

LAST OF HISTORIC RANCHO WILL REMAIN FAMILY HOME

LA HABRA—Small home sites constitute the latest cash crop on the historic Eseverri Rancho which once comprised 5000 acres and through the years thrived on a succession of sheep, walnuts and citrus. Land deals have chipped away the once vast holdings. The one recently consummated has reduced the old place to 15 acres.

This, say the daughters of Pioneer Settlers Dolores Eseverri and Jose Sansinena, is the last. The little estate will remain in the family to provide home sites for the seven children of the current generation.

Antoinette, Magdalena and

Marian live in the colonial style ranch house built in 1918 whose broad vistas include Santa Catalina Island. Their address is 1374 Hacienda Blvd., and their half-sister Josephine has established her home a short distance away.

Bought 5000 Acres

They all bear a resemblance to their mother, Dolores, who was born in Spain and came to California in gold rush days with her parents, Juan and Antonia Ordoqui.

Dolores Ordoqui was schooled in ranch management on her father's sheep ranch and was educated in

the Sisters Convent, Los Angeles. She married Jose Sansinena, a successful stockman from Aldudes, France. He dissolved his partnership in the famous Bastanchury Ranch and purchased 5000 acres of the Stearns Rancho in the La Habra Valley. The newlyweds shared its management.

When Jose died in 1895, his widow was left with three daughters and a son Joseph (who died in 1951). In 1901 she was married to Isidoro Eseverri, who was born in Spain and migrated to California where he became a rancher. The Sansinena Ranch then took the name of Eseverri.

Rancheros Gone Forever

Daughter Josephine was born to the Eseverris. Through the years, the family became known for their liberal old-time California hospitality, and as citrus orchards replaced grazing land, for a model irrigation system.

The Eseverri sisters agree that the days of the great rancheros have gone forever and they have few regrets about turning the gently rolling hills over to subdividers. Enough that their seven children will still have roots there.

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

ANAHEIM — Walter E. Miller has been elected president of the Anaheim Kiwanis Club and is to be aided by James T. Carter, vice-president, and Forrest F. Fowler, treasurer.

PLACENTIA—Mary Lou Romero, Angie Romos and Janet Spencer have been named representatives of the senior, junior and sophomore classes, respectively, in the Valencia High School Girls

paign chairman for the Community Chest drive about to get under way here.

GARDEN GROVE — Mrs. Grace Arkley, 12561 Pine Ave., will direct a project of the Garden Grove Republican Women's Council which leaders hope will bring greater public display of American flags.

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