

THEY MADE THEIR WAY TO MENIFEE

The Bouris Bros. – From Greece, one by Ship in 1905

In 1905, 14-year-old George Bouris stepped ashore in Boston, Massachusetts. He had lied about his age, claiming he was 16 so he could travel alone. He had left his village in Kalavrita, Greece to find work. His family pooled together limited resources to buy his ticket in steerage on a crowded ship that was sailing to America, the land of opportunity.



George found work as a laborer and began working on the railroads that were being built across the country. He eventually made his way to San Francisco where he labored at the rebuilding of the city after the 1906 earthquake. After moving to Los Angeles, he sent for his brothers Ted and Sam. They bought a house across from Union Station. A real estate agent was showing the brothers farms for sale all around southern California. When George saw the rocky 640 acres for sale in Menifee Valley, he said "Eureka, I have found it". He

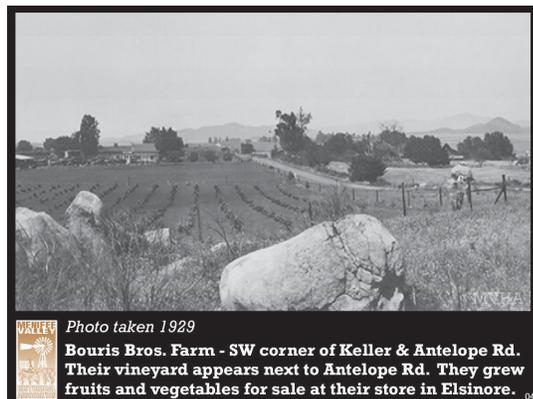


Photo taken 1929
Bouris Bros. Farm - SW corner of Keller & Antelope Rd.
 Their vineyard appears next to Antelope Rd. They grew fruits and vegetables for sale at their store in Elsinore. 04

\$6,000 for the property at the southwest corner of Antelope and Keller Road in 1922.

The property with streams and Live Oak trees was identical to the land the brothers had left in Kalavrita, Greece. They took up residence here and brother Ted opened a



store in Lake Elsinore to market the produce from their farm. They had 30 acres of peach trees, 30 acres of walnuts, 20 acres of figs, 100 acres of vineyards and wine grapes, 10 acres of orange trees and truck



crops of melons, green beans and tomatoes. They also had milk cows, pigs, sheep and chickens to supply the family needs. They worked long hours on the farm.

12-20 cross motor Case tractor
 Sam, Poula, Herk, George, Mary and friends from LA

