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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*  
*mail 1009*  
*PK - Juarez*  
GMB:lk

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,

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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.

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