

Quick Guide to Jumpstart Your Research of Mexican Ancestors

Stage 1

- Compile the information you already know
- Compile information from family members (at least you, your parents, and grandparents)
 - Try to reach the year 1930
- Confirm information with documents
 - Obtain your birth certificate
 - Obtain documents from family members
 - There could be information in documents at home that you haven't noticed yet
- Organize information in a Family Tree

Stage 2

- If necessary, obtain more documentation to reach 1930
- Search the 1930 Census
- Identify where your ancestors lived
- Search Civil Registration for new information from 1930 to 1860
 - Start with the most recent and go back in time from there
- Complement with church records

Stage 3

- Before 1860 find new information in church records
- Identify the parish
- Search not-indexed church records