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Esperanza "Hope" Lobato-Gallegos has been researching her family's genealogy for a number of years. The names of her paternal and maternal grandparents are "Gallegos" and "Lobato", respectively.

On the 10 of July 1751, the King of Spain, granted to Captain Juan José Lobato son of Bartolome Lobato, to take possession of Las Trampas Land Grant. The governor of New Mexico approved the Land Grant for 12 families.

Hope's great-great-grandfather Pedro Lobato and his 3 sons voted in the first Territorial Election in 1861. He was a legislator during the establishment of Colorado in 1865 and 1866. Hope's great-great-grandfather Pedro also served on the Union ticket in the House of Representatives.

Juan Bautista Lobato established the first Pony Express route from Southwestern Colorado to Denver.

Esperanza "Hope" Lobatos-Gallegos, great-great granddaughter of Pedro Antonio Lobato and Concepcion DeHerrera, received the First Family Certificate of Recognition signed by Colorado Governor Bill Owens on September 30th, 2003.

These communities are located in the San Luis Valley in Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico. The film will address the past, present and future of these Spanish speaking communities.

Being granted and trusted with these stories for the purpose of this documentary was an honor and a blessing.

"If we lose our traditions, we lose our identity"
Father Sergio Robles,
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Conejos, Co

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