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Presentations

January - Gary De Leon Spanish Families of the Onate Expedition

February— Vickie Smejkal, the 1950 Census, history, Information, Questions

March—TBD

April - Aaron Taylor, Historical Documents Translation and Transcription

May - Tentative: Orphan Stalk: Growing Up Adopted in a Manito Culture book launch and signing with Charlene Garcia Simms.

FACC Meetings

Zoom

11:00—Speaker Intro and Presentation

11:45—Q & A

12:00—FACC General Membership Meeting

In Person

8:30 am—Library/Research

10 am—General Membership Meeting

11 am—Speaker Presentation
Pueblo Heritage Museum
201 West B St., Pueblo, CO

Board of Directors

President—Phyllis Miranda

Vice President— Vacant

Secretary—Kathy Pacheco

Treasurer—Bob Craig

Acting GSHA Representative

Bob Craig

Newsletter Editor

Christina Quintana

Board of Directors Meetings

Open to the Membership
First Tuesday of the Month
5 PM via Zoom until further notice.

President's Message



Greetings FACC Members!

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year. The past year has been challenging for many of us but hopefully there are brighter days ahead. We have decided to move back to Zoom only meetings until further notice because of the health and safety of our members and because of the continued threat of the Coronavirus. With all its variants COVID-19 continues to be a concern so we feel our decision is the best for all at this time.

We will continue to provide you with great presentations and contact with fellow FACC members through our general membership meetings and Board of Directors meetings. Please remember that you are always welcome to attend the Board of Directors meetings. We welcome any input from our members! Please check out the FACC website Events page for the list of speakers for each meeting. The webmaster will update the list as speakers are booked so visit it often.

As you know our former Vice President, Joe Martinez, has had to resign for personal reasons. We thank him for his service and hope to see him back at FACC meetings soon. So, we need a new Vice President. To complete the duties of the Vice President it is important for the person who accepts this position to be knowledgeable in MS Excel, Google Sheets and Google Drive. If you are interested, please contact me at FACC_president@gshaa.org and I will be glad to explain the Vice President's duties.

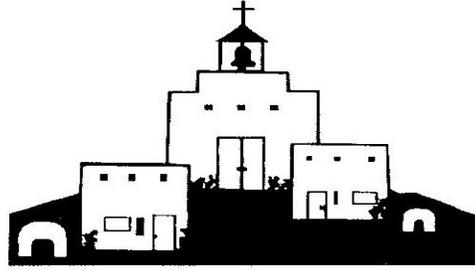
I know I have said this before, but please know that as members of the Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter of the GSHA, you are greatly appreciated, and we sincerely thank you for your continued support of our organization.

Phyllis Miranda
FACC President

On the Cover

Pictured on the cover is my great grandmother, Sefarina Pacheco (1873 – 1959), my great grandfather, Juan Luis Romero (1869 – 1919). I am not sure who the baby is, but I think it may be my grandmother Victoria Romero (although it could be one of her eight siblings). The photo was taken in Walsenburg, Colorado somewhere between 1888 and 1900. Submitted by Phyllis Miranda, FACC President.

Send in a photo of your own to have it featured on the front page of future newsletters!



FACC DISPLAY IN THE PUEBLO HERITAGE MUSEUM: UPDATE

The committee of Tom Martinez, Connie Romero, Claudine Riccillo and Mary Ellen Burciago are grateful for the suggestions received from both community members and FACC members to refresh the current display on Hispanics in Pueblo..

After consideration of input and evaluating resources needed and available (time and money), the committee has decided to expand the timeline idea currently utilized.

Each committee member is researching a period of time and gathering significant events. We have not set a completion date. Our next meeting is February 8 at 10:30 at the Heritage Center.



FACC ZOOM PRESENTATIONS

2nd Saturday each month...11 am

Click on link in your email

FREE for members

FACC LIBRARY MAKE APPOINTMENT

CALL

TOM MARTINEZ

816-886-8629

FACC Website:

<https://facc-genealogy.weebly.com>

FACC Facebook:

<https://facebook.com/groups/faccgsha>

GSHA website:

<https://gshaa.org>

**Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter
Genealogical Society of Hispanic America
Cash Flow Statement
General Fund
01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021**

Cash Flow In

Membership 2021	\$ 2,494.87
Membership 2022	\$ 609.01
Donations	\$ 485.00
Savings interest	\$ 2.69
Amazon donations	\$ 24.94
Beard fundraiser	\$ 145.00
Library fees	\$ 50.00
40% from GSHA	\$ 71.51
	<u>\$ 3,591.57</u>

Cash Flow Out

City sales tax license	\$ 50.00
City sales tax 2020	\$ 0.48
Office supplies	\$ 95.60
Report filing	\$ 10.00
60% Obligation to GSHA	\$ 1,755.00
Rent PO Box	\$ 188.00
Printing	\$ 137.01
Honorarium	\$ 50.00
Membership to other	\$ 75.00
Transfer to GSHA	\$ 25.00
	<u>\$ 2,386.09</u>

Library Fund

Beginning balance 01/01/2021	\$ 500.00
Library user fees	\$ 50.00
Fines	\$ -
Donations	\$ -
Purchases	\$ -
Ending balance 12/31/2021	<u>\$ 550.00</u>

per February 2012 BOD and Membership vote, Library fund shall begin with a budget of \$500.00, for new calendar year.

Bank Balance as of 12/31/2021

General fund	\$ 3,464.86
Raffle	\$ -
Savings	\$ 9,064.46

Total \$ 12,529.32



Grandpa's Radio by Phyllis Miranda

From June of 1964 through November of 1967 my family and I lived in San Antonio, Texas. While I have many memories about our time there, the most prominent memories I have are our yearly trips to Walsenburg, Colorado. Sometimes we would go at Christmas time and sometimes we would go in the summertime around the 4th of July.

One thing that was always the same was the trip to get there. We would load up the station wagon that had the faux wood paneling along the sides with food, blankets, books, toys and pillows. Our luggage would go in the luggage rack on the roof of the station wagon. Then Dad would get behind the wheel, Mom would be in the front passenger seat, my sister and I would take up the back seat and my two brothers would commandeer the very back of the station wagon. Dad liked to drive at night so that there would not be so much traffic as there was in the day time and so he did not have to use up too much of his leave with driving. We would set out in the twilight, eager to get to our grandparents home in Walsenburg.

Once we made our first stop to get gas, Mom would want to trade places with one of us girls so she could stretch out and sleep better. My sister was usually asleep by this time and so I was most times the lucky one to sit shotgun next to Dad as he drove on through the night. This was one of my favorite parts of the trip. Dad would pass the miles telling me stories about his childhood in New Mexico and in Walsenburg. They were wonderful tales full of the adventures of living in the country and very small towns. Dad also had a beautiful tenor singing voice and after the stories he would sing country and western or Mexican songs. I would get dozy as I listened to him sing, but never fell completely asleep because I knew we were getting closer to Walsenburg.

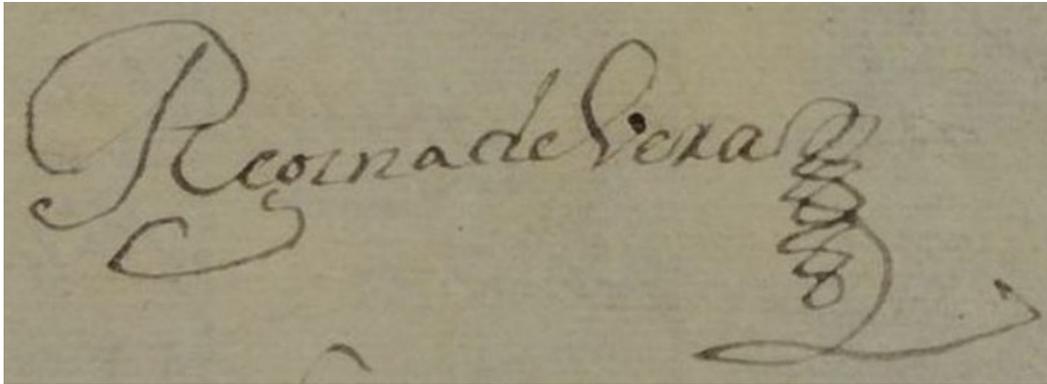
We usually arrived at my grandparents' home by mid-morning. As we drove into the yard in front of the house, my grandmother, Victoria, and Grandfather, Vicente, would be standing at the entrance to the screened-in porch. We would be greeted with the delicious smell of just cooked tortillas and a huge breakfast consisting of fresh farm eggs, fried potatoes, green chili plate, bacon, ham or sausage (sometimes all three), cereal (shredded wheat), and pinto beans. We would eat our fill and because Dad and I did not sleep during the previous night, he would retire to one of the four big brass beds in the big bedroom, and I would go into the parlor.

The parlor was off limits to us kids except for the one who stayed up to keep Dad company during the long night of driving from San Antonio. For that one day and for that one child the parlor would become the quiet sanction to rest up. The parlor had a very old horsehair settee, Grandpa's great big recliner, a few accent tables, a television set, and a 1940 Zenith Console Radio. I would lay there on the settee covered by one of the quilts my grandmother had made, with a soft pillow under my head, listening to the soft voices from the radio as I drifted off to sleep.

I now own this same radio, and while I can't get it to play anymore, it is a constant reminder of the time I spent with my father as we drove from Texas to Colorado on our yearly adventures through the night.



Do you have an artifact that holds special memories for you? Send in a picture and a story to Christina Quintana either by email at chrismq@pacbell.net or by regular mail to P.O. Box 927069, San Diego, CA 92192-7069 to have it featured in our next newsletter.



Signature of Regina de Vera with her rubric

This is from a record found in the Parral Archives which can be accessed from the Fondo Colonial website (<https://www.rootspoint.com/fondo-colonial>); Seccion "Justicia", Serie "Demandas de deudas", and the year is 1643. The locality is San Jose del Parral, Provincia de Nueva Vizcaya.

Regina de Vera is my 9th great-grandmother. Here is the descending chart:

9th great-grandmother: **Regina de Vera** married to Domingo Gonzales

8th great-grandmother: Regina de Vera (aka Gonzales) married to Andres del Hierro y Cereceda in 1651

7th great-grandmother: Maria del Hierro married to Bernardo de Ascue y Armendariz in 1677

6th great-grandfather: Pedro de Asque y Armendariz married to Francisca Muños in 1731

5th great-grandfather: Alexandro Armendariz (aka Almendariz) married to Juana Michaela Xaques in 1764

4th great-grandfather: Pablo Armendariz (aka Almendariz) married to Maria Guadalupe Hernandez in 1788

3rd great-grandmother: Maria Francisca Armendariz married to Juan Reyes in 1824

2nd great-grandfather: Jose Esteban Reyes married to Francisca Pastrano in 1854

1st great-grandmother: Manuela Reyes (aka Armendariz) married to Castulo Oajaca in 1875

Grandmother: Antonia Oaxaca married to Marcelino Dominguez in 1921

NOTE: The marriages of my 4th through my 8th grandparents were in the Valle de San Bartolome, Provincia de Nueva Vizcaya; 2nd and 3rd great-grandparents were in San Bartolome, Chihuahua, Mexico. The marriages of 1st great-grandparents and grandparents were in Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico.

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In Memoria

Arthur Padilla

30 November 2021

Dr. E. L. Torres

3 December 2021

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow;
I am the diamond glints on the snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there; I did not die.



In Loving Memory Dr. Luis Eugene Torres



Dr. Eugene Luis Torres, age 92 went to be with the Lord, December 2021 in Indiana. Eugene was born in Denver, CO 1929 to Jose Eugenio Torres and Addie Rachel Minniss. He graduated from Trinidad High School, Trinidad State Junior College. He attended Colorado State University where he received his doctor of veterinary medicine. He served in the Air Force. He married the love of his life, Amparo Villareal Perez. Inspired by his grandfather, Benigno Torres, he began a lifelong addiction to genealogy. He wrote a series of books : In Search of E.L. Torres, Plaza de los Cordovas, El Valle de los Rancheros, Los Vallejos de Nuevo Mexico. He had several collaborations with other genealogists. He will be remembered for his valuable research and contributions to genealogy.



Amparo



Rest In Peace dear friend



"In Loving Memory" by Frank Dominguez.

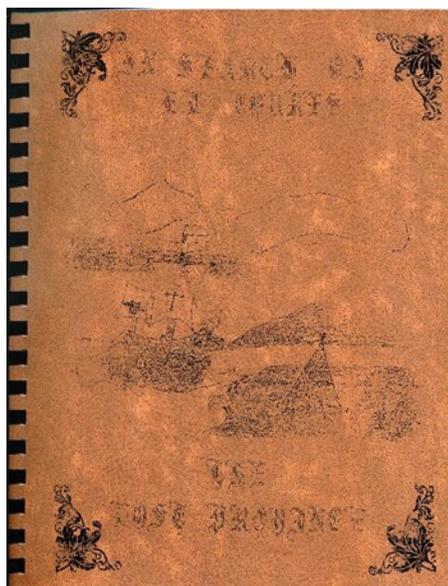


Books in our library from the late Dr. Eugene Luis Torres

By Tom J. Martinez, FACC Librarian

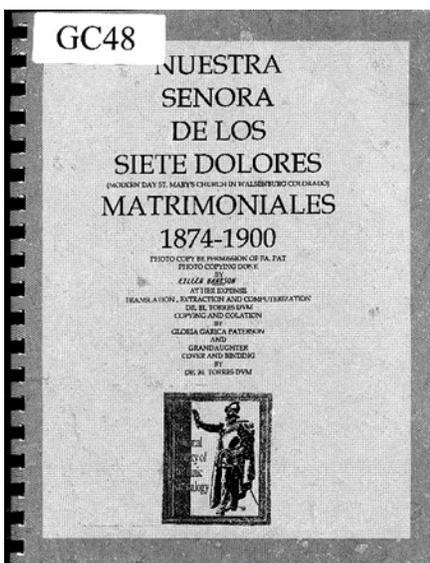
Dr. E. L. Torres was a prolific genealogist and author of several books, all self-published, as well as co-authoring many others. He was a lifetime member of the FACC.

Dr. Torres donated several documents of material to the FACC that he did not get a chance to turn into a book. Most of it is genealogies of other surnames.



The Lost Province,
FACC Library #112.

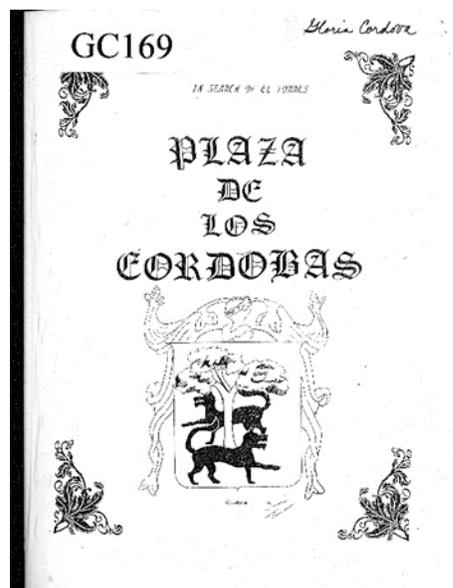
The first four generations of the Torres family in New Mexico.



Nuestra Senora De Los Siete Dolores Rregistros De Entierros, Septiembre De 1876.

FACC Library #GC174.

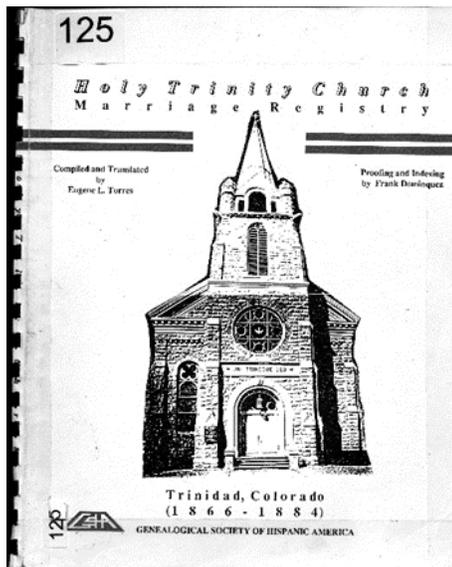
Burial Records are from 1876 to 1895 in St. Mary's Church, Walsenburg, CO. Nuestra Senora de los Siete Dolores was St. Mary's Church original name and is located in the Plaza de los Leones, which later became Walsen's Burgh, the Walsenburg. Ten pages of history, maps and photos. Original record photocopies with an index.



Plaza de los Cordobas,

FACC Library #GC169A and #GC169B.

The Cordova family from New Mexico to Colorado. Separate Index. Marked extensively by Gloria Cordova.



Holy Trinity Church Marriage Registry, Trinidad, Colorado 1866 -1884.

FACC Library #125 & GC156.

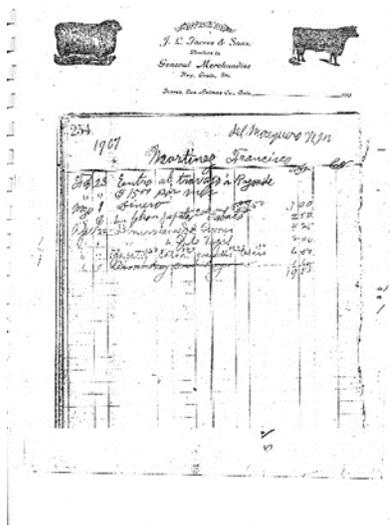
Compiled & Translated by E.L. Torres, and Proofing and Indexing by Frank Dominquez.



Torres Family En Rancho De Taos,

FACC Library #GC53.

The Torres family and relations in Ranchos de Taos, NM.



Jose Luis Torres – Business Ledger Book,

FACC Library #166.

1906 – 1936, Terrico, Colorado. Photocopies.

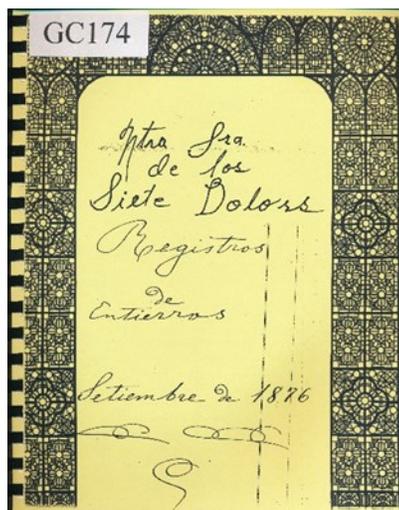
The following books are not in our library:

Hijos de Reconquistadores, the Torres family in Belen and Socorro, New Mexico

Los Ballejos de Nuevo Mejico, the Vallejo family form New Mexico to Colorado.

The Scotch-Irish-The Minnis Clan, the Minnis family in northwest Pennsylvania (author's maternal grandparents)

Ranchos De Los Torres, last of the Series. The genealogy of the author.



Nuestra Senora De Los Siete Dolores Rigestros De Entierros, Septiembre De 1876.

FACC Library #GC174.

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How to Attend our Zoom Meetings



1. Go to <https://zoom.us>
2. Then download the Zoom app to your device. Here is a link to a video showing you how to download the Zoom app: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsy2Ph6kSf8&feature=emb_rel_end
3. Here is a video showing you how to join a meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

You will receive an invitation to our FACC meeting through an email. A few minutes before the meeting, go to the email and click on the link to the meeting and follow the instructions, however, ignore the message that tells you to download the Zoom app if you already have it downloaded. Once you get in you will be placed in a Waiting Room. We will see who is in the Waiting Room and let you in to the meeting.

IMPORTANT: We will set up the meeting with your microphone muted, so please do not unmute your microphone. Muting everyone except the administrators and the presenter will keep background talk from ruining the presentation. At the end of the meeting you can use the Chat button to write in any questions you may have for the presenter.

One last thing. Some desktop computers do not have a camera and/or a microphone, which may not allow you to set up the program. Other than that, it's really pretty easy. Let's see if we can have a lot more than 29 people join our next Zoom meeting.

Ángel de Cervantes is offering zoom lectures over the coming weeks. If you enjoy learning about history and DNA, and the impact events made on the lives of our ancestors, please join these very informative lectures from the comfort of your own homes.

Here are a few of the topics that will be scheduled in the coming months. For information, please contact Ángel de Cervantes at angelrcervantes@gmail.com for dates and times. It will be well worth your time.

The San Patricios & The Mexican-American War

The Real Zorro: Who was Joaquin Murrieta? (Identity in the 19th Century Southwest)

The Politics of Genetic Genealogy & the impact on Identity

The Search for Y-DNA Adam

The Basque Connection to New Mexican Families (Haplogroup R1b1)

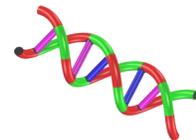
The Indo-European Connection to the Celts, DNA and Language Origin (Haplogroup R1b1)

Atlantis & Tartessos: A Possible Celtic Connection? (Haplogroup R1b1)

The Celt-Iberian Connection to New Mexican Families (Haplogroup R1b1)

Julius Caesar and the Celts (Haplogroup R1b1)

The Roman Connection to New Mexican Families (Haplogroup E1b1b1)



Updated January 15, 2022

Extra! Extra! Read All About It! Help Wanted

Wanted - FACC of GSHA Vice President

The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of, or at the request of the President and shall serve as the President until the next regular election of officers, should that office become vacant. The Vice President is responsible for keeping records of all active members and preparing rosters and membership materials for distribution. The Vice President shall also attend the monthly BOD and General Membership meetings. We ask that anyone interested in this position be familiar with Microsoft Excel, Google Sheets and Google Drive. Please contact Phyllis Miranda at FACC_President@gshaa.org ASAP to volunteer for this important position.

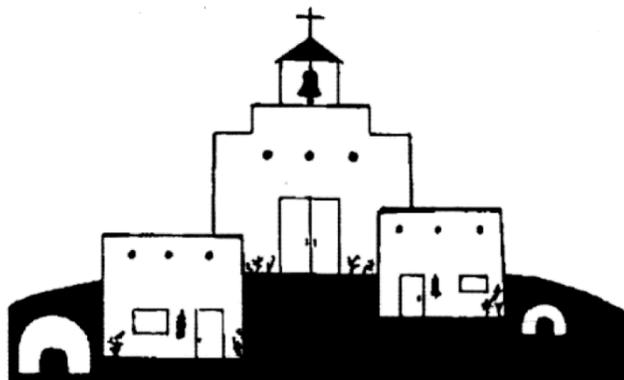
Wanted – FACC GSHA Representative

The FACC GSHA Representative must attend four quarterly GSHA board meetings per year. The representative will also submit a written report to the GSHA board informing them of the activities, events, and projects of the FACC. The representative is also responsible for reporting the GSHA activities, events or projects to the FACC board and membership. Please contact Phyllis Miranda at FACC_President@gshaa.org to volunteer for this essential position.

Wanted - Programming Committee

We are looking for 4 FACC members to form the Programming Committee. The committee will be responsible for gathering names and ideas for prospective speakers and topics and maintaining a list, with reference materials. The committee shall plan programs, confirm speakers, dates and presentation titles for each year. The committee shall reconfirm the speaker, date and title of presentation and obtain a brief description of the topic along with a brief presenter biography one (1) month prior to the scheduled presentation to provide to the President and to the Facebook/Zoom Admin. Please contact Phyllis Miranda at FACC_President@gshaa.org to volunteer to be a member of this exciting committee.

It's time to renew your membership for 2022!



Drawing courtesy of Alfie Salazar

Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter/ GSHA Membership Form

Annual Membership from January to December,
Year 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Fill out this form and mail it to:

**Membership Chair
FACC/GSHA
P.O. Box 3027
Pueblo, CO 81005-0027**

or

Use **PayPal** on your computer at:
<https://www.gshaa.org/join-today>

NOTE: Starting in 2020, members will have the choice of receiving the *Nuestras Raices* journal in the traditional hardcopy format or in PDF format. Please indicate your preference of delivery:

➤ **Hardcopy format** ____ **PDF format** ____ (a valid e-mail address is needed)

NOTE: Members that reside outside of the USA and prefer a hardcopy of the *Nuestras Raices* journal must pay an additional \$50 for postage.

Individual, Household, Institution	\$25.00
Donation*	\$
Total	\$

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