

Esther Pino Interview

This is a transcript of a taped interview with Esther Pino at the Pino Ranch. Greg Pino is asking most of the questions.

Esther: Margie wants to know when Grandpa Presiliano Pino passed away. When was he born and when did he die. It's at the grave, I'm sure, but I don't even know where the grave is.

Greg: That's Presiliano?

Esther: That's the grandpa, Presiliano, she's making that chart.

Greg: Bueno we could probably get that.

Esther: She said that we had time, because she's making that chart. I have to go. My mother is buried there too, pobrecita.

Greg: This is at Evergreen

Esther: Yes

Greg: I thought she was buried in San Patricio.

Esther: No she's buried here, whenever I take flowers to the dead I just throw a flower, a rose to her.

Greg: You don't know where her grave is.

Esther: Oh no, I was only five whenever she died.

Greg: Why did they bury her here instead of San Patricio or Picacho

Esther: Oh, because they lived here, they were living here. We were all living here. Daddy had a job here, he worked here. That house is on the corner, right there that's for sale, that little old house, the Padillas used to live there.

Greg: Which little house.

Esther: The Padillas, and it's for sale

Greg: Right by where you used to live.

Esther: Yes, it's across the tracks, it's right on the corner.

Greg: By where you used to live.

Esther: No that's where we lived with my step-mother and my dad, pobrecito, my dad.

Greg: I thought that house was torn down.

Esther: It is, but I didn't live there, my mother and my dad, we didn't live there, we lived in another house.

Greg: You lived in the house that's torn down, verdad, now it's gone.

Esther: We lived, you know where the road to the church is, that's where we used to live, right on the corner. I'll show you whenever we go.

Greg: There's nothing there now, verdad.

Esther: Yes, there is, the house is still standing, and it's for sale.

Greg: I thought the house was completely gone.

Esther: No the other one where we used to live with my dad and my stepmother it's completely gone, there's nothing there the land is sold, and ...Uncle Ben got it because he paid the tax, I should have and then he sold it I guess. He sold it.

Greg: Well, you should have paid the taxes, mom

Esther: Well, I paid them one time, but I didn't know ... when daddy sold it or they took it away from him. Anyway, Uncle Ben was pretty sharp and he bought it. He paid for the ..., he said he got it for ten dollars. There's a trailer there now. Right across the street from Bertha La____ , that trailer.

Greg: There's a trailer there.