

**ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION**

**MAIN ENTRY:** Quirino, Librado “Lee”  
**DATE OF INTERVIEW:** October 13, 2008  
**LOCATION OF INTERVIEW:** Lubbock, Texas  
**INTERVIEWER:** Daniel U. Sánchez  
**FORMAT:** File on Server, MiniDV  
**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:**  
**LENGTH OF INTERVIEW:** 1 hour and 3 minutes  
**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** Quirino talks about his childhood experiences and the significant role education played in his life. In particular, he discusses its impact on his military service, occupations and music career. The latter concerns writing lyrics for the Lubbock’s Latino Grammy award winning Tejano band, the Hometown Boys.

**ABSTRACT:**

<b>FILE</b>	<b>TIME STAMP</b>
Introduction	0:00
Background	
Leadership of the family ranch	
Picked cotton as a child	
Texas Legislation made school mandatory	
Attended school for Mexican-American students	
Learned English in school	
Lack of job availability	0:11
Joined the Army	
Deployed three days after being married	
Experiences in Korea	
Radio-operator during the war	

Returned to America 0:22  
Traveled by boat  
Birth of his daughter  
Took a job pumping gas at a service station  
Hired as a clerk by Santa Fe Railway  
Worked nights while his children grew up  
Managed railway paperwork

Technology  
Introduction of computers  
Size and speed of computers  
Communication abilities  
Transportation security

Night-shift schedule 0:32  
Effect on his family  
Began writing Tejano music  
Recorded one of his songs  
Taken advantage of by the record company  
Unexpected popularity of his songs

Nominated for Album of the Year 0:43  
Tejano Music Awards  
Worked with the band on lyrics  
Changes in language and audience  
Published a book  
Childhood experiences  
Health problems

Deaths of band members 0:52  
Effect on the community  
Experiences that shaped him  
Success of his children  
Racial discrimination

Interview ends

**DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:** January 30, 1945

**GENDER OF INFORMANT:** Male

**ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT:** Mexican American