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Interviewer: Cristian Sedas **April 18, 2010**
Interviewee: Allbina Sedas
Relationship: Grandmother

Questions.

1. When were you born?

I was born on November 11, 1928 ,Veteran's Day.

2. Where, what place?

I was born in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

3. How was your life during your childhood?

I had a very happy childhood. I was the baby of the family.

4. Did you have brothers or sisters, how many?

Yes, I had 5 sisters and 4 brothers. We were 10 in total.

We all got along, but when we got older we went our separate ways. We all still try to keep in contact buy phone or we visit each other.

5. What did your mom and dad work as?

My mom was a housewife and my dad owned a ranch with cattle.

6. What schools did you attend?

Modelo elementary, St. Augustine middle school and highschool. I would have to cross the bridge from Nuevo Laredo Mexico every time just to get to St. Augustine middle school and high school. I also went to a Business College.

7. What was your first job?

My first job was a Secretary.

8. What was your last job?

I was a Nutritionist for my last job. I would go to the to poor neighborhoods here in the valley and teach the parents of children about nutrition. It was a program that Pan American University had for low income families.

9. When you got married how old were you?

I got married at the age of 22 years old. I met my husband when I worked at the bridge in customs as a seceratary in Nuevo Laredo. He was an administrator for a company and did a lot of business on the border bridge and we started dating.

10. Did anything good or bad happen that is remembered now in your life?

I was in school during War World II, and it was very sad time. I also remember hearing the Martin Luther King speech on the radio.

11. Did you have any kids, how many?

I had three kids. Two boys and one girl. My oldest daughter is married and has four kids. My middle child is a Doctor in New Mexico. My youngest child which is your father is a registered nurse. I am very proud of all of my children.

12. What is your favorite color?

My favorite color is yellow.

13. What is your favorite number?

My favorite number is 4 and it is also my lucky number.

14. What is your favorite T.V. show?

I have two favorites shows I love Lucy and Jeopardy.

15. Did you have phones when you were young?

We had only one phone for the family.

16. What about T.V.?

We had no T.V.'s just radios.

17. Do the cars now look different now?

Yes, cars look very different now then they did when I was growing up.

18. How much was \$20.00 dollars worth?

\$20.00 was worth a lot of money.