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I am a retired educator whose career extends from elementary to university levels as science and bilingual teacher, professor, and guidance counselor. I earned my Ph.D. at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in Educational Psychology. I became interested in genealogy in 1996 while researching the medical history of my ancestors. This led to the establishment in 1997 of the Hispanic Organization of Genealogy and Research of Dallas (HOGAR) of which I am a co-founder. On January 2012, I was recognized by "SOMOS PRIMOS" a Hispanic organization serving Hispanic throughout the United States.

Position in genealogy organization of HOGAR:

- Co-Founder
- Vice President 1998-2005
- President 2005-2013
- Coordinator of hosting the Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference in Dallas, Texas (2009)

Presenter:

- Dallas Genealogy Society Symposium
- Annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conferences (Dallas, Rio Grande Genealogical Society, Los Porciones (McAllen, Texas))
- Libraries and community center throughout the Dallas area
- San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society (San Angelo, Texas)

Publications:

- South Texas Ranch Cemeteries - Brooks County; traces the lineage of those interred in 21 different south Texas ranch cemeteries along with a brief history of the area
- The Cowboy Cemetery at Parra Ranch – Kenedy County; lineage of those interred in the Cowboy Cemetery, and the Kenedys.
- Researching Hispanic Family Records which cover the following topics:
 - Family Records
 - Alien and Naturalization Records
 - Passports
 - Government Records from Mexico
 - Esquelas (Funeral Announcement)
 - Mass Anniversary Announcements
 - Land Grant Documents
 - Buying and Selling Land Documents (Deeds)
 - English System vs. Spanish System for Naming Children
 - Interpreting Old Spanish Used by Scribes
 - Understand Marriage Certificate Format
 - Understand Baptism Certificate Format
 - Deciphering Old Spanish Writing
 - Much, Much, more

(Researching Hispanic Family Records is the focus of my presentations)

Fees: Contact Dorina.