

# Pasos hacia nuestros antepasados

STEPPING STONES TO OUR ANCESTORS



## A Hispanic Genealogy Workshop



**SATURDAY May 9th**  
9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Registration — 8:30 a.m.

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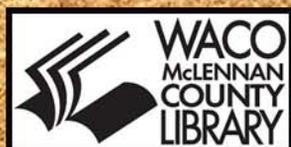
**West Waco Library & Genealogy Center Meeting Room**

**5301 Bosque Blvd., Suite 275. Lunch will be on your own.**

**Contact and RSVP: (254) 750-5945**



In this FREE workshop, you will learn ways to research records that will help you discover your Hispanic ancestors. Explore church and civil records in Mexico/Latin America. Find out about Spanish naming customs and learn about migration patterns from Spanish colonies. Learn about the holdings of the Catholic Archives of Texas and see what the Spanish Collection at the Texas General Land Office has to offer. All this and more!



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## **Pasos Hacia Nuestros Antepasados : a Hispanic Genealogy Workshop**

A Hispanic genealogy workshop will be offered at the meeting room of West Waco Library and Genealogy Center.

Join us as we honor and recognize our ancestors as part of the Cinco de Mayo festivities by learning the steps to take toward discovering our ancestors and building our family trees.

This free, in-depth Hispanic genealogy workshop will be held on Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., with registration at 8:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room of the West Waco Library & Genealogy Center, 5301 Bosque Blvd, Suite 275. Lunch will be on your own.

Topics include: Two talks by Art Martinez de Vara, J.D., M.A., "El Noreste – The Founder's Effect in Genealogical Studies of Northeastern Mexico and South Texas," which will focus on settlement patterns and founding families and "Understanding Historical Spanish Naming Customs for the English Speaking Genealogist"; José Adrián Barragán, PhD will cover the "Genealogical Resources at the Texas General Land Office;" Marian J. Barber, PhD of the Catholic Archives of Texas will discuss "Using Catholic Archives to Explore Your Family's Heritage;" Ruben P. Salazar will look at the wealth of information in FamilySearch.org for Hispanic research in his talk "Tips on Using FamilySearch.org," and William D. Buckner will provide an "Overview of Texas Hispanic Sources for Genealogical Research."

Sponsored by the Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library and the Central Texas Genealogical Society (CTGS). To register or for more information, call Bill Buckner at 254/750-5945; [bbuckner@ci.waco.tx.us](mailto:bbuckner@ci.waco.tx.us)

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# ***Pasos hacia nuestros antepasados: a Hispanic Genealogy Workshop***

West Waco Library & Genealogy Center, Meeting Room (May 9, 2015)

**8:30 a.m. Registration**

**9:00 a.m. Opening remarks**

**9:10-10:10 a.m. El Noreste – The Founder’s Effect in Genealogical Studies of Northeastern Mexico and South Texas—Art Martinez de Vara, J.D., M.A.**

The Spanish colonies of Texas, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Nuevo Santander (Tamaulipas) developed a unique culture compared to the Spanish colonies of the Mexican Valley due to the people who settled there. This discussion will focus on the settlement patterns and founding families of these colonies including name frequency, Iberian strategies to achieve *re poblacion*, families of Sephardic and Basque origins, economy of the frontier, patterns and resistance to *mestizaje* (mixing of races), patterns of indigenous colonization, settlement resulting from the Chichimeca War, influence of Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) in the language of Northern Mexico, the Tlaxcaltecan hidalgos and more.

**10:10-10:20 Break**

**10:20-11:20 a.m. Understanding Historical Spanish Naming Customs for the English-Speaking Genealogist—Art Martinez de Vara, J.D., M.A.**

This discussion will focus on historical Spanish-language naming customs beginning with their origins in Medieval Spain and the influence of Roman, Jewish, Islamic, and Visigoth cultures, then shift to Spain’s New World colonies where naming customs reflect the radical change in cultural context, the naming convention changes resulting from anti-Spanish sentiment during the Age of Independence and contemporary issues resulting from migration to the United States. We will discuss naming conventions such as forenames, compound surnames, commonness of “Jose” and “Maria,” marriage, generation transmission, use of “de” and “y,” nicknames, genealogical abbreviations, divergent use in civil registries and church records, Basque and Sephardic surnames, and more.

**11:20-11:30 a.m. Break**

**11:30-12:30 p.m. Genealogical Resources at the Texas General Land Office—José Adrián Barragán, PhD**

As one of the earliest archives in the state and the home to the original land grants in Texas, the Land Office has information on the first settlers in Texas. The records of the Spanish Collection cover the period of earliest settlement in Texas, from about 1720 to 1836. The talk will cover what the different records in the collection contain and how to search and retrieve them on our website.

**12:30-1:45 p.m. Lunch on Your Own**

**1:45-2:45 p.m. Using Catholic Archives to Explore Your Family’s Heritage—Marian J. Barber, PhD**

Dr. Marian J. Barber, director of the Catholic Archives of Texas, will discuss the genealogical resources available at parishes, dioceses, and in Texas’ unique statewide Catholic archive, located in Austin. She will explain how to request records from the Archdiocese of the Military Services, show examples of sacramental registers and the indexes used to identify the sacramental records in them, explain a sample certified sacramental record like the one issued by the Catholic Archives of Texas, and discuss confidentiality issues and what they may mean for your search.

**2:45-3:00 p.m. Break**

**3:00-4:00 p.m. Tips on using Family Search—Ruben P. Salazar**

Learn how to find birth, marriage and death records using searchable databases. Locate civil and church records from various Mexican states, as well as border crossing manifests from Mexico to the United States. Find more information about Hispanic genealogy resources online and immigration to the United States, and learn how to order microforms through the Family History Library.

**4:00-4:10 p.m. Break**

**4:10-5:10 p.m. Overview of Texas Hispanic Sources for Genealogical Research—William D. Buckner**

Bill will provide an overview of some of the other resources and institutions not covered during the workshop. Discussion will include what is available at the Laredo, Bexar and Nacogdoches Area Archives; content available via Ancestry.com and other databases and websites; and a review of where to find books published that would be of value to your family history research.

**5:10-5:30 p.m. Questions**