

SUMMARY
Bracero History Project

Name of interviewee ROSARIO SANCHEZ

Date of interview 10 NOV 2008

Location/city of interview OXNARD

Name of interviewer JASON AFABLE

Length of interview ~45 mins No. of discs/tapes 1

Spanish English Images Scanned? Yes No

Biographical synopsis of interview:

ROSARIO SANCHEZ was born on October 7, 1939. He never went to school, but worked in the U.S. via the Bracero Program from 1957-1959. He emigrated legally in 1961.

Summary of interview:

Rosario lived the early part of his life as a migrant worker, starting as a tomato picker at the age of nine. He taught himself to read, despite never going to school. He came to the U.S. in 1957 through the Bracero program, where he worked first picking cotton, and then picking lemons. After he emigrated legally in 1961, he settled with the Saticoy Lemon company packing lemons, where he worked until retiring in 2003. Although he had some negative experiences with the Bracero Program, he feels that overall it was a good thing because it gave him the opportunity for a better life.