

The pedigree of David Orlando Flores can be traced back to the 1860's when Sebastian Quintanilla left Mexico with his wife and four children to move to Texas. A job as a horse tamer was waiting for him on the King Ranch in Riveria, Texas. It was an old section of the King Ranch known as Radiche. When Sebastian and his family crossed the Rio Grande, they crossed in a buckboard. Imagine the trip! Because they were descendants of Spaniards, they all had white skin and blue eyes and were often mistaken for Anglo settlers. In the 1880 census of Nueces County, the family appears for the first time. An interesting note is that Kleberg County was not organized until 1913. It was part of "Southwest Nueces Co. Pct #4. My mother's cousin in Brownsville has a copy of the 1880 census. (See attached 1900 census info.)

~~My~~ maternal grandfather is 92 years old. His name is Francisco Alvarez Quintanilla. Through him, I am a 6th generation descendent of Francisca Alvarez who was known as the "Angel of Goliad" during the Texas Revolution. See Bill Walraven's article (1986) in the Corpus Christi Caller Times regarding the "Angel of Goliad" ("Alvarez vs. "Alvarez" name theory.) Another source is the old King Ranch Cemetery. The Angel

of Goliad came with her son Matias Alvarez to the King Ranch in 1902 or 1903. She was well into her 90's and bed ridden. She is buried somewhere on the King Ranch in an unmarked grave. Mrs. Richard King knew where she was buried, but never revealed it's location.

Someone must have discovered it's location because on Monday, Sept. 1, 1997 from a phone conversation to Brownsville to gather information for this report, my mother's Cousin, ^{Alberto} ~~Robert~~ Quintanilla, described the French style wrought iron fence surrounding the grave, but would not reveal it's exact location on the ranch.

My mother's other cousin in Austin, Texas Ray Alvarez, Jr. was also helpful in compiling a lot of this information from the Texas State Archives in Austin. He is at this moment, writing a book about our Alvarez and Quintanilla side of the family.