

**FRANCISCA LOPEZ KIMBALL
1841-1907**

From Chihuahua to Santa Fe to St. Louis
In Her Own Words



*I remain as ever your affectionate
F. Lopez*

Presented by
Mary Kimball Outten

DAMASO LOPEZ FAMILY FROM NORTHERN SPAIN



ESPARSA FAMILY FROM MEXICO



FRANCISCA LOPEZ + BENJAMIN KIMBALL

Francesca Isabel
Kimball

Walter Bond
Douglas

Francis Lopez Douglas

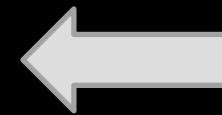
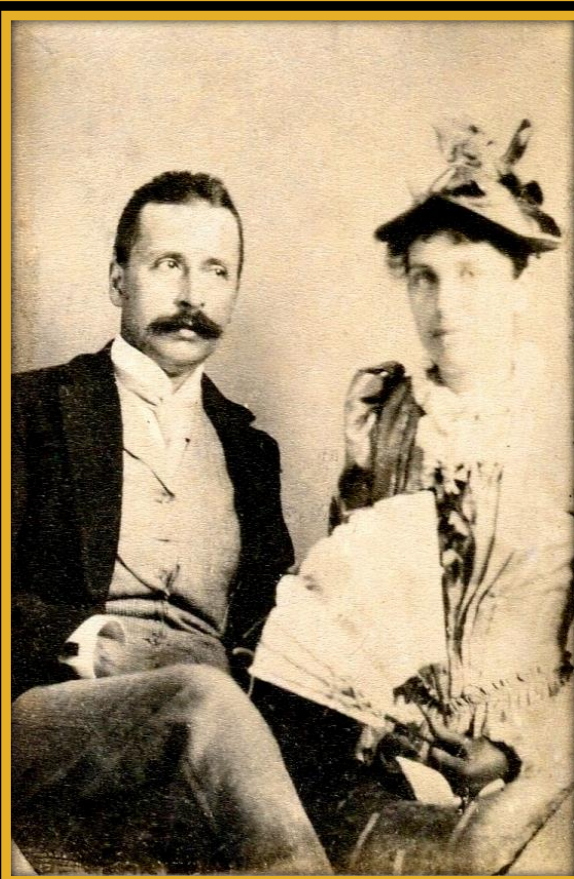
Betty Johnson

Sarah Ann
Douglas

William P.
Outten

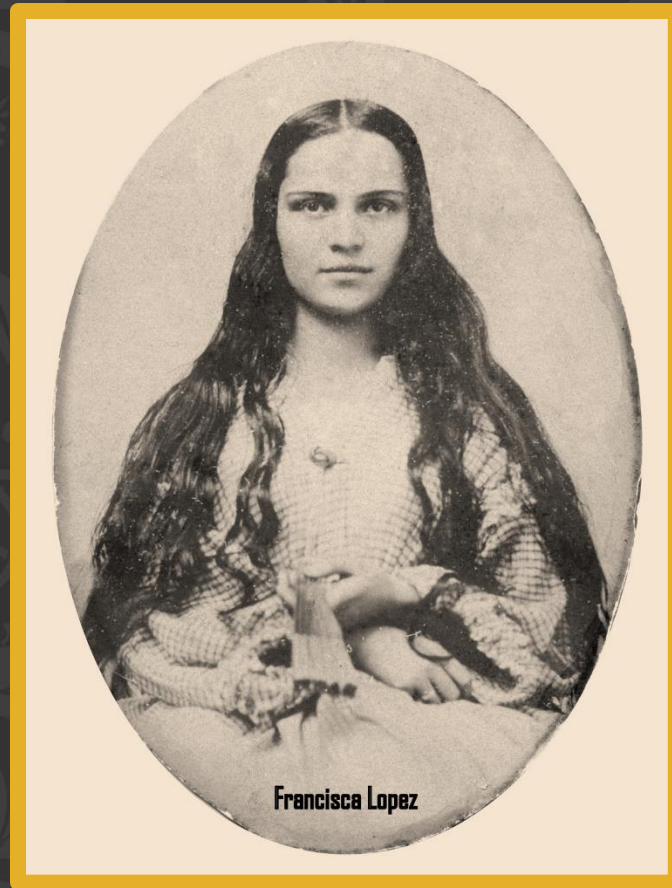
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WALTER BOND DOUGLAS +
FANNIE KIMBALL DOUGLAS



Daughter of
Francisca Lopez Kimball

Circa mid 1850's
Unusual style



FRANCISCA'S FATHER :
JOSEF DAMASO LOPEZ
BORN IN SPAIN 1793



Lorenzo Lopez

Francisca de Sasiain

Martin Tomas Maria
1780

Felipe Santiago Pedro
1783

Maria Jaquina Teresa
1785

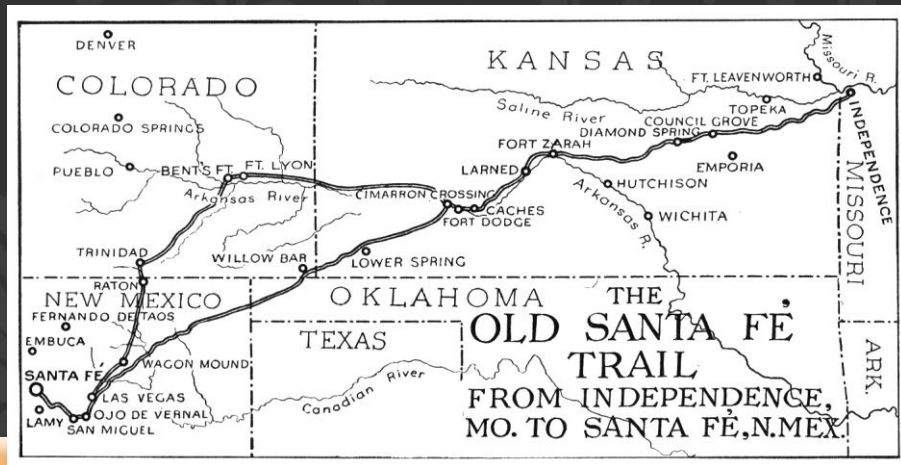
Feliz Lorenzo
1789

Tomasa
1791

Maria Antonia
1796

Manuel Francisco
Laurencio
1798

Josef Damaso
born 1793



Francisca's Mother
Maria del Carmen Severina Ruiz de Esparza :
Roots in Aguascalientes and Durango
MEXICO

Married 9/9/1811

Durango, Mexico

Teodoro Ruiz de
Esparsa

Maria Josefa Angula

i. Maria Antonia Esparsa

ii. Manuela Juana Francisca Esparsa

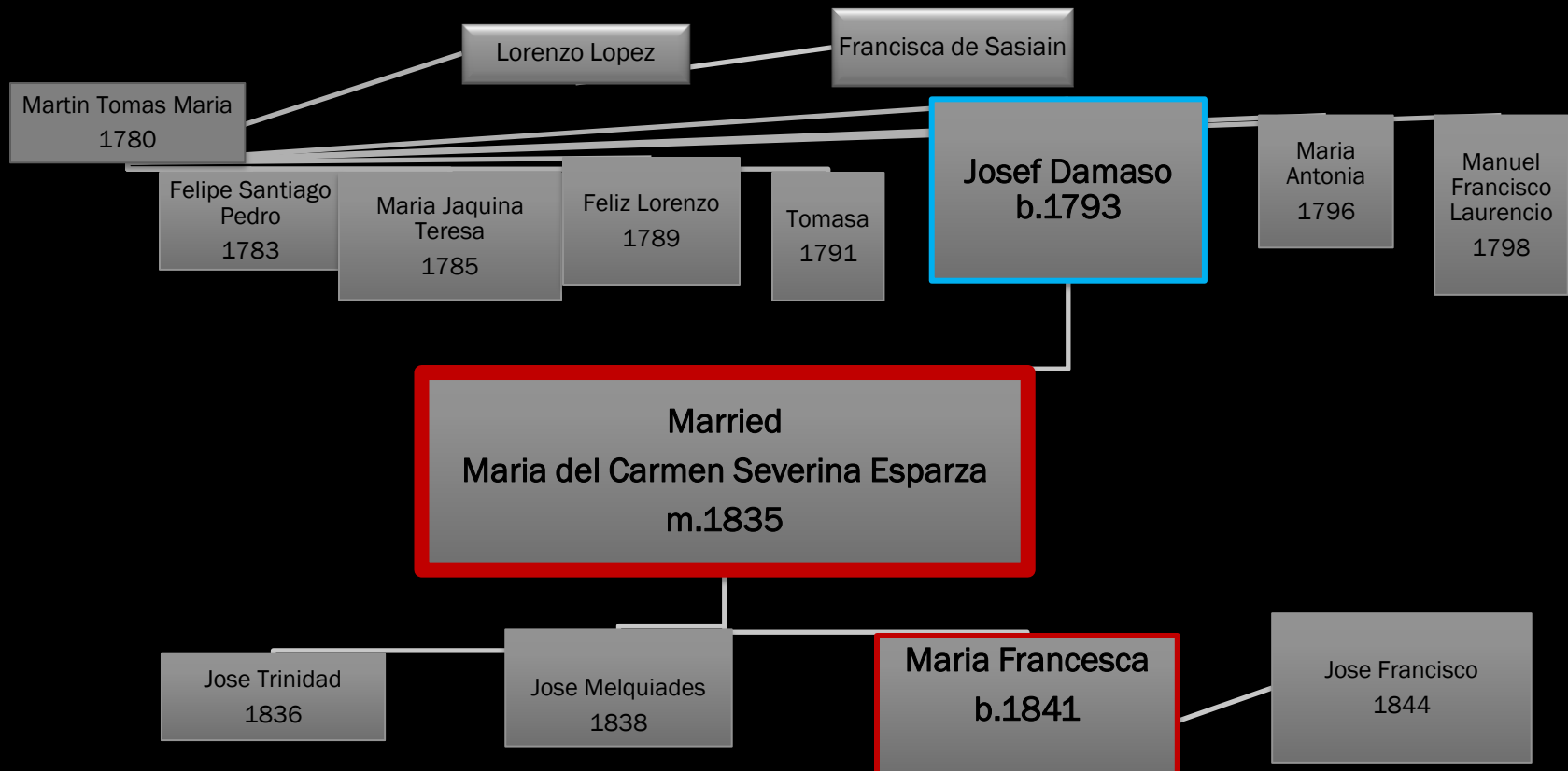
iii. **Maria Seferina del Carmen Esparsa***

**Mother of Francisca Lopez*

*Probably born in **San Miguel del Vado***



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Abiquiu

2 of Francisca's brothers were born in ABIQUIU:

❖ Trinidad b. 1836

❖ Melquiades b. 1838



Santa Fe

1838

- ❖ Melquiades Lopez baptized in Santa Fe
- ❖ Don Manuel Armijo one of the Godfathers



Santa Fe Plaza

Mural

Independence, MO National Trail Center

Artist:: Charles Goslin

Where was Francisca born?

Francisca born 1841

Francisco born 1844



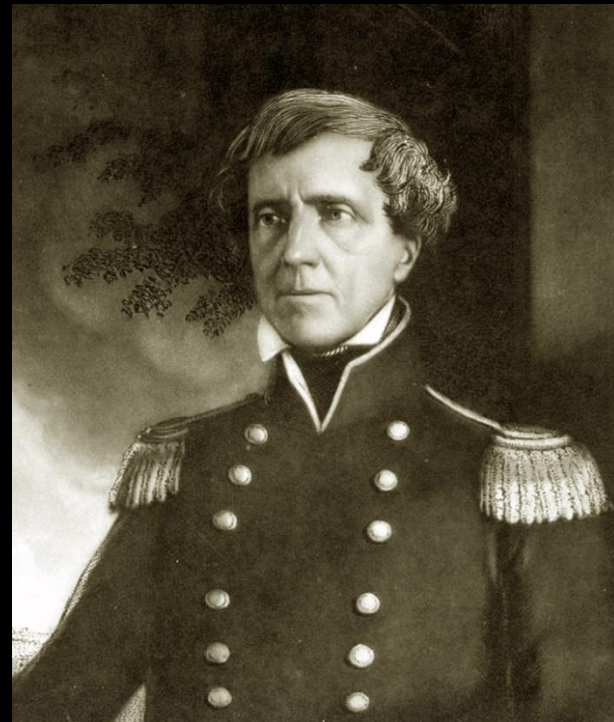
San Miguel del Vado (1846)

Facing toward the west, from the
Report of J. W. Albert of his Examination of New Mexico in the
Years 1846-1847

Army of the West
marching across New Mexico 1846



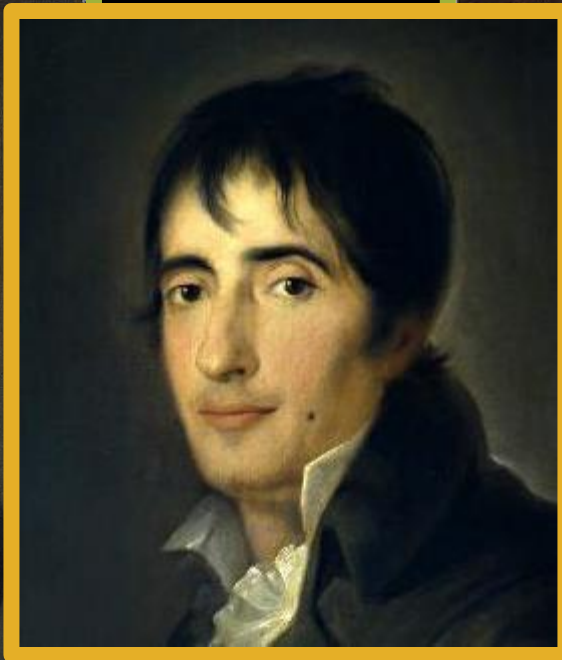
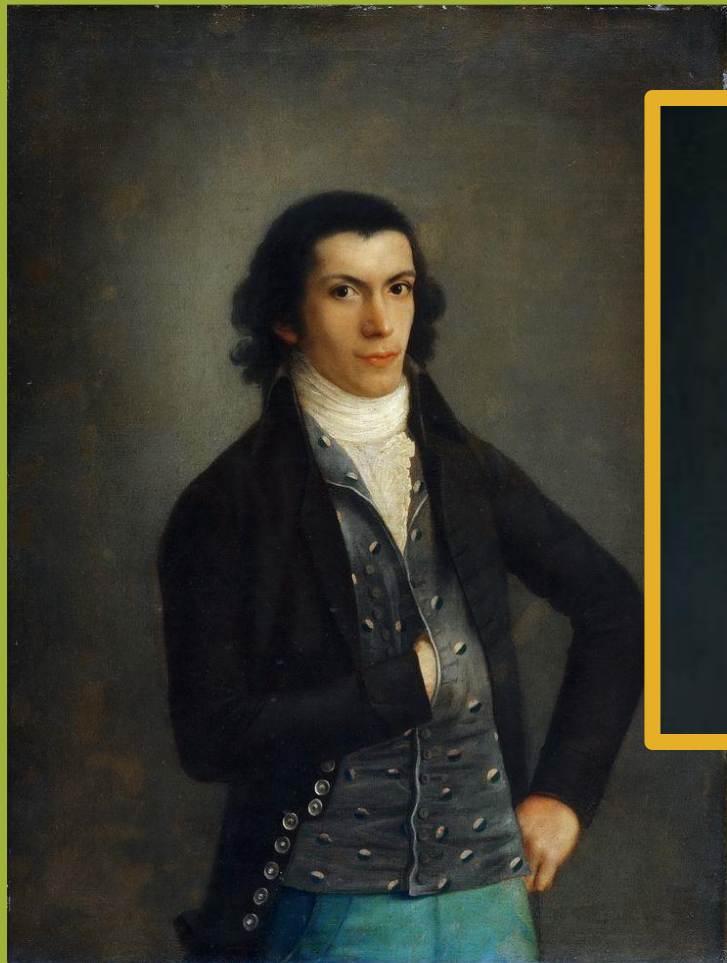
General Stephen Watts Kearny

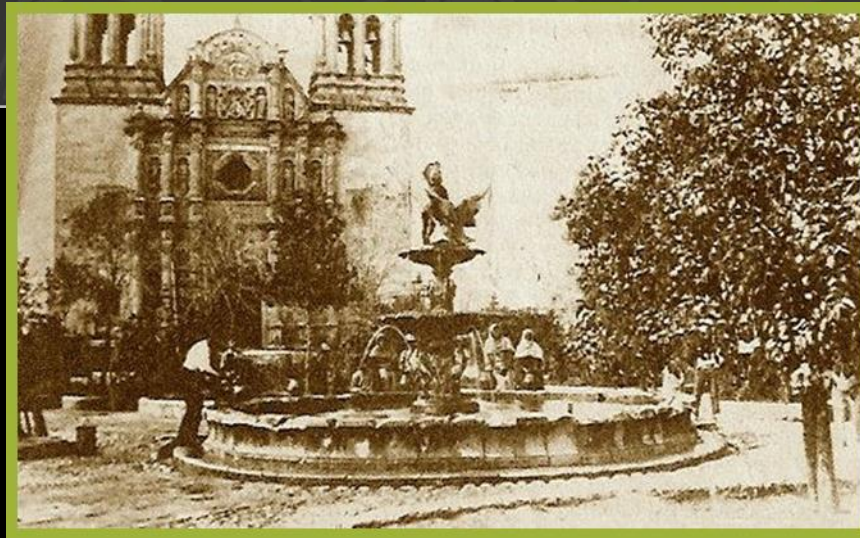


Francisca's Story:
Told to her daughter,
Mrs. Walter Bond Douglas in 1897



Three Spanish Gentlemen.....



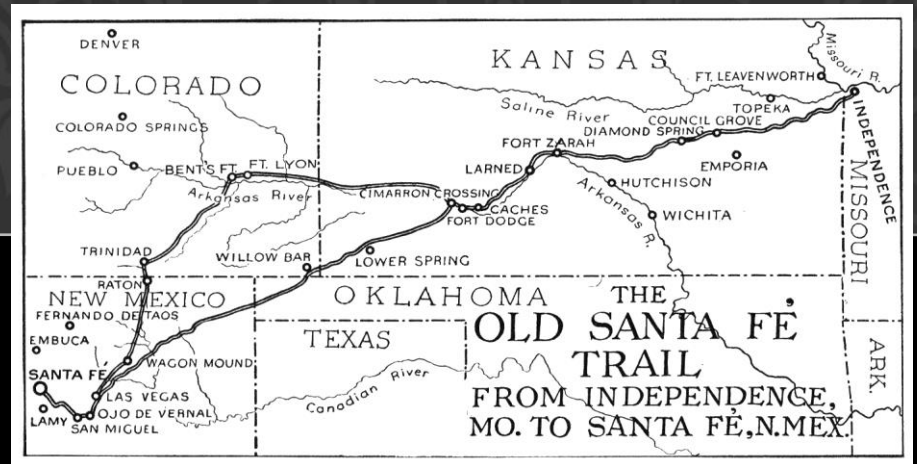


I was born in Chihuahua and baptized at the old Cathedral there.
I had four godmothers and four godfathers. When I was young,
too young to remember, we moved to Santa Fe, Mexico;
when I was six years old we lost our Mother,
but I remember her and the house we lived in,
a one story house with many rooms and a court in the center.

When we lost our mother, Mr. Alvarez, my father's closest friend, advised my father to bring us to the states and place my three brothers and self at boarding school. I well remember the conversation between my father and his friend, though I was but six years old, saying that we must be brought up as gentlemen and lady fitted to our stations and birth.



775 miles
from
Santa Fe to
Independence



Trip Duration:
62-90days





Independencia May 17 de 1850.

Por D.^o Manuel Alvarez.

Estimado Rayan y Amigo: este es el que
a este punto sin ning^{una} novedad, los niños
vinieron a este todo el camino y llegaron aquí
buenos. Llegando a la plaza de Independencia
hice intencion de pasar en el meson, pero
el Sr. Doctor Gualdo que ya sabia que venia
tenia en cargo que asi llegada me dijera q^e
pasara a su casa de rancho inmediatamente, y asⁱ
lo hice, aqui me alio, donde el Sr. Doctor se a
manifestado generosamente con mis efeciones
dame lo que necesite.

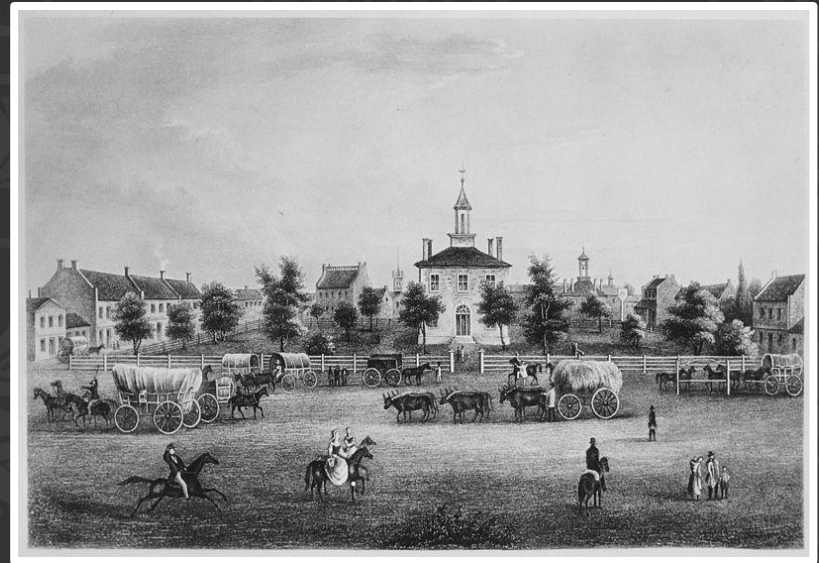
Mañana, voy a visitar los niños
a la Escuela que estan por dos o tres dias, y luego he
de ir a la niña para S. Luis sin dilacion

Es admirable la emigracion que hay por
California de estos Estados, desde la casa q^{ue} a
qui, lleva New el Camino de Emigrantes, con mu
chos animales de todas clases y carros, me dicen,
han salido y estan saliendo quince mil carros
y como creen mil hombres, quando los bi sen
representa el Exerito de Chapoleon cuando es
año de ocho entos a imbadia La Espana, con e
contra diferencia que estos ban en pequeñas pa

Letter:

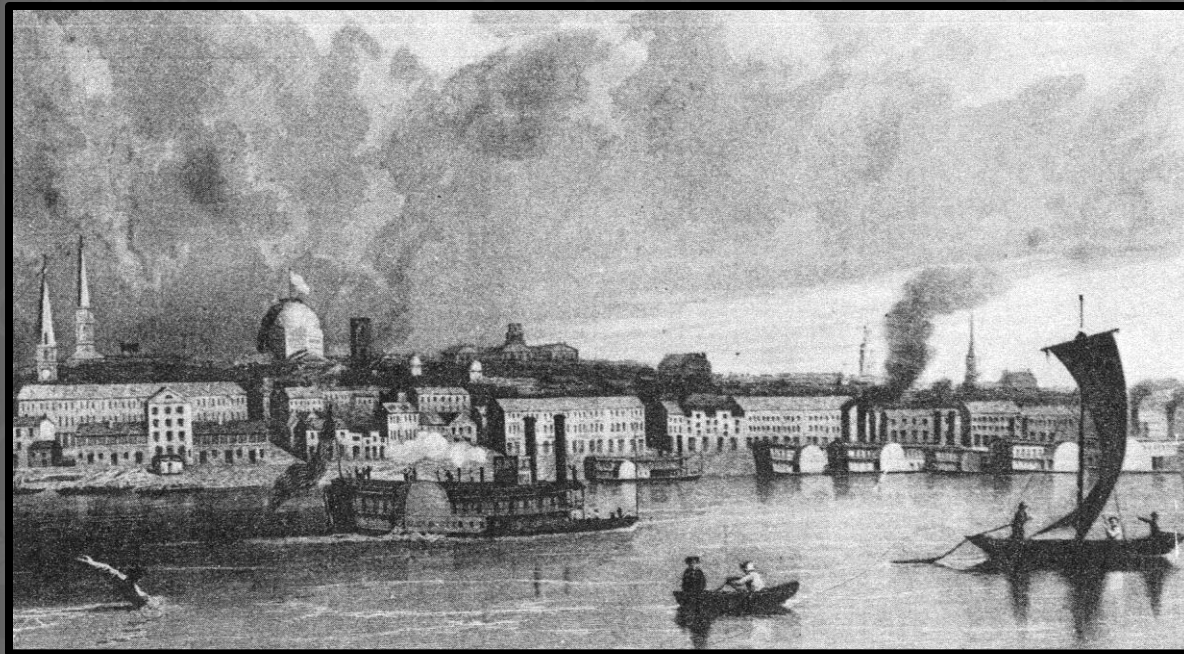
Damaso Lopez to Manuel Alvarez

May 17, 1850



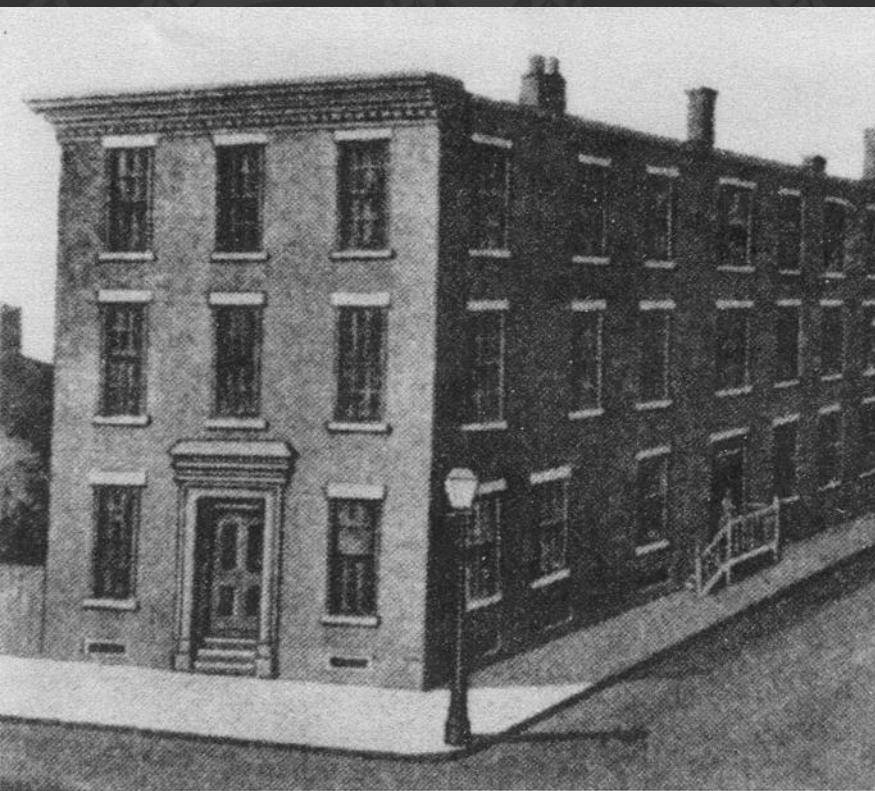
Independence *Independencia





St. Louis Riverfront 1844





Academy of the Visitation
St Louis April ~~22~~²⁵/52

My dear Father,

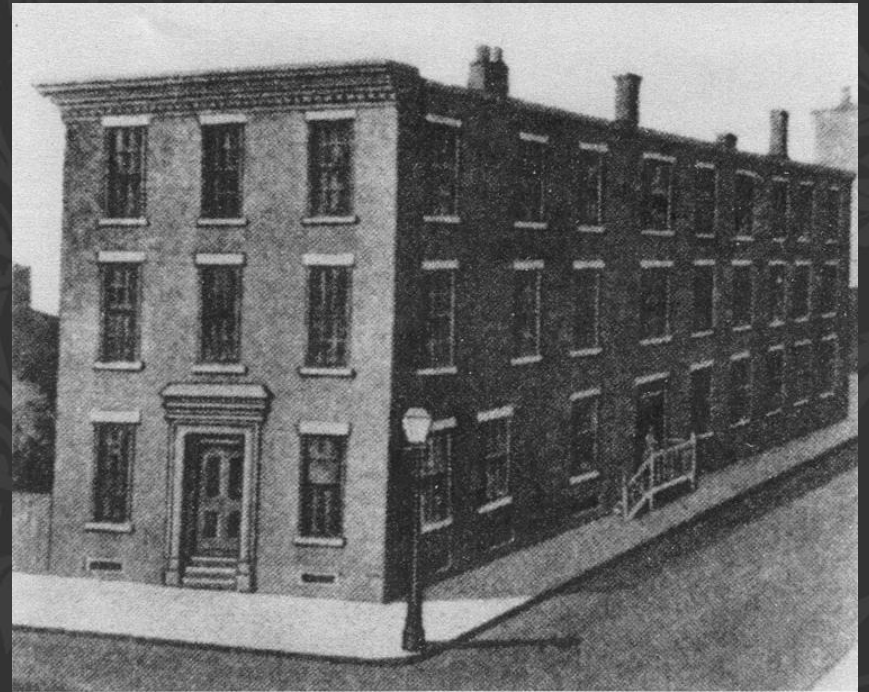
It is with great pleasure that I write these few lines to you to let you know that I am well and happy. I think a great deal about you, my dear Father and especially when I am going to bed at night. I always say a little prayers for you and my little brothers too.

I wish I could see you so much and I do hate to ~~of~~ think we are so far apart.

I have something so good to tell you, which will please you I know - it is this I am preparing for my first communion which I hope to make on Trinity Sunday; I will think of you then Pa and pray for you and I beg you to pray for me that I may receive my God worthily. I will not tell you what class I am in this time because in my next letter maybe I can say I am in the 5th class. I think I am improving in my music very fast and like it very much. My hand is aching Pa for I have written so much so good bye and don't forget your little Francisca.



“Francisca, you are to learn everything that the Nuns can teach you.
When you have finished your education,
then I will take you to Spain to see my old home.”



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“These were the last words I heard my father say; he started from St. Louis to visit California in search of gold and on his way was killed by the Indians.”



Los Angeles Star

August 26, 1852

Died at Carricita, near Warner's Ranch, August 20,

Don Damaso Lopez,

a native of Spain, but for many years a resident of New Mexico.

Senor Lopez was the proprietor of a large flock of sheep, (mentioned in another column as having arrived at Vallecita), and was on his way to the northern part of this state when he sickened and died. The deceased leaves four children in school at St. Louis, MO. He was a man of talent and worth, and of the strictest integrity, and in his day performed much good. He had property (the sheep alluded to) sufficiently, if properly administered upon, to provide well for his children. We mention this, the instances are so frequent in California of the property of deceased persons being diverted from the rightful inheritors, as to give rise to the fear that this case may be ranked in the same catalogue. Senor Lopez was well known to many of our good citizens-Messrs. Rowland, Wilson, Alexander and Workman, and it is hoped that they will interest themselves in keeping oversight of his effects, in order that his children may not be defrauded of their rights and be left entirely destitute *

Mr. Alvarez was then made our guardian.....

Francisca, when you have learned all that the Nuns can teach you, I will take you to Spain, and you will never go back to Mexico.



Ordinary of the Visitation.
St. Louis, Dec 18th 1853.

My dear Guardian.

It is with great pleasure that I write you these few lines as I know you are ever anxious to hear from me. I am quite well my dear Guardian, and improving very fast in my English and Music. I have been very uneasy about my Brothers having written to them several times and not as yet received any reply. I am in hopes that you will come this year to see me for I am so anxious to see you and my dear Brothers once more. I suppose you have not forgotten Donnaciana Waldo she is so kind to me she is also improving, I know you will be delighted to hear her play on the Piano, she is very kind to me and treats me very kindly, she makes all my dresses, but this is only a small part of what I have to be grateful to her for. When you write please tell me when you intend to come and see me, if you do I hope you will bring my dear Brothers with you. I will now close by bidding you good bye.

I remain as ever your affectional

J. Lopez





Francisca Lopez

“**Mr. Alvarez** died a few years after he came to see me and **Mr. Sandoval** was appointed our guardian. My brother Francisco married Mr. Sandoval’s daughter, and it was arranged that I was to marry his son as soon as I finished my education. I never forgot my father’s last words to me and determined if I could, never to go back to Mexico. While at school I made many warm, dear friends, among them, Pelagie Berthold. She insisted I should spend the first year after I left the convent with her, which I did and there I loved and married my husband.”



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Mr. Sandoval's son?



Pelagie Berthold

b. 1842 d.1931



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Missouri History Museum Library

“There I loved and married my husband.”



Berthold Mansion, St. Louis MO
c.1858

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Francisca Lopez

- ❖ **The Berthold Mansion**, as it was always called, was a most stately and elegant house, and one of the best in St. Louis of that day.
- ❖ **Mr. Berthold** was considered the most finished and accomplished merchants of his day in St. Louis.
- ❖ **He was also a fine scholar and linguist**, speaking French, Spanish, Italian and German with ease and fluency.
- ❖ **When General Lafayette** visited St. Louis he had in his suite men of various nationalities, and Mr. Berthold was the only gentleman who could speak with ease and elegance the language suited to each distinguished guest.
- ❖ **The Berthold Mansion** was the rendezvous for all the Creole families and was the scene of many festivities in the good old days.

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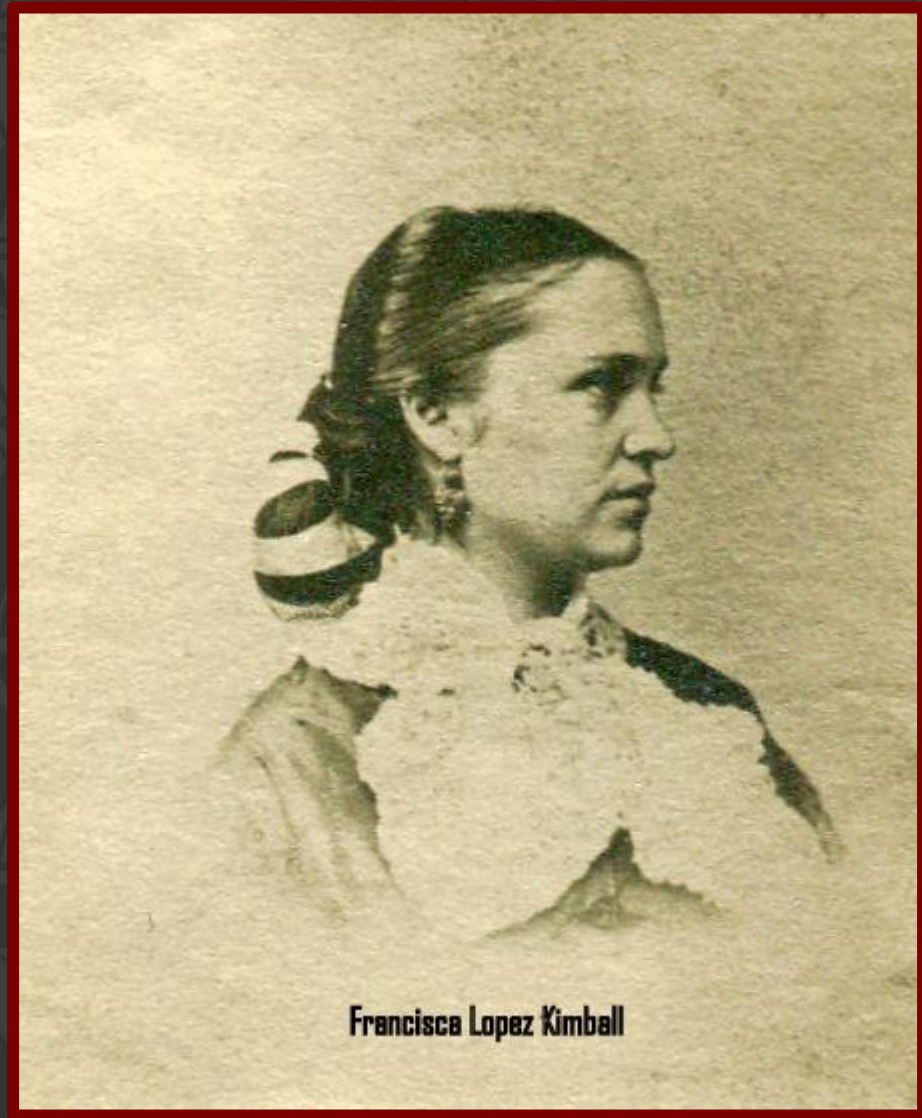
June 28, 1860
Francisca Lopez + Benjamin Kimball
Married
At the PIERRE A. BERTHOLD residence
By
Rev. Mr. McBeal

MARRIED.
On the 17th inst., by the Rev. James A. Paige, EVELYN A. HURT, Esq., to Miss JENNIE M. CHESWELL, both of St. Louis. It*
On the 1st May, 1860, by Rev. N. T. McNelly, Dr. J. I. THOMAS to Miss LOU M. CUSTER, both of High Hill, Montgomery county, Mo.
June 18th, at the residence of Pierre A. Berthold, by Rev. Mr. McBeal, Mr. BENJAMIN KIMBALL, of this city, to Miss FANNY LOPEZ, of Santa Fe, New Mexico.
Santa Fe papers copy.
On the 26th inst., by Rev. W. H. Parks, Mr. THOMAS A. BUCKLAND to Miss MARY E. TITLIEFF, both of this city. *
On Saturday evening, the 24th inst., by Rev. Dr. Wines, Capt. JOSEPH B. HOLLAND to Miss MARIAN FENTON, both of St. Louis.

The Missouri Republican
St. Louis June 28, 1860

Francisca & Benjamin had 11 children

- ❖ 2 died before reaching the age of 10
- ❖ 2 died before reaching the age of 20

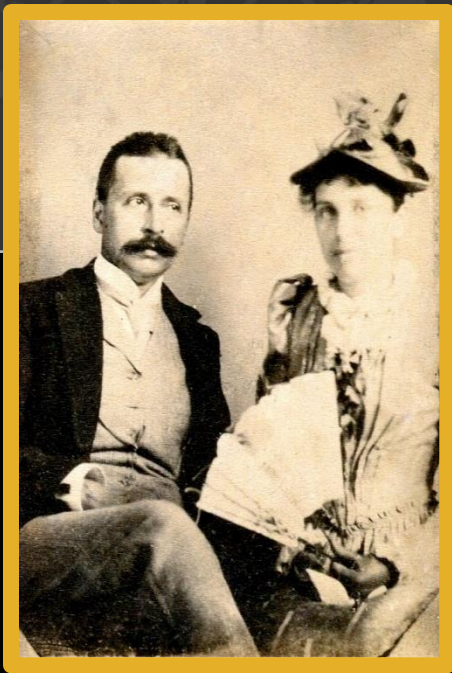


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Daughters of Francisca Lopez Kimball



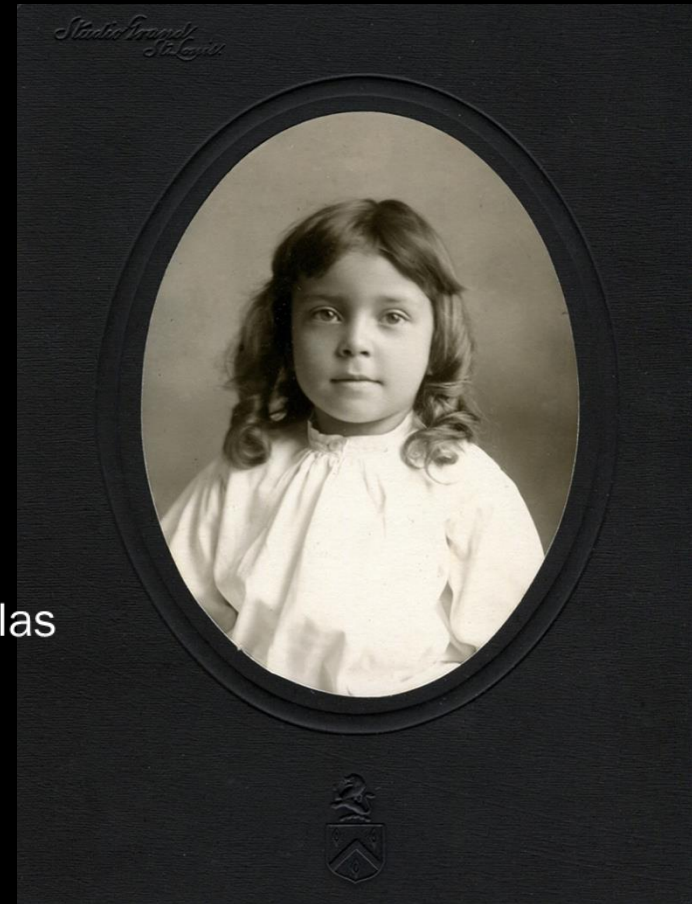
Francesca Isabel*Mary Jane*Virginia*Florence



My Great-Grandfather
Walter Bond Douglas
b. 1851 d. 1920

My Great-Grandmother
Francesca Isabel Kimball Douglas
b. 1869 d. 1938

My Grandfather
Francis Lopez Douglas
b. 1897 d. 1968



- ❖ Nettie (Antoinette Harney) Beauregard
- ❖ Mary Jane Kimball von Schrenk
- ❖ Virginia Kimball Mason
- ❖ Francesca Isabel Kimball Douglas

Casa Alvarez
Florissant, MO
circa 1915



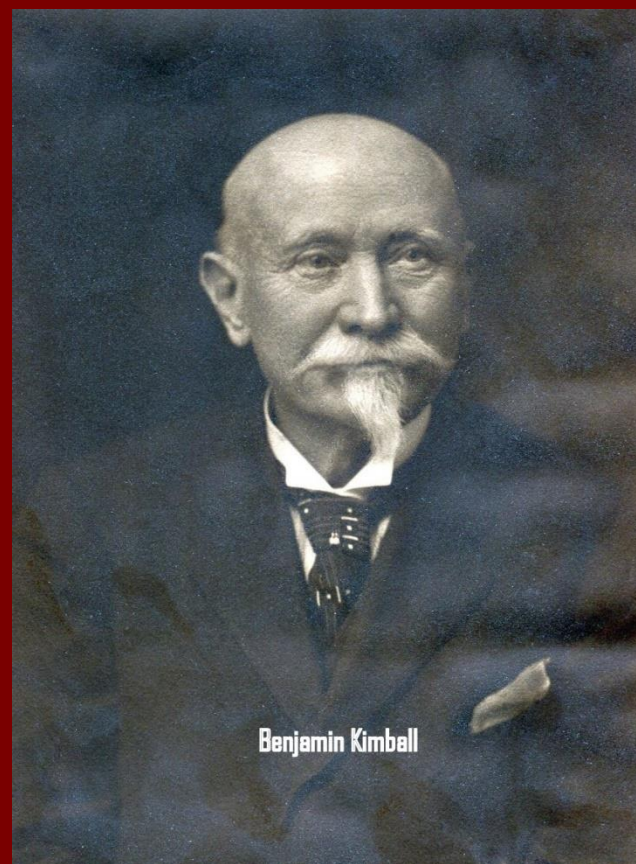
CASA ALVAREZ

Casa Alvarez, built circa 1790, is a wood-frame, French Colonial-style house in Florissant, Missouri listed on the National Register of Historic Places as among the oldest houses in St. Louis County. According to its nomination for the Register it "serves as a last link with the Spanish occupation of the Upper Louisiana territory."





Francisca Lopez Kimball



Benjamin Kimball

BLOOD POISONING KILLS MRS. KIMBALL

Social Leader and Daughter of
Spanish Family Dies
Tuesday Morning.

TO ST. LOUIS WHEN GIRL

Senor Lopez Brought Her Here
to Escape From War

St. Louis Times, 19 Nov 1907

Mrs. Francesca Kimball, daughter of a distinguished Mexican family, and for many years a social leader of St. Louis, died at her home at 4417 Delmar boulevard at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning of blood poisoning, caused by cutting a corn three weeks ago. Mrs. Kimball is reported to have used a knife and then applied a corn plaster.

Although she spent 60 years of her life in St. Louis, her childhood days teemed with tragic and even historic incidents.

Born in Chihuahua, Mexico, Francesca Lopez was the daughter of

CORN PLASTER CAUSES DEATH OF MRS. KIMBALL

"Home Treatment" Proves
Fatal to Daughter of Mexi-
can General.

LOCAL SOCIAL LEADER

Blood Poisoning Followed the
Paring of a Callous Two

Weeks Ago.

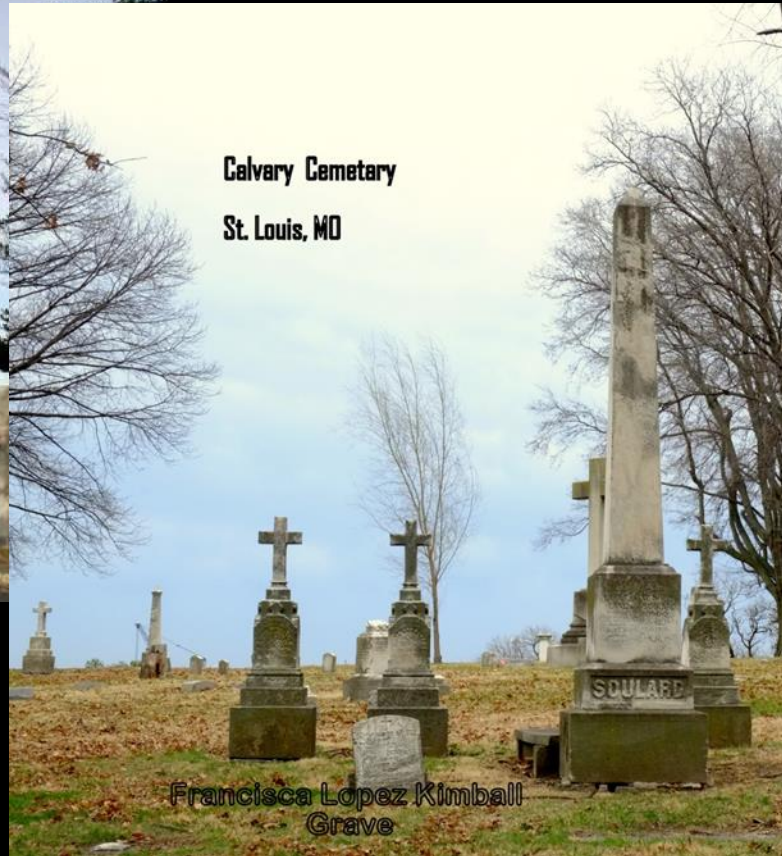
19 Nov 1907

Mrs. Benjamin Kimball died at 4:40 a. m. Thursday at her home, 4417 Delmar boulevard, from blood poisoning caused by "home treatment" of a corn. She was a daughter of Gen. Francisco Lopez, and was prominent socially. One of her daughters married Judge Walter B. Douglas. Mrs. Kimball was 60 years old.

Mrs. Kimball trimmed a corn two weeks ago and applied a corn plaster. Whether the knife or the plaster caused blood-poisoning has not been determined, but it is believed by physicians attending to have been the plaster. The foot swelled rapidly and was inflamed. Lancing did not relieve the trouble, and it was decided that Mrs. Kimball could not stand amputation. She sank rapidly to her death.

Mrs. Kimball was Francisca Lopez. She was born in Chihuahua, Mexico. When the Mexican War with the United States broke out her father sent her in care of a nurse, guarded by a squad of soldiers, to New Orleans, whence she came to St. Louis. She was then 5 years old. She has lived here ever since.

CALVARY CEMETERY ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI





Francisca's Gravestone
A fading memorial

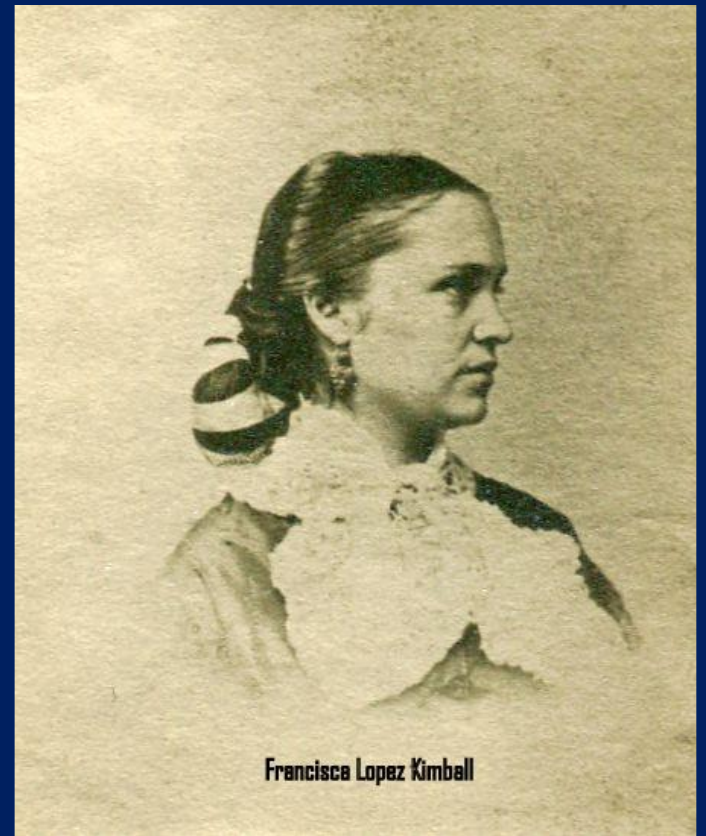




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Mural depicting

Santa Fe Plaza

Independence, MO National Trail Center

Artist: Charles Goslin

Photo of Pelagie Berthold

Photo of Berthold Mansion

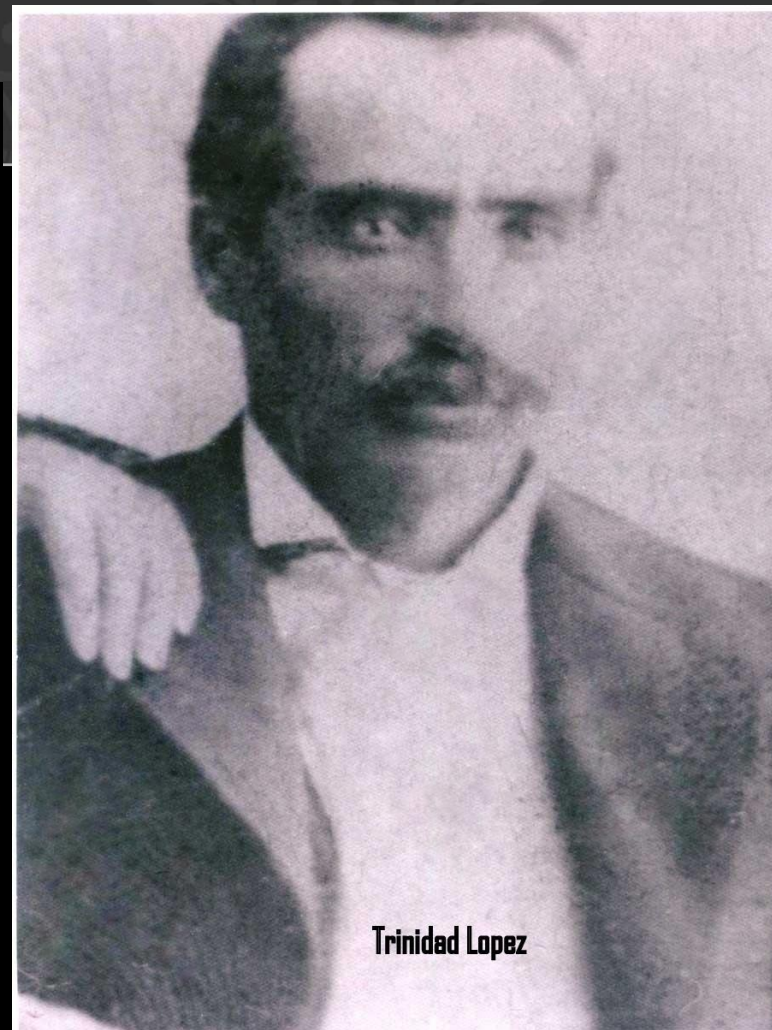
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Descendants of TRINIDAD LOPEZ
(Francisca's brother)



August 2013
Joe Lopez Mary Outten Carmen Lopez



Trinidad Lopez



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