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GERRY (GERALDINE) MORRIS BORN 1917 (NOTCH BABY)
MET @ PHILEO LUNCH @ SIZZLER'S

GERRY LIVED, AS A YOUNGSTER, IN THE LOS NIETOS/
SANTA FE SPRINGS/SOUTH WHITTIER AREA BETWEEN
THE RAILROAD TRACKS JUST NORTH OF FLOOD RANCH.
HER PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS LIVED HERE AS SHE WAS
GROWING UP.

SHE REMEMBERS KIDS AND FAMILIES GOING SWIMMING
IN THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER IN THE SUMMER TIMES.

SHE REMEMBERS THE MEXICAN NEIGHBORHOOD/
COMMUNITY THAT LIVED IN THE FLOOD RANCH AREA.

SHE REMEMBERS THE AREA BEING FULL OF ORANGE
GROVES AND ALMOND GROVES AND BLACKBERRIES THAT
GREW (FREELY) (NOT PLANTED) AROUND THEIR GARDEN.

SHE REMEMBERS THAT AFTER WWII, MANY ADDITIONAL
FAMILIES MOVED INTO THE AREA AND BUILT HOUSES. EACH
PROPERTY HAD TO DIG ITS OWN PRIVATE WELL WHICH LEAD
TO HER FATHER HAVING TO RE DIG THEIR WELL SEVERAL
TIMES FOR THEM TO HAVE ADEQUATE WATER BECAUSE THE
WATER TABLE KEPT GETTING LOWER. AFTER DOING THIS
SEVERAL DIFFERENT TIMES, HE TIRED OF IT. ABOUT THIS
TIME, IN THE LATE 1940'S, (AFTER WWII) MANY OF THE LOCAL
FARMERS MOVED EN MASSE TO THE MODESTO AREA IN ORDER
TO HAVE AN ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY AND ADEQUATE LAND
TO FARM.

SHE REMEMBERS ATTENDING, WITH HER
GRANDPARENTS, THE GERMAN-BAPTIST CHURCH (WITH THE
OLD CEMETERY) AT THE CORNER OF GREENLEAF AND SANTA
FE SPRINGS ROAD AT SPECIAL TIMES DURING THE YEAR. SHE
REMEMBERS THE DELICIOUS AND HUGE KETTLES OF STEW
THEY MADE FOR THE OCCASIONS. SHE REMEMBERS THAT THE
LADIES WORE SMALL BROWN HATS ON THEIR HEADS AND
WORE BROWN APRONS OVER THEIR SKIRTS.

*Los Nietos
Painter*

SHE REMEMBERS RIDING THE STREET CARS TO SHOP IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. SHE REMEMBERS THE STREET CARS CEASING TO RUN AND EASY ACCESS TO DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEVER DID REAPPEAR TO THIS DAY. SHE REMEMBERS WALKING TO WASHINGTON BLVD. TO CATCH THE STREETCARS. (I THINK) SHE REMEMBERED A NORTH/SOUTH STREET CAR SERVICE GOING UP TO WASHINGTON AND WHITTIER BLVDS.

SHE REMEMBERS WALKING TO SOUTH WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR HER FIRST FOUR YEARS OF SCHOOL.

THIS IS A LADY TO INTERVIEW.