JOHN BASA NOTES:

PEARSON VALENCIAS 9-2006

JOHN BASA SPOKE WITH JOHN PEARSON BY PHONE REGARDING THE HISTORY OF THESE 8 "PEARSON VALENCIA" CLONES - THERE HAS RECENTLY BEEN INTEREST IN SOME OF THESE VALENCIAS FROM SOME NURSERIES

JOHN PEARSON STATED THAT MUCH OF THE EXACT HISTORY ON THESE HAD BEEN LOST

AS ORANGE COUNTY FARM ADVISOR JOHN PEARSON HAD COLLECTED THESE MATURE, PRODUCTIVE, TRUE-TO-TYPE, HIGH YIELD VALENCIAS FROM TREES IN THE ANAHEIM AREA. HE DID REMEMBER THAT SOME CAME FROM THE SMITH FAMILY RANCH IN PLACENTIA AND THE WAGNER FAMILY ALSO IN THE AREA - THE SELECTIONS WERE MADE IN THE 1950'S AND EARLY 1960'S AS RANCH ACERAGE DECLINED AND WERE PLANTED ON THE LAND OF JACK CHRISTIANSON AROUND 1966.

JOHN PEARSON WAS MOVED TO TULARE COUNTY AS FARM ADVISOR AND LATER THE CHRISTIANSON LAND WAS SUB-DIVIDED AND GENE CHRISTIANSON ALERTED JOHN PEARSON THAT THE VALENCIAS NEEDED TO BE "SAVED"

JOHN PEARSON ASKED ED NAUEN TO FIND A PLACE TO PUT THESE VALENCIAS AND ED PLANTED THEM IN ROW 55 OF THE NUCELLAR BLOCK AT LINDCOVE

THE VALENCIAS WERE LATER INCLUDED IN THE VALENCIA STRAIN TRIAL AT LINDCOVE IN 1986 WHERE THEY ARE COMPARED WITH CAMPBELL, CUTTER, FROST, OLINDA, CHAPMAN VALENCIAS

THE 8 VALENCIA CLONES WERE PUT THRU THE VI INDEX AS VI'S 747 THROUGH 754 WITH BUDWOOD TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM THE NUCELLAR BLOCK TREES IN 11-2006