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Esperanza Batz, 89, displays a bloom at the new Batz Memorial Rose Garden on the Cal State Los Angeles campus, which honors her pioneer family.

ROSE: Bush Replanted

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lived in was on the site of the rancho—including the Alhambra Home.

Esperanza finally settled one question for the history books: Was the rancho named for the rose, or vice versa?

"My grandfather said the rose was there when Rancho de Castilla was established," she said. "He said it was brought here either by the conquistadores or the Franciscan fathers."

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