

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Peña, Esther

DATE OF INTERVIEW: May 28, 2008

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Lubbock, Texas

INTERVIEWER: Daniel U. Sánchez

FORMAT: CD

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: LD621 MJ03055968

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour 20 minutes

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Pena long time Lubbock resident, was interviewed for the Hispanic oral history project. She reminisced in detail about her life growing up in Lubbock, Texas including family stories.

ABSTRACT:

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TIME STAMP

Background	:00
Father from Mexico	
Occupation	
Children working in the fields	
Dad leaves	
Seven Children	
Mother	
Cleaning houses	
Seamstress	
Makes & sells tamales	
How they made tamales	
Mother's background	:09
Born in United States	
Mother's parents	
Mother has "awesome" stories	
Work as a seamstress (again)	
About age gaps of siblings	

Dad's parents from Mexico Grandparents from mother's side Hardly remembers grandmother	
House they lived in at 6 th & Ave. R, Lubbock, Texas 3 bedrooms Tornado tore down their home Relocation Lived in 2 bedroom while rebuilding damaged home Neighborhood life at 6 th & R Attended nearby school (K. Carter) Circus would walk animals to coliseum past their home Neighborhood went through changes of deterioration Walked to nearby convenient store & The Pancake House Traditional home or not?	:16
Dating life and Marriage life Graduated high school and got married "Very strict family" Not such thing as going out on a date College never spoken about Get pregnant, get married, start working	:26
Religion plays a role "Limited" things that were allowed Elementary and Schools Attended Learning Spanish in 3 rd Grade	:31
Transition to junior high/high school Jr. high was a hard transition "Mean Mexicans" Friends were mostly Caucasian Public vs. private school Plans as a young child Met husband and plans went out window Went to Tech for Fashion Merchandising for 1 semester Then got pregnant	:40
Work Experience Good work ethic Pena's husband goes to college Occupational careers Moving up in the work place with no degree	:49

Pena's Children 1:05

Upbringing of children
3 children
Emphasis on education & college
"you're not done until you finish college"
Sports interests 'basketball'
"you pick one sport," she tells children

About Pena's marriage 1:10

Thoughts about divorce
Think about the children
A lot invested to let go of marriage
Last thoughts about tornado as a child

Interview Ends

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: 1967

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Female

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: Hispanic