VOUR ROOTS IN MEXICO RESEARCHING OCTOBER 2019)

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WHO AM I?

Each of us has two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents and 16 great-great-grandparents. Fourteen generations ago – around 1540 – you had 16,384 12th great-grandparents.

Generations Back from You	Generation No. (Starting with Your Parents)		Cumulative No. of Individuals	Approximate Year
Self	0	1	1 (You)	1960
Parents	1	2	3	1930
Grandparents	2	4	7	1910
Great-Grandparents	3	8	16	1890
2nd Great-Grandparents	4	16	31	1860
3rd Great-Grandparents	5	32	62	1830
4th Great-Grandparents	6	64	127	1800
5th Great-Grandparents	7	128	255	1770
6th Great-Grandparents	8	256	511	1740
7th Great-Grandparents	9	512	1023	1700
8th Great-Grandparents	10	1,024	2,047	1670
9th Great-Grandparents	11	2,048	4,095	1640
10th Great-Grandparents	12	4,096	8,191	1600
11th Great-Grandparents	13	8,192	16,383	1570
12th Great-Grandparents	14	16,384	32,767	1540

HOW DO YOU START OUT?

Ask your relatives for information and documentation, including:

- Names of ancestors and where they came from (hacienda, villa, ciudad, municipio, estado).
- > Dates of Birth / Marriage / Immigration (exact or approximate).
- ➤ The names of siblings, aunts, uncles and neighbors can be very important. Do not disregard them. Collateral relatives may yield the clues that make the "big breakthrough."
- Find all family documents available (Baptisms, Birth Records, Border Crossings, Marriage Records, Passports, Death Records, Citizenship Papers, Alien Registration).
- What railroad did your ancestors work for?
- What church did they attend?
- Ask for immigration stories of your ancestors.

WHAT RECORDS CAN YOU LOOK FOR?

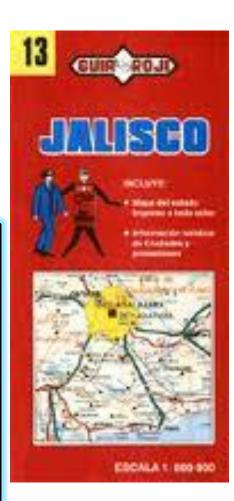
- Obituaries and Marriage Announcements (in the newspapers).
- Census Records (1880, 1900, 1910, etc.)
- Church records (baptisms, marriages and burials).
- Funeral Home Records (Mortuary Records).
- Cemetery Records (from both tombstones and office records).
- Military Records (State / Federal agencies) and Draft Records (the Civil War, World War I and World War II)
- Social Security Records.
- > Passports / Border Crossing Records / Naturalizations / Alien Registration
- ➤ Check the **FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG** for the availability of records for a particular location.
- ➤ Old Family Records Hidden Away in the Attic May Yield Great Clues. Each document you find is part of the greater puzzle of your family history. You need to find this and preserve it for your family (Remember that most people in your family are probably not interested in doing this and if you don't do it, no one else will).

LOCATION ANALYSIS



The ultimate goal of researching your Mexican roots is to learn everything you can about the region your ancestors came from. Examples:

- Get a detailed map that shows municipio boundaries to study the surrounding towns, cities and ranchos. (Guia Roji maps recommended – from Amazon.com).
- Study the area history by checking resources on Amazon.com and Borderlands Books and bookfinder.com using specific key words.
- Check the Family History Library Catalog for the availability of church and civil records



THE "ENCICLOPEDIA DE LOS MUNICIPIOS"



The Encyclopedia of Municipios of Mexico offers information about each of the 2,440 municipios located throughout the 31 Mexican states, as well as the 16 Delegaciones of the Federal District.

Each municipio description usually contains a short chronology of historical events (Cronología de Hechos Historicos) as well as a short history of the municipio (Reseña Histórica). Usually the history gives the name of the local indigenous tribe and discusses the establishment of local churches, missions and presidios.

Many of the descriptions provide a map of the municipio showing place names, and you will also find out the names of surrounding municipios (under Localización).

To locate the state of your choice, simply google three words:

- 1. Enciclopedia
- 2. Municipios
- 3. The State of your choice (i.e., Tamaulipas, Sonora, etc.).

PRIMARY SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN MEXICO

You have several sources of Mexican records through the Family History Library:

- Parish Registers (Registros Parroquiales): Bautismos, matrimonios, confirmaciones, defunciones, entierros, padrones (many Mexican records go back to the 1500s and 1600s).
- Civil Records (Registro Civil): Nacimientos, matrimonios, defunciones, etc. Mexican civil registration began in 1859 but was not fully implemented in some municipios (municipalities) until the 1870s or 1880s.
- 1930 Mexican Census: Available on familysearch.org and ancestry.com.
- Padrón: Some parish records includes a PADRON (a register or census of parishioners receiving the sacraments). This provides a snapshot of the entire parish for a specific year. For more info on this topic for specific Mexican states, consult Lymann Platt, "Census Records for Latin America and the Hispanic United States" (1998).

MEXICO CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

Parish Archives:

- Were confiscated as part of the overall confiscation of church property following Mexican Revolution.
- Many were microfilmed by the LDS with permission of the Mexican government in 1960s and 1970s.
- Are now back under control of Catholic Church.

Availability of Parish Archives to Researchers:

- At the whim of the parish priest and his availability and willingness.
- Are often difficult to access. Some parish books have detached and out-of-order pages. Other records have suffered water damage or are missing altogether.
- But LDS Resources are extensive and can be studied online at:
- https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list#page=1®ion=MEXICO
- The Hispanic Heritage Project is working with local parishes and archives in Sonora and Chihuahua to film more records. Check out their website: http://www.hh-p.org/

THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG



FamilySearch Catalog

https://familysearch.org/catalog-search

You can search using the following criteria:

- **▶** Place Name (City, County, Municipio, State)
- **≻**Last Names (Surname)
- ➤ Titles (of books or microfilm)
- **>**Authors
- **➤ Subjects (i.e., Church records, Vital records, Emigration & Immigration)**
- **≻**Keywords (you can combine Places and Surnames)
- **➢ Microfilm or Microfiche Number.**

Always check this catalog for the availability of records for your ancestral city, town or hacienda in the U.S. or Mexico. If you do not find anything, search for the nearest-known town or the capital of the municipio your town is in (as noted on your Guia Roji map).

For example, the Hacienda de Santa Monica, Zacatecas is in the municipio of Sain Alto. The church and civil records for people born and married in Santa Monica will probably be found in Sain Alto. There is no catalog entry for Santa Monica, Zacatecas.

SEARCHING MEXICAN RECORDS ONLINE

Mexican Historical Record Collections can be accessed at:

https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list?fcs=region%3AMEXICO&ec=region%3AMEXICO

Mexico

Collections	Years Covered
67	1500 - 2013
Indexed Records 71,957,891	Record Images 93,871,311

Title ▲	Records	Last Updated	
■ BillionGraves Index	112,904	30 Aug 2017	6
☐ Find A Grave Index	28,064	21 Jun 2017	6
■ Mexico Baptisms, 1560-1950	35,314,530	24 Feb 2017	
■ Mexico Deaths, 1680-1940	297,279	21 Jul 2015	
■ Mexico Marriages, 1570-1950	6,038,309	17 Feb 2017	
■ Mexico National Census, 1930	12,913,257	21 Mar 2014	(O)
■ Mexico, Aguascalientes, Catholic Church Records, 1620-1962	131,006	17 Feb 2017	(O)
■ Mexico, Aguascalientes, Civil Registration, 1859-1961	96,523	06 Sep 2013	©

SEARCHING MEXICAN RECORDS ONLINE

When you go to the "Research by Location" section, you can choose the state of your choice. If you search for Jalisco, you will have access to 10.9 million records, of which 9.3 million have been indexed (but this includes some duplicates).

Jalisco Indexed Historical Records

Title ▲	Records	Last Updated
■ BillionGraves Index	1,017	30 Aug 2017
Find A Grave Index	381	21 Jun 2017
Mexico Baptisms, 1560-1950	5,456,697	24 Feb 2017
Mexico Deaths, 1680-1940	10,702	21 Jul 2015
Mexico Marriages, 1570-1950	1,480,553	17 Feb 2017
Mexico National Census, 1930	1,157,007	21 Mar 2014
Mexico, Jalisco, Catholic Church Records, 1590-1979	1,219,597	17 Feb 2017

Jalisco Image Only Historical Records

Birth, Marriage, and Death	Images	Last Updated
Mexico, Archdiocese of Guadalajara, Miscellaneous Marriage Records, 1539-1939	773,329	18 Mar 2014
Mexico, Jalisco, Civil Registration, 1857-2000	3,955,679	21 Mar 2014

THE ABUELOS FACTOR: A FRINGE BENEFIT

After 1800, the church baptisms (bautismos) in some Mexican states listed:

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

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RACIAL CLASSIFICATIONS IN COLONIAL MEXICO

Before independence (1821), in most parishes, racial classifications were made strictly on sight and not based on actual knowledge of the person's pedigree. It is likely that in many cases the classifications were applied indiscriminately and were primarily based on skin color, as well as facial features, type of clothing worn and the barrio where they lived.

Ca	asta terms for m	iscegenation in Sp	anish America		
Parent	Black ———	Peninsular ———	Peninsular ———	Amerindian ———	Black
	1	1	1	1	
1st generation	mulato	criollo	mestizo	zambo	
	↓	1	1	1	
2nd generation (with one Spanish parent)	morisco	criollo	castizo	moreno	
2nd generation (with one Amerindian parent)	chino	mestizo	cholo	cambujo	
2nd generation (with one black parent)	negro fino	mulato	cimarrón	prieto	

Term	Description
Español	A person who appears to be of European ancestry (French / Spanish / German)
Indio	A person with indigenous ancestry
Negro	An African person who may or may not be a slave (esclavo)
Mulatto	Half European & half African. This person may or may not be a slave (esclavo) or free (libre).
Mestizo	Half European & half Indian. Eventually it came to mean all mixed people.
Coyote	Indio con mestizo: A person who is ¾ Indian and ¼ European
Morisco	Blanco con mulata: ¾ European and ¼ African – one white parent and one mulato parent
Tresalba	Indio con mestiza: "Three White" – same as Morisco. Very rarely used
Lobo	Indo con negra: A person with ¾ Indians and ¼ African ancestry

Sources: Ilona Katzew, "Casta Painting: Identity and Social Stratification in Colonial Mexico" (New York University, 1996);

Familysearch.org, "Spanish Genealogical Word List: Racial Terminology."

Online: https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Spanish Genealogical Word List

RECORDS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Most church records for indigenous people refer to them by the generic term of "indio" or "india." In specific parts of Mexico, a person may be classified by a tribal group (i.e., Yaqui, Tarahumara, etc.), but that is not commonplace.

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Joseph Dionicio Delgado, an Indian, marries Rita Quiteria de Lara, an Indian in 1773 in Lagos de Moreno, Jalisco.

RECORDS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

This 1817 baptism from Mocorito, Sonora, shows the baptism of a Yaqui child.

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SONORA INDIANS IN ALTAR

Some Indigenous people had important events (baptisms & marriages) recorded in the towns where they were born and raised. But many Indians also sought employment in regions outside of their native lands, such as Altar. Hence, you find records for Pimas, Opatas and Yaquis side-by-side in cities some distance from their traditional homelands.

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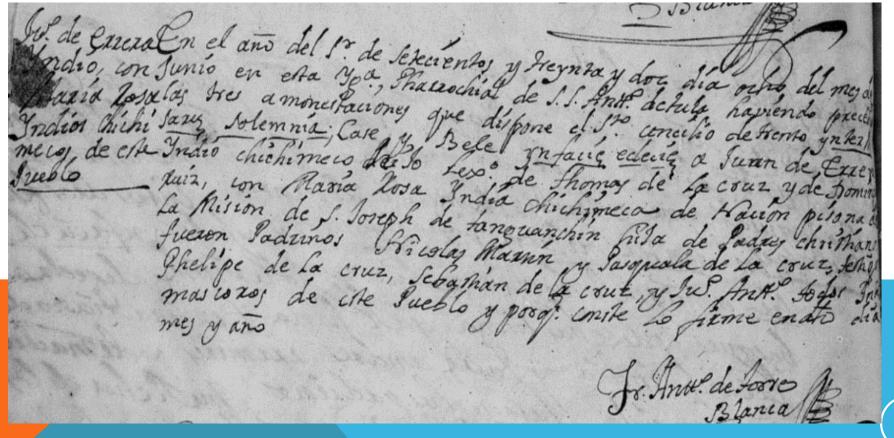
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE MOVED AROUND

The Feb. 1749 marriage of two "Hiaqui" (Yaqui) Indians in the City of Chihuahua is evidence that indigenous people moved to seek employment in "magnet regions" that would provide them with the work and sustenance to feed their families. The native home of these Yaquis in Sonora was some 300 miles west of the City of Chihuahua. These Yaquis were far from their native territory.

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NORTHEASTERN INDIANS

In this June 1732 marriage record from Tula, Tamaulipas, an Yndio Chichimeco man is getting married to an Yndia Chichimeca woman from the "Nacion Pisona." Tula is in southwestern Tamaulipas next to San Luis Potosí. In certain towns, one tribal group may be abundant in the records (such as the Pames in Santander Jimenez, Tamaulipas).



LOOKING FOR ANCESTORS FROM SPAIN?

When you see the "Español" classification, does it mean your ancestor is from Spain? No, it most likely means they are Spanish – or of European descent. The husband in the marriage document shown below is actually from the Kingdom of Castilla in Spain:

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Originario de los Reinos (Kingdom) de Castilla en la Provincia de Guipúzcoa, de la Feligresía de la Villa de Dova, Obispado de Pamplona

CHIHUAHUA: ANCESTORS FROM SPAIN

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

José del Saual, solemnem. por palabras de presence, desposé en Tha Zaà 2" Andres Gil, y Pardo, español, navual de la Villa de Matute, en las Acynos De Cart. y Parag de esta Tha Za hijo legnoge D'. The Gil, y De Da Jacka Parlo, ya D. Anna Tos da de Basoos, tambien española, namal y Paroga De Tha Valida Trisin D. 907 1: Baso

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

ARCHIVO GENERAL DE LA NACIÓN

To access the Mexican Archives, go to:

http://www.agn.gob.mx/guiageneral/

- Press: "Archivo General de la Nacion."
- 2. Press: Buscar (to look for).
- 3. Under Palabras (bottom right), Put in your search them, i.e., Betancourt.
- 4. Then Press Agregar and Aceptar.
- 5. And you will see your results
- 6. Press "Regresar" to go back and repeat the above process for a new search.

You may want to use multiple words in order to reduce the results. For example, a search for "Ledesma" will get over a thousand results, but the search terms "Ledesma" and "Guanajuato" will get 11 results.

A search for "Siqueiros" will get 117 results, but a search for "Siqueiros" and "Sonora" will get only five results.

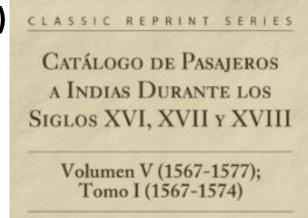
FINDING PASAJEROS A INDIAS (1509-1559)

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
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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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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.

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     V. Sánchez de las-
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Casasola, Hernando de.-787, 2774.
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         V. Hernández de-
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Cascales, Alonso.-591.
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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.
                                                 Alvaro de .- 726.
           Alonso de.-700.
           Cristóbal de.-3545.
                                                 Antonio de.-1991, 5146.
                                                 Baltasar de.-309.
           Elena de.-3320.
           Esteban de.-3339.
                                                 Diego de.-3535.
                                                 Francisco de.-5162.
           Francisca de.-1651.
           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.)
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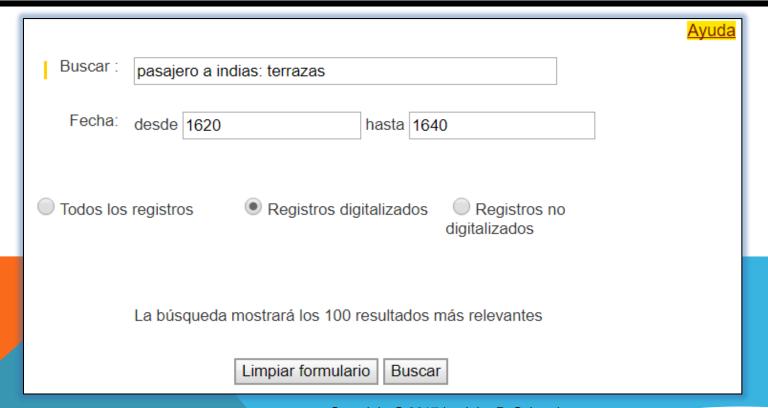
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Legajo 5539, libros 1-2, años 1607-1625	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1223696	0
Legajo 5539, libros 3,5, años 1621-1675	Family History Library	International B1 High Density	1223697	6
Legajo 5540(A), libros 1-2, años 1661-1681	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1223698	0

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 Mexico (mainly Nueva Vizcaya) in centuries past.

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DRSW BIOFILE: SEARCHING FOR INDIVIDUALS

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: SAMPLE CITATION: MILITARY RECORDS

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: LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

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: THE 1788 CENSUS

MADRIGAL, MARIA PETRA

BID Number: 4895

Birth: 1761: CHIHUAHUA

Ethnicity: CRIOLLA

Family: SOLTERO, JUAN JERTRUDIS (DA) (AGE 15)

SOLTERO, MARIA FRANCISCA (DA) (13)

SOLTERO, JOSEPH (SN) (11) (SERVANT)

SOLTERO, ANTTONIO (SN) (AGE 9)

SOLTERO, GERONIMA (DA) (AGE 7)

SOLTERO, JOSEPH DE JESUS (SN) (AGE 5)

SOLTERO, JOSEPH FRANCISCO (SN) (AGE 3)

Marriage: N.D.: N.P./WIDOW

Notes: ALL MESTIZOS, SINGLE, NATIVES OF PARRAL

Occupation: 1788: PARRAL, SANTA ROSA (RANCH)/(NONE)

Source: PRIMARY SOURCE

Sources: AZU, AHP, FILM 318, PARRAL 1788 A, FR. 156- 167

LOS BEXARENOS PUBLICATIONS AND INDEXES



Los Bexareños is an organization dedicated to Hispanic history and ancestral research. They have published and sell numerous indexes for censuses, baptisms and marriages for Texas (53 publications), Coahuila (41 publications), Nuevo Leon (15 publications) and other Mexican states.

These publications are listed at:

http://www.losbexarenos.org/Publications2.htm

For more information, see:

http://www.losbexarenos.org/LBGHS-Pamphlet.pdf

MEXICAN RESOURCES BY STATE



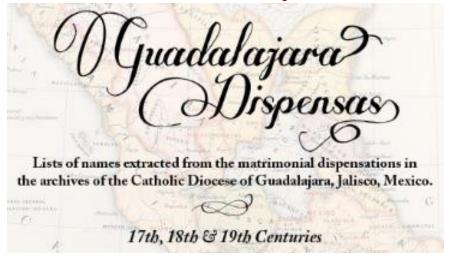
https://mexicangenealogy.info/mexican-genealogy-resources-by-state/

NORTHEASTERN MEXICO AND TEXAS



https://www.wearecousins.info/

GUADALAJARA DISPENSAS (DISPENSATIONS)



http://www.guadalajaradispensas.com/p/site-index-years-1600-1699.html

VALLADOLID (MORELIA) DISPENSAS



https://www.valladoliddispensas.com/p/1600-1699-index.html

THE MISSION 2000 DATABASE

The Mission 2000 Database is a searchable database of Spanish mission records of the Pimería Alta (southern Arizona and northern Sonora) containing baptisms, marriages, and burials from the 1600s to the 1800s. Sample citations are shown below:

https://home.nps.gov/applications/tuma/search.cfm

Given Name: Friderich Surname:

Ronstadt Agustus Sex: M

Place of Birth: Emden, Germany

Date of Birth:

Order:

Place of Death:

Date of Death: Cause of Death:

Race or Tribe:

Residence: Topahue; Title: Viudo de Concepción Quiroga; Marido de Margarita Redondo;

Tudesco Altar; Magdalena; Tucson Involved in Sonoran politics after Mexican Independence

Place of Service: Burial Place: Translation:

Notes: He managed Manuel Gándara's hacienda at Topahui. He was later a military officer under Gándara's rival. Colonel José María Elias Gonzales, and a sergeant major under General Ignacio Pesqueira, another of Gándara's competitors for the governorship of Sonora.

Sex: M Surname: Carmona Given Name: José

Place of Birth: Date of Birth:

Date of Death: Place of Death: Terrenate

07/23/1797

Cause of Death: Killed by Apaches

Title: Soldado de Bacoachi; Marido de María Eusebio Residence: Bacoachi Race or Tribe: Opata

Verdugo

Order:

Place of Service:

Burial Place: Terrenate Translation: (Spanish) Bacoachi

Notes: "In the year of the Lord, 1797, on July 23rd ecclesiastical burial was provided the body of José Carmona in the Presidio of Santa María. He was an Opata soldier of this company. He died the day before in an attack by the Apaches. His unfortunate death was made known to me on the 27th of the said month and year. He was married to María Eusebia Verdugo and for the truth of all, I sign on the said day, the 27th. Fr. Antonio Beneitez"

ASSISTANCE IN TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION

Consult the online "Spanish Records Extraction Manual," (126 pages), available at:

https://script.byu.edu/Pages/Spanish/en/guide.aspx

Abbreviations can be very confusing to new researchers. This link will help you understand some of the more common abbreviations:

https://script.byu.edu/SiteAssets/resources/Spanish_Extraction_Guide-Appendix_B.pdf

If you are interested in learning how to read old Spanish handwriting for the purpose of extracting parish records, you may consult the *Spanish Records Extraction Guide*. This resource provides basic principles, examples, and practice exercises which will enable you to identify specific parts and characteristics of christening and marriage record entries. The *Spanish Records Extraction Guide* was first published in 1981 by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and is now available for download on this website in PDF format.

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

Book Numbers / Surname Range	Film #
Book 1 (Aanda) — Book 5 (Alzuru)	<u>35112</u>
Book 6 (Allado) — Book 12 (Basani)	<u>35113</u>
Book 13 (Basanta) — Book 19 (Campani)	<u>35114</u>
Book 20 (Campano) — Book 26 (Desportell)	<u>35115</u>
Book 27 (Despou) — Book 33 (Franco)	<u>35116</u>
Book 34 (Francolí) — Book 40 (Haro)	<u>35117</u>
Book 41 (Hartos) — Book 47 (Lazcamburu)	<u>35118</u>
Book 48 (Lazcano) — Book 54 (Mesares)	<u>35119</u>
Book 55 (Mescua) — Book 6l (Olcina)	<u>35120</u>
Book 62 (Olcinellas) — Book 68 (Pérez de Arramendia)	<u>35121</u>
Book 69 (Pérez de Arroyo) — Book 76 (Rizo)	<u>35122</u>

The original 88 volumes – published in 1919 – are available in the Los Angeles Public Library at 929.76 G216. People can request a master index at the Genealogical section of the library to look at.

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 rementa 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

INDIGENOUS MEXICO HISTORIES

John Schmal has written indigenous histories for 31 of the 32 Mexican states, discussing original indigenous tribes, the colonial period, language distribution and their current status of indigenous languages as revealed in the 2000 and 2010 census:

https://indigenousmexico.org/

https://www.shhar.org/johnpschmal

Mexico's Primary Indigenous Languages in 2010

Estado	Pueblo indígena	
Baja California	Cochimí, cucapá, kiliwa, kumiai y paipai	
Campeche	Maya	
Coahuila	Kikapú	
Chiapas	Cakchiquel, chol, jacalteco, kanjobal, lacandón, mame, mochó, tojolabal, tzeltal (tseltal) , tzotzil (tsotsil) y zoque	
Chihuahua	Guarijío, pima, tarahumara y tepehuán	
Distrito Federal*	Maya, mazahua, mazateco, mixe, mixteco, náhuatl, otomí, purépecha, tlapaneco, totonaco y zapoteco	
Durango	Tepehuán	
Guanajuato	Chichimeca jonaz	
Guerrero	Amuzgo, mixteco, náhuatl y tlapaneco	
Hidalgo	Náhuatl y otomí	
Jalisco	Huichol	
México	Mazahua, náhuatl y otomí	
Michoacán	Mazahua, otomí y purépecha	
Morelos	Náhuatl	
Nayarit	Cora y huichol	
Oaxaca	Amuzgo, chatino, chinanteco, chocho, chontal, cuicateco, huave, ixcateco, mazateco, mixe, mixteco, triqui y zapoteco	
Puebla	Chocho, mixteco, náhuatl y totonaca	
Querétaro	Otomí y pame	
Quintana Roo	Maya	
San Luis Potosí	Huasteco, náhuatl y pame	
Sinaloa	Mayo	
Sonora	Mayo, pápago, pima, seri y yaqui	
Tabasco	Chontal y chol	
Veracruz	Náhuatl, tepehua, popoluca y totonaca	
Yucatán	Maya	

Perla Ferrer Guerrero, "Población indigena de mexico: Estadísticas de poblacion, dialecto y educación de los pueblos indígenas (March 2, 2015).

The 2010 Mexican Census: Indigenous Languages

The 2010 Mexico Census:		
Indigenous Language Speakers and Monolingual Speakers of Indigenous Languages		

State	Total Population 5 Years of Age and More that Speaks an Indigenous Language	Percent of Mexico's Indigenous Language Speaking Population 5 Years of Age and More	Total Indigenous Population that is Monolingual	Percent of Indigenous Language Speakers that are Monolingual
Oaxaca	1,165,186	17.4%	188,230	16.2%
Chiapas	1,141,499	17.0%	371,315	32.5%
Veracruz	644,559	9.6%	66,646	10.3%
Puebla	601,680	9.0%	57,649	9.6%
Yucatán	537,516	8.0%	40,273	7.5%
Guerrero	456,774	6.8%	134,797	29.5%
Mexico	376,830	5.6%	2,806	0.7%
Hidalgo	359,972	5.4%	43,991	12.2%
San Luis Potosí	248,196	3.7%	19,439	7.8%
Quintana Roo	196,060	2.9%	8,867	4.5%
Michoacán	136,608	2.0%	9,601	7.0%
Other Mexican States	830,348	12.4%	37,280	4.5%
The Mexican Republic	6,695,228	100%	980,894	14.7%

The 2010 Mexican Census: Monolingualism

Mexico (2010 Census): States with the Largest Percentages of Monolingual Indigenous Languages Speakers			
State	Total Population 5 Years of Age and More that Speaks an Indigenous Language	Total Indigenous Language Speaking Population that is Monolingual	Percent of Indigenous Language Speakers that are Monolingual
Chiapas	1,141,499	371,315	32.5%
Guerrero	456,774	134,797	29.5%
Oaxaca	1,165,186	188,230	16.2%
Durango	30,894	4,825	15.6%
Nayarit	49,963	7,525	15.1%
Hidalgo	359,972	43,991	12.2%
Chihuahua	104,014	11,215	10.8%
Veracruz	644,559	66,646	10.3%
Puebla	601,680	57,649	9.6%
Jalisco	51,702	4,353	8.4%
San Luis Potosí	248,196	19,439	7.8%
Yucatán	537,516	40,273	7.5%
Michoacán	136,608	9,601	7.0%

Source: INEGI, Censo de Población y Vivienda 2010: Población de 5 años y más por entidad y municipio según habla indígena y lengua.

The 2015 Mexican Intercensal

INEGI's 2015 Intercensal Survey, published in 2016, indicated that the % of people who are traditionally indigenous exceeds the % of people who actually speak indigenous languages.

Linguistic and Ethnic Identity in Mexico (2015)		
State	% of the Total Population	% of Persons 3 Years of Age and Older
	That Consider Themselves to	Who Speak an Indigenous Language
	be Indigenous	
Oaxaca	65.7%	32.2%
Yucatán	65.4%	28.9%
Campeche	44.5%	11.5%
Quintana Roo	44.4%	16.6%
Hidalgo	36.2%	14.2%
Chiapas	36.1%	27.9%
Puebla	35.3%	11.3%
Guerrero	33.9%	15.3%
Veracruz	29.3%	9.2%
Morelos	28.1%	2.0%
Michoacán	27.7%	3.6%
Tabasco	25.8%	2.7%
Tlaxcala	25.2%	2.7%
San Luis Potosí	23.2%	10.0%
Nayarit	22.2%	5.4%
Estados Unidos Mexicanos	21.5%	6.5%

Source: INEGI, "Principales resultados de la Encuesta Intercensal 2015. Estado Unidos Mexicanos: III: Etnicidad." Online:

http://www.senado.gob.mx/comisiones/asuntos_indigenas/eventos/docs/etnicidad_240216.pdf

The 2015 Mexican Intercensal

Linguistic and Ethnic Identity in Mexico (2015)			
State	% of the Total Population That Consider Themselves to be Indigenous	% of Persons 3 Years of Age and Older Who Speak an Indigenous Language	
Colima	20.4%	0.6%	
Querétaro	19.2%	1.7%	
Sonora	17.8%	2.4%	
Estado de México	17.0%	2.7%	
Baja California Sur	14.5%	1.5%	
Sinaloa	12.8%	1.4%	
Aguascalientes	11.7%	0.3%	
Chihuahua	11.3%	2.7%	
Jalisco	11.1%	0.8%	
Guanajuato	9.1%	0.2%	
Distrito Federal	8.8%	1.5%	
Baja California	8.5%	1.5%	
Durango	7.9%	2.4%	
Zacatecas	7.6%	0.3%	
Coahuila de Zaragoza	6.9%	0.2%	
Nuevo León	6.9%	1.2%	
Tamaulipas	6.3%	0.7%	

Source: INEGI, "Principales resultados de la Encuesta Intercensal 2015. Estado Unidos Mexicanos: III: Etnicidad." Online: http://www.senado.gob.mx/comisiones/asuntos_indigenas/eventos/docs/etnicidad_240216.pdf