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Pioneer descendant dies

Requiem Mass for Frances Waters, 84, who was born in the pre-Riverside town of La Placita, will be held Thursday at 9 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Church, Eleventh and Lime Streets, Riverside.

Mrs. Waters, who had lived for many years in the Highgrove area, died Sunday in a Riverside hospital.

She was a great-granddaughter of Lorenzo Trujillo, who led a party of emigrants from New Mexico and founded La Placita, in 1845, under the Mexican regime.

Mrs. Waters, daughter of Louis Trujillo, was born in a house near north Orange and Center streets. This was near the surviving Trujillo adobe which is marked by the County Historical Commission as a relic of old La Placita, known as Spanishtown to early Riverside anglos.

In years when citrus fruits were individually wrapped and hand-packed in wooden boxes, Mrs. Waters became known as a "cienera," among those who followed the citrus harvest in Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino, Tu-

lare and other citrus areas, as the crop ripened.

A cienera was capable of packing 100 (in Spanish, cien) boxes in a single work day.

Mrs. Waters participated in the volunteer campaign in the 1950s by which descendants of old La Placita and Agua Mansa families restored and fenced the then-neglected Agua Mansa Cemetery.

She leaves two daughters, Ruby Snodgrass of Highgrove and Flora Ruiz of Colton, eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.