

The Vigilance of San Francisco

Original musical mini-series in three parts

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CAST

In order of appearance

* Indicates primary characters

♪ singing roll

*Sister Maria Dominica The aging, formidable superior of the crumbling Mission San Francisco (Dolores). (Late 60's, minimal singing role, standard range)

♪*Judge "Ned" McGowan An amiable Judge and poet (early 50's) Baritone.

James Casey Election Supervisor of San Francisco and fiancée to Arabella. (Mid 30's, a minor character with minimal screen time.)

♪*Arabella Bryan Emotional, pretty, fiancé to James Casey and friend to Ned. (Late 20's, major singing role) Pop lower range to clear, "effortless," high Soprano range.

James King Editor of the Daily Bulletin shot by James Casey (40's, minor character, little screen time, no lines.)

*William Coleman A handsome, self-assured businessman who assumes leadership of the Vigilance Committee (mid 30's).

Tiburcio Vasquez The senile, half-blind superintendent of the Mission Dolores ('70's).

Alfred Green A common lout (50's). ("Cattle wrestler type" in opening sequence)

♪*Yankee Sullivan An Australian bloke (possibly Afr. American) partially raised by Sister Dominica, who now serves as valet to Ned McGowan but becomes a singer. (Early 20's, major singing role) pop/high-tenor range.

♪*Hubert Nobcraft	A repressed, eccentric bookseller who becomes Secretary of the Vigilance Committee (late 40's, singing role, largely Sprechstimme) High Baritone.
Mrs. Hewitt	Matronly secretary to Judge Ned McGowan (late 60's).
*Sterling Hopkins	A butcher who becomes a leader in the Vigilance Committee and "sidekick" to Nobcraft (30's, very minor singing role).
Sheriff David Scannell	The Sheriff of San Francisco (late 40's).
*General William T. Sherman	The brash general in charge of the California State Militia (30's).
*Justice David Terry	Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court (50's).
Mayor Van Ness	The mayor of San Francisco (40's).
Colonel George Butler	A colleague of Ned McGowan (late 50's).
Gov. J. Neely Johnson	Governor of California (late 30's).
Charles Cora	A common criminal (minimal screen time, 30's).
Commodore Farragut	Officer in charge of Navy Operations, SF Bay (30's).
*Robert Dennison	A friend of Ned McGowan's (30's).
*Pedro Ortega	A Californio rancher near Santa Barbara and friend of Robert Dennison (40's).
Señora Ortega	Pedro's wife (pretty, charming, 40's).
Martha Green	German wife of Alfred Green (heavy, 50's).
Jack Power	A notorious, flamboyant (Irish) "bandito," leader of Southern California's rebellious Californios (late 40's).