



Online Resources for México

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Objective: Become acquainted with various online websites for researching Mexican ancestors.

AIDS FOR IDENTIFYING PLACES

In order to access the records of our ancestors it is important to know who created the records and where they are kept. The knowledge of jurisdictions, civil and ecclesiastical, for the places where our ancestors lived will help us to know where they might be kept and which entity, governmental or religious, created them. The following websites will aid you in identifying jurisdictions.

Gazetteers - *Diccionarios geográficos*

These can be useful for identifying municipalities. Civil registration records are one example of a vital record that would be created by municipalities.

Diccionario geográfico, histórico y biográfico de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos by Antonio García Cubas.

- PDF Version. Digital collection of the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León [UANL] http://cdigital.dgb.uanl.mx/la/1080011597_C/1080011597_C.html
- Name searchable version. The Colegio de México http://biblio2.colmex.mx/bibdiq/dicc_cubas/base3.htm Searchable by name.

Church Directories – *Directorios eclesiásticos*

To identify the name and address of a parish.

- Some have alphabetical lists organized by archdiocese, diocese, and prelatures.
- Usually contain more information about parishes.
- You may need to know the name of the diocese, archdiocese or prelature of a parish to find it.

Parroquias de México (Parishes of Mexico) <http://parroquiasdemexico.com/>

Directorio Nacional de Parroquias Mexicanas (National Directory of Mexican Parishes) - <http://www.oficinaparroquial.com/directorio/index.html#Directorio>

Directorio de la Iglesia Católica (The Catholic Church Directory) - http://www.thecatholicdirectory.com/directory.cfm?fuseaction=show_country&country=MX

WEBSITES FOR IMMIGRANTS

AGN de México (National Archive of Mexico) <http://www.agn.gob.mx/quiageneral/>

- To search the immigration card indexes click on + plus sign next to the following words in this order – Archivo General de la Nación > Instituciones Gubernamentales: época

moderna y contemporánea > Administración Pública Federal S. XX > Secretaría de Gobernación Siglo XX > Departamento de Migración > Departamento de Migración > Escoja la nacionalidad > Explore la lista

- Click on the button *Buscar* to search by name.
- To fill out the search engine: Choose the fields you wish to search in. The options are:
 - Alcance y contenido (Scope and Content)
 - Titulo (Title)
 - Fechas (Dates)
 - Productor (Producer)
 - Lengua/escritura (Language/writing)
 - Nivel (Level)
- In the field *Palabra(s)* a name and/or surname(s).
- Click on *Agregar* to add these words to your search.
- To launch your search click on *Aceptar*.
- To view the detailed information for your results, click on the name of the person.
- You will need the all of the reference information in order to request a copy.

Emigrantes libanes (Lebanese immigrants) <http://www.emigrantelibanes.com/cgi-bin/lnmi>

- Time period: 20th Century
- Migration records found in the *Archivo General de la Nación* in Mexico City
- Created and sponsored by: Fundación Centro Libanés, A.C. and the Club Libanés de Veracruz, A.C.

PARES Portal de Archivos Españoles (Spanish Archives Portal) <http://pares.mcu.es/>

- *Movimientos migratorios de iberoamericanos* (Migratory movements of Iberoamericans)
- *Archivo General de Indias* (General Archive of the Indies)

DATABASES

Databases often contain indexed records, extracted information, and images that may be been created by businesses, universities, genealogical societies or other individuals.

Nuestros ranchos <http://www.nuestrosranchos.com/>

- For the states of Jalisco, Zacatecas and Aguascalientes
- Available in English or Spanish
- 17th century notarial records indexes from the State Archive of Zacatecas.

New Mexico State University <http://lib.nmsu.edu/depts/archives/rghc.shtml>

Rio Grande Historical collections which include indexes for:

- *Archivos General de Notarias de Durango* (General Notarial Archive of Durango)
- *Archivos Históricos del Arzobispado de Durango* (Historical Archive of the Archdiocese of Durango)
- *Archivos Históricos del Estado de Durango* (State Historical Archive of Durango)

University of Arizona <http://uair.library.arizona.edu/item/79579>

- Documents from Northern New Spain, which includes Northern Mexico, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California
- Biographical archive of nearly 20,000 people
- Documentary Relations of the Southwest

Guadalajara Dispensas <http://www.guadalajaradispensas.com/>

- Marriage dispensations searchable by name of place for years 1600-1899
- Parishes included (see the map)
- Names of bride and groom and place
- The microfilm link connects to images from FamilySearch

- Use the image number from the website to find the corresponding image in FamilySearch.
- Search the results page using Ctrl + F to locate the desired result.

Valladolid Dispensas <https://www.valladoliddispensas.com/>

- Names extracted from the matrimonial dispensations in the Catholic Diocese archives of Valladolid (Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico)

Los Bexareños <http://www.losbexarenos.org/index.html>

- Parish records extracted from General Terán, Nuevo León

Early California Population Project <http://www.huntington.org/Information/ECPPlogin.htm>

- Mission records from Baja and Alta (Upper) California 1769-1850
- Create a free account to access the search engine

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley <http://cdm16775.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/>

- La Guerra de Texas (War with Texas 1835) y La Guerra México-Estados Unidos (Mexican-American War 1846-1848)
 - Click on La Guerra de Texas y La Guerra México-Estados Unidos
- Catholic Church records for Reynosa and Camargo, Tamaulipas
 - Click on Church Records

Ancestry.mx

- Mexico Civil Registration indexes and images
- Border Crossings: From Mexico to USA 1895-1964 (images)
- Search > Card Catalog > Key word(s) > place name or surname

FamilySearch.org

- Civil Registration records (Images and some indexes)
- Church records (Images and some indexes)
- 1930 Mexico Federal Census (not extant)
- Check the catalog for more available records

ARCHIVES

Some offer images and/or indexes online or in-house. Plan a visit to view other records not available online.

Registro Nacional de Archivos, México <http://www.agn.gob.mx/RAHMEXC/>

- Click on the tab Archivos, Fondos, Expedientes y Documentos
- Click on the + to expand the content list
- Click on **Raíz** to locate the archive that interests you
- Search by Title or Reference Number

Archivo Histórico Militar de México

<http://www.archivohistorico2010.sedena.gob.mx/busquedamenu>

- Military files from 1821 until 1921
- Enter names or other search terms in the **Palabras clave** field and click on **Buscar**

Archivo Histórico de Monterrey <http://archivohistorico.monterrey.gob.mx/>

- Two ways to search the website. Use the tab *Acervo Documental*
 1. Browse
 - Select a *Colección* (Collection)
 - Select a *Volumen* (Volume)
 - Click on Ver Volumen (View Volume) to browse the images.
 2. Search by name.

Archivo General del Estado de Coahuila <http://ahc.sfpcoahuila.gob.mx/>

- *Documentos en línea* (Documents online)
- *Historia Familiar > Censos* (Family History > Census)
- *Publicaciones y Catálogos en Línea* (Publications and catalogues online)
- *Directorio de Archivos Municipales* (Directory of Municipal Archives)
- *Publicaciones > Base de datos* (not available online) (Publications > Databases)
- Interested in getting a copy of a document? Email: agecoa@prodigy.net.mx

Archivo Histórico del Municipio de Colima <http://www.casadelarchivo.gob.mx/>

- Use the tab **Archivo digital** to locate books and materials online.

Portal de Archivos de Nueva España <https://panes.info/>

- Digitized images from archives throughout Nueva España. Begin by clicking on Mexico or España. By choosing Mexico you can see a list of states where images have been captured. Almost entirely non-profit. Consider making a donation to their cause.

TIPS

- Explore and click on each link
- Search on a page or file using Ctrl + F
- Return to visit websites frequently
- Look for more websites using Google (See instructions below)
- Share what you find in the FamilySearch Wiki and on social media

Google

Search in Spanish for other sites using Google and some of the following search terms, for example:

- *Genealogía* + surname and/or place
- *Archivo de* + place name
- *Archivo histórico de* + place name

OTHER WEBSITES

Read the FamilySearch Wiki article [Online resources for Mexico genealogy research](#).