



2023 New Mexico Genealogical Society Conference
August 11-12, 2023 ~ Marriott Pyramid Hotel, Albuquerque, NM

“Let’s Get Back to Genealogy”

Friday, August 11, 2023

8:30 – 10:00	Registration
9:00 – 10:00	DNA Research Table, Book Vendors, Networking
10:00 – 10:15	Opening Remarks
10:15 – 11:45	<p>Robert Torrez presenting: <i>Genizaros: Indian Captivity in Spanish, Mexican and Early Territorial New Mexico.</i></p> <p>This presentation will review the Spanish policy of the <i>rescate</i>, officially sanctioned trade opportunities that enabled and encouraged the purchase, or ransom, of Indian captives and their subsequent incorporation into Hispanic society. Subsequent generations of these Indian captives became known as <i>genizaros</i>, Hispanicized Christian Indians that established their own communities and served as stalwart defenders of an embattled New Mexico frontier. The presentation will also address the status of Indian captives following the United States occupation of New Mexico in 1846 and the U. S. government’s attempts to identify and (unsuccessfully) repatriate Indian captives and their descendants after the Emancipation Proclamation.</p>
11:45 – 1:00	Lunch (included with conference)
1:00 - 2:30	<p>Daria Landress & Henrietta M. Christmas presenting: <i>NMGS DNA Project, Research and Technology</i></p> <p>An overview of our project, expectations, the participants involvement, and NMGS roles. Exciting new breakthroughs in DNA and much more.</p>
2:30 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 4:30	<p>Nick Pappas presenting: <i>Crosses of Iron: The Tragic Story of Dawson, New Mexico, and Its Twin Mining Disasters.</i></p> <p>No mining town in America can match Dawson for the number of miners lost in the disasters of 1913 and 1923. Today, the same can be said for the devotion of the Dawson community, still going strong nearly three-quarters of a century after the town shut down in 1950.</p>
Dinner on your own	



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8:30 – 10:00	<p>Mary Penner presenting: <i>“Because I Said So” Doesn’t Work in Genealogy.</i></p> <p>Whether your search lasted ten minutes or ten years, when you uncover evidence about an ancestor’s identity, you need to persuade others that your research and conclusions are sound. But how? When you write a proof statement, summary, or argument, skeptical genealogists will be convinced. We’ll look at examples of each type of written proof and learn which one to use based on the evidence.</p>
10:00 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Angela Lewis & Henrietta M. Christmas presenting: <i>Reviewing Your Research Techniques</i></p> <p>Attendees will learn to get back to genealogy basics and refine your research skills. Create strategy and techniques for a specific locality when you can’t find your ancestors.</p>
11:30 – 1:00	Lunch, Annual meeting, Networking (included with conference)
1:00 – 2:15	<p>Henrietta M. Christmas presenting: <i>A Primer on Pre-marital Investigations in New Mexico.</i></p> <p>Learn the valuable resource of marriage records. What to look for, what is missing and where to locate them.</p>
2:30 – 4:00	<p>Robert Martinez presenting: <i>New Mexico Families in the Mexico City Records.</i></p> <p>Researchers will learn how to handle onsite research, preparation and what you can find in those early colonial records that are part of New Mexico’s rich past.</p>
4:00 – 4:15	Break
4:00 – 4:30	NMGS and the Santa Fe Trail Book, Plus Closing Comments
	HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT TIME

Henrietta M. Christmas is the current NMGS VP, and past president, and currently spends much of her time researching and locating records outside of New Mexico. An award-winning author, historic preservationist and a 2021 Isabela La Católica recipient, Henrietta lives in Bernalillo, home of her ancestors.

Daria Landress is a long-time member of NMGS, serving her third year as a board member for the society. She is one of the administrators and lineage validators for the NMGS DNA project. Genetic genealogy has become her passion. She enjoys researching and writing about Colonial New Mexico families, using both traditional genealogy and genetic data garnered from Y-DNA and mt-DNA testing. Daria, also a research associate with Native Bound Unbound, contributes to the creation of a centralized digital repository of enslaved Indigenous people across the Americas.

Angela Lewis is a native of Albuquerque, and her long-time genealogy passion is her Gurulé website. She is an NMGS board member, taking care of membership, mailing lists, and many behind the scenes tasks. She is also the county coordinator for NMGenWeb's Bernalillo, Sandoval, and San Miguel counties.

Robert Martinez is a 15th generation New Mexican and the current New Mexico State Historian. Rob has traveled extensively researching archives around the world looking for those hard-to-find New Mexicans who left a paper trail in places not inside of New Mexico.

Nick Pappas is an author, journalist and editor. Now retired, Nick focuses much of his energy on the Dawson, New Mexico mining incidents. Nick maintains an updated blog at <https://nickpappasbooks.com/>

Mary Penner, Certified Genealogist, is a long-time NMGS member and former editor of the *New Mexico Genealogist*. She's on the editorial staff of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and she's written more than 200 articles, columns, and essays about genealogy. She learns something new about New Mexico research every day.

Robert J. Tórréz was born and raised in northern New Mexico. A member of the last graduating class of Tierra Amarilla High School, he served as the New Mexico State Historian from 1987 until his retirement in December 2000. Over the past five decades, his research in New Mexico's archival collections has produced dozens of regional and national publications, authored several books and contributed to more than twenty anthologies, including a recent New Mexico history textbook. Since 1992, he has published nearly 350 New Mexico history columns under his "Voices From the Past" monthly column.