GENEALOGY ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY WITH A SPECIAL SECTION ON OUR NEW MEXICO & SOUTHERN COLORADO COLLECTION

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Genealogy is universal and the basics for starting your family tree are the same. The best way to start is with yourself, your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and go as far as you can to collect information. You may go to Genealogy 101A and 101B on this website for more information on how to get started and how to use databases such as Ancestry.com and programs you should purchase to help you on your genealogy quest. This can be found on our PCCLD website's main page.

When people start doing their genealogy, they are often not told to learn about genealogy standards, copyright laws, citing sources and most important how to organize your genealogy along with other important topics. I am listing several books that will inform you about these topics and they are available to check out at our Special Collections Department on 3rd floor of Rawlings Main Library after we open or you may purchase them from the Internet.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. *Professional Genealogy, Preparation, Practices and Standards*. Genealogy Publishing Company, 2018. This book addresses not just genealogy sources but also strategies and analytical skills, best practices and standards for historical research, and how to conduct a genealogical business. It remains a go-to manual for genealogists.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. *Evidence Explained, Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*. Genealogy Publishing Company, 2017. - This book is the definitive guide for all who explore history. It is based on one principle: We cannot judge the reliability of any information we find, unless we know exactly where the information came from and the strengths and weaknesses of that source. More than a thousand citation models for U.S. and international sources show us how to cite both original documents and their derivatives—in printed, filmed, and digital formats.

Shefley, Brian. *Practical Genealogy*. Rockridge press, 2020. This book is excellent and will be out in May 2020. It has been ordered for the library. "*Practical Genealogy* does something that most genealogy how-to volumes find difficult. Brian Sheffey **takes a complex subject, simplifies it, and presents it to the reader in an attractive and useful format**. I found the book downright fun to read—and I've read hundreds, if not thousands, of how-to-do genealogy books. Written for a wide audience, it covers research for multi-ethnic families, making it a perfect fit for most of us. *Practical Genealogy* is probably the best designed genealogy guide I've ever read. —**Leland K. Meitzler, GenealogyBlog.com**

Smith, Drew. *Organizing your Genealogy: Strategies and Solutions for Every Researcher*. New York: Family Tree Books, A Penguin Group, 2016. - Stop struggling to manage all your genealogy facts, files, and data--make a plan of attack to maximize your progress. *Organize Your Genealogy* will show you how to use tried-and-true methods and the latest tech tools and genealogy software to organize your research plan, workspace, and family-history finds. In this book, you'll learn how to organize your time and resources, including how to set goals and objectives, determine workable research questions, sort paper and digital documents, keep track of physical and online correspondence, prepare for a research trip, and follow a skill-building plan. With this comprehensive guide, you'll make the most of your research time and energy and put yourself on a road to genealogy success.

NEW MEXICO AND SOUTHERN COLORDO RESOURCES:

To get a full list of our New Mexico and Southern Colorado Collection you may return to our PCCLD main page, click on resources at the top, then genealogy. Scroll down the page and you will see "Hispanic

Genealogy Sources, New Mexico Genealogy Collection." This bibliography includes all vital records such as birth, baptism, marriage, death, burial, etc. It also includes Census, land, military, naturalization, and several Family genealogies by Surname. The following are books you should use to make your research easier.

Chavez, Fray Angelico. *Origins of New Mexico Families*. Santa Fe, Museum of New Mexico Press, 1992. – This book is considered to be the starting place for anyone having family history ties to New Mexico and for those interested in the history of New Mexico. Well before Jamestown and the Pilgrims, New Mexico was settled continuously beginning in 1598 by Spaniards whose descendants still make up a major portion of the population of New Mexico.

Colligan, John B. and Esquibel, Jose Antonio. *The Spanish Recolonization of New Mexico, An Account of the Families Recruited at Mexico City in 1693*. Albuquerque: Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of New Mexico, 1999. – The content of this book reveals the history and genealogy of the Spanish colonists recruited at Mexico City in 1693 who arrived at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on June 24, 1693 led by Captain Cristobal Velasco and Fray Francisco Farfan. These colonists ere the largest group of individuals to traverse the entire length of the Camino Real from Mexico City to Santa Fe. Some of the families include: Archibeque, Aragon, Jaramillo, Mascarenas, Medina, Moya, Quintana, Silva, and many more.

Julyan, Robert. *The Place Names of New Mexico*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1996. – This book is an indispensable guide to the state's geography and history. It explains more than 7,000 names of features, large and small throughout the state – towns, mountains, rivers, canyons, counties, post offices, and even abandoned settlements – as well as providing relevant information about location, history, and current status.

Martinez, Wilfred O. *North Veta in Transition, An Acculturation Case Study*. Pueblo, Self-Published, Wilfred O. Martinez, 2006. – This study provides a great deal of background information as it treks through the process of acculturation, the rise and fall of a community in Southern Colorado. The author also introduces the reader to an instrument designed to measure degrees of acculturation, a good read for the historian or genealogy in the family.

Ryskamp, George R. *Finding Your Hispanic Roots*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2001. – This is the most comprehensive manual on Hispanic ancestry available. It provides detailed information on the records, sources, and reference works used in research in all major Hispanic countries.

Schmal, John & Donna Morales. *Mexican-American Genealogical Research, Following the Paper Trail to Mexico*. Westminister: Heritage Books, 2007. – Long neglected, this book brings a new resource into the public eye and provides the everyday American with suggestions for locating Mexican ancestors.

Families:

Alarid, Waldo. *Santa Fe Shadows Whisper, A History of the Alarid and Moya Families*. Pueblo: El Escritorio Publishing. 1997. – Waldo Alarid writes about his ancestors who arrive in Santa Fe in the 17th and 18th centuries. Families who intermarried into both families were Ortiz. Lope. Archibeque, Dominguez, Ortega, Garcia, Martin-Serrano and more. He captures not only their genealogies but their stories.

Chavez, Fray Angelico. *Chavez, A Distinctive American Clan of New Mexico*. Santa Fe: William Gannon Press, 1989.

Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy. *Hispanic Pioneers in Colorado and New Mexico*. Denver: Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy, 2007.

Lucero, Donald L. *The Adobe Kingdom, New Mexico 1598-1958, As experienced by the Families Lucero De Gody y Baca*. Pueblo: El Escritorio Publishing, 1995. — Yearning for his roots and for a return to the land of his birth Donald Lucero follows two families across twelve generations from their entry into New Mexico — in 1598 to their achievements of statehood in 1912 and beyond, The account of their journey, littered with both joys and sorrows, invites the reader to share in the New Mexico experience.

Note: This Bibliography is a Work in Progress.