

Researching Your Mexican Ancestors Online

Start by collecting information about your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. You will need this information to locate birth, marriage and death records.

- Birth date or birth year
- Birth place
- Marriage date or marriage year
- Marriage place
- Death date or death year
- Death place
- Immigration date
- Places of residence (where were your ancestors living in 1930 and 1940?)

Organize the data you collect using Pedigree Charts and Family Group Sheets.

Write down the name of the person who gave you the information or the place you found the information.

Use the information you collected to search that databases at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org.

- Search the SSDI, Social Security Death Index, at Ancestry.com
- Search for relatives in the 1930 and 1940 U.S. Censuses at Ancestry.com and/or FamilySearch.org.
- Search for relatives in the 1930 Mexico Census at FamilySearch.org.
- Search Border Crossing Records at Ancestry.com
- Search the Mexico Baptisms at FamilySearch.org. Also search the baptism, marriage and death records at Ancestry.com. Ancestry's records only cover Agualeguas, Cadereyta, Cerralvo, Sabinas Hidalgo and Vallecillo in Nuevo Leon; Camargo, Guerrero, Matamoros and Mier in Tamaulipas.

Once you know your ancestor's birth date and birth place browse through the baptism and civil birth record collection at FamilySearch.org to find an image of their birth and baptism record. Use the information you find in the birth and baptism records to add more information to your Pedigree Chart.

- The information in the birth and baptism records will identify parents and grandparents.
- Look for birth and baptism records for your ancestor's brothers and sisters.
- Use the oldest child's birth date to estimate the year the parents were married. For example, if the oldest child was born in October 1890, start looking at marriage records in April 1890 and work your way backwards.
- If the grandparents are shown as deceased, you know they died before the year your ancestor was born. Record this on your Pedigree Chart. You may find that the grandparents were deceased when some children were born, but alive when other children were born. This will give you a range of years to look for a death record for the grandparent.

When you find information about your ancestor or when you have a list of people who may be your ancestor, discuss the information you found with your relatives. They may remember more when they see some of the information you have found.

Where Can I Learn More about Research in Mexico?

1. Go to www.FamilySearch.org
2. Click on **Learn** at the top of the screen.



3. Click on one of the Research Wiki links in the next window. Type Mexico into the next search window and press the Enter key. Click on the result titled Mexico to see a research guide for Mexico.



4. A new window opens with links to information about research in Mexico.

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- 10,000 Volunteers Sought to Put Mexican, Other Latin American Family History on Web

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Getting started with Mexican research

Welcome to the México page! FamilySearch Wiki is a community website dedicated to helping people throughout the world learn how to find their ancestors. Through the México page you can learn how to find, use, and analyze Mexican records of genealogical value. The content is variously targeted to beginners, intermediate, and expert researchers. The México Page is a work in progress, your contributions and feedback are essential

See the tutorials in FamilySearch.org pertaining to Latin American research. <#>

Si usted entiende español

Le invitamos a buscar información en español en la página de México en el wiki de FamilySearch español. También le invitamos a compartir información útil allí. **Véase el enlace en la parte inferior de la página.**

Jurisdictions - States

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aguascalientes ▪ Baja California ▪ Baja California Sur ▪ Campeche ▪ Chiapas ▪ Chihuahua ▪ Coahuila ▪ Colima ▪ Distrito Federal ▪ Durango ▪ Guanajuato 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guerrero ▪ Hidalgo ▪ Jalisco ▪ Estado de México ▪ Michoacán ▪ Morelos ▪ Nayarit ▪ Nuevo León ▪ Oaxaca ▪ Puebla ▪ Querétaro 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quintana Roo ▪ San Luis Potosí ▪ Sinaloa ▪ Sonora ▪ Tabasco ▪ Tamaulipas ▪ Tlaxcala ▪ Veracruz ▪ Yucatán ▪ Zacatecas
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Useful Websites

- MINISTERIO DE CULTURA – Portal de Archivos Españoles <#>

Got a research question? Come visit the Latin America Research forum <#> to receive personal guidance on researching your family.

Genealogy courses: Learn how to research from an expert in México courses <#>.

Research Tools

- All records collections for Mexico <#> available on FamilySearch.org.
- Join our group of Mexico researchers on Facebook <#> & Skype
- Spanish Letter Writing Guide
- Spanish Genealogical Word List
- Mexican Research Outline <#>
- **Research Guide:**BYU Research Outline for Mexico <#>
- Mexico Civil Registration Records (FamilySearch Historical Records)
- See the tutorials in FamilySearch.org pertaining to Latin American research. <#>
- Websites

Wiki articles describing these collections are found at:

- Central America, Colonial Census Records (FamilySearch Historical Records) <#>
- Mexico, Baja California and Baja California Sir States Catholic Records (FamilySearch Historical Records)
- Mexico Baptisms (FamilySearch Historical Records)
- Mexico 1930 Census (FamilySearch Historical Records)
- Mexico, Catholic Church Records (FamilySearch Historical Records)
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- Mexico Deaths (FamilySearch Historical Records)
- Mexico, Distrito Federal, Catholic Church Records (FamilySearch Historical Records)
- Mexico Marriages (FamilySearch Historical Records)
- Mexico, Mexico State Catholic Church Records (FamilySearch Historical Records)
- Mexico, State of Mexico Civil Registration (FamilySearch Historical Records)
- Mexico, State of Morelos Civil Registration (FamilySearch Historical Records)
- Mexico, State of Quintana Roo Civil Registration (FamilySearch Historical Records)
- Mexico, State of San Luis Potosi Civil Registrations (FamilySearchHistorical Records)
- Mexico, San Luis Potosi Historical Archive Miscellaneous Records (FamilySearch Historical Records)
- Mexico, State of Sonora Civil Registrations (FamilySearch Historical Records)

How Do I Learn How to Use FamilySearch.org?

1. Go to www.FamilySearch.org
2. Click on **Learn** at the top of the screen.

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Our records span billions of names across hundreds of collections—including birth, marriage, death, probate, land, military, IGI extracted, and more.

First Names

Last Names

Search by Life Events: Any | Birth | Marriage | Residence | Death

Search by Relationships: Spouse | Parents

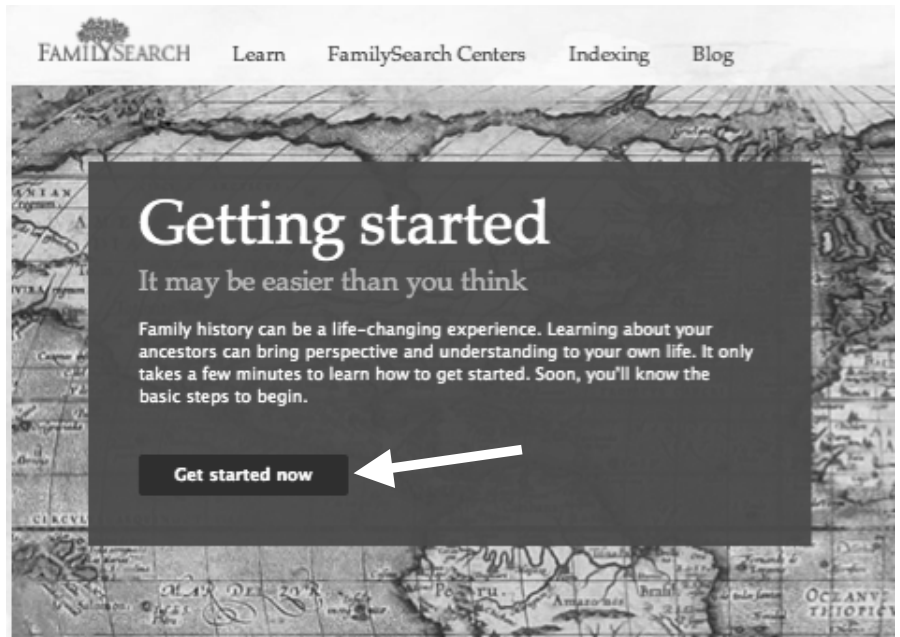
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3. Click on the **Get Started now** button in the next window.
4. Watch the videos to learn how to search for people. Also, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link **Watch a FamilySearch.org tutorial**. The **Finding Records** tutorial has videos that show you how to look at the records and how to browse the records that haven't been indexed.



What Mexican Records are Currently Available at FamilySearch.org?

- 1930 Mexico Census: indexed with links to images.
- Indexes to baptisms, marriages and deaths. These are not linked to images, but they will provide you with the location and date of the event. You can use this information to search the FamilySearch.org collections that have not been indexed.
- Civil Registrations. These are birth, marriage and death records that were recorded by the government. They have not been indexed. You will need to know the city or municipality where the event occurred and an approximate date. Some of these images have indexes at the end of each year.
- Catholic Church Records. These are baptism, marriage and burial records that were recorded by the Catholic church. They have not been indexed. You will need to know the city or municipality where the event occurred and an approximate date. Some of these images have indexes at the end of each year.

Ancestry.com

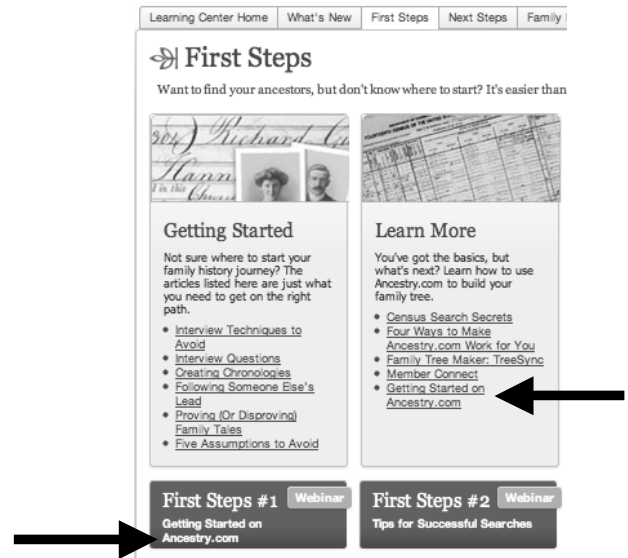
Ancestry.com is a subscription website. You can search their records and view their learning tools for free. Some records, like the 1940 U.S. Census and Social Security Death Index, can be viewed for free. You can view many of their records by going to a local library with a subscription to Ancestry.com.

How Do I Learn How to Use Ancestry.com?

1. Go to www.ancestry.com
2. Hold the cursor over the **Learning Center** link to see the list of tutorials. To learn how to use Ancestry.com, chose **First Steps**.



3. Choose the **Getting Started on Ancestry.com** Webinar video.



What Mexican Records are Available at Ancestry.com?

- Social Security Death Index (can be searched and viewed for free.)
- 1930 Mexico Census: indexed with links to images.
- Border Crossings: From Mexico to U.S., 1895-1957: indexed with links to images.
- Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, Mexico, Selected Parish Records, 1751-1880 (name, date, parents' names, and municipality only. No images)
- Hispanic Surnames and Family History, 1996
- Mexico Historical Postcards: Indexed by location with links to the images.
- Nacogdoches, Texas, Mexican Government Records, 1776-1836