

Notes from uncle Fred (interview in 2017)

Cowboys: 1922-24

Ed was a cowboy, Eligia was homemaker

lived part time in columbus, nm, plus had a small homestead nearby florida mountains

josie started school in vanadium

school house was in hurley (up to 1945) she was 15 when they left for california

bus picked them up

school was segregated

bus for whites and one for hispanics

the school building was integrated

Anglo kids would not get on bus with them when it broke down

Josie may have started her freshman year in Tehachapi

house in columbus was little adobe house

grandma lived in one, tia Juana and Leonardo lived in other

josie etc lived in another house –

1935 moved to vanadium

reason: starting more lead and zinc mines due to war needs

he stopped being a cowboy and worked part time for aunt (mining work)

his brother fred opened up fred's place in paloma

ed moved to columbus, nm about 1921 after army and met eligia there

during prohibition: he also was a bootlegger, brought liquor from mexico

got caught once

custom house near poncho villa park; had entry showing confiscation from ed

melicio was murdered because of cattle stealing

josie visiting fred's place

eligia did not tell people they were leaving

her uncle manuel went first – to work at a ranch in keen – then quit and worked in pear orchard

lala went to keen to work there (pregnant) carmen born there 1942

dad is in vet hospital in santa monica (luz had moved there)

the rest move to tehachapi (moly, josie, mom, and fred) lived with lala

mom got a job as tb hospital on the day of the flood

flood was in 1945

were living there for only a few weeks

water collected and them burst down and hit lala's house
mom grabbed fred
house was demolished
josie and lala were working at grocery store
josie holding on to a pole for her life
lala would not let her try to rescue others washing by

they lost everything
weeta only had her wedding ring

went to live in tehachapi with manuel and
then rented a little house on F street
then ed and albert got out of marine corp

cheppa and gene met because they lived a block away

next house, tub outside, no running water, no gas
josie quit school to marry gene
17 or 18
married around 1947

they moved into a little house nearby
little gene, michael and bobby lived in that house
strike in cement plant
gene out of job
they all moved into weeta's house when earthquake hit
gene and sal went to oxnard area looking for work
got job at sugar factory prior to point magu

they rented a little house in oxnard