

## Basque children at the Ambleside colony

Name of child + original Bilbao registration number, age in May 1937, repatriation date, relationship to other family members	Sources of evidence and other relevant information
<p><b>Arribas Ege</b>, Fermín  <a href="#">No. 1557, age 14, returned to Spain 19/12/39</a></p>	<p>There is a report in the <i>Westmorland Gazette</i> of 28 January 1939 referring to the Brampton children performing country dances of the Basque provinces, Aragonese jotas and Andalucian gipsy music at the YMCA Hall in Ambleside. 'Fermin Arriba [Fermín Arribas Ege] who was one of the children accommodated for some months last year at Fairfield Guest House, Ambleside and who was heard in the north Regional wireless programme a short time ago, contributed Flamenco songs - part of the Spanish heritage from the Moorish occupation of the country - and more modern items were sung by Garcia Lorca'. Most of the Ambleside children had come from Brampton or from Hexham via Brampton when Ambleside opened in October 1937 and had returned to Brampton when Ambleside closed in March 1938.</p>
<p><b>Pérez San José</b>, Agustina  <a href="#">No. 1700, Age 9, remained in UK</a> (sister of Asunción Pérez San José and José Antonio Pérez San José)</p>	<p>Agustina Cabreras (née Agustina Pérez San José) is referred to by N. Benjamin, 'The forgotten colonies', <i>Basque Children of '37 UK Newsletter</i>, No.13, May 2010, p.7. In interview she refers to being one of 25 children at the Ambleside Hostel. This probably means that she transferred there from Brampton. It is unknown whether her siblings Asunción Pérez San José and José Antonio Pérez San José) also transferred to Ambleside. After Ambleside closed Agustina probably returned to Brampton and may, later on, have been adopted from there by Lorna Symonds</p>