

GSHA Members,

The old saying goes, “Those that can, do; those that can’t teach” Well, I want to introduce two GSHA members that can do both. They are self-starters, they see a need, they provide a solution. This is the epitome of “for the greater good.” Though we have a great journal and listing of past journals, something was missing. That missing part was an index, listing names, places and events, etc., 30 years of information that has been collected through Nuestras Raices, but you literally must read every journal to find material for your research. John and Carolyn spent many hours compiling this data into categories that would provide easier access to this information. I have found it to be very helpful in my own research and I am sure it will be of great assistance to you. So please join me in congratulating them, for their dedication and inspiration to making GSHA a great organization and helping us all, in our search for that missing name, place or event. I would also like to Thank Phyliss Miranda of FACC for combining various pdf files into one useful file.

Thank you, John and Carolyn, for your excellent work.

John Valdez has been an FACC/GSHA member since 2005. He has served as a Member At Large and currently is Vice-president of FACC. His interest in family genealogy was developed and nurtured by his maternal grandmother. To date, John has traced his maternal grandmother's paternal line to a native-American which has been confirmed by DNA testing. On his maternal grandfather's paternal line, with the assistance of several sources, John has traced the Santistevan line to the progenitor. On this same grandfather's maternal line (Montemayor), John has traced this great grandfather to Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. On his paternal grandmother's line, Arellano; John gives most credit to his father's cousins, children of Eloisa Arellano Martinez. Most especially, he gives the ultimate credit to Maria Clara Martinez from San Pedro, Costilla County, Colorado. In John's opinion, Clara is one of the most accomplished genealogical researchers of ancestors from Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico.

John's professional career includes several secondary school positions as well as a school administrator. John holds a doctorate degree from the University of Wyoming in Secondary School Administration.

Carolyn Cordova joined FACC/GSHA in 2010. She has held the positions of Library assistant and FACC Treasurer and is currently serving as Member at Large on the FACC Board of Directors. Carolyn began researching her husband, Ben Cordova's, family several years ago before becoming a FACC member. Ben's paternal side can be traced to the progenitor, Antonio de Cordoba, of Mexico City, in the 1600's. The maternal side can be traced to the progenitor, Jacinto de Sandoval, also from Mexico City, in the 1600's. Carolyn has also helped many members, new and old, trace their family roots and has a knack at breaking through that proverbial wall.

This index is divided into 16 categories, starting with a Table of Contents. The index contains 53 pages of information, ranging from family names to maps, from military to wills and many more subjects. It will be posted on our website, gshaa.org, for all to access (GSHA members will be emailed a personal copy). Hopefully, this will encourage more people to become interested in genealogy.

The index is in a pdf format and is easily searchable, just as any other Microsoft products such as Word, Excel or Access. A search of any term will result in that term being highlighted in any of 30 years of data contained in Nuestras Raices. Also, attached is a GSHA Journal Order Form, for those journals you are missing and a second Journal Order Form for some of our older journals at a discounted rate. If you have any questions, accessing this document please email, gsha2015@aol.com, until we set up a proper help line.

This document can be found on gshaa.org under the Index tab at top of the page.

Sincerely,

Bob Craig

GSHA President