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Born at San Ignacio, Sonora, Mexico, March 29, 1862

Son of _____ and Nits (Elias) Orosco

Married _____ at _____ on _____ 18__

Children _____

His grandfather and his father owned a cattle ranch near Arivaca; because of disturbances due to the Civil War and in fear of bandits and Apaches the family fled to Sonora shortly before his birth but returned in 1864; when interviewed by Bernice Cosulich for the Arizona Daily Star in July, 1936, he said:

"I knew that old Tres Alamos station well. Knew it long before. I had a ranch there for I was only a kid of nine years when I rode through there on the stage coach one day. Stages and oxen or mule-drawn freight trains were among the excitements of my youth. The freight trains carrying supplies used to come up from Guaymas in my childhood. At first those trains were burros loaded down with goods and provisions of all kinds, but later oxen hitched to wagons and then mules were used. Tucson in those days often ran out of supplies and I recall that sometimes our flour would all be gone and we'd have to ride 50 miles to Terrenate to buy it. But, heavens, how it did cost, \$16 a hundred pounds.

"No, my father lived only a short time after I was born so I do not know about his experiences or adventures. He died in 1865. ~~and~~ They took him from Mission San Xavier to Calabasas where the soldiers were stationed at that time where there was a doctor. But he died on the trip and they brought him back for burial in the San Xavier church yard. My mother paid \$100 to have him buried there. He is still there just on the inside of the yard to the left. However, I do know that he was injured by the Apaches while still at the ~~Saport~~ ranch, but whether that was at the time my two uncles were killed by Apaches I am not sure."

*When was Fat Man abandoned
Why is Terrenate in Sonora with
reference to Arivaca. Also San Ignacio?*

Listed, U. S. Census 1870, with his mother at Tucson,
age 8; engaged in farming at Tres Alamos on the San Pedro,
1886-89; member, Arizona Pioneers Historical Society.

Died at _____ on _____ 19____, aged

Buried _____ Cemetery _____

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

U. S. District Court, Cochise County - Grijalba vs Dunbar, 1889

Arizona Pioneers Historical Society - Membership book

The Arizona Daily Star, Tucson, July 22, 1936 (Portrait)