

Sheepman Questionnaire

1. Name Louis Irigaray
2. Birthplace Porterville, Calif
3. Name of outfit Mitchel Irigaray
4. How many acres deeded? 0
5. How many acres of deeded land did you have in 1950? 0
6. How many acres of deeded land did you have in 1930? 0
7. How many animals do you run?
  - a. Sheep 4000
  - b. Cows 0
  - c. Horses 0
8. How many animals did you run in 1950?
  - a. Sheep 4500
  - b. Cows 0
  - c. Horses 0
9. How many animals did you (or your predecessors) run in 1930?
  - a. Sheep 2000
  - b. Cows 0
  - c. Horses 0
10. Do you graze public lands?  
BLM NO National Forest No
11. Is your allotment larger or smaller than it used to be? no
12. How many herders do you employ? lambing = 6 ; 2 = rest of year
13. How many of these are used as camptenders? 1
14. List how you acquired your last three herders?
  - a. out of work in Santa Fe
  - b. out of work in Santa Fe
  - c. out of work in Santa Fe

15. Are you a member of the Western Range Association? yes

16. If so, how many herders did you get from it during the last year?  
no one

17. As far as you can remember have you ever hired non-Basque herders?  
never one

Give examples: herder from Argentina brought in 1953 as test by John Bidagaray

18. Do you have a sheep foreman? no

19. How did you get him? —

20. Do you have a partner(s)?

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>How met</u>
a.	<u>Michel</u>	<u>Ester Esterenzubi</u>	<u>France father</u>
b.	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
c.	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

21. Do you speak, read or write: Basque S, R, W Spanish S, R, W  
English S, R, W French S other (specify) Portuguese S

22. Have you been to the Basque country? no

23. Are you a member of a Basque club? no

24. Give a short history of the ranch including how you acquired it:  
started in 1927 with 1100 head, always out of this area. In early years took to high Sierras and Mojave desert but in recent years work exclusively on leased stubble and Standard Oil properties foothills

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Sheepman Questionnaire

1. Name Joe Mendiburu
2. Birthplace Bakersfield, Calif.
3. Name of outfit M & R Sheep Company (Joe Mendiburu land & Livestock)
4. How many acres deeded? 20,000
5. How many acres of deeded land did you have in 1950? 80,000 acres
6. How many acres of deeded land did you have in 1930? not in business
7. How many animals do you run?
  - a. Sheep 18,000
  - b. Cows 20,000
  - c. Horses 100
8. How many animals did you run in 1950?
  - a. Sheep 25-30,000
  - b. Cows 2-3000
  - c. Horses ~~2~~ 15
9. How many animals did you (or your predecessors) run in 1930?
  - a. Sheep \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Cows \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Horses none
10. Do you graze public lands?

BLM yes National Forest yes
11. Is your allotment larger or smaller than it used to be? smaller
12. How many herders do you employ? 35
13. How many of these are used as camp tenders? 4 or 5
14. List how you acquired your last three herders?
  - a. WRA
  - b. WRA
  - c. WRA

*refers only to  
M & R and not  
his present diversified  
holdings*

15. Are you a member of the Western Range Association? yes

16. If so, how many herders did you get from it during the last year?  
10

17. As far as you can remember have you ever hired non-Basque herders?  
many

Give examples: Most of herders from Spain no longer Basques but always Spanish, now has 6 Peruvians, during Korean War many Mexicans

18. Do you have a sheep foreman? yes

19. How did you get him? brother-in-law

20. Do you have a partner(s)?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>How met</u>
a. <u>Lorenzo Iturria</u>	<u>Spanish Basque</u>	<u>came as herder for</u>
b. <u>Paco, Andres, Miguel Iturria</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>W(I &amp; M Sheep Co.)</u>
c. <u>Pedro Erneta</u>	<u>Spanish Basque</u>	<u>" (MonB Sheep Co.)</u>

21. Do you speak, read or write: Basque S, Spanish S,R  
English S,P,W French N other (specify) N

22. Have you been to the Basque country? 1964

23. Are you a member of a Basque club? Kern County Basque Club

24. Give a short history of the ranch including how you acquired it:

Father came in 1908, worked on Noriega ranch, went into sheep, tramp land, in 1938 formed M & R sheep company with Rudnick, mostly located out on the Mojave Desert and in San Joaquin Valley foothills.

now out of business for last 2 yrs

Sheepman Questionnaire

1. Name Juan Echegaray
2. Birthplace Lesaca
3. Name of outfit Echegaray
4. How many acres deeded? 10,000
5. How many acres of deeded land did you have in 1950? same
6. How many acres of deeded land did you have in 1930? none
7. How many animals do you run?
  - a. Sheep 5000
  - b. Cows 0
  - c. Horses 12
8. How many animals did you run in 1950?
  - a. Sheep 5000
  - b. Cows 0
  - c. Horses 12
9. How many animals did you (or your predecessors) run in 1930?
  - a. Sheep 5000 (3,000 in rent)
  - b. Cows 0
  - c. Horses 0
10. Do you graze public lands?  
BLM winter National Forest summer
11. Is your allotment larger or smaller than it used to be? 1,200 less since 1950
12. How many herders do you employ? 4
13. How many of these are used as camptenders? 2
14. List how you acquired your last three herders?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Are you a member of the Western Range Association? Yes was

16. If so, how many herders did you get from it during the last year?  
several

17. As far as you can remember have you ever hired non-Basque herders?  
yes

Give examples: 1 or 2 Mexicans in the past, a few  
Spaniards but not Basques

18. Do you have a sheep foreman? no

19. How did you get him? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Do you have a partner(s)?

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>How met</u>
a.	<u>Joe Echeagaray</u>	<u>Susaca</u>	<u>Brothers</u>
b.	<u>Aniceto "</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
c.	_____	_____	_____

21. Do you speak, read or write: Basque S, R, W Spanish S, R, W  
English S, some W French none other (specify) none

22. Have you been to the Basque country? 10 times

23. Are you a member of a Basque club? no

24. Give a short history of the ranch including how you acquired it:

Outfit formed in 1936 in response to T6 A when  
Juan and his two brothers bought acreage (land)  
grounds and a small ranch from some other Basques.  
Until that time the outfit had two French Basque  
partners as well and it was trans although  
using rented and leased pasturage for much  
of the year.

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