Los Fundadores: Finding Your Spanish Ancestors in México

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Research Objective

The following presentation offers suggestions for tracing your Mexican ancestors back to Spain. Although we offer research suggestions and show the reader resources to locate ancestors from the Iberian Peninsula, it is important to state the following:

The only real way of linking your own family to a Spanish or Portuguese ancestor is trace your own family back generation-by-generation as far back as possible. This can be a time-consuming project but México has rich genealogical resources available through its early church registers and government archives.

Family History Library resources can be studied online at:

https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list#page=1®ion=MEXICO

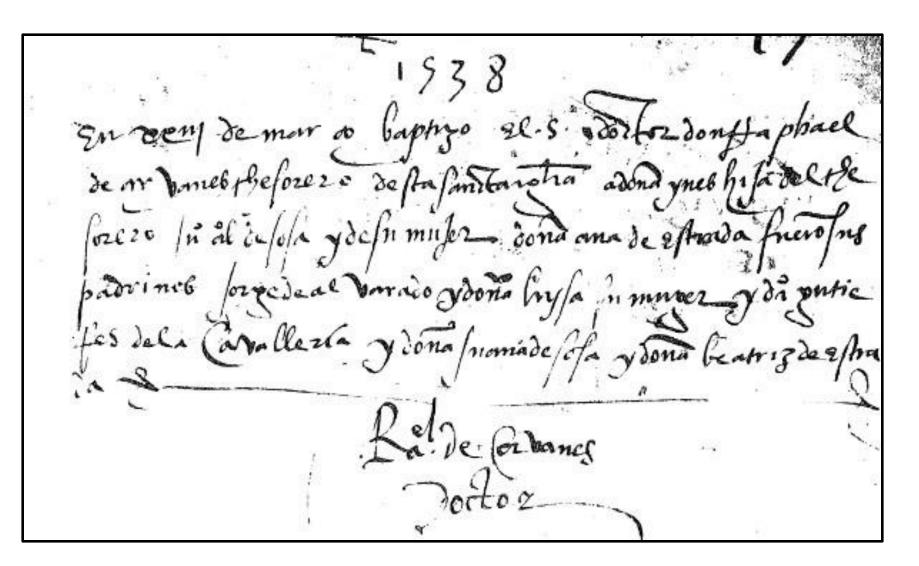
A Resource for Early México: Registros Parroquiales: Sample Films

The Catholic Church records for many cities reach back into the 1500s. Some sample films are shown below:

FHL Film No.	Parish: Description of Records			
	México City			
35167	Asunción: Bautismos de españoles, 1536-1546, 1552-1589			
35267	Asunción: Matrimonios de españoles 1575-1589, 1629-1634, 1629-1634, 1621-1626, 1629-1630, 1629-1646			
35979	Santa Catarina Virgen y Mártir: Bautismos de hijos legítimos 1568-1664			
36027	Santa Catarina Virgen y Mártir: Matrimonios 1589-1639, 1664-1671			
35818	Santa Veracruz (Guerrero Sureste, D.F.): Bautismos de españoles 1568-1615			
35848	Santa Veracruz: Matrimonios de españoles 1568-1666			
37031	Santa Ana (Antinantitech o Morelos, D.F.): Bautismos 1585-1701			
	City of Puebla (in the State of Puebla)			
227520	Sagrario Metropolitano: Bautismos 1545-1608			
227701	Sagrario Metropolitano: Matrimonios 1585-1639			
City of Actopán, (in the State of Hidalgo)				
614336	San Nicolás de Tolentino: Bautismos de españoles 1546-1652, 1657-1708, 1824- 1827			

A Rich Resource of Early Information: The Catholic Church

A 1538 Baptism Record from México City



Census Records of Mexican Parishes

Over the centuries, many Mexican Bishoprics recorded a **PADRON** (a register or census of parishioners receiving the sacraments). Information on padrones for specific Mexican states can be found in Lyman Platt's "Census Records for Latin America and the Hispanic United States" (1998). A sample page from that work is below. The Reference Column refers to the Family History Library film number. Most of these are online. Go to the **Family History Library Catalog** and enter the film number in the "**Film/Fiche Number**" to locate each film.

104 Census Records for Latin America and the Hispanic United States

Locality	Province	Country	Year(s)	Reference
Juanacatic	Jalisco	México	1822	168825
Juanacatlán	Jalisco	México	1817	168810
Juquilpán	Jalisco	México	1763	774213
Juquilpán	Jalisco	México	1817	797803
La Barca	Jalisco	México	17	782018
La Barca	Jalisco	México	17	761550
La Barca	Jalisco	México	1768	782003
La Barca	Jalisco	México	1817	168810
La Barca	Jalisco	México	1818	168813
La Barca	Jalisco	México	1820	168818
La Barca	Jalisco	México	1822	168828
La Barca	Jalisco	México	1824	168832
La Barca	Jalisco	México	1825	168835
La Barca	Jalisco	México	1828	168839

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The Children of Moctezuma

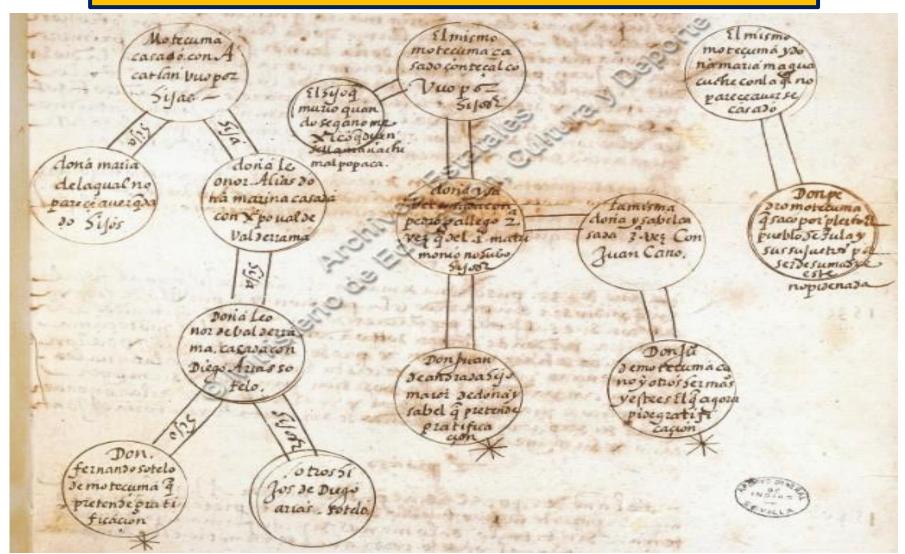
It is believed that Moctezuma had at least **19 children**. Several of them married Spaniards in the post-Aztec Empire. The three most well-known children who had offspring were:

Name	Partners / Spouses
Teculchpochtzin (Doña Isabel) –	Hernán Cortes
born circa 1502-4; died Dec. 10, 1550	Pedro Gallego de Andrade (d. 1531)
	Juan Caño de Saavedra (d. 1572)
Leonor (Marina)	Juan Paz (d. Aug. 1529)
	Cristóbal de Valderrama (d. Nov. 1537)
Tlacahuepantzin (Pedro de	Doña Inéz Tlacapan
Moctezuma) – born circa 1503 – died Sept. 1570	Doña Catalina Quiasuchitl

Sources: George Fulton, "Descendants of Emperor (9th tlatoani) Moctezuma II Xocoyotzin of Tenochtitlan" (Nuestros Ranchos, January 2011); Donald E. Chipman, "Moctezuma's Children: Aztec Royalty under Spanish Rule, 1520–1700" (University of Texas Press: 2010).

The Descendants of Moctezuma

Spanish Government Document of Moctezuma's Descendants (1574)



Source: México Archivo General - AGI - MP -

Escudos: 211 (1574)

The Female Descendants of Moctezuma

- In her 2010 dissertation, Margo Tamez commented on the fact that the Nahua noble daughters of Moctezuma II's dynasty "were granted, by the Spanish Crown, significant encomiendas in perpetuity."
- These "women inherited important grants of land... which entitled them and their heirs to the lucrative rights to have measures of control over all-important Indigenous encomienda grants of land, soil, water, Indigenous tributaries and Indigenous slaves."
- Tamez concluded that through "tactical marriages with indigenous noble women, several Basques conquerors took advantage of their Indigenous wives' legal inheritance of vast grants."
- Source: Donald E. Chipman, in "Moctezuma's Children: Aztec Royalty Under Spanish Rule, 1520-1700," discusses this in his book.

Looking for Basque Ancestors

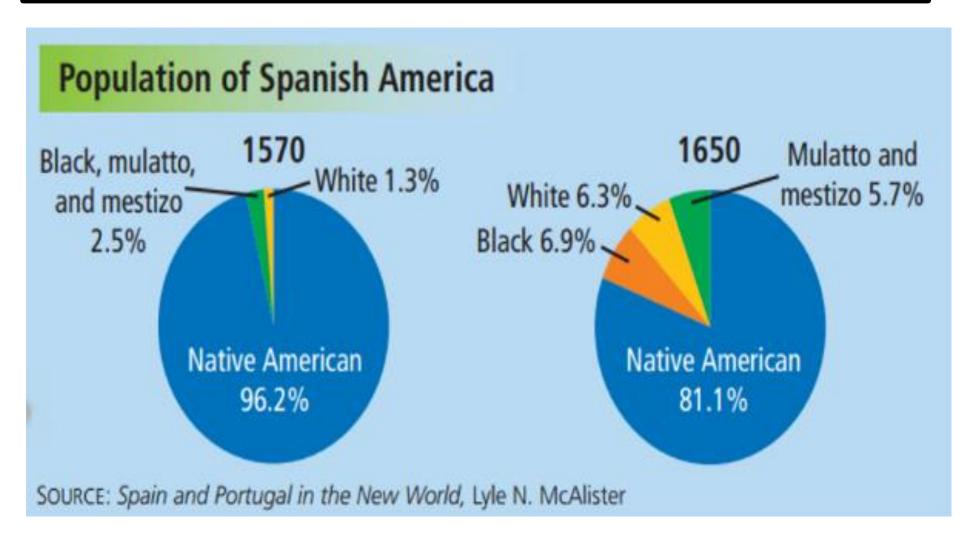
Amaya Garritz wrote several volumes of LOS VASCOS EN LAS REGIONES DE MÉXICO, SIGLOS XVI a XX (circa 1996 to 2002).



Nombre	Lugar de origen	Actividades
Arce, Francisco	Valle de Carriedo, Santander	Comerciante
Arteaga, Miguel	Villa de Deva, Guipúzcoa	Hacendado
Barturen, Alfonso Ramón	Villa de Orio, Vizcaya	Funcionario/minero
Bengoa y Errecarte, Felipe	Bilbao, Vizcaya	Funcionario
Bustinsuria, Francisco Ignacio	Villa de Ondárroa, Vizcaya	Comerciante
Carrera y Arámburu, Antonio	Villa de Zaldívar, Guipúzcoa	N.D.
Echeverría, Tomás	Villa de Deva, Guipúzcoa	N.D.
Emazabel, Rodrigo de	Villa de Deva, Guipúzcoa	Cornerc./rec. diezmos
Fernández, Manuel	Merindad de Villarcayo, Burgos	Propietario
Fernández Alonso, Inocencio	Arredondo, valle de Ruesga, Santander	Comerciante
Gil de Retis, Domingo	Valle de Gordejuela, Vizcaya	N.D.
Gómez Zorrilla, Manuel	Quisícedo, Villarcayo, Burgos	Comerc./hacend./fune
Gómez Zorrilla, Baltasar	Quisicedo, Villarcayo, Burgos	Comerciante/func.
Gómez Zorrilla, Julián	Quisicedo, Villarcayo, Burgos	Comerciante
Goytia, Manuel de	Villa de Ondárroa, Vizcaya	Comerciante
Guridi y Jáuregui, Antonio	Villa de Mondragón, Guipúzcoa	Func./propiet.

Spaniards in Spanish America

The Spaniards have always represented a very small portion of the population of Spanish America, as the two pie charts below illustrate:



Colonial México: A Layered Society

Spanish colonial society was made up of distinct social classes.

At the top were **PENINSULARES**, people born in Spain. Peninsulares filled many of the highest positions in both colonial governments and the Catholic Church hierarchy. Over the centuries, Mexicans began to refer to Spanish-born people by the pejorative term, **GACHUPINES**.

Next came **CREOLES**, **American-born descendants of Spanish settlers**. Creoles owned many of the plantations, ranches, and mines. By the Nineteenth Century, many of the priests were also creoles.

Lower social groups consisted of mixed populations. They included **MESTIZOS**, people of Native American and European descent, and **MULATTOES**, people of African and European descent.

Native Americans (INDIOS) and people of African descent (NEGROS) formed the lowest social classes.

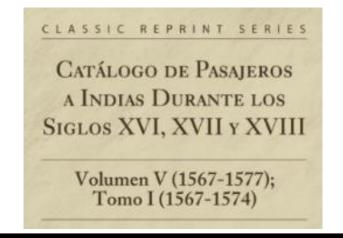
Finding Pasajeros a Indias (1509-1559)

The Index of the Lists of Passengers from the Spain to the Americas (1509-1559). To access the Pasajeros, go to the Familysearch.org catalog:

- 1. Go to Spain
- 2. Go to this subtopic: Spain Emigration and immigration (75), and go to the second entry.
- 3. Direct Link: https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/349326?availability=Family%20History%20Library

Vol. 1. (1509-1534)	Family History Library	International Film	277577 Item 1	0
Vol. 2. (1535-1538)	Family History Library	International Film	277577 Item 2	0
Vol. 3. (1539-1559) .	Family History Library	International Film	277578	0
OTRA FILMACION . Vol. 1 (1509-1534)	Family History Library	International Film	1410933 Item 4	0
Vol. 2. (1535-1539)	Family History Library	International Film	1410933 Item 5	0
Vol. 3. (1539-1559)	Family History Library	International Film	1410934 Item 1	0

Finding Pasajeros a Indias (1560-1599)



The indexes for the Pasajeros a Indias for the years 1560 to 1599 have been published in book form and are available for sale on some websites and also available in some libraries.

Author: Luis Romera Iruela.

Title: Catálogo de Pasajeros a Indias Durante Los Siglos XVI, XVII y XVIII

Volumes Available:

Vol. 4: Pasajeros (1560-1566)

Vol. 5: Pasajeros (1567-1574)

Vol. 5: Book 2: Pasajeros (1575-1577)

Vol. 6: Pasajeros (1578-1585)

Vol. 7: Pasajeros (1586-1599)

The Pasajeros a Indias Indexes

Each volume of the Catálogos has an index of pasajeros either at the end or the beginning of the book (or film):

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401
Carvajal.-V. López de-
                                          Castillano, Bartolomé.—3864.
          V. Xuárez de-
                                          Castillanos, Alonso de.-3762.
Casa. Juan de.-1304.
                                          Castillejo, Jorge de.-5001.
 Juan de la.—1613.
                                          Castillo.—3864.
Casado, Juan.-878, 1221, 1371, 20
                                                  Bartolomé del.-847.
       Pedro.—903.
                                                  Catalina del. 3712, 3936,
Casal, Juan de.-490.
                                                  4876.
Casanueva, Francisco de.-2533.
                                                  Diego de.-2012,3536, 3640.
Casares, Alonso de.-3155.
                                                  Francisca del.-3712.
Casarrubios, Gómez de.-3203.
                                                  Francisco del.-4394.
Casas, Catalina de las.-3589.
                                                  García del.-5252.
      Diego de las.-336, 1357.
                                                  Gonzalo del.-1813, 3444.
      Fernando de las.-4504.
                                                  Hernando del.-4094.
     Gaspar de las.-3864.
                                                  Inés del.-5305.
 - Luis de las.-5095.
                                                  Juan del.-575, 703, 3919.
      Juan de las.—1127, 3350.
                                                  Juana del .- 3708.
     V. Sánchez de las-
                                                  Lope del .- 2490.
Casasola, Hernando de.-787, 2774.
                                                  Luisa del.-4559.
         V. Hernández de-
                                                  Pedro del.-2008, 4515, 4829,
Cascales, Alonso.—591.
                                                  4852.
                                                  V. Hernández del-
Casco.—V. Alonso—
Caso, Juan. 1686.
                                          Castillón, Alonso de.-4077.
     Marcos de.-2159.
                                          Castrado, Andrés.—1454.
Castañeda.—3864.
                                          Castras, Juan de.-2918.
           Licenciado.-3457.
                                          Castro, Alonso de.-2326.
           Alonso de.-700.
                                                 Alvaro de .- 726.
           Cristóbal de.-3545.
                                                 Antonio de.-1991, 5146.
           Elena de.-3320.
                                                 Baltasar de.-309.
           Esteban de.-3339.
                                                 Diego de.-3535.
           Francisca de.-1651.
                                                 Francisco de. -5162.
           Juan de.-254, 1864.
                                                 Gaspar de.-2927.
                                                 Gracián de.-3864.
           María de.-3326.
                                                 Gregorio de.-4742-3.
           Rodrigo de.-2832, 4654.
                                                 Juan de.-2178, 3761,
           V. García de-
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Pasajeros a Indias: Citation Examples

The year is given at the top of each page in the volumes.

Examples of citations are given below. The Lope Ruiz de Esparza citation is from 1593.

2.977. PEDRO DE LEDESMA, natural de Ciudad Rodrigo, hijo de Diego de Ledesma y de Blanca López, a Nueva España.— 26 mayo.

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2.633. LOPE RUIZ DE ESPARZA, natural de Pamplona, soltero, hijo de Lope Ruiz de Esparza y de Ana Díaz de Eguino, a Nueva España como criado de don Enrique de Maleón.—8 febrero.

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Finding The Original Documents

Under **Spain: Emigration and Immigration**: **Pasajeros a Indias: Libros de Asientos,** you will find the originals documents of the passengers to the Americas are found. The online FHL films run from 1509 to 1701:

https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/20763?availability=Family%20History%20Library

Film Notes (This family history center has 22 of 22 films/fiche.)				
Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film/DGS	Format
Legajo 5536, libros 1-4, años 1509-1542	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1223690	©
Legajo 5536, libros 5 al fin, años 1536-1542	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1223691	0
Legajo 5537, libros 1-2, años 1553-1562	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1223692	0
Legajo 5537, libros 3 al fin, años 1553-1571	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1223693	0
Legajo 5538, libros 1-2, años 1576-1620	Family History Library	International B1 High Density	1223694	0
Legajo 5538, libros 3 al fin, años 1590-1591	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1223695	0
Legajo 5539, libros 1-2, años 1607-1625	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1223696	0
Legajo 5539, libros 3,5, años 1621-1675	Family History Library	International B1 High Density	1223697	©
Legajo 5540(A), libros 1-2, años 1661-1681	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1223698	6

Finding Pasajeros through the PARES Database

PARES (Portal of Spanish Archives): In this portal you can find many kinds documents, including passengers to the Indies up to the 1800s. The website is at this link:

http://pares.mcu.es/

Select the Simple Search option (Búsqueda Sencilla). A search example for "Terrazas" in the Pasajeros collection:



PARES Pasajeros Results Page

The results pages included Terrazas who came to the Americas between 1576 and 1613.

TÍTULO	SIGNATURA	FECHA CREACIÓN	FECHA FORMACIÓN	DIG.
ANDRES DE TERRAZAS	CONTRATACION,5225B,N.40		1576-4-19	
DIEGO DE TERRAZAS DELGADILLO	CONTRATACION,5239,N.2,R.2		1592-1-27	
JUAN DE TERRAZAS	CONTRATACION,5276A,N.49		1603-2-5	
JUAN DE TERRAZAS	CONTRATACION,5331,N.49		1613-6-27	
MARIA DE TERRAZAS	CONTRATACION,5272,N.1,R.75		1602-6-4	
HERNANDO MARTIN	CONTRATACION,5272,N.1,R.76		1602-6-5	
LUCAS GOMEZ RONQUILLO	CONTRATACION,5242,N.1,R.26		1593-1-30	

Sample Citation from the above results: Maria de Terrazas (June 4, 1602):

Expediente de información y licencia de pasajero a indias de *María de Terrazas, vecina de Talavera,* hija de Pedro de la Barreda y María de Terrazas, viuda de Diego de Frías Roldán, con sus hijas Francisca de Frías y María de Terrazas, vecinas de Talavera, a Nueva España.

Talavera is in Toledo, España.

PARES Results for Cabeza de Baca to México (1602-1751)

While searching for potential Pasajeros ancestors for the **Cabeza de Baca family of Ixtlán, Michoacán and La Barca, Jalisco,** I isolated the following four people as possible ancestors of the family in question. Other people of the surname were found, but they went to other parts of Latin America.

Date	Name	Pasajeros a Indias Description
1602-06- 03	FRANCISCO BAÑUELOS CABEZA DE VACA	Francisco Bañuelos Cabeza de Vaca, natural y vecino de Briviesca, hijo de Francisco de Yruña Bañuelos y Catalina Cabeza de Vaca, a Nueva España.
1653-03- 03	DIEGO MALDONADO CABEZA DE VACA	Diego Maldonado Cabeza de Vaca, racionero de la catedral de Michoacán, con su criado Francisco de Valencia y Villacrecis, natural de Madrid, hijo de Juan de Valencia, a Nueva España.
1706-02- 03	FRANCISCO GODINES CABEZA DE VACA	Francisco Godines Cabeza de Vaca, alcalde mayor de Jacona, a Nueva España.
1751-6- 12	JOSE CABEZA DE VACA	José Cabeza de Vaca, natural de Jalapa, hijo de Joaquín Cabeza de la Vaca y de Francisca Montañes, a Nueva España. Vuelve

THE DRSW DATABASE: A VALUABLE RESOURCE

The University of Arizona's "Documentary Relations of the Southwest" consists of a master index to several collections of Spanish colonial documents. It includes

THE BIOFILE: a biographical listing of nearly 20,000 persons living in the greater Southwest and northern "New Spain" in centuries past. Browse for surnames here:

http://uair.library.arizona.edu/item/68386/browse-names

Collections > Documentary Relations of the Southwest > Biofile > Browse by name

Browse by name

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- AM (55)
- AN (122)
- AP (51)
- AQ (4)
- AR (473)
- AS (22)
- AT (15)
- AU (5)
- AV (42)

DRSW BIOFILE: Searching for Individuals and Surnames

Name 🔺	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>
ZALDIVAR, FRANCISCO ANTONIO BERNARDINO		
ZALDIVAR, JOSEPH		
ZALDIVAR, JUAN DE	N.D.: GUADALAJARA, SPAIN	1598 Dec: ACOMA/KILLED BY INDIANS
ZALDIVAR, PEDRO		
ZALDIVAR, VICENTE		
ZALDIVAR, VICENTE DE	N.D.: ZACATECAS	
ZAMBRANO ORTIZ, PEDRO	1586: CANARY ISLANDS	
ZAMBRANO, CIPRIANO	1757: PINOS (SIERRA DE)	
ZAMBRANO, JOSE MARIA	1766: SAN FERNANDO	
ZAMBRANO, JUAN JOSE		1818: N.P.
ZAMBRANO, MANUEL	N.D.: MEXICO CITY	
ZAMBRANO, PATRICIO	1748: PINOS (SIERRA)	
ZAMBRANO, PEDRO	1762: SAN FERNANDO	
ZAMBRANO, PEDRO	1596: VILLA DE RIBERA, EXTREMADURA-ESPANA	1652 Sep 28: SANTA CRUZ DE MAYO, SINALOA

DRSW BIOFILE: Surname Searches

MOLINA, GASPAR DE	1723: BALAGUER, CATALONIA, SPAIN	
MOLINA, GUADALUPE	N.D.: N.P.	
MOLINA, JOSE	1748: N.P.	
MOLINA, JOSE FRANCISCO JAVIER	1694: ANTEQUERA, ANDALUCIA - ESPANA	1741 Apr 21: SANTO TOMAS DE LOS TARAHUMARES
MOLINA, JOSE JOAQUIN	N.D.: LA CIENEGA (SAN PABLO)	
MOLINA, JOSEPH		
MOLINA, JOSEPH	1732: N.P.	
MOLINA, JOSEPH JOAQUIN	N.D.: LA CIENEGA	
MOLINA, JOSEPHA DE	N.D.: SAN BARTOLOME	1720 Jun 09: PARRAL

DRSW: Sample Citation: Military Record

PORTILLO, MIGUEL

BID Number: 16100

Birth: 1771: CIENEGA DE LOS OLIVAS (CHIHUAHUA)

Notes: TWENTY-THREE YEARS, TWO MONTHS AND SEVEN DAYS OF MILITARY SERVICE IN FIRST AND THIRD

FLYING COMPANIES AND IN THE PRESIDIAL COMPANY OF SANTA FE. PARTICIPATED IN THREE CAMPAIGNS

AND VARIOUS SALLIES RESULTING IN DEATHS OF TWENTY-NINE INDIANS OF BOTH SEXES AND

RECOVERING ONE-HUNDRED- THIRTY MOUNTS.

Occupation: 1812 Dec 31: SANTA FE (PRESIDIO)/DON, (SECOND) ALFEREZ

1788 Oct 24: N.P./SOLDADO

1797 Nov 10: N.P./RIFLEMAN (CARABINERO)

1798 Jun 01: N.P./CABO

1800 Jan 01: N.P./SARGENTO

1809 Jan 26: N.P./ALFEREZ

Source: PRIMARY SOURCE

Sources: AZU FILM 2182, SANM REEL 17, FR. 0339, 0647.

DRSW: Sample Citation: The Last Will and Testament of a Spaniard

PORRAS, JUAN BAUTISTA DE

BID Number: 4362

Birth: N.D.: SEVILLA, ESPANA

Death: 1667 Nov 15: PARRAL

Ethnicity: ESPANOL

Family: PORRAS, ALVARO DE (F)

GUTIERREZ, LUISA DE (M)

PORRAS, MAGDALENA DE (DA)

FUENTE, MARTIN DE LA (SNL) (HUSBAND OF PORRAS, MAGDALENA

DE)

Marriage: N.D.: N.P./HURTADO DE RIVERA, JUANA

Occupation: 1667: PARRAL/MERCHANT, VECINO

1661 Oct 20: SANTA BARBARA/MINER

1666 Feb 21: PARRAL/MILITIA (LISTED AS "MAS DE 60 ANOS")

Source: PRIMARY SOURCE, SIGNATURE, WILL AND TESTAMENT

Sources: AZU, FILM 318, PARRAL 1667 A, FR. 588-591

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"AZU Film" please submit the citation to Askddt@u.library.arizona.edu or phone 520-621-6438.

DRSW: Sample Citation: A Jesuit Expelled from Sonora (1767)

SAENZ, BARTOLOME

BID Number: 1590

Birth: 1714 Aug 24: SALVATIERRA, CALATRABA, ESPANA

Death: 1768 Nov 18: TEQUILA, NUEVA GALICIA

Occupation: 1735 Jul 18: N.P./(ENTERS SOCIETY) S.J. 1736 Feb 18: NUEVA ESPANA/(ARRIVES) S.J.

1744: RESIDENCIA DE GUANAJUATO/(TEACHES GRAMMAR) S.J. 1748: TEOPARI, SONORA/S.J.

1751 - 1755: CUQUIARACHI, SONORA/S.J. 1756 Mar 10: N.P./PROFESION SOLEMNE S.J.

1761: BONAMICHI, SONORA/S.J. 1767: SAGUARIPA, SONORA/S.J.

1767: SONORA MISSIONS/(EXPELLED FROM) S.J.

Ethnicity: ESPANOL

Source: ZAMBRANO - GUTIERREZ CASILLAS, XVI: 491

Sources

ZAMBRANO: GUTIERREZ CASILLAS, XVI (1977)

DRSW: Sample Citation: A Jesuit Killed by Pima Indians (1751)

TELLO, TOMAS

BID Number: 21270

Birth: 1720 Sep 17: ALMAGRO DE LA MANCHA, ESPANA

Death: 1751 Nov 21: CABORCA, SONORA/KILLED BY PIMA INDIANS

Occupation: 1749 May: CABORCA, SONORA/S.J. 1735 Apr 16: N.P./S.J., NOVICE

1744: QUERETARO/S.J. 1746: N.P./S.J. (ORDAINED) 1748: PUEBLA/S.J. (3RD VOWS)

1751 - 1753: PIMERIA ALTA MISSIONS/S.J.

Ethnicity: ESPANOL

Notes

1744 : SEMINARIO DE SAN FRANCISCO JAVIER. TEACHES GRAMMAR, STUDIES THEOLOGY. MARTYR DURING REBELLION OF 1751.

Source: ALMADA, 1952

Sources

ALMADA: DICCIONARIO DE SONORA (1952) PRADEAU: LOS JESUITAS EN SONORA (UNPUB.MS.) ZAMBRANO-GUTIERREZ CASILLAS (1977, XVI)

Variant Spelling: TELLO, TOMAS ANTONIO

Gary Felix Web Page

The Gary Felix Web Page provides a great deal of information about the early settlers of México as well as many of the original conquistadores.

http://garyfelix.tripod.com/~GaryFelix/index11.htm



The Fundadores of Zacatecas

La Fundación de Zacatecas (the Foundation of Zacatecas) is celebrated on Sept. 8, 1546. The four primary conquistadores and founders of Zacatecas were:

- Juan de Tolosa married Leonor Cortés Moctezuma they had 3 children.
- 2. Cristóbal de Oñate (1504-1567) married Catalina de Salazar de la Cadena: They had six children, including Aelando Don Juan de Oñate, who married Doña Isabel de Tolosa Cortés Moctezuma (daughter of Juan de Tolosa)
- 3. Capitán Baltazar Temiño de Bañuelos married to Maria de Zaldivar Mendoza in 1572 they had six children between 1575 and 1587.
- **4.** Diego de Ybarra (1502-1600) married Ana de Velasco y Castilla they had two children.

Fundadores of Zacatecas: Sources

The four primary sources of information about the founding families and early settlers of Zacatecas are:

José Ignacio Dávila Garibi, "La Sociedad de Zacatecas en Los Albores del Régimen Colonial, Actuación de Los Principales Fundadores y Primeros Funcionarios Públicos de la Ciudad" (1939: 132 pages and 16 genealogical tables).

Juan J. Zaldívar Ortega, "Zacatecanos y Vascos: Tomo I" (1999: Fondo de Cultura Zacatecana, 128 pages).

José Luis Vázquez y Rodríguez de Frías, "Genealogía de Nochistlán Antiguo Reino de la Nueva Galicia en el Siglo XVII Según sus Archivos Parroquiales" (2001: 475 pages).

Arturo Ramos Pinedo, "Familias Antiguas de Tlatenango" (2010: 218 pages).

Fundadores of Guadalajara from Spain or Portugal

Founder	Originally from:	
Diego Alvarez de Ovalle	Extremadura	
Miguel Ibarra	From Vizcaya; he is a brother of Diego de Ibarra (founder of Zacatecas)	
Alonso Lorenzo	From Villa de San Martín Trebejo, Cáceres; rode with Nuño de Guzmán.	
Cristóbal Maldonado	From Burguillos, Sevilla, Andalucía. Came to México in 1528, rode with Nuño de Guzmán	
Andres del Campo de Mendoza	Originally from Logroño (now capital of La Rioja Province)	
Juan de Castañeda	Native of Villa Zebil, en Valle de Toranzo (now Cantabria)	
Francisco Delgadillo	Native of Toledo	
Diego Mendoza	Portuguese; he accompanied Coronado in search of Cíbola.	
Hernando Flores	Originally from Salamanca	
Bartolomé García	Native of Villa de Montánchez (Santiago) – now in the province of Caceres, Extremadura	
Diego Hurtado de Mendoza	From Madrid, "uno de los primeros conquistadores de la Nueva Galicia."	
Pedro Cuadrado	Native of Villa de Paiazuelo, Obispado de Siguenza (now in Province of Guadalajara)	
Source: Jose Maria Muriá y Jaime Olveda, "Generalidades históricas sobre la fundación y los primeros años de Guadalajara, Volume 1" (1991: 221 pages – Lists of names/info on pages 91-110 and 114-118).		

Fundadores of Guadalajara from Spain or Portugal

Founder	Originally from:
Pedro Sánchez Mejía	From Toledo
Gaspar Tapia	From La Villa de Arévalo in Avila (Castilla & León)
Francisco de Trejo	From Extremadura
Antonio Urrutia	From Vizcaya
Andres Villanueva	From Laguna de Cameros in la Rioja. He took part in the conquest of Michoacán and Jalisco and served with Viceroy Mendoza
Juan de Villarreal	From Villa de Agudo (now Ciudad Real) in Castilla. He was on the Coronado Expedition
Juan Michel	Portuguese; he died in the Mixtón Rebellion (1541); his widow and three children were the forerunners of a well-known family in Autlán
Juan Ojeda	From Santo Domingo de la Calzada, La Rioja; first visited México in 1518 with the Garay Expedition
Alonso Plasencia	From Sevilla. Accompanied Viceroy Mendoza in the pacification of Nueva Galicia after the Mixtón Rebellion
Pedro Plasencia	From Sevilla (brother of Alonso). He accompanied Oñate in the pacification of Nochistlán and Juchipila. Became the first alcalde of Guadalajara
Cristõbal Romero	From Villa de Lucena in Córdoba, in Andalucía

Source: Jose Maria Muriá y Jaime Olveda, "Generalidades históricas sobre la fundación y los primeros años de Guadalajara, Volume 1" (1991: 221 pages – Lists of names/info on pages 91-110 and 114-118).

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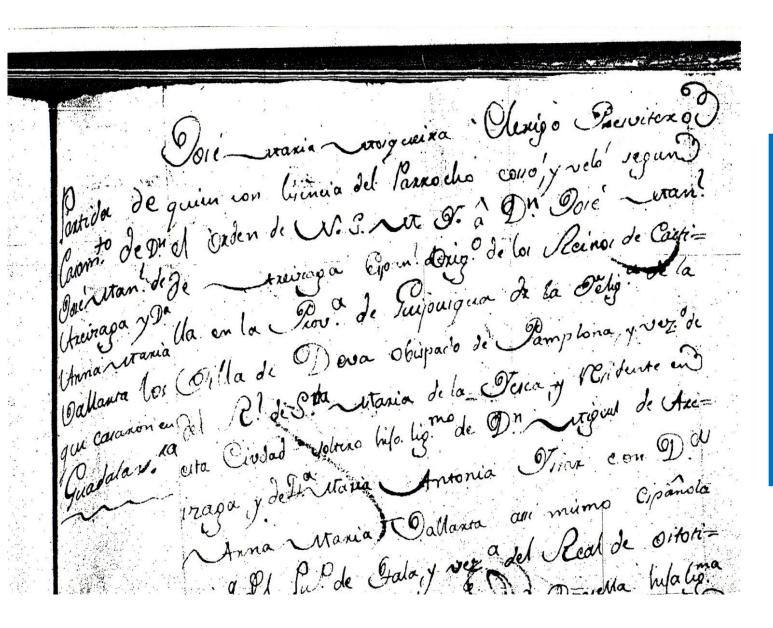
Looking for Ancestors from Spain in Parish Records

Many of your ancestors may be classified as "Español" but only a few are actually born in España / Spain. To locate Spanish-born ancestors, use the DRSW database or find church documents that note a place of origin. An example from a marriage record in Hidalgo de Parral, Chihuahua, in 1787 is shown below.

José del Saual, solemnem. por palabras de presence, desposé en Ha Zaà Dre Andres Gil, y Pardo, español, natural de la Villa de Macute, en las Acynos De Cart. y Parag de esta Tha Za hijo lez mode D'. Findres Gil, y De De Tarfa Parlo, ya D. Anna Tos ga de Basoas, tambien española, named y Lang

Andres Gil y Pardo, Español, native of the Villa of Matute, in the Kingdom of Castilla.

Looking for Ancestors from Spain in Parish Records



This man getting married in Jalisco was originally from the Kingdom of Castilla, the Province of Guipúzcoa, the Parish of La Villa of Dova, and the Bishopric of Pamplona.

Early Spaniards in Aguascalientes

Searching through the Parish records of Aguascalientes you will sometimes find that some persons getting married were natives of Spain.

Penins	Peninsulars Married in Aguascalientes during the Seventeenth Century			
Date	Name	City or Province in Spain	Wife	
2-14-1616	Juan de Padilla	Xérez de la Frontera	Petrona de Siordia	
11-25-1618	Francisco Montes de	Castilla La Vieja	Ana Ruiz de Esparza	
	Oca			
3-26-1618	Juan Rodríguez de	San Lúcar de Barrameda	Beatriz de Retamosa	
	Chavarría			
5-7-1621	Francisco de Palacios	San Martín (Madrid)	Magdalena Méndez	
11-5-1621	Antonio González da	Tavira (Port.)	María Magdalena,	
	Acosta		india	
5-25-1621	Manuel Martín	Segovia, Castilla	María Rodríguez	
5-16-1623	Luis de Tiscareño	Sevilla	Lorenza Ruiz de	
			Esparza	
11-29-1623	Ginés Valero	Murcia	Juana de Espinosa	
4-27-1625	Gaspar de Aguilar	Lepe, Castilla	Bernarda Salado	
Source: Daniel Méndez de Torres y Camino—Archivos Parroquiales de Aguascalientes: Siglo XVII: Appendix VIII.				

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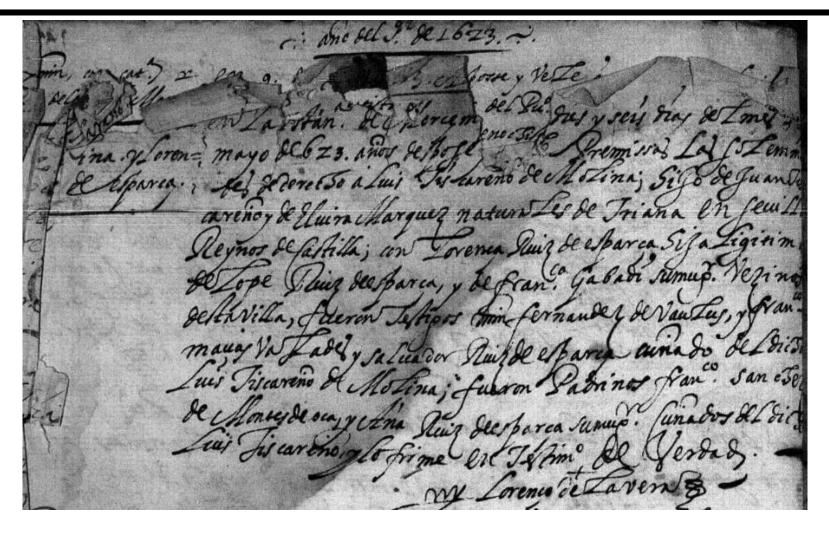
Early Spaniards in Aguascalientes

Peninsulars Married in Aguascalientes during the Seventeenth Century			
Date	Name	City or Province in Spain	Wife
12-1-1637	Juan Martín Xuárez	Valor, Granada	Agustina de la Cruz, india
5-1-1638	Gaspar de Palos	Évora (Portugal)	María de Retamosa
5-18-1644	Juan Pérez Maldonado	Xérez de la Frontera	Luisa de Vargas
10-6-1645	Joseph Bohórquez	Santa María (Andalucia)	Ana de Morales
6-3-1647	Francisco Gómez	Sevilla	Margarita Ruiz de Esparza
1-20-1653	Francisco Ponce	Cañete La Real, Málaga	Constanza de Aguilar
6-23-1661	Gabriel de la Cueva	Sevilla	Beatriz López del Castillo
3-14-1670	Capt. Francisco Murillo	La Serena, Extremadura	María de Orozco

Source: Daniel Méndez de Torres y Camino—Archivos Parroquiales de Aguascalientes: Siglo XVII: Appendix VIII.

Early Spaniards in Aguascalientes

On May 16, 1623, LORENZA RUIZ DE ESPARZA, the fourth-born child of Lope and Francesca Ruiz de Esparza, was married to LUIS TISCARENO DE MOLINA, a native of Triana in Sevilla in the Kingdom of Castilla (Castile).



Fundadores of the City of Chihuahua (1709)

Sometimes histories written about the founding of a city in México will mention the original settlers (pobladores) or founders (fundadores) of the city. The book "Chihuahua Ciudad Procer" listed the following as early settlers of the City of Chihuahua who were from the Iberian Peninsula. Other early settlers of the City came from other parts of México

Name	Birthplace / Parents
Juan Antonio Trasviña y Retes	Born in 1662 in Encartaciones de Vizcaya, Spain; son of Pedro and Maria Retes, natives of Gordejuelas.
Capitán Bartolomé Ortiz de Campos	Born 1657 in La Villa de Azuaga, Extremadura; son of Bartolomé Ortiz de Campos and Ana Ortiz Caballero.
Francisco Alvarez de Arcila	Born in 1667 in the City of Sevilla, Spain.
Andrés Facundo Carbonel	A Castellano.
Lázaro de Baigorri	Originally from La Villa de Muruarte de Reta, Navarra.
Capitán Eugenio Ramírez Calderón	Originally from Toledo, Spain; son of Carlos Ramírez Calderón de la Barca and Catalina Gutiérrez de Estrada.
José Alvarez	Originally from Galicia, Spain.
Francisco Antonio Barrientos y Pardiñas	Born in Navarra in 1669.
Bartolomé Gómez	A Native of Sestais, Portugal, son of Gonzalo and Catarina Acosta

Source: José Fuentes Mares, "Chihuahua Ciudad Procer: 1709-1959." The settlers were listed on pages 7 through 19. Chihuahua was originally known as Santa Eulalia and San Francisco de Cuellar.

Illustrious and Founding Families of Mexican Cities

Guillermo Porras Muñoz wrote "El Nuevo Descubrimiento de San José del Parral" which discusses the early years of Parral, Chihuahua. Pages 229 to 233 of this book show the pobladores of Parral in the years 1631-33.

Nicholás de Anda Sánchez wrote "Teocaltiche de Nueva Galicia." Capitulo VI of this book discusses the illustrious Spanish families of Teocaltiche in alphabetical order from A to Z. This lengthy detailed section of the book takes up pages 85 through 529 and is recommended for anyone who has ancestors from Teocaltiche, Jalisco.

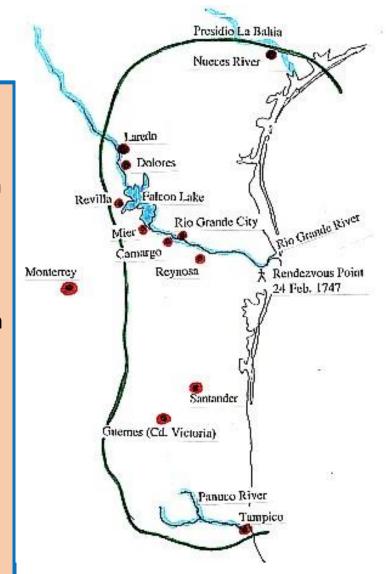
Alberto Carrillo Cázares wrote "Partidos y Padrones del Obispado de Michoacán, 1680-1685," which has 544 pages of detailed church censuses of people living in a large number of cities throughout Michoacán, Guanajuato, and some parts of Colima and Jalisco during the period 1680 to 1685.

José León Robles de la Torre has written two books that discuss early settlers and more recent history of two Zacatecas towns: "Filigranas, Fundaciones y Genealogías." One book written in 1999 has detailed genealogical information for Tepetongo (544 pages) and a second book written in 2007 has detailed genealogical information for Jerez, Susticacan and Monte Escobedo (405 pages).

Nuevo Santander

Nuevo Santander was established by Jose de Escandon, who recruited successful farmers and ranchers in northern México to move to land along the Rio Grande. The initial caravan was headed by Escandon and left Queretaro in December 1748; it was comprised of 750 soldiers and 2,500 colonizers.

- •Between 1747-1755, the Spanish created 23 towns and 15 missions straddled along the Rio Grande River. In all, 6,000 colonists took up residence in this region.
- •By 1800, Nuevo Santander had one city, 25 villas, 3 mining districts, 17 haciendas, 437 ranchos and eight missions and consisted of about 30,000 people.
- •Many famous Tejano families de la Guerra, de la Pena, Benavidez, Villarreal, Leal, Montemayor, Longoria, Trevino and Guerra – were part of the original settlements.



Source: San Benito History, "Nuevo Santander."

Online: http://www.sanbenitohistory.com/projects/Greatest_Colonizer/Map.html

Fundadores de Nuevo Santander

Tamaulipas Towns Established	First Census	FHL Church Baptisms Begin	FHL Church Marriages Begin	FHL Civil Registration Begins
Aguayo (Ciudad Victoria)	October 3, 1750	1751	1752	1860
Burgos	July 5, 1750	1834	1750	1860
Camargo	May 31, 1750	1796	1751	1800
Cruillas	May 10, 1766	1767	1822	1872
Laredo (U.S.)	July 23, 1757	1789	1791	N.A.
Mier	March 1, 1753	1767	1767	1860
Revilla (Guerrero)	January 25, 1753	1751	1753	1874
Reynosa*	June 16, 1750	N.A.	N.A.	1860
San Fernando	July 15, 1750	1812	1755	1874
Santander (Jimenez)	Sept. 3, 1750	1749	1771	1769
Soto La Marina	August 27, 1750	1831	1831	1791

Sources: Guillermo Garamendia L., "Fundadores de Tamaulipas, 1748-1770" (1991: Monterrey); Family History Library: Tamaulipas Records.

* Reynosa was destroyed by a flood in Sept. 1800 and a new church was not built until 1810. Borderlandsbooks sells "Libro de Matrimonios de Reynosa, 1790-1811," written by Mario J. Davila.

Fundadores de Nueva Santander

Early Surnames Along the Rio Grande in the Mid-Eighteenth Century include:		
Barron	Castaneda	Caballero
Cantu	Garcia	Leal
Longoria	Villafuerte	Zamora
Benavides	Villarreal	Chapa
Lopez de Jaen	Betancourt	Reyes
Serna	Santos	Bazan
De la Peña	Ramirez	Hinojosa
Saenz	Trevino	Campos
Gutierrez de Lara	Montemayor	Munguia
Sosa	Ahumada	Alcala
De la Garza	Mendiola	Ximenes

Source: Guillermo Garamendia L., "Fundadores de Tamaulipas, 1748-1770" (1991: Monterrey).

Where did the Surnames Come From?

Alberto y Arturo García Carraffa's "Diccionario Heráldico y Genealógico de Apellidos Españoles y Americanos" is a listing of over 15,000 surnames with their respective genealogical histories of Spanish and Spanish-American families, including some Mexican branches of families. Most of the volumes can be accessed at:

https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/534889?availability=Family%20History%20Library

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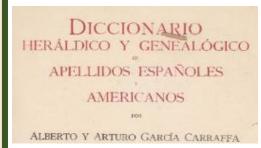
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García y Carraffa's Diccionario: Surname Samples

Lugo

Linaje muy antiguo de Galicia, descendiente del Rey don Fruela I, por su nieto el Conde don Rodrigo Romaes.

Dice Hita que un caballero descendiente de este Conde conquistó la ciudad de Lugo, y desde entonces comenzó a llamarse así.

Tuvieron casas en la mencionada ciudad de Lugo, y asiento distinguido en la capilla mayor de su Catedral, como pobladores y defensores de la ciudad. También tuvieron casa en Santa Marta de Ortigueira, del partido judicial de Ortigueira (Coruña).

Más tarde pasaron a Castilla la Vieja, Andalucía e Islas Canarias, como veremos después.

Sequeiros (o Sequeira o Sequera)

En esas tres formas se encuentra escrito y son varios los autores que los consideran como modalidades de un mismo linaje.

Su origen es portugués y tuvo su más antiguo solar entre Ponte do Lima y Braga y los ríos Homen y Cádavo. De su rancia nobleza hay testimonio en un documento del siglo xvi, en el que por mandato del Rey de Portugal se hace constar que se remonta a más de trescientos años y que la casa de Sequeiros era casa fuerte y de armería.

Se tiene por su progenitor a Fafes Luz, Alférez Mayor del Rey portugués Alonso Enríquez, quien le hizo Ricohombre en 1181. Su bisnieto Rodrigo de Sequeiros Fafes creó otro solar para su hijo Juan de Sequeiros, en la Silva, a dos leguas de Valenza do Miño, dándole el nombre de Porto da Silva.

Websites for Sephardic Research in México



Research for Sephardic Jewish ancestors is a specialized kind of research.

There are several websites for **Mexican Sephardic Genealogical Research** that may offer some suggestions for that type of investigation:

https://www.jewishgen.org/Sephardic/mexico_sites.htm

http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/mexico-virtual-jewish-history-tour