Following the Manito Trail: Los nuevomexicanos en Guayomin
Overview

- Manito Trail
- 1910-1930 U.S. Census data + historical background
- Folklore and archival documents
  - Stories of sheepherding in Wyoming
- Vicente M. Baca
  - Wool and real estate
- Oral history interviews (1930-present)
- Future directions
Guayuma/guayumero


- guayumero *adj.* [NM-CO Sp. *guayumero*] sheepherder in or from Guayuma (Wyoming).
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| **Population – 33**  
- 4 family units  
- 19 men, 1 woman  
- 30 born in NM with mother/father also from NM  
- 3 born in CO with mother/father from NM  | **Population – 120+**  
- 16 families  
- Majority NM born, with some from CO, with at least one parent from NM  
- Younger generations born in Wyoming  
- Large percentage of single males working as guayumeros  |
| **Jobs held**  
- 12 U.P.R.R., 4 coal miners, 3 sheep industry, 2 restaurant cooks, 1 servant, 1 shopmaker, 1 car repairer, | **Jobs held**  
- 7 U.P.R.R., 7 coal miners, 17 sheep industry, 1 chambermaid, general laborers, farmworkers, 1 soft drink parlor operator |
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<td>○ 60 + sheep industry, U.P.R.R., blacksmith, general laborer</td>
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1920s

- Population – 86+
  - 8 family units
  - Majority born in NM with both parents also from NM
  - Some younger children born in Wyoming

- Jobs held
  - 34 working for U.P.R.R. 3 general laborers, 1 dishwasher, 1 hotel clerk, 1 woman ran a boarding house, 1 woman ran a hotel, 1 pool room manager, 1 cook, very few sheepherders

1930s

- Population +/-250
  - 32 family units
  - Majority still born in NM, with both parents also from NM.
  - Younger generations born in Wyoming.

- Jobs held
  - 85 sheepherders – 2 foreman, 20 U.P.R.R, pool hall manager, realtor, grocery merchant, clothing salesman, prison factory shirt maker, prison factory machine operator, fur trapper, general labor, cowboy ranch laborer, ranch laborer, street laborer.

- Women have a stronger presence in workplace: 3 women laundry house workers, 2 Rooming house landladies, 1 café waitress, 1 washerwoman for private family
## U.S. Federal Census – Riverton

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<td><strong>Family dynamics</strong>&lt;br&gt;○ Majority born in NM, with both parents also from NM.&lt;br&gt;○ Some parents from Spain, Mexico, and Wyoming&lt;br&gt;○ Younger generations born in Wyoming</td>
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### U.S. Federal Census – other towns

#### 1930’s Laramie
- **40 nuevomexicanos**
  - 6 family units
  - Mix of birthplaces for individuals and parents: NM, WY, CO and NE
- **Jobs held**
  - Steam railroad operator, sheepherder, farm laborer, university instructor

#### 1920’s Douglas
- **8 nuevomexicanos**
  - 1 family unit
  - All from NM with both parents from NM
- **Jobs held**
  - All sheepherders with exception of 1 farm laborer
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<td>Sheep industry</td>
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Folklore and the archives

- OJO DEL ESPIRITU SANTO RECORDS
- WPA COLLECTION - REYES MARTINEZ
- ANSELMO ARELLANO
- RUBEN COBOS ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION
- LA HERENCIA DEL NORTE
- JACOBO ARELLANO ALABADOS – THOMAS STEELE COLLECTION
- VICENTE M. BACA
October 9, 1919.

Mr. Ted Sparr,
Cabezon, N. Mex.

Dear Sir:

A letter has just been received here addressed to Mr. C. C. Catron stating that the first shipment of sheep will leave Thermopolis, Wyoming on October 12 and that they expect to reach Bernalillo within 4 days thereafter. They have requested that you meet them at Bernalillo and direct them to the grant. Mr. Catron is out of town, but we suggest it is his intention that you should help these people and we accordingly request that you be in Bernalillo by the 17th and render them what assistance you can. We further suggest that you count the sheep and advise us of the number.

Yours very truly,

AHU-EFS
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<td>Temprano en la primavera</td>
<td>Cuando una al trabajo atiende</td>
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<td>Renace como una mata</td>
<td>Y piensa que esta a la pata</td>
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<td>Un insecto de la tierra</td>
<td>Alli viene y se le prende</td>
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<td>Que se llama garrapata</td>
<td>La maldita garrapata</td>
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<td>Resultando muy fatal</td>
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<td>Le causara suena ingrata</td>
<td>Que con su voz lo desata</td>
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<td>Y se ira al hospital</td>
<td>Y se entretiene un ratito</td>
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<td>Con la fiebre de garrapata</td>
<td>Cantando (La Garrapata)</td>
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“The above poem truly describes the experiences encountered by many a sheep-herder who has gone from New Mexico to the Wyoming sheep ranges. The tick-fever, as stated in the poem, is quite a serious malady, and in many instances has caused fatal results to those afflicted with it.”

- Connection to C.E. Lucero – 1 de junio, 1939
  - “Los versos de las dos barras” – Anselmo Arellano
• Enrenganchados – 15 de agosto, 1940
  ○ Alfonso Archuleta. Rock Springs, Wyoming

• Los pastores – junio, 1930
  ○ Matheson, CO

• La situación del borreguero – 4 de julio, 1931
  ○ Salomón Villegas. Rocky Point, Wyoming

• Adios – 11 junio, 1931
  ○ Max Argüello. Rawlins, Wyoming
Carlos García (b. 1893) – resident of Cheyenne, Wyoming recalls his experiences as a former resident of Mora, NM

- Folk customs, first automobile to arrive in Mora, Prohibition, house construction, folk customs – corrido de gallo, verses de chiquiado, Christmas, weddings, New Years

J. Felix Trujillo (b. 1904) – resident of Ratón, NM

- 41:18-45:52 – story about a man who went to Wyoming for 20 years

J. Felix Trujillo (b. 1904) – resident of Ratón, NM

- 3:01 (reel 153) – poem about a man who is grateful to find work in Wyoming
Este era un amigo que se paseaba por la plaza de Wyoming
‘Onde oye uno que rechinaba inglés, “Do you want to work there?”
Hablando de otro salario, de terreros perpetarios
Te doy noventa duros y te pongo mantura y caballo
Arreglando mis maletas me vine de borreguero
Y aquí me tienen amigos con gusto y placentero
Ganando noventa duros como los miro manitos en estos tiempos tan duros
Women’s perspectives on Wyoming

- Mrs. Frances Cordoba (b.1889) – resident of Valdez, NM
  - 7:55-8:53 La labranza. Frances’ daughter asks what her father did for work.

- Virginia Sánchez - Mariposa en la casa
  - La herencia del norte story about Viola Beroniz Espinosa (La Rinconada, NM)
    - Beet field workers in Worland, WY in the 1940’s
    - Women’s responsibilities
Thomas J. Steele Alabado Collection

- Jacobo Arellano
  - 1918. Rawlins, Wyoming
Vicente M. Baca

- Born August 15, 1853 in Las Vegas, NM
- Married to Margarita Chaves on September 16, 1874 in Belen, NM
  - Margarita is the son of Felipe Chavez
- Vicente and Margarita have 11 children between 1875-1903
- Margarita dies shortly after giving birth to her last child. She is 45 years old
- Vicente attends the University of Notre Dame
  - 2 of his children also attend the university
LINEAL DESCENDANT OF AMERICAN EXPLORER

Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Baca, lineal descendant of one of the earliest discoverers of America and of one of the oldest families of the Spanish nobility, died at the age of 9 months at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent M. Baca, 1233 Sherman avenue, on Sunday. Pneumonia was the cause of the death.

The title of Prince of Cabeza de Baca was bestowed upon the progenitors of the present family in the year 700, as a reward for its services in battle against the Moors. In 1528 the prince from which the baby took its name set out on an exploring expedition and landed on the shores of Florida with thirty men. According to Spanish history they probably visited the great lakes, the site of St. Louis and Texas, where remains of a portion of the party are thought to have recently been exhumed.

With three men the explorer passed through New Mexico, Colorado and Mont-

ALVAR NUNEZ CABEZA DE BACA.

tana. After a trip home he brought his wife to New Mexico. She was the first white woman. Settling at Zuni, the explorer died there.

Vincent M. Baca, father of the deceased baby, who is a real estate and investment man, was born at Las Vegas in 1853,
Vicente M. Baca

Business Affairs

- Opens a Boys School in Belen, NM in 1887
- Wool Merchant and Real Estate investor
  - Moves from Las Vegas, NM to Belen, NM (likely through family connections to Felipe Chavez)
  - Belen, NM to Denver, CO
  - Denver, CO to Lusk, Wyoming
- From 1915-1942, Baca lives in Lusk, Wyoming with his children after purchasing a cattle ranch
Belen, Nov. 7th A.D. 1887.

B. M. Bacon opened this day a private day school for boys at Belen, N.M.,
with the following fee for pupils under the instruction of the English and Spanish
languages.

Fee of $10.00 per month, $2.00
Due December to be paid in advance.

Month of November 1887.

Edmundo B. Bacon, Teacher.
M. O. B.
The following discussion was made by the original owner in 1915, before I purchased the place. The attitude has only been altered and corrected by me with red markings.

1600 ACRE WYOMING STOCK RANCH.

LOCATION.
This ranch is located at Lusk, in Southern Wyoming, on the main line of the C & N. W. R. R., which passes through the Northern boundary. About 100 Miles from Cheyenne, and may be reached either over the Burlington or the C & S. Ry., from Denver, Colorado.

ACREAGE & CROPS.
There are 1600 Acres of deeded land, all taken up nearly 40 years ago, and in such a manner as to include the Valley land and control the water in this district. Of the 1600 Acres, 1400 Acres are first-class Hay & Alfalfa land, and can all be irrigated and cultivated. The soil is a rich dark loam, about one-half of which is thoroughly sub-irrigated. If all put in Alfalfa, this place would easily produce from 5,000 to 6,000 tons of hay per annum.

WATER RIGHTS.
This place includes with it its own ample deeded water rights, covering the entire property. There are 12 Springs boxed in with concrete pressure tanks, from which it is piped to the house, barns, corrals, fountains and water plugs in the lawn.

BUILDINGS & FENCES.
Equipped with a stand of buildings costing over $30,000. The residence is a stone and concrete structure, 2 rooms, modern, substantially built. One barn 60 X 100 ft. which cost $5,000; and there is a complete and ample set of outbuildings of all kinds, including smokehouse, ice house, shop, etc. The entire place is fenced and cross-fenced with substantial well built wire fences, all of which are in first-class order.

CLIMATE ETC.
The Altitude is about 6000 ft. The land is all smooth, fairly level, or gently rolling valley land. Has excellent shipping facilities; good train service; and is in a very salubrious temperate zone. Cattle and Sheep do unusually well, and very little feeding required during the winter. This ranch has taken twenty prizes for stock during the past fifteen years, during which time the owner has been exhibiting, and sold last year 150 head of prize thoroughbreds netting him over $20,000.
Vicente M. Baca

- **Songwriter**
  - American Flag
  - Japan as a major world power
  - The professional divorcer

- **Politics**
  - 9 page memo on the ramifications of the Spanish-American War
  - Predictions on presidential races

- **Humor?**
  - Baca includes a facsimile of his own head as part of his collection at the Fray Angélico Chávez Library
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Shape of my Head
Dennett M. Bacon
Denver Colo.
March 10, 1905
Forehead
Thank you

- All materials presented today are from the archival collections at the Center for Southwest Research at UNM and the Fray Angélico Chávez Library, as well as the U.S. Census records from 1910-1930.

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