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Verification in
Juarez
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COUNTY OF
SAN BERNARDINO
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

February 25, 1938

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mrs. Katherine F. Berry
Dist. Case Supervisor
126 Cajon Street
Redlands, Calif.

RE: **CASTANEDA, Placido**
Amelia (Ortega)

El Paso County Welfare Department
El Paso
Texas

Gentlemen:

Our department is interested in Mrs. Castaneda who has applied for State Aid for her four minor children. It is necessary that we verify the marriage of this couple. She has reported to us that she married Mr. Castaneda in June, 1935, in the San Lorenzo Church, Juarez, New Mexico.

We have written to Juarez, New Mexico, for verification of this marriage but have received no reply. It occurred to us that you might be able to check the records there or perhaps send us information which would assist us in securing this verification. Mrs. Castaneda, previous to her marriage to Mr. Castaneda, lived with a man by the name of Paulino Garcia in El Paso, Texas. They were never married, but it might be that her marriage to Mr. Castaneda might be recorded under the name of Amelia Garcia rather than Amelia Ortega.

Mr. Castaneda took out his first citizenship papers in El Paso sometime during 1915. The woman is not sure whether or not the second papers were ever issued to him. Please check the records in reference to this information.

We will appreciate your cooperation and hope for an early reply.

Very truly yours,

COUNTY WELFARE COMMISSION

By Katherine F. Berry
(Mrs.) Katherine F. Berry
Dist. Case Supervisor-East District

EL PASO SOCIAL SERVICE EXCHANGE

CAN NOT IDENTIFY

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Amelia Castaneda listed in '23 dir
mail 1009 PK - Juarez
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March 8, 1938

Att: Mrs. Katharine F. Berry
District Case Supervisor
126 Cajon Street
Redlands, California

RE: CASTANEDA, Placido
Amelia Ortega

Mrs. Maude S. Bell, Exec. Sec.
County Welfare Department
340 Mt. View Avenue
San Bernardino, California

Dear Mrs. Bell:

Your inquiry of February 25th in regard to the above captioned family was relayed to this office and from here forwarded to Mrs. F. Zlabovsky, Secretary of the Jewish Women's Relief Society, 1016 Olive Street, El Paso, Texas.

The Jewish Women's Relief Society have representatives in Juarez, Mexico and will be able to check the records there. In your letter you refer to the San Lorenzo Church in Juarez, New Mexico which may be the San Lorenzo Church located near Juarez, Mexico.

The El Paso Social Service Exchange has no registration on this case.

Very truly yours,

Katharine McKnight, Sec.

March 12, 1938.

Mrs. Katherine F. Berry,
Dist. Case Supervisor
126 Cajon Street,
Redlands, California.

Re: Castaneda, Placido
Amelia (Ortega).

Dear Mrs. Berry:-

Your letter was referred to me by Miss McKnight,
and can give you the following information.

Mr. Castaneda did not complete his naturalization,
at least there is no record in our Federal Department
in El Paso. We find that when he made his declaration
of intention in 1915 that he was illiterate.

With reference to the marriage in San Lorenzo Church,
Juarez, Mexico, there are no records to show that
such a marriage took place. In 1935 the law in
Mexico prohibited religious marriage, and if this
couple were married it would have been necessary to
have it done secretly. If they will inform you of
the name of the Priest and their attendants, we will
perhaps be able to verify their claim.

We do not find the names of the three persons
mentioned in your letter in our City directories
for the past five years, and am therefore convinced
that they are not residents of El Paso nor have they
been for quite a number of years. You may ask Mr.
Castaneda if he was drafted during the time of the war
and where he was at that time.

Please be free to call upon me for further information.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

FZ:LG