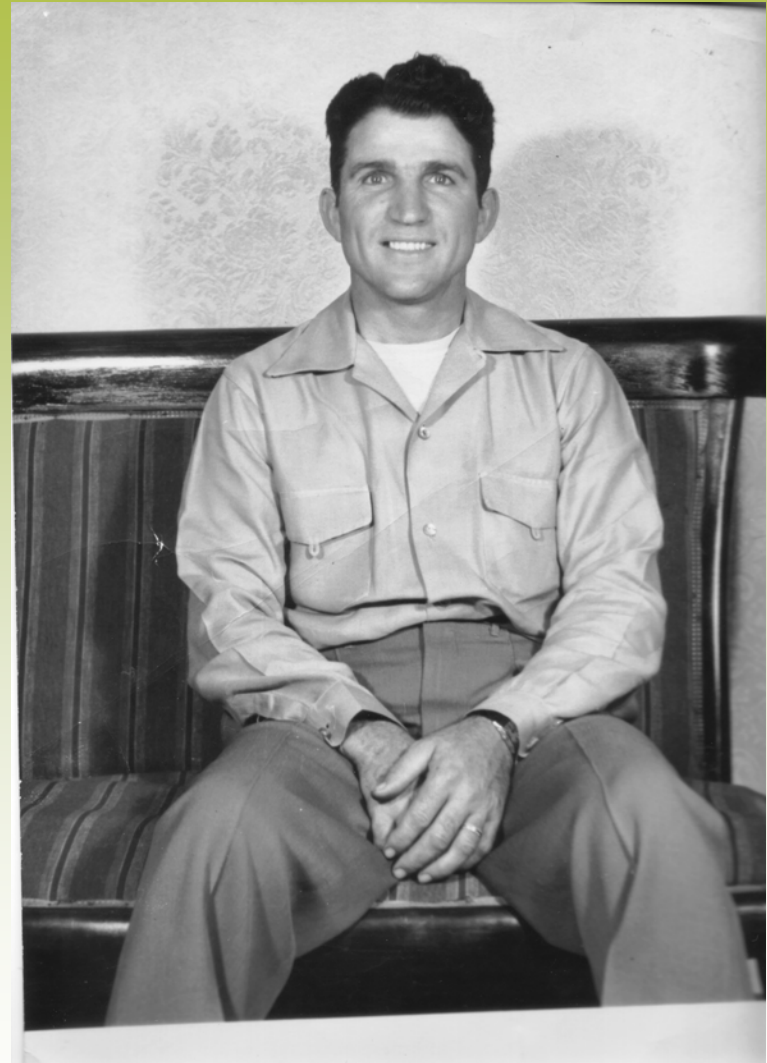


My Great Grandpa

Made a Difference

A Biography by
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His Story

- My great grandpa was born on October 2, 1910 in Mission San Jose, California.
- He was named John Theophane Pinheiro.
- He was the third of seven children. His parents were Frank Pinheiro Jr. and Angie Ramos Pinheiro. They were both born in Portugal.
- Later my grandpa changed his name to John Escover.



His Story

- When he was 12, John loved tractors.
- "Right then and there I decided that I wanted to be a tractor driver and own them," he said.
- He made his dream come true.
- In 1943, he began driving tractors.
- In 1944, John Escover started his own construction company.



This was his company's logo

His Story

- On July 17, 1938 he married Marie Barcellos.
- He had 2 children. One of his children is my grandpa.
- He has 8 grandchildren. One of his grandchildren is my mom.
- He has 14 great grandchildren. I am one of his great grandchildren.



Wedding photo



His family

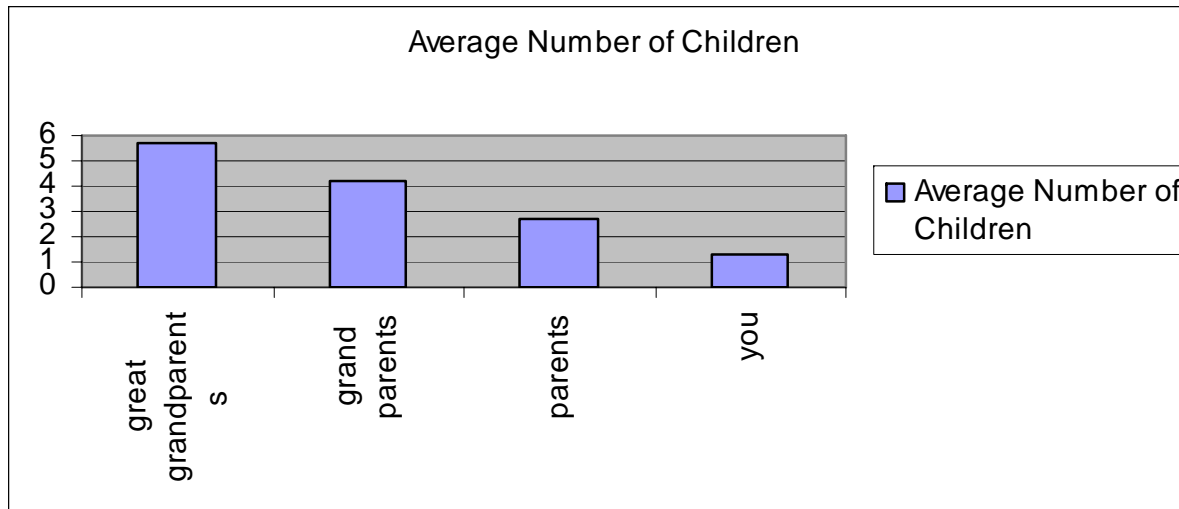
When He Was My Age

- He had to work to help support his family.
 - A loaf of bread cost 9 cents and gas cost 24 cents a gallon.
 - There were no televisions, computers, or video games, only radios and silent movie theatres.
 - He had to walk a long way to school.
 - He only had one pair of shoes and 2 pairs of pants.
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How Things Have Changed

Then	Now
Loaf of bread cost 9 cents	Loaf of bread costs \$3.59
Radios and silent movies	TVs, computers, video games
Children had jobs	Children play
Lots of dairy farms and orchards	Lots of homes and shops
Walked a long way to school	Get a ride to nearby school

How Has Family Size Changed?



Our hypothesis was that family size is getting smaller.

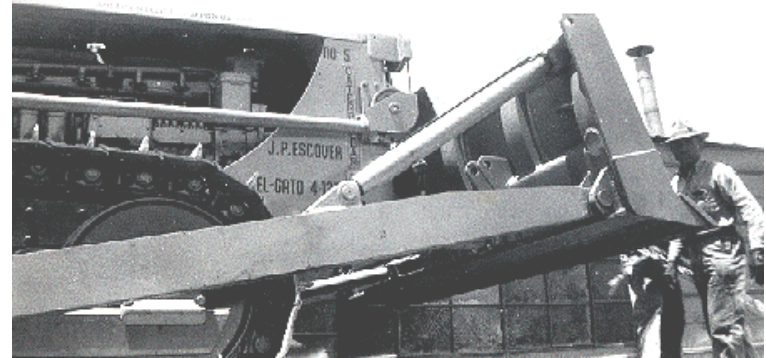
We surveyed many people, and the data proves we are right!

How Is Life Different Then and Now?

- Life was different then because cities were less crowded, people didn't have to lock doors or go to high school.
 - Today, it is different because we have TVs and computers and kids don't have to work.
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How He Made a Difference

- My grandpa made a difference in his community.
 - He built dams and roads.
- He made a difference in our family.
 - He gave me my grandpa, who gave me my mom.
 - He showed us how it is possible to make your dreams come true.
 - He taught me all about rocks and the past.



Why He Should Be Remembered



- My great grandpa should be remembered because he was a great man.
 - He had a dream and made it come true.
 - He made a difference in the lives of others.
 - He has lived a long life and has a lot to teach us about life in the past.
 - He helped to develop Northern California.
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How He Will Be Remembered

- I can pass his story on to my children and grandchildren.
 - I can write it down.
 - I can tell them about him.
 - I can collect pictures of him.
 - I can start a family treasure box.
 - I will put pictures of him, this biography, and the rocks and old coins he gave me inside.
 - I will share the box with others.
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