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## Oral History Transcript - Dr. Juan Aguilera

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**Dr. Juan Aguilera oral history**  
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**Interviewer: Raul Mikey Aguilera**

**Interviewee: Dr. Juan Aguilera ( a.k.a grandpa)**

**Mikey: where were you born?**

**Grandpa: I was born on Sept. 4, 42.**

**Mikey: Describe your family: how many brother and sisters did you have? What were your parents like? How did you get along?**

**Grandpa: I had three brothers and five sisters. My mother did not get an education. But she was very smart and bright. We were a poor and loving family. And got along very well.**

**Mikey: What languages were spoken in your house? Were you bi/multilingual?**

**Grandpa: I spoke Spanish and I am bilingual.**

**Mikey: What stories did you hear about your parents, grandparents, and ancestors?**

**Grandpa: My grandfather was in the orchestra and player the piano.**

**Mikey: Did your ancestors migrate? If so to/from where, and when?**

**Grandpa: No.**

**Mikey: Describe a typical day when you were my age(school, chores, hobbies).**

**Grandpa: I would do my homework and read for one hour because my mother told to work hard.**

**Mikey: How old were you when you got married? How did you meet your spouse? Did you have any children?**

**Grandpa: I got married when I was 26. I use to see my wife on my way to medical school and we had five children two boys and three girls.**

**Mikey: What historical events had a strong influence on your life ( such as civil**

right, wars, technological invention, etc).

**Grandpa:** The internet because I could buy things, communicate with friends and family, and send memos to workers.

**Mikey:** what types of food did you eat growing up? Did you grow any food at home? Who did the most cooking?

**Grandpa:** We ate beans, tortillas, fideo, and chicken. But we did not grow any food. And my mother did all the cooking.

**Mikey:** have you moved throughout your life? How has the town you live in changed over the years?

**Grandpa:** I moved to Monterrey for medical school. Then when I was finished with medical school I came to the U.S. to get my medical training. Then come down to the valley to open my pediatric clinic.

**Mikey:** Describe the history of the property you now live on. Have you ever found fossils of arrowheads on it? (I if so, provide a Google earth image of the property and mark the location.). Did your relatives get land grants from the king of Spain or the republic of Mexico?

**Grandpa:** We did not get a land grant and the land was a orange growth.

**Mikey:** What kinds of technology did you have growing up?

**Grandpa:** I had electricity, running water, and a radio.