



We three King of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain Following yonder star



**Towns of Spain by don Juan Lucero**



*The surname*  
**DURAN Y CHAVES**, originated from **Valverde, Barajoz, Estremadura, Espana**

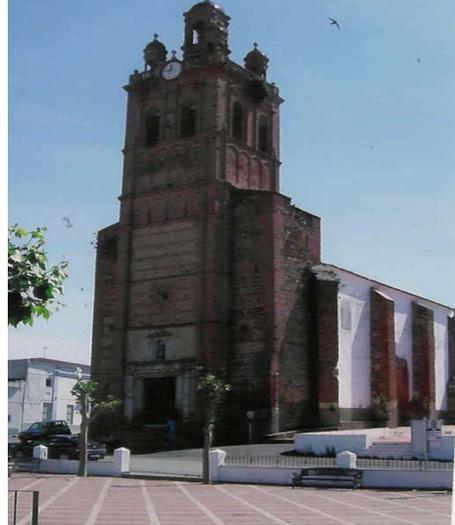
Don Pedro (Gomez) Duran Y Chaves is the progenitor of the numerous Chavez families of New Mexico according to Fray Angelico Chavez in his book, *Origins of New Mexico Families*. In 1613 he was a captain and by 1626 he was Maese de Campo, or Commanding General, of all royal troops in New Mexico, when he testified that he was sixty years old and a native of Llerena



Llerena was once famous as the headquarters of the Grand Master of the Order of Santiago and a seat of the Inquisition. Llerena's famous citizen is Don Luis Zapata de Chaves (1526-1594), a Knight of Santiago who was once imprisoned as unworthy of his knighthood for being a Don Juan.

Valverde de Llerena is a small farming community approximately 10 miles southeast of Llerena. According to Fray Angelico Chavez, the 16<sup>th</sup> Century registers have been lost, however the 17<sup>th</sup> Century volume is full of the names such as Chaves, Chavez, Sanchez, Gomez, Duran and Rico, in various combinations. Half of the population of Valverde is still named Chaves and Chavez, and practically everyone in the neighboring hamlet of Verlanga.

The church pictured below is the **Church of the Immaculate Conception** and has a similar tower to the one in Llerena .



Llerena is 130 miles NW of Cordova and is a mixture of Mudejar and Baroque buildings. There is a pretty main square lined with palm trees containing an arcaded, whitewashed and brick church of Nuestra señora de la Granada(Pomegranate). The church dates from the 13<sup>th</sup> century and the tower, similar to the one in Seville was added in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The square has a fountain designed by Zubarán, who lived there for 13 years. Surrounding communities have similar family names.

**Spanish Foods**

Tour books suggest that when in Spain enjoy the cuisine. They suggest that you should not leave Spain without trying *Sopa de Ajo*, it is considered the soup of the poor made with a broth of garlic, bread and water topped with a poached egg... Michael Arendall tried it in every province so he should be considered a *Sopa de Ajo* expert, ask him about it. My favorite is the *patatas al alioli* and the Spanish tortilla which is like an egg and potato omelet.



President Francisco Osuna

*Greeting from the NMHCPL Board*

*With the passing of Christmas the Holy season continues with the feast of the Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. May los Reyes Magos bring you gifts of*

***Peace***

***Love***

***Health***

*All of which will surely bring true happiness*

**January events and New Mexico's Hispanic History dates**

- 1 Año Nuevo
- 2 NMHCPL Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- 6 Día de Los Reyes Magos
- 12 New Mexico Statehood 1912
- 14 Taos insurrection begins 1847-
- 16 Father Antonio Martinez' Birthday 1793
- 20 Deadline to submit Newsletter articles
- 22 Battle of Ácoma 1599
- 25 Enthronement of La Conquistadora 1625

**Meeting location call for conformation 299-6726**

Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month but last minute changes do occur when necessary.

Home of Jeff and Evangeline Romero

3318 La Sala Del Este NE, Albuquerque NM87111

From the intersection of Wyoming and Comanche go east to the first street and turn south then turn left.follow the street around to 3318 La Sala del Este

If you are traveling east on Comanche and you reach Madison middle school you have gone too far.

**Next Issue will contain the Ron Miera bio who will be the 2008 Adelantado, followed by Dolores Valdez de Pong who will receive the Millie Santillanes education award.**



**Mark your calendars**

**NMHCPL'S Tenth Anniversary  
First Thanksgiving Awards Banquet  
Saturday evening April 19, 2008**

**Come and join the fun, bring a friend and support NMHCPL**

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**“Prehistoric Warfare in the American Southwest.” Author Steven A. LeBlanc**

I have quoted the text from the book jacket, because until we understand the true nature of what our ancestors encountered we can not understand the time. In the early centuries all cultures were harsh and at times inhumane. This book documents that the Indian of the southwest were at war with each other long before the Spanish arrived.

“Massacres, raiding parties, ambush, pillage, scalping, captive taking: the things that happen during times of war all took place in the prehistoric Southwest- and there is ample archaeological evidence. Not only did these events occur, but the history of the ancient Southwest cannot be understood without noting the intensity and impact of this warfare.

Most people today, including many archaeologists, view the Pueblo people of the Southwest as historically peaceful, sedentary corn farmers. Our image of the Hopis and Zunis, for example, contrasts sharply with the more nomadic Apaches whose warfare and raiding abilities are legendary.

In *Prehistoric Warfare in the American Southwest*, Steven LeBlanc demonstrates how the prevailing picture of the ancient Puebloans is highly romanticized. Taking a pan-Southwestern view of the entire prehistoric and early historic time range and considering archaeological and ethnohistorical evidence and oral traditions, he presented a different picture. War, not peace, was commonplace throughout the prehistoric sequence. Many sites were constructed to serve as fortresses; communities were destroyed and populations were massacred. The well-known abandonment of much of the Southwest was warfare related. During the late-prehistoric period, fighting was particularly intense, and the structure of historic pueblo societies was heavily influenced by warfare.

Objectively sought, evidence of war and its consequences is abundant. The people of the region fought for their survival and evolved their societies to meet the demands of conflict

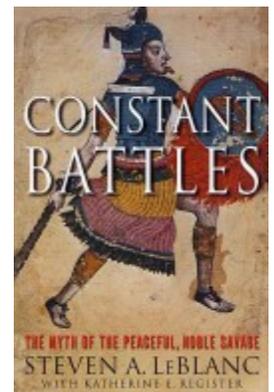
Page 46 “And since there are also other historical accounts in which the Puebloan resistance faltered when a leader was killed, it appear that these “military leaders” played a very important role in making war.

Steve A. LeBlanc is a research associate of the Institute of Archaeology, University of California. and a Harvard archaeologist.. Additional Books by Steven LeBlanc Quotes taken from “*Constant Battles*” on the website(books.google.com)

“Steven LeBlanc takes a long-term view of the nature and roots of war, presenting a controversial thesis: The notion of the “noble savage” living in peace with one another and in harmony with nature **is a fantasy**. In “*Constant Battles: The Myth of the Peaceful, Noble Savage*, LeBlanc contends that warfare and violent conflict have existed throughout human history, and that humans have never lived in ecological balance with nature. The start of the second major U.S. military action in the Persian Gulf, combined with regular headlines about spiraling environmental destruction, would tempt anyone to conclude that humankind is fast approaching a catastrophic end. But as LeBlanc brilliantly argues, the archaeological record shows that the warfare and ecological destruction we find today fit into patterns of human behavior that have gone on for millions of years.

*Constant Battles* surveys human history in terms of social organization-from hunter gatherers, to tribal agriculturalists, to more complex societies. LeBlanc takes the reader on his own digs around the world -- from New Guinea to the Southwestern U.S. to Turkey -- to show how he has come to discover warfare everywhere at every time. His own fieldwork combined with his archaeological, ethnographic, and historical research, presents a riveting account of how, throughout human history, people always have outgrown the carrying capacity of their environment, which has led to war.

Ultimately, though, LeBlanc's point of view is reassuring and optimistic. As he explains the roots of warfare in human history, he also demonstrates that warfare today has far less impact than it did in the past. He also argues that, as awareness of these patterns and the advantages of modern technology ability to avoid war in the future.





## DOÑA EUFEMIA 2008

Patricia Baca Black Easterly was born in Barelmas to Jose Trivinio Black and Maria Teresita Cunningham Baca.

She became involved with the New Mexico Genealogical Society in 1994 when she and others compiled and translated the Santa Fe 1821 Census and her first NMGS quarterly was in June 1996. She served as editor of the *NM Genealogist*, published a translated *1821 Santa Fe Census* and started the NMGS website. Working with Mort Erwin, she compiled and published a CD with the *First Forty Years of the New Mexico Genealogist*.

Realizing that Catholic Church records are the best and most accurate of all genealogy tools for researching New Mexico families and working with

others they found a way for genealogists to locate specific church records by listing every Catholic church in a locale, thereby linking each church with the current county and providing the film numbers available for research.

The project, **Locating Catholic Church Records in New Mexico** was later expanded to include southern Colorado and is published on the NMGS website.

She will resume the duties of NMGS webmaster beginning January 2008

Patricia has been able to document her family's lineage to several families who arrived here in 1598. We are pleased to honor her as Doña Eufemia 2008.

Submitted by John Lucero, Honors Committee Chairman

## Previous Awardees

NMHCPL will be celebrating ten years honoring individuals who have made a difference

	Doña Eufemia	Adelantado	Speakers
.1999	Adele Baca Hundley	Marc Simmons	José Antonio Esquibel*
.2000	Betty Sabo	José Antonio Esquibel	Larry Torres
.2001	Sandra Jaramillo	Pedro Ribera Ortega	Joseph Sanchez
.2002	Betty Caperton Chavez	Edward Romero	Stewart Udall
.2003	Eva Torrez Aschenbrener	Jose Cisneros	Feliz Almaráz Phd.
.2004	Socorro Aragon	Frank Ortiz	Eloy Gallegos
.2005	Corina Santistevan	Arthur Sheldon Hall	Larry Torres
.2006	Pauline Chavez Bent	Charlie Carrillo	Don Garate
.2007	Maclovia Sánchez de Zamora	Thomas Chavez Phd.	Dr. Joseph Sanchez



**Caballero** award for Service went to **Ramon Gonzales** all awardees were from Albuquerque NM

2008 Patricia Black Esterly      Ronaldo Miera      Rick Padilla Bataan Military Museum  
 Millie Santillanes Education Award will be presented to Dolores Valdez De Pong



From the Editor  
Conchita Márquez y Lucero

It is with a profound hope that the New Year will bring many blessings to your families. May your celebration of the feast of los Reyes Magos help keep this beautiful tradition of alive as we reflect on the ancestors and the future? As the magi set out to of all nations they must have known the risks they were embarking upon. Los Reyes Magos prophesy foretold the coming of the Christ Child was the dawning of attitudes that are in our hearts today but let us not be confused with They did not sit home waiting for the good news to come to them.



meaning of our faith,  
find the King  
and dangers  
whose  
Christian  
the doctrine.

**Leaders that don't lead**

The dialogue we promote today is one of knowing your history and standing up when inaccuracies are being promoted. It would be unchristian to allow lies to be spread. NMHCPL sent letters to the New Mexico Historical Review and its editorial board, UNM President and legislators and concerning the lack of accuracy of the article "Carved in Stone". Durwood Ball Editor of the NMHR stated that he regrets that NMHCPL is offended by Professor Elizabeth Archuleta's article but he stands by the integrity of her scholarship. He felt that the article submitted by Luis Brandtner about the Pueblo Revolt was not scholarly. NMHCPL stands by the integrity of Luis's research and felt Luis did a magnificent job. His research is on our website, in an effort to tell the other side of the story.

Many of you have written to the newspaper responding to issues and have not been published, please keep trying. Hopefully we will be able to post NMHR responses on the website.

Too many times the comforts and peacefulness of our homes is the excuse needed to not get involved and seek change. A new star is dawning in this generation and we must rise to meet the challenges. I hope the New Year will also mean a deep commitment to empowerment through knowledge and the enrichment of your lives

Dr. Martin Luther King stated it best "The Ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convince, but where he stand at times of challenge and controversy"

**They said they were proud of their Spanish roots, Actions speak louder than words**



The *Last Conquistador* video may be premiered at Acoma. John J. Valadez and Christiana Ibarra feel this would be appropriate and I must agree because it starts out with Theodore de Bry engravings and it continues downward from there. The video focuses on the Native view point and revisionist history, and we have been ambushed again.

Sculptor John Sherrill Houser was an after-thought,

I give this one La Leyenda Negra award

### **Secretary of Education lacking courtesy**

We are stalled with New Mexico's Secretary of Education, Dr. Veronica Garcia. It seems that her request for us to get involved with a committee regarding the New Mexico History project was not sincere. A letter was written to Secretary of Education Garcia but the courtesy of a response has not been received. She had invited NMHCPL to get involved in curriculum committees. We are determined to resolve the direction the department of education insists they will follow concerning HB 139 to require teaching accurate NM history prior to statehood and including Indian and Spanish history.

**Maybe it is time to include the media and other legislators in this issue!**

### **Art of Devotion**

Peyton Wright Gallery in Santa Fe will exhibit "16<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> century Spanish Colonial Viceregal devotional art and objects from the Americas. The show will run from December 14, 2007 through the end of April 2008" This is some amazing art. The Angel Before God (Rafael) Mexico, ca 1725, David and Goliath, Ecuador, ca 1700 and Santa Teresa, Mexico, ca 1700 are a few of the magnificent art pieces that will be on display. Peyton Wright gallery is located in the historic Spiegelberg House at the NW corner of E. Palace Ave and Paseo de Peralta.

**Have the Reyes arrived at your home yet?**



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