



American Latino Heritage



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A driving force behind public school integration in Kansas City, Kansas, Saturnino was a shoe cobbler with two children: Jesus and Luz. At that time, Mexican and Angelo children were taught separately, with subpar, crowded classrooms for Mexican students. There were no “Mexican” high schools, so Latino children didn’t receive education past the eighth grade. A high school graduate himself, he was determined that his children would attend Argentine High School. After more than a year-long battle, he was able to enroll his children in the fall.