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Joe A. Quiroz Interview - Dec. 13, 1938 - Live Oak Canyon Rd., La Verne

Grandfather Spanish, Grandmother French. Father came to California from Mexico in the early 1840's, with his 2 brothers and others, including a 'Seri' Indian who had been raised with them. Apache Indians attacked and killed all except Joe's father and the Seri Indian, who each had 6 or 7 arrows in their body. In the night, the two of them pulled out each other's arrows and without making any sounds for fear of the Apaches. Crawled to a stream, where they bathed their wounds and the Indian crushed the roots of some plant to treat the wounds. Then hid in the rocks until the Apaches left.

Made their way to the San Gabriel Mission; near there, Joe was born. When he was a boy, he knew Helen Hunt Jackson, and often accompanied her on trips around the San Gabriel area gathering material for her book detailing the sad plight of the Indians. Was with her when she met the daughter of the Shorbe family named Ramona, who gave her the name for her heroine.

The town of San Gabriel was quite small, but had 19 saloons - very busy on Saturday and Sunday. A certain class considered Indians no better than dogs and shot them on the slightest provocation, many being only children. Friends and family were afraid to come out into the street to claim the bodies until Monday when the orgy was over and the people left town.

Roberta: 'Pappy' ^{or Pop} Quiroz was ^{a groundsman} ~~the custodian~~ at Bonita when she was in high school. He had very special ^{gardenias} ~~smallies~~, and every day picked one bloom to present to a high school girl.

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