

# Finding Your Roots in México

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# HOW DO YOU START OUT?

- 1. ASK YOUR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, COUSINS, UNCLE AND AUNTS for:**
  - Names of ancestors and where they came from (hacienda, villa, ciudad, municipio)**
  - Dates of Birth/Marriage/Immigration**
  - Find Family Documents (Baptisms, Birth Records, Border Crossings, Marriage Records, Death Records, Citizenship Papers, Alien Registration)**

# What Records To Look For

- Obituaries (in the newspapers)
- Funeral Records (in the mortuaries)
- Cemetery Records (from cemeteries)
- Military Records (State/Federal agencies)
- Social Security Records (sometimes they include the town/city of birth)
- Passports / Border Crossing Records / Naturalizations / Alien Registration
- Old Family Records Hidden Away in the Attic May Yield Great Clues

# WHERE ARE THE RECORDS?

- The National Archives (NARA)
- County or State Offices of Vital Statistics (deaths, marriages and births)
- Civil Registries in México (Registro Civil del municipio)
- Church records in the U.S. and México -- frequently available through the Family History Library (FHL)

# Naturalization Records

Naturalizations are the single most valuable source of locating a place of origin in México as well as other valuable family information. For more info, please see the following links:

<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/naturalization/>

<http://www.archives.gov/locations/>

# What if my ancestors did not become citizens?

## Other Agencies to Contact:

### HQ FOIA/PA OPERATIONS SECTION

425 I Street, NW

2nd Floor ULLICO Bldg.

Washington, D. C. 20536 (for **Alien Registration Freedom of Information Requests** for residents living in the U.S. in **1940-44**)

### USCIS Genealogy Program

PO Box 805925

Chicago, IL 60680-4120 ( Use G-1041 to request a search of USCIS historical indices)

# THE CENSUS: A Snapshot in Time

- 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930 – Federal Census (and certain state censuses).
- The census provides a snapshot of a family at a particular **place and point in time**.
- Use the **Soundex** to locate ancestors or...
- Subscribe to **Ancestry.com**.

# A Point in Time

- **When you find where your family lived at a point in time in the U.S., you can contact local resources for:**
- **1) County records (the County Clerk should have births, marriages and deaths – but records before 1910 are probably incomplete).**
- **2) Church records (Look for baptisms of children or marriages of adults).**
- **3) Newspapers (Obituaries / Local Events / Marriage Announcements / Military Service).**
- **4) Library Records (Historical or Genealogical Society Resources and Indices).**

# What Can You Find with Ancestry.com?

- State and Federal Census Schedules & Voter Registration Lists
- Birth, Marriage & Death Records from many states
- Military Records (Draft Registration, Enlistment Records and Veterans' Burial Records)
- Immigration (Border Crossings from Mexico) and Naturalization Indexes

# THE GOOD NEWS:

- You can access Ancestry.com from some Family History Libraries.
- To locate a library near you, please go to this link:
- [http://www.familysearch.org/eng/library/FHC/frameset\\_fhc.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/library/FHC/frameset_fhc.asp)

# **Did Your Family Work for the Railroad?**

**For a Valuable Resource for Genealogical  
Information for Employees After 1936,  
Contact:**

**U.S. Railroad Retirement Board  
Congressional Inquiry Section  
844 North Rush Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.**

# What Border Records Are Available?

- To learn more about border-crossing records, see the following NARA link:
- <http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/immigration/border-mexico.html>
- **Many of the records they have microfilmed are now available on Ancestry.com!**

# YOUR HIGHEST PRIORITY IS:

- Find out the name of the place where your ancestors came from:
  - 1. The hacienda, town or city
  - 2. What municipio?
  - 3. What church did your family attend?
  - 4. What state?
  - 5. What were the names of nearby places?

# Family Members May Help You Find:

- Dates and places of birth
- Immigration Stories of your ancestors
- What railroad did your ancestors work for?
- The names of siblings, aunts and uncles
- Family stories yield clues
- **All these pieces come together to form a puzzle, and you try to complete that puzzle through your research.**

# AFTER YOU FIND OUT...

- After you know where the family came from, you are half-way through your initial task.
- Your next step is **LOCATION ANALYSIS**
- You must learn whatever you can about this place and its surroundings.

# LOCATION ANALYSIS

- ***Learn everything you can about the place of origin:***
  - Its history***
  - Get a map to study the surrounding area***
  - Check resources on Amazon.com and Borderlands Books***
  - Check the Family History Library Catalog for church and civil records***

# Try to Find Out More About the Places Where Your Family Came From:

- The following link features the individual histories of the 2,439 municipios of the 31 Mexican states.
- [http://www.e-local.gob.mx/wb2/ELOCAL/ELOC\\_Enciclopedia](http://www.e-local.gob.mx/wb2/ELOCAL/ELOC_Enciclopedia)
- **Just pick your state, then the municipio of your choice!**

# The Benefits of Some Mexican Records

After 1800, many churches in the states of Jalisco, Zacatecas, Chihuahua, Aguascalientes and other locations utilized the:

**ABUELOS FACTOR** (in baptism records)

# THE ABUELOS FACTOR

Many documents of birth/baptism may list:

- Padres (Parents)
- Abuelos Paternos (Paternal Grandparents)
- Abuelos Maternos (Maternal Grandparents)
- Padrinos/Testigos (Godparents/Witnesses – who may be aunts and uncles)

# Two Primary Sources of Information

- Mexican civil registration began in 1859 but was not fully adopted in all areas until the 1880s. From the 1880s, you have two primary sources of nacimientos, matrimonios, defunciones, bautismos, etc.:
- Civil Records (Registro Civil)
- Church Records (Registros Parroquiales)
- Just check the FHL Catalog.....

# Searching the Family History Library Catalog

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# THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG (and other resources)

- Go to the following link to search the catalog:
- [http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset\\_fhlc.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp)
- But the “Search Records” feature is one you will want to explore too.

# The Family History Library Catalog

FamilySearch.org - Education - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset\_

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SEARCH THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG

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**Family History Library Catalog**  
Search the catalog of materials (including microfilm, microfiche, and publications) found at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Many items can be loaned to local Family History Centers around the world.

Learn more about the catalog and how to access materials through the

- Place Search
- Surname Search
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- Title Search
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- Author Search
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- Call Number Search

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# The Place Search

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The search interface includes the text "Search for matching places." followed by two input fields: "Place" and "Part of (optional)". Below these fields is a "Search" button. The page also contains a list of instructions for using the search fields:

- In the Place field, type the name of the town, county, or other place that you are looking for.
- To narrow the search, type the name of a larger place in the Part Of field. Exception: Do not type "United States" or "Canada" in the Part of field. For example:
  - To find all towns and counties in the world named Barton, type **Barton** in the Place field, and leave the Part Of field blank.
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  - To find the town of Barton in the county of Stafford, type **Barton** in the Place field and **Stafford** in the Part Of field.

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Windows Start button, several open applications (Internet Explorer, Family History Library Catalog, Microsoft Office), and the system tray with the time 8:48 PM.

Place search page - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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## Place Search

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# Ciudad de Aguascalientes

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# Teocaltiche, Jalisco

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# Teocaltiche – Civil Records

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Title	Registros civiles del municipio de Teocaltiche, Jalisco, 1873-1997
Authors	<a href="#">Teocaltiche (Jalisco). Registro Civil</a> (Main Author)

Note	Location Film
Nacimientos 1873	VAULT INTL Film 278365 Item 3
Nacimientos 1874	FHL INTL Film 278370 Item 4
Nacimientos 1875	FHL INTL Film 278377 Item 4

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# Nochistlán Options

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Topics	<a href="#">México, Zacatecas, Nochistlán - Church records</a> <a href="#">México, Zacatecas, Nochistlán - Genealogy</a> <a href="#">México, Zacatecas, Nochistlán - History</a>

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# Nochistlán Church Records

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Title	Registros parroquiales, 1627-1959
Authors	<a href="#">Iglesia Católica (Nochistlán, Zacatecas)</a> (Main Author)
Notes	Microfilme de manuscritos en el archivo de la parroquia. Parish registers of baptisms, confirmations, marriage petitions, marriages, and deaths from Nochistlán, Zacatecas, Mexico. Includes church census records for the period 1846-1899.
Subjects	<a href="#">México, Zacatecas, Nochistlán - Church records</a>

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Note	Location Film
Bautismos de hijos legítimos 1627-1686	FHL INTL Film 226646
Bautismos de hijos legítimos 1688-1718	VAULT INTL Film 226647
Bautismos de hijos legítimos 1718-1730	VAULT INTL Film 226648

Topic Details

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG



Topic	México, Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes - Civil registration
Titles	<a href="#">Registros civiles, 1859-1961</a> Aguascalientes (Aguascalientes). Registro Civil

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# The Search Function (IGI)

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch.org search page in a Windows Internet Explorer browser. The browser's address bar displays the URL [http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/frameset\\_search](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/frameset_search). The page features a navigation menu with options like Home, Search Records, Index Records, Share, Research Helps, Library, and Help. A sidebar on the left lists various resources such as Ancestral File, Census, and International Genealogical Index. The main search area is titled "SEARCH FOR ANCESTORS - ALL RESOURCES" and includes a search form with fields for First Name, Last Name, Father's Last Name, Mother's Last Name, Spouse's Last Name, Event, Year, Year Range, Country, and State. A tooltip is visible over the Country dropdown menu, stating: "Checking this box will cause searches to return only records that match exactly the First Name and Last Name you've entered." The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several open applications, and the system clock displaying 9:02 PM.

# Searching For a Name

FamilySearch.org - Search - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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**INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX**

Enter at least your deceased ancestor's first name or last name and the region, and then click *Search*.

[Tips on How to Search the International Genealogical Index](#)

\*First Name: maria \*Last Name: estorga

Father Last Name:

Mother Last Name:

Spouse Last Name:

Event: All Year:  Year Range:

Region: Mexico State: Sonora

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# Getting Results

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the FamilySearch.org website. The address bar shows the URL: [http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset\\_search.asp?PAGE=igi/search\\_IGI.asp&clear\\_form=true](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=igi/search_IGI.asp&clear_form=true). The website header includes the FamilySearch logo and navigation links: HOME, SEARCH, SHARE, LIBRARY, Sign On, Register, Site Map, and Help. Below the header, there are search options: Search for Ancestors, Research Guidance, Research Helps, Web Sites, and Family History Library Catalog. The main content area displays search results for "Maria Estorga, Sonora, Mexico" with "Exact Spelling: Off". A link for "[refine search]" and "Prepare selected records for download" is visible. The results are from the "International Genealogical Index / Mexico - 6" and show a list of 6 records with checkboxes for selection. The records are:

- 1. [MARIA FELIPA DE JESUS ESTORGA BERDUGO](#) - International Genealogical Index  
Gender: Female Christening: 12 FEB 1865 San Pedro De Alconchi, Baviacora, Sonora, Mexico
- 2. [MA. ANTONIA ESTORGA SOTO](#) - International Genealogical Index  
Gender: Female Christening: 20 APR 1817 Catedral De La Asuncion, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico
- 3. [MA. EMILIA DE JESUS ESTORGA LOPEZ](#) - International Genealogical Index  
Gender: Female Christening: 22 NOV 1839 Catedral De La Asuncion, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico
- 4. [MARIA JOSEFA YNES ESTORGA LOPEZ](#) - International Genealogical Index  
Gender: Female Christening: 30 APR 1860 Catedral De La Asuncion, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico
- 5. [MA YGNACIA ESTORGA](#) - International Genealogical Index  
Gender: Female Marriage: 02 AUG 1873 Nuestra Senora De Loreto, Banamichi, Sonora, Mexico
- 6. [MA. VICTORIA ESTORGA](#) - International Genealogical Index  
Gender: Female Marriage: 18 SEP 1836 Catedral De La Asuncion, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico

Navigation links include "prev | next" and "Prepare selected records for download". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, open applications (2 Internet Explorer, Family H..., Microsof...), and system tray icons (AOL Search, Go, Internet, 9:01 PM).

# An Extract

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window with the following elements:

- Address Bar:** [http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset\\_search.asp?PAGE=igi/search\\_IGI.asp&clear\\_form=true](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=igi/search_IGI.asp&clear_form=true)
- Navigation Bar:** HOME, SEARCH, SHARE, LIBRARY, Sign On | Register | Site Map | Help
- Search Bar:** Search for Ancestors | Research Guidance | Research Helps | Web Sites | Family History Library Catalog
- Profile Header:** MARIA JOSEFA YNES ESTORGA LOPEZ (Female) with a Pedigree link.
- Event(s):**
  - Birth:
  - Christening: 30 APR 1860 Catedral De La Asuncion, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico
  - Death:
  - Burial:
- Parents:**
  - Father: FRANCISCO ESTORGA
  - Mother: JOSEFA LOPEZwith a Family link.
- Messages:** Extracted birth or christening record for locality listed in the record. The source records are usually arranged chronologically by the birth or christening date.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several open applications (2 Internet..., Family H..., Microsof...), AOL Search, and the system clock at 9:02 PM.

# The Source of Information

FamilySearch.org - Search - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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**Parents:**

Father: [FRANCISCO ESTORGA](#) Family

Mother: [JOSEFA LOPEZ](#)

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# The Pilot Database

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the FamilySearch Record Search website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#star>. The website header includes the FamilySearch logo and the text "Record Search". The main content area features a search form with the following fields and options:

- First & Middle Name:**
- Last Name:**
- Event:**
- Year range:**  to
- Location:**
- Advanced Search:**
- Search Options:**

On the right side of the page, there is a promotional text: "Find your ancestors with Re Search millions of indexed recor ancestors. Browse through imag waiting to be indexed. More rec added every month." Below this, another section says: "Do your part. Become an in Join thousands of volunteers arc who are helping to make more : available online through FamilyS Indexing. Find out more".

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Windows Start button, several open applications (Internet Explorer, Microsoft Office Word, Microsoft Office Excel), and the system tray with the time 7:03 PM.

# References on Mexican-American Genealogical Research (Available at Amazon.com and elsewhere)

- “A Student's Guide to Mexican American Genealogy” (Oryx American Family Tree Series) (1996) – by George and Peggy Ryskamp
- “Finding Your Mexican Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide” (2007) by George and Peggy Ryskamp
- “Mexican-American Genealogical Research: Following the Paper Trail to Mexico” (2002) by John Schmal and Donna Morales

# Online Resources

- Los Bexarenos Genealogical Society presents “A Guide to Beginning Hispanic Genealogy” (by Jesse Rodriguez) at:
  - <http://www.losbexarenos.org/Guide.pdf>
- And Research Guides from John Schmal and [www.somosprimos.com](http://www.somosprimos.com) at:
  - <http://www.somosprimos.com/schmal/schmal.htm>

## For Assistance in Translation and Interpretation

- **Consult the online “Spanish Records Extraction Manual,” (126 pages), available at:**
- [http://immigrants.byu.edu/Downloads/Spanish\\_Extraction\\_Guide/Default.htm](http://immigrants.byu.edu/Downloads/Spanish_Extraction_Guide/Default.htm)
- This is an invaluable resource.