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Pablita Gabaldon—1871–1960



Jose Evaristo Sandoval 1860–1935

Pablita Gabaldon and Jose Evaristo Sandoval met in Walsenburg, Huerfano County, Colorado on or about 1883. Pablita was the daughter of Jose Elisardo Gabaldon and Maria De La Luz Sandoval. Jose Evaristo Sandoval was the son of Maria Antonia Manzanares and Juan Manuel Sandoval. They met during a time when families were still migrating from New Mexico. Pablita's parents migrated from Taos, New Mexico to San Luis de Culebra, Colorado around 1850-timeframe. They remained there for the birth of their first two children then relocated to Badito/Turkey Creek, Huerfano County, Colorado about the time frame in which Pablita and Evaristo met. Pablita and Evaristo were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Walsenburg on August 2, 1885. During the union of their marriage, they had 7 children. Their children were born from the timeframe of 1886-1907. They moved to Pueblo after the birth of their children, so all their children were born in the Walsenburg area. They had 5 boys and 2 girls. Their children all grew to adulthood except for one child (boy) who died at birth leaving 6 children. Their 2 daughters were born 21 years apart with the eldest daughter Rosa born in 1886 and their youngest daughter Carolina "Lena" born in 1907 having the greatest number of grandchildren for the couple. The 4 remaining sons all remained in Pueblo. Their sons in order of birth were Albert, Joseph, Procofrio (deceased as a child), Silviano "Silver" and Nicanor "Nick". Evaristo passed away on June 3, 1935. Upon his death, his sons, Joseph, Silver, and Nick were left to help their mother. Joseph married and left the home. (Continued on page 15).

Great Grandparents of Daniel Romero

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Presentations

October - Henrietta Martinez
Christmas, Topic: Women of Pajarito
Mesa

November – Karen Cordova, Topic:
Cuentos are Conejos. ¡Dios Mio!
They are Everywhere.

December – Christmas party at Steel
City Eagles Hall, 10 December 2022

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— Daniel Romero

Secretary - Kathy Pacheco

Treasurer - Bob Craig

Board of Directors Meetings

Open to the Membership
First Tuesday of the Month
5 PM at Pueblo Heritage
Museum
201 West B Street
Pueblo, CO

President's Message



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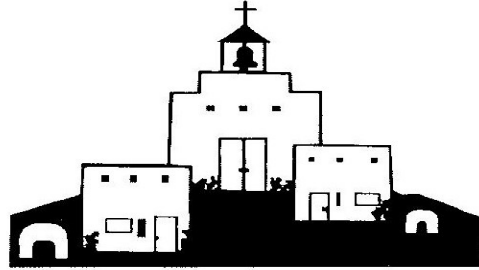
Dear FACC Friends,

A good time was had by all at our first annual picnic held since the beginning of the pandemic. While it was a bit warm on picnic day, we all enjoyed a delicious lunch and a wonderful presentation by Charlene Garcia Simms. For those of you who attended we thank you for joining us. We are looking forward to having even more FACC members attend next year. I'd like to thank Ruth Martinez for pulling it all together.

I hope you are enjoying and learning from our excellent slate of speakers this year. In September we had Marietta Vigil Gonzales presenting about researching in Spain where she gave excellent tips on how to have a successful research trip to Spain. In October, Henrietta Martinez Christmas will present about the Women of Pajarito Mesa and Karen Cordova will present "Cuentos are Conejos. ¡Dios Mio! They are Everywhere" in November.

Have you been considering being more personally involved in FACC? We have three positions coming available that would be a great opportunity for anyone in-terested in giving back to FACC. We are looking for a new President and two Members-at-Large. The FACC is 100% staffed by volunteers who have a passion for genealogy and are interested in helping the society operate as a premier asset to genealogists. If you would like to experience the joy of furthering genealogy and help define the direction of FACC please consider the open positions. Contact me at facc_president@gshaa.org or contact Bob Craig at president@gshaa.org. Either one of us can describe the duties of the President and any skills you might need.

Phyllis Miranda, FACC President



The Pueblo Heritage Museum staff has been busy during this past year streamlining and reorganizing the museum. They have asked us to take a critical look at our current display and make any changes we think would make it more current and visitor friendly.

As you may know, to support the Pueblo Heritage Museum and to have a reduced rate for the meeting room, the museum requires that we provide 10 hours of sweat equity per month. Mohammed Curtis, Museum Coordinator, has a couple of projects in the works with which he needs help. You can also help with changing light bulbs, cleaning, dusting, cleaning glass on displays and other general help with upkeep.

Please call Mohammed for details about his projects and for scheduling a time to volunteer to meet our 10-hour sweat equity responsibility at 719-295-1517.

Thank you for your continued support.

Committee members Tom Martinez (tommartinez@gmail.com, 816-886-8629), Claudine Riccillo (criccill@utep.edu, 719.676.2650), Mary Ellen Burciago (mburciago@gmail.com, 719-330-0704), and Connie Romero (cromero618@aol.com, 505.670.8804) are nearly finished with the display and will be installing it soon. There will be a grand opening announcement coming.

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
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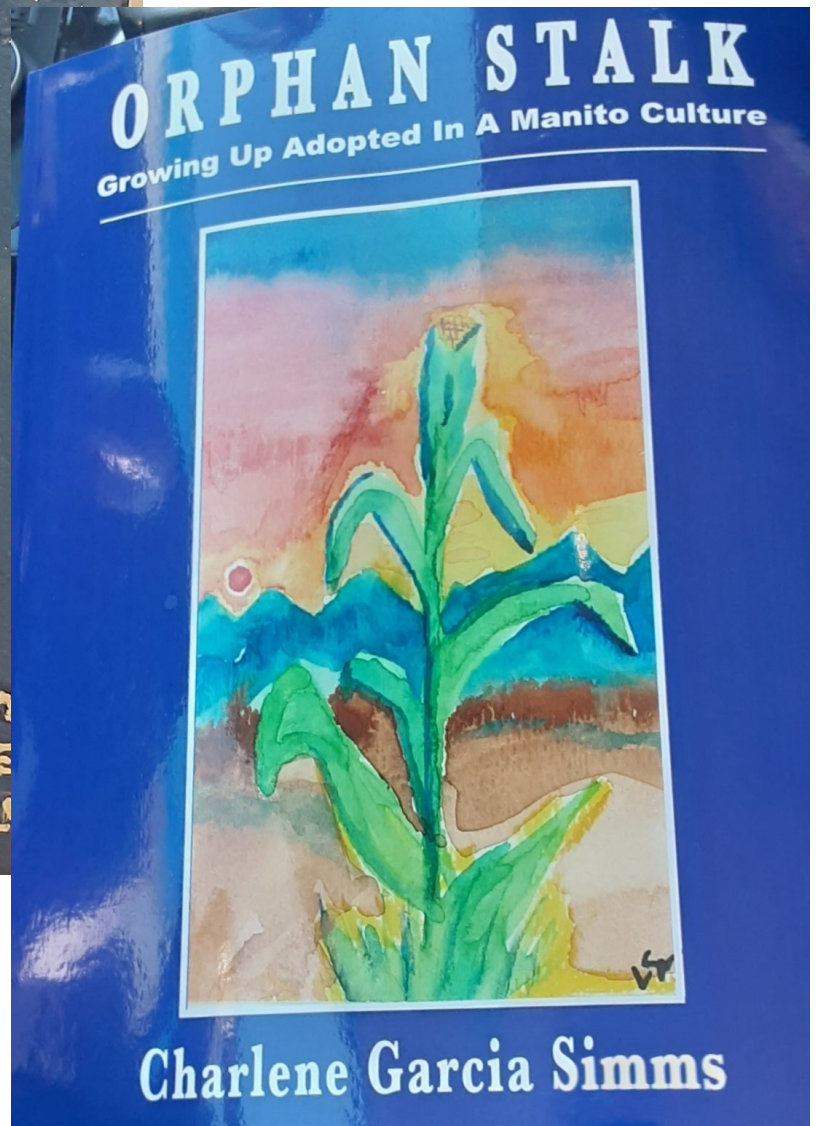


FACC 2022 Annual Picnic

FACC celebrated its first picnic since the summer of 2019, a good turnout despite the presence of Covid still in our midst. Attended by 21 members and one dog (Toby), unofficial mascot of FACC. We enjoyed good food, good company, and an excellent presentation by Charlene Garcia Simms on her new book 'Orphan Stalk, Growing Up in an Adopted Manito Culture". Its was great see members, some in almost three years and look forward to resuming our picnic in the future.



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General Fund
07/01/2022 to 07/31/2022

Cash Flow In

Membership 2022	\$	50.00
PayPal membership	\$	46.63
Savings interest	\$	0.24
	\$	96.87

Cash Flow Out

Membership(1)	\$	262.50
Postage(2)	\$	16.80
Printing(3)	\$	26.18
	\$	305.48

- (1) Heritage Center meeting room
- (2) Newsletter mailing
- (3) Newsletter

Library Fund

Beginning balance 07/01/2022	\$	488.00
Library user fees	\$	-
Fines	\$	-
Donations	\$	-
Purchases	\$	-
Ending balance 07/31/2022	\$	488.00

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 07/31/2022

General fund	\$	2,838.94
Savings	\$	9,776.98
Total	\$	12,615.92

Bob Craig
Treasurer
7/31/2022

General Fund
08/01/2022 to 08/31/2022

Cash Flow In

Membership 2022	\$ 50.00
PayPal membership	\$ 28.61
Savings interest	\$ 0.24
	\$ 78.85

Cash Flow Out

Entertainment(1)	\$ 200.00
Membership 2022	\$ 262.50
	\$ 462.50

(1) Christmas party hall deposit-Eagles post

(2) 3rd. Qtr Heritage Ctr

Library Fund

Beginning balance 08/01/2022	\$ 488.00
Library user fees	\$ -
Fines	\$ -
Donations	\$ -
Purchases	\$ -
Ending balance 08/31/2022	\$ 488.00

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 07/31/2022

General fund	\$ 2,455.05
Savings	\$ 9,777.24
Total	\$ 12,232.29

Bob Craig
Treasurer
8/31/2022

**Santa Iglesia Parroquial de Señor San Pedro
del Valle de San Bartolome
Provincia de Nueva Vizcaya**

Selected baptismal records from 1799-1815

"Yndios Yaquis, los Ilaquess, Yaquess, Yaque, Yndia Ilaqui, Yndios Llaques"

by Frank Dominguez

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In this set of baptismal records, I have found several cases where the child, the parents and the godparents are of the Yaqui nation. As you can see from above, I found a few variations of the Yaqui name. According to Wikipedia, the Yaqui call themselves *Hiaki* or *Yoeme*. A map of the area where the traditional homeland of the Yaqui and information about the Yaqui people can be found at (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yaqui>). In fact, one can do a web search for the Yaqui tribe and find all sorts of information about them.

The traditional homeland of the Yaqui nation was in the valley of the *Rio Yaqui* in what is now the modern day Mexican state of Sonora. In the Spanish Colonial period from 1793 – 1811, it was also known as Sonora. The distance from the valley of the *Rio Yaqui* to the *Valle de San Bartolome* is several hundred miles, and the *Sierra Madre Occidental* must be crossed.

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Peter Gerhard, *The North Frontier of New Spain Revised Edition*, University of Oklahoma Press, 1993, page 16, Map 7

Below is a snip of the 1769 Urrutia map showing the area of Nueva Vizcaya where San Bartolome is located with respect to Parral.



Source: <https://www.loc.gov/item/00556406/>

Title: Mapa, que comprende la Frontera, de los Dominios del Rey, en la America Septentrional.

Contributor Names: Urrutia, José de, 1728-1800; Fora, Nicolas de la, approximately 1730.

Created / Published: 1769.

From image 39, the extracted information is:

The baptismal date is 15 January 1800, the birthplace is "Hacienda de San Yldefonso" and the name given to the child is Jose Maria Pablo Arcadio. The child is recorded as "Yndio" and the parents are Juan Antonio Perea and the mother is Maria Gertrudis Castro. The parents are recorded "Yndios Yaquis del Pueblo de Nuestra Señora del Rayo y residentes aqui". The godfather is Jose Ygnacio Ramires.

namente, Exorcise puse los Santos Oleo y Crisma con un niño
 Paro Indio, el que nacio en la Nacion de S. Yndoraso, el
 dia 12 de Dho. Mayo a Juan Anonimo Peaca, y a M^a Gertrudis
 Castro, **Indios Yaguis** del Pueblo de S. S. Al Rayo, y residen
 tes aqui al que le fue puesto p. nombre. **Jose de Pablo de**
Acosta fueron sus Padrinos que lo tubieron, y recibieron en
 brazos. Los Yonacio Ramires, y su mujer el Dho. Indio
 Al Pueblo de Atotonilco; a los que les ademas el parrenesco

Snip of the baptismal record

"México, Chihuahua, registros parroquiales y diocesanos, 1632-1958," database with
 images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-D187-ZTW?cc=1521780&wc=3J15-RM9%3A69040301%2C69040302%2C69270001> : 1 October 2020), Valle de Allende > San Bartolomé > Bautismos

From image 240, the extracted information is:

The baptismal date is 25 October 1802, the birthplace is "Hacienda de Acosta" and the name given to the child is Maria Petra Hilaria. The child is recorded as "Yndia" and the parents are Juan Jurado and the mother is Maria Jermana Rebuello. The parents are recorded "del pueblo de los Ilaquess del Real del Parral". The godparents are Mariano Rojo and Maria Josefa Maress

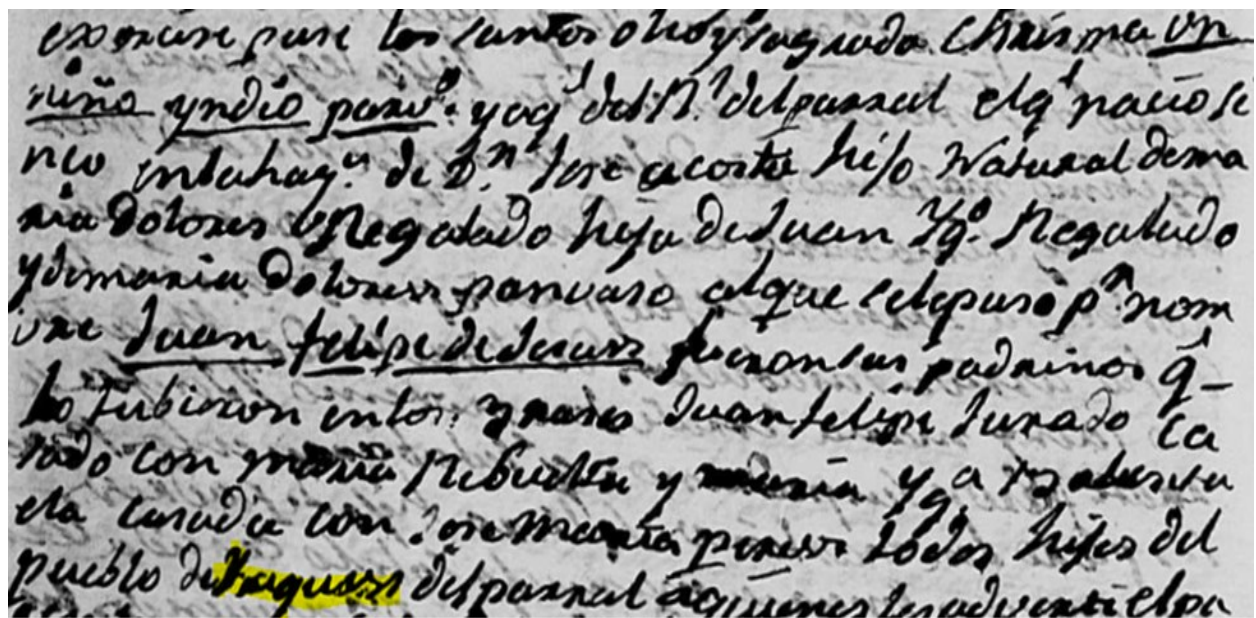
una niña parva Yndia laq nacio el dia diez
 y siete en la Haja de Acosta hija legitima y de
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 y parroquianos desta Jurisd. y porq^{ta} viven y
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Real del Parral sus abuelos non leyo fueron sus padr
 inos q^{ta} lo tubieron en los brazos Mariano Rojo
 casado con Maria Josefa Maress

Snip of the baptismal record

"México, Chihuahua, registros parroquiales y diocesanos, 1632-1958," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-D187-VX7?cc=1521780&wc=3J15-RM9%3A69040301%2C69040302%2C69270001> : 1 October 2020), Valle de Allende > San Bartolomé > Bautismos 1799-1815 > image 240 of 1039; parroquias Católicas, Chihuahua (Catholic Church parishes, Chihuahua).

From image 259, the extracted information is:

The baptismal date is 08 February 1803, the birthplace is "Hacienda de Don Jose Acosta" and the name given to the child is Juan Felipe de Jesus. The child is recorded as "Yndio" and an "hijo Natural", the mother is Maria Dolores Regalado and she is the daughter of Juan Ygnacio Regalado and Maria Doloress Panvaso. The godparents are Juan Felipe Jurado and Maria Ygnacia Balestueteta(?). After the names of the godparents, the statement reads "Todos hijos del pueblo de Yaquess del Parral".



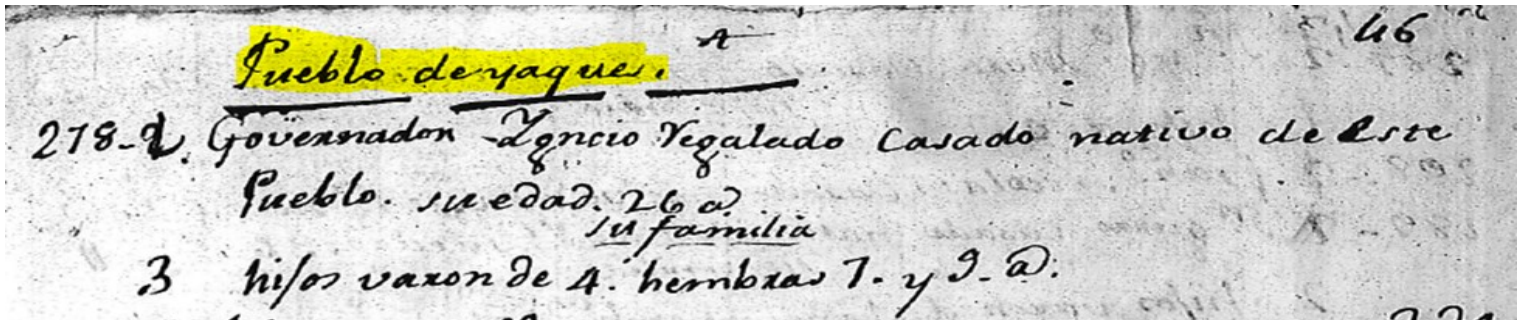
Snip of the baptismal record

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Interestingly enough, the governor of the Pueblo of Yaques in the 1785 census for Parral, PNV is an Ygnacio Regalado and he has two daughters in his household of ages 7 and 9. It is quite possible that one of these is the mother recorded above.

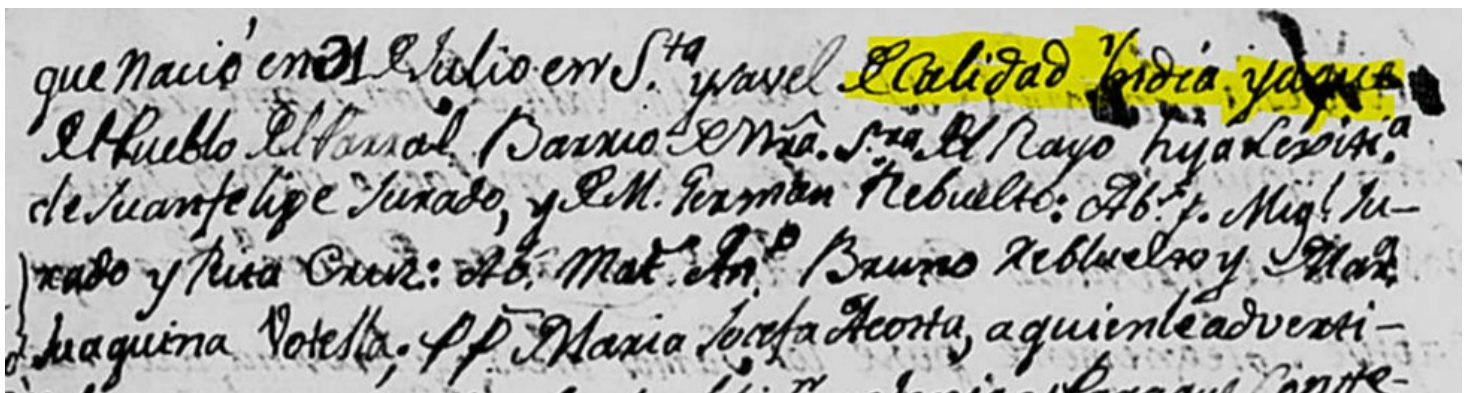
Frank Dominguez, *Index and Transcription of the December 1788 Census for the Jurisdiction of Parral, Province of Nueva Vizcaya*, Hispanic Heritage Project, 2016, page 121

278	2	Pueblo de Yaques Governador Ygnacio Regalado casado nativo de este Pueblo su edad 26 a ^s <u>su familia</u>
	3	hijos varon de 4 hembras 7 y 9 a ^s



From images 437 and 438, the extracted information is:

The baptismal date is 01 August 1805, the birthplace is "Santa Ysavel" and the priest forgot to record the name of the child. The child is recorded as "de Calidad Yndia Yaque del Pueblo del Parral Barrio Señora de Rayo". The parents are Juan Felipe Jurado and M. German (sic) Rebuelto. The paternal grandparents are Miguel Jurado and Rita Cruz. The maternal grandparents are Antonio Bruno Rebuelto and Maria Juaquina Votella. The godmother is Maria Josefa Acosta.



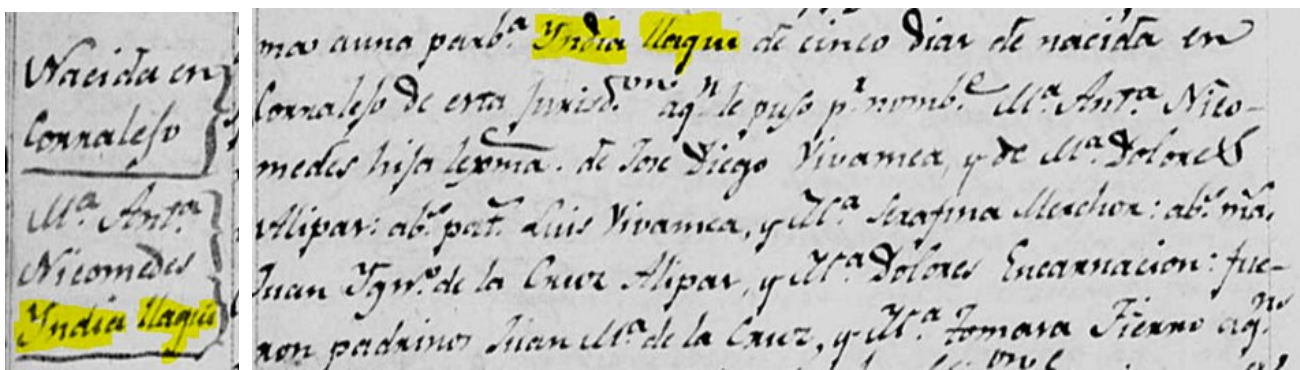
Snip of the baptismal record

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2 Frank Dominguez, *Index and Transcription of the December 1788 Census for the Jurisdiction of Parral, Province of Nueva Vizcaya*, Hispanic Heritage Project, 2016, page 121

From image 818, the extracted information is:

The baptismal date is 15 September 1801, the birthplace is "Corralejo" and the name given to the child is Maria Antonia Niocomedes. The child is recorded as "Yndia". The note in the margin of the record reads "Yndia Ilaqui". The parents are Jose Diego Vivamea and Maria Dolores Alipas. The paternal grandparents are Luis Vivamea and Maria Serafina Melchor. The maternal grandparents are Juan Ygnacio de la Cruz Alipas and Maria Dolores Encarnacion. The godparents are Juan Maria de la Cruz and Maria Tomasa Fierro.



Snip of the baptismal record

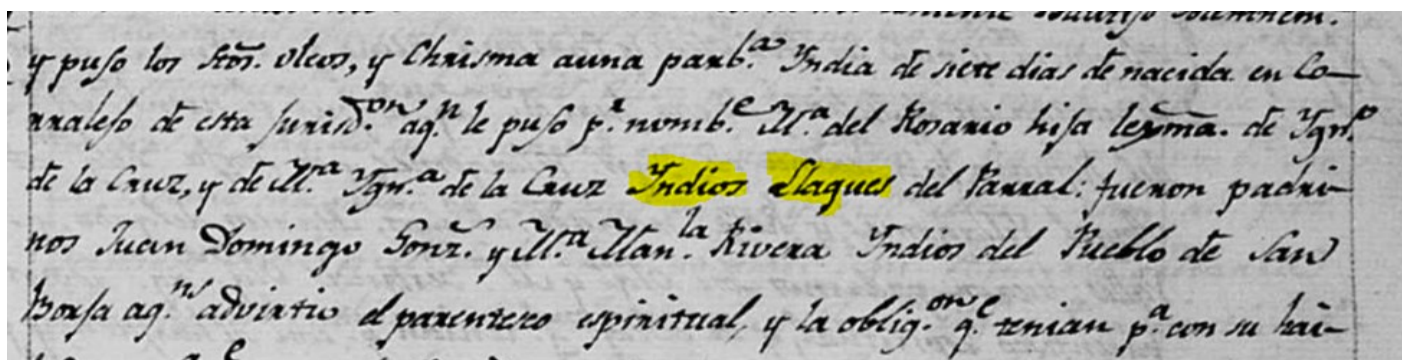
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Of interest for this record is that the surnames of the parents appear to be indigenous surnames, Vivamea and Alipas. I have never encountered these surnames in the thousands of records that I have researched.

From image 820, the extracted information is:

The baptismal date is 06 August 1811, the birthplace is "Corralejo" and the name given to the child is Maria del Rosario. The child is recorded as "Yndia". The parents are Ygnacio de la Cruz and Maria Ygnacia de la Cruz and they are recorded as "Yndios Llaques del Parral". The godparents are Juan Domingo Gonzales and Maria Manuela Rivera.



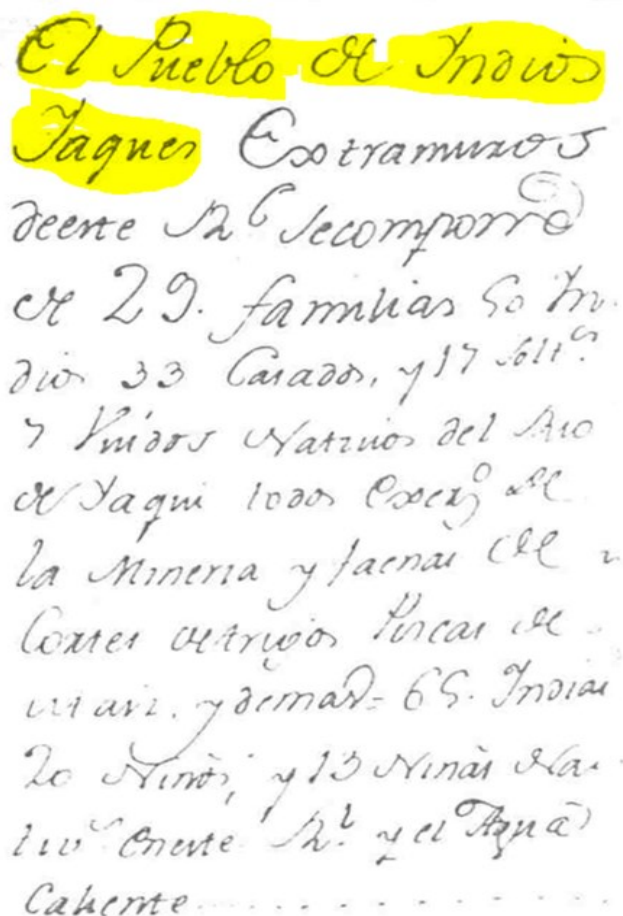
Snip of the baptismal record

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Parral had a community or "Pueblo" where the Yaqui people were concentrated. The information for the 1785 census was mentioned earlier. The 1777 census for Parral has this information:

The Pueblo of Yaqui Indians of this Real consists of 29 families of which 50 are male Indians and 33 of them are married, 17 are single, 7 are widowers, all natives of the Yaqui River and all occupied in mining, ?, corn fields and other. There are 65 female Indians. There are 20 male children and 13 female children, all natives of this Real and of Agua Caliente

El Pueblo de Yndios Yaques Estramuros(?) de este R^l Se compone de 29 familias 50 Yndios 33 Casados y 17 Solt^s 7 Viudos Nativos del Rio de Yaqui todos Exerz^o De la Minería y taonas de Cortes de Arigos(?) Pescas de Maiz y de mas = 65 Yndias 20 Niños y 13 Niñas Nativ^s en este R^l y el Agua Caliente



The image shows a handwritten manuscript snippet with several lines of text. The first two lines, "El Pueblo de Indios" and "Yaques Estramuros", are highlighted in yellow. The text is written in a cursive script and matches the transcription provided in the adjacent text block.

Unfortunately, the 1777 Parral census does not list the Yaqui people by name and surname, just an overall count. The 1785 census does list the Yaqui people by name and surname, so it is a book that should be consulted if you are after that tribal information.

Hopefully one of our members can tie into this nation of the Yaqui people with the information I have put together for this article.

I should mention that most of my census books and census articles, including the ones I have cited, are available for free at the Panes website. <https://panes.info/estado-de-mexico/>

Frank Dominguez, *Index and Transcription for the Census of 1777 for the Jurisdiction of El Parral Province of Nueva Vizcaya (present day Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico)*, PNV Press, 2019, page 170

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 people join our next Zoom meeting.

(Continued from page 1 - Great Grandparents of Daniel Romero)

Joseph married and left the home. However, both Silver and Nick remained to care for their mother. Pablita's youngest daughter, Carolina had married in 1929 and had difficult childbirth with her 1st child, my father, Miguel Romero who weighed less than 2 pounds at birth. Pablita stepped in and cared for the newborn by putting him in a shoebox lined with cotton and linens to keep the baby warm and putting him on top of the old stove. Pablita cared for the child and ended up rearing him to adulthood. Miguel lived with his grandmother and 2 uncles. His mother and father lived nearby and ended up with 6 more boys and 1 daughter. During these years that Pablita reared Miguel, her sons and Miguel lived together until Miguel became an adult. In 1951, Pablita's son Joseph passed away and she was left to bury a child. A few months after Joe's death, Miguel got married to his beautiful bride, Rose Martinez. Pablita acting as the mother of Miguel provided Miguel and Rose money for their wedding from the life proceeds of her son, Joseph. Pablita was left with her 2 remaining sons in the household who cared for her. Miguel and his wife were married in October 1951 and during the period of 1951-1960 when Pablita passed away, they had 2 boys and 2 girls (twins), and Pablita was happy for teaching the younger boys how to speak Spanish. When the twins arrived in April 1960, Pablita had fallen ill due to old age and got to meet her quatas (twins) and was ever so happy. Pablita passed away on June 12, 1960. Upon her passing, her 2 sons remained in the home and were looked upon by Miguel until their passing when Silver passed in 1965 and Nick passed away in 1980. They were truly a family of togetherness and caregiving. As their great-grandson and son of Miguel, it has been my honor to care for my father, Miguel until his passing at 89 years old in 2019. I am now the caregiver for his brother Leonard in Pueblo passing on the tradition of a legacy of family togetherness and caregiving. Learning from those who have gone before us has been a great journey to see the love that has been passed from generation to generation.

Zoom Lectures presented by Angel de Cervantes

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.

Updated September 30, 2022

The Vandals Connection to New Mexican Families (Haplogroups I & G)

The Visigoths Connection to New Mexican Families (Haplogroup I) (Part I - The Roman Perspective)

The Visigoths Connection to New Mexican Families (Haplogroup I) (Part II - The Visigoth Perspective)

The Franks Connection to New Mexican Families (Haplogroup I)



The Byzantine Connection to New Mexican Families (Haplogroup E1b1b1)

The Sephardic Jews and their Origins in the Iberian Peninsula (Haplogroups J, J1, & J2)

The Sephardic Jews and the Colonization of New Mexico (Haplogroups J, J1, & J2)

The Vikings Connection to New Mexican Families (Haplogroup I) The Dark Ages: The Rise of a

New World Order

Part I

In Memoria

Delia Romero née Gonzales, mother of Connie Romero

5 September 2022

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.





From my desk

The Town of San Luis is a statutory town that is the county seat and the most populous town of Costilla County, Colorado, United States. Formerly known as *San Luis de la Culebra*, it is the oldest continuously occupied town in Colorado.

Hispanic settlers from the Taos Valley established several small villages along the Rio Culebra in the San Luis Valley and officially took possession of this portion of the Sangre de Cristo Land Grant on April 9, 1851. The settlers built a church in the central village of *La Plaza Medio* and dedicated it on the Feast of Saint Louis, June 21, 1851, renaming the village *San Luis de la Culebra* in honor of the saint.

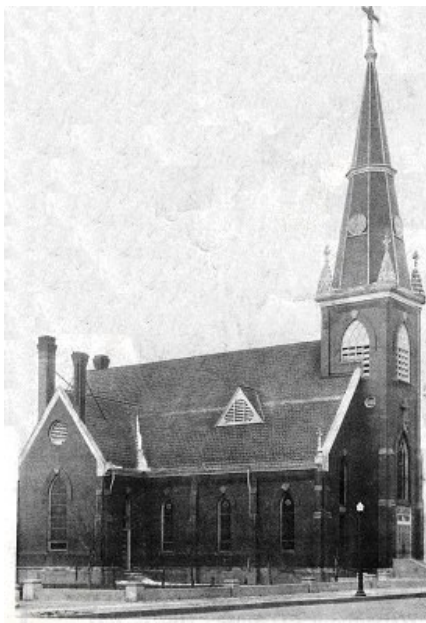
The community of **Badito** located at the crossing of the Huerfano River, marks a path used by the Ancestral Puebloans during the Basketmaker era.

A Spanish expedition led by General Juan de Ulibarrí is the first known recorded journey through **Badito**. He documented the journey through Cuchara Pass, west of the Spanish Peaks in 1706. Juan de Ulibarrí's command reached the Rio de San Juan Baptista (currently named the Huerfano River) at **Badito**.

In 1819, Jacob Fowler noted an abandoned Spanish adobe fort at the location.

Later, the Taos Trappers Trail, joining the Santa Fe Trail with the Cherokee Trail, passed through this location. In 1867, as part of the Territory of Colorado, **Badito** became the Huerfano County seat. Later the county seat was moved to **Walsenburg**.

Walsenburg was originally settled under the name of La Plaza de los Leones in 1859. The settlement was named after settler Don Miguel Antonio de Leon, who came along with others from New Mexico. A post office called Walsenburg has been in operation since 1870. The community was named after Fred Walsen, an early settler. Robert Ford, the assassin of outlaw Jesse James, operated a combination saloon and gambling house in Walsenburg; his home at 320 West 7th Street still stands.



St. Mary Church - 1900

St. Mary Parish was established in 1869 as Our Lady of the Seven Dolours by the Very Rev. Joseph P. Machebeuf. For about 10 years previously the area was served by visiting priests from New Mexico. These pastors celebrated Mass at several locations in Huerfano County, including La Veta, Walsenburg, Badito, Cucharas and six or seven placitas where people could congregate.



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