



MESQUITE TREE
Southwest Corner of the
Playground of Carrillo School

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Even trees have a history. This tree has seen many things from its place on the southwest corner of the playground of Carrillo School.

In 1985, sixth graders researched and published a book entitled "Tales Told in Our Barrio". In that book, Mr. Urias told them why the tree had not fallen to the chainsaws of the city. The students nominated the tree for recognition in the University of Arizona's "Great Tree Search". It received honorable mention as a tree of great history.

FOLKLORE Barrio resident, Señor Alberto Urias told this story about the mesquite tree.

"This tree is more than 100 years old. My story is when we wouldn't leave this mesquite... Well, we just wouldn't leave... Benjamin Cordova and I were drinking beer. We saw one of the city trucks come with a power saw. They began to cut the branches. We started shouting not to cut down the mesquite.

"Why?" they asked.

"This mesquite has history!" we said.

"And I have my orders to cut it down," said the boy.

"But you are not going to cut it," And we wrapped our arms around the tree and remained there. The police came, the mayor came, and the city manager came.

"Alright we won't take the mesquite. Now get out of here."

"And they all left. "

- Señor Albert Urias

