alberto Foussat (1845 – 1933) and Jean Baptiste Foussat (1847 – 1896).



1997 U.S.G.S Boucher Hill quadrangle map

Catharine Wood writes

French Valley lies to the west of and below the telescope. The name commemorates an almost forgotten phase of Southern California life, that of sheep raising. Two Frenchmen by the name of Foussat, selected the valley for a sheep ranch, erecting a dwelling, a barn and sheds for the sheep, but the venture was later given up. Some say the loco weed which grows on the

mountain, poisoned the sheep. Probably the real reason was because the breaking up of the range due to the influx of new-comers during the "boom" of the 1880s caused the decline of sheep raising as the major animal industry of the county.



French Valley, October 1911 Ed Davis photo



Hubert Alberto Foussat, undated

Hubert Alberto Foussat was born in France on February 11, 1845.

Hubert Foussat (spelled as Fouset), age 23, laborer, is on a list of passengers taken on board the 2,388-ton steamer *Pennsylvania* at Liverpool, England, with William Hall as master, starting March 3, 1868; he arrived at San Francisco on April 4, 1868 ^[1,7].

Jean Baptiste Foussat was born in France in 1847 and was Hubert's brother. In the 1870 U.S. Census, John Fouchet, age 22, born in France, occupation wood chopper, was recorded in the Fremont Township of Santa Clara County, California on July 11, 1870.

In 1871, Hubert Foussat located to San Diego County, and then engaged in sheep raising for ten years ^[7].

In the 1880 U.S. Census enumerated in June 1880, the Fousatt brothers, occupation sheep-raisers, one single and one widowed, are recorded in the San Luis Rey Township (first name obscured for one of them, and complete name obscured for the other but with a recorded relationship of brother). In the 1880 U.S. Census Schedule 2, Productions of Agriculture in San Luis Rey tallied on June 4, John B. Fousett was tallied as owning 2,500 sheep and 2,500 swine.

The Great Register of San Diego County for 1880, 1884 and 1886 lists Herbert Foussat, age 35, born in France, sheep raiser on Smith's Mountain (Palomar Mountain), became a naturalized citizen on September 3, 1877, and registered to vote on August 30, 1880.

Jean Baptiste Foussat became a naturalized U.S. citizen in San Diego on April 14, 1885 ^[3].

Jean Baptiste Foussat married Maria Calac (1848 – 1898) and they had a daughter Corpertina who was born near Potrero on July 29, 1886 ^[14]. Maria Calac later married Clemente Castro (1858 – 1947). Corpertina Foussat married John Charles Kolb (1873 – 1941); with its misspelling, Colb Valley on Palomar Mountain is named after his father William Jasper Kolb.



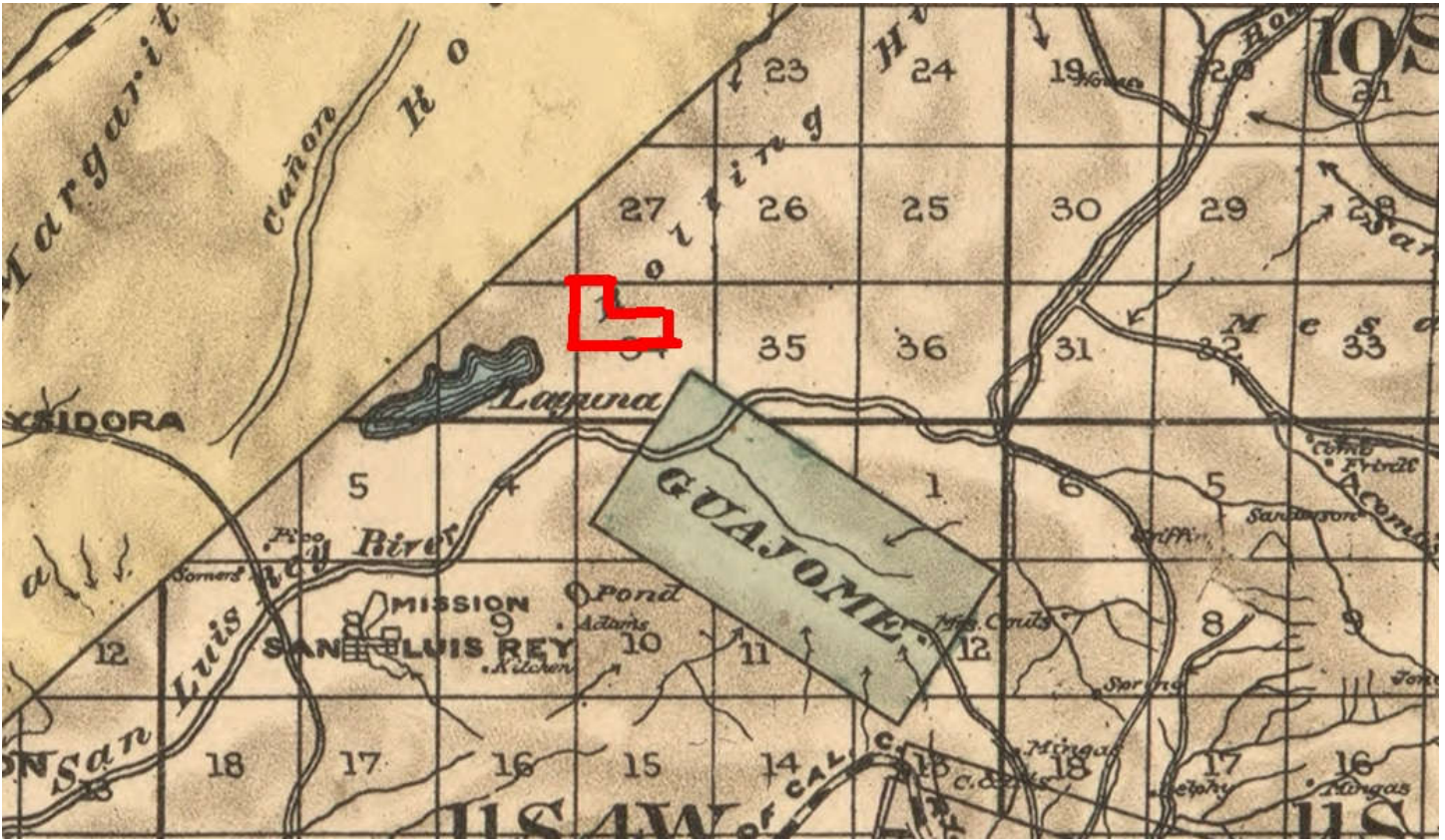
Dolores Maria O'campo, undated

Hubert Foussat married Dolores Maria O'campo (1869-1926) in 1887 ^[7]. They had four sons and two daughters.

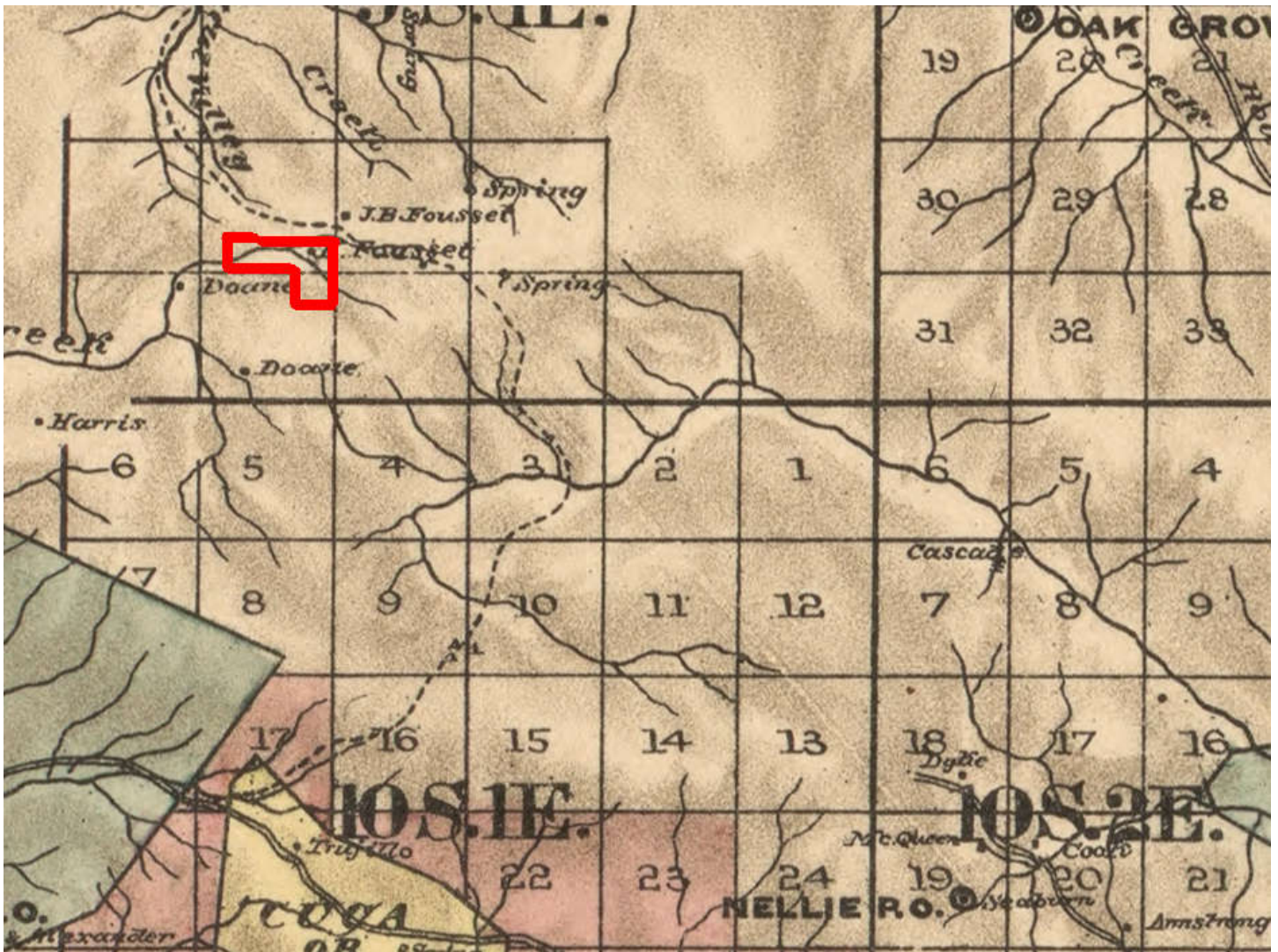


1890 Official Map of San Diego County, California

Hubert Foussat bought land in adjacent sections of San Luis Rey in November 1888 and ultimately owned 780 acres of land devoted to grain farming [4,7,9,11].



160 acres cash entry near San Luis Rey Mission, by Jean B. Foussat on January 25, 1888 [2]
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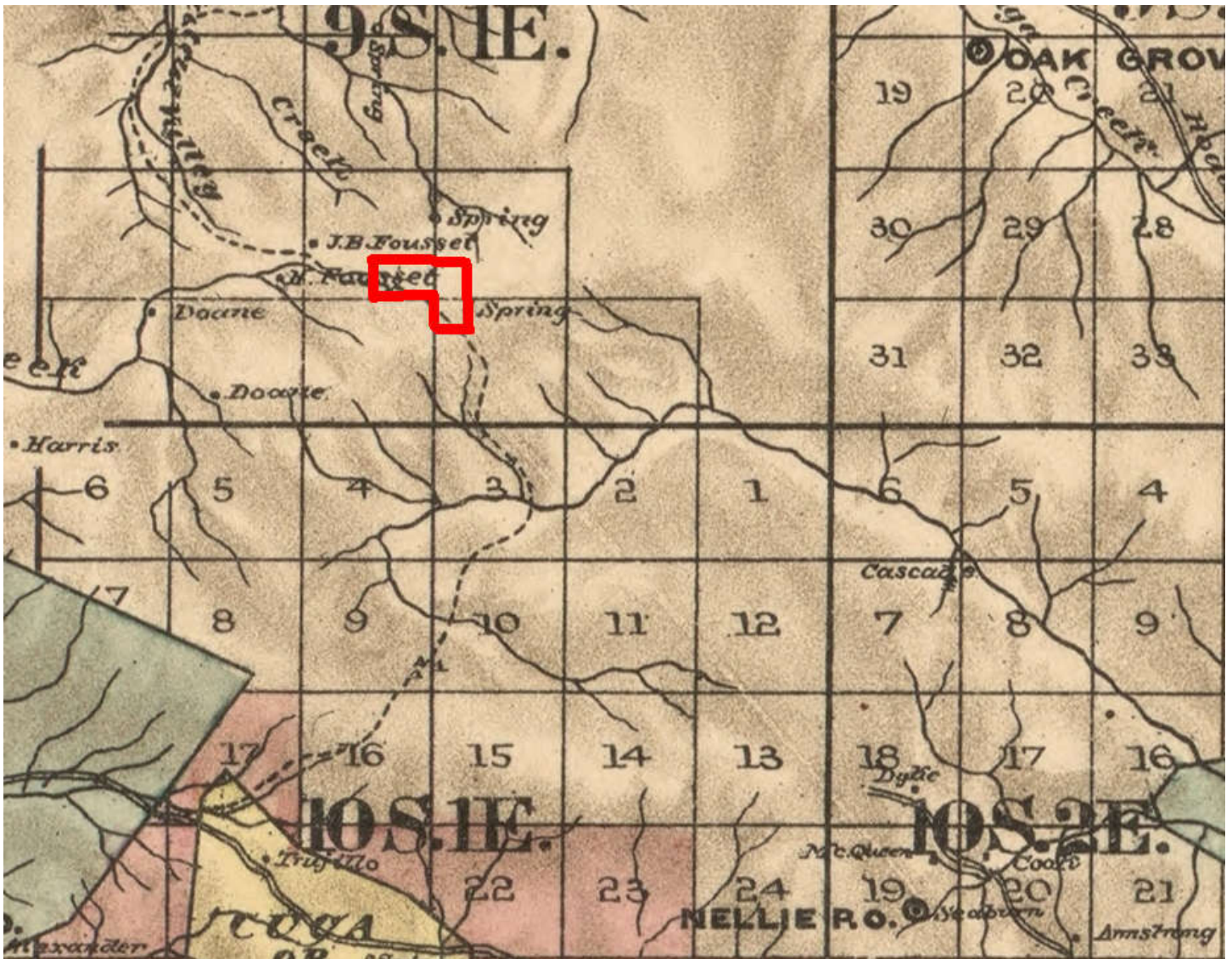
160 acres cash entry in French Valley on Palomar, by Hubert Foussat on January 25, 1888 [2]

His cabin is located in the upper right corner of his land.

'Harris' location at middle left is Nate Harrison.

1890 Official Map of San Diego County, California

Hubert Foussat sold 320 acres of French Valley land to George Doane in January 1888 [5].



160 acres cash entry in French Valley on Palomar, by Jean B. Foussat on October 6, 1888 [2]

His cabin is marked above his land.

'Harris' location at middle left is Nate Harrison.

1890 Official Map of San Diego County, California

The Great Register of San Diego County for 1892 lists Hubert Faussat, age 47, born in France, farmer living in San Luis Rey, became a naturalized citizen on October 28, 1877, and registered to vote on September 10, 1892. There's another record of Hubert Foussat becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen in San Diego on April 14, 1885.

The Great Register of San Diego County for 1892 lists Jean Baptiste Fausat, age 45, born in France, farmer living in San Luis Rey, became a naturalized citizen on April 15, 1885, and registered to vote on October 7, 1892.

Jean Baptiste Foussat died August 28, 1896, and is buried in Mission San Luis Rey Cemetery in Oceanside.



Grave of Jean Baptiste Foussat

In 1896, Hubert Foussat inherited some of the 2,174 acres of Rancho Cuca or El Potrero from the estate of Maria Juana de Los Angeles de Caseano Sobrenes, and he sold an undivided half interest in it to Enos T. Mendenhall in October 1896 [8].

After Jean B. Foussat's death in August 1896, his 160 acres cash entry in French Valley on Palomar was sold by his brother Hubert Foussat to Sylvester J. Mendenhall for \$500 in April 1897 [10].



French Valley, 1915 Escondido History Center

In the 1900 and 1910 U.S. Census, Hubert Foussat is living with his wife Dolores and family in San Luis Rey. The Hubert Foussat ranch was sold to E. W. Gilbert of Los Angeles in 1911, and they moved to Oceanside [7,12].

Hubert Alberto Foussat died September 16, 1933, and is buried in Oceanview Cemetery in Oceanside.



Grave of Hubert Foussat



French Valley, October 1911 Edward Davis photo

Foussat Street in Oceanside was named after the Foussat family, particularly Hubert Foussat [13].

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