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SELECTED RECORDS RELATING TO THE MILITARY SERVICE OF HISPANIC VOLUNTEERS IN THE OLD INDIAN WARS, 1835-1855

During the various Indian wars of the early to mid-nineteenth century, the United States military frequently recruited local volunteers from Hispanic-populated areas to help quell the disturbances. In the Florida (Second Seminole) War of 1835-42, volunteers of Spanish descent from the St. Augustine area enlisted in at least one mounted militia unit. After the Mexican War, U.S. military authorities in New Mexico raised several local companies of Hispanic volunteers to help defend the territory. They fought in a series of campaigns against the Navajo, Utah, and Apache nations from 1849 to 1855. The U.S. government regarded these volunteers as federal troops and subsequently documented their military service.

Records relating to Hispanic volunteers in the Old Indian wars are part of **Record Group 94, Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780's-1917**. They are in the custody of the Old Military and Civilian Records Branch (NWCTB) at the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C.

MICROFILMED INDEXES AND RECORDS

___M629, Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During Indian Wars and Disturbances, 1815-1858. 42 rolls. DP.

This publication reproduces an alphabetical card index to the compiled service records of volunteer soldiers who served in the Old Indian wars and disturbances. The index identifies the soldier's name, rank, and unit, and includes the name of the war or disturbance. Numerous volunteer companies containing Hispanic members are represented throughout the index (see PI-17, Entry 513 described below for a list of companies).

___M1086, Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served in Organizations From the State of Florida During the Florida Indian Wars, 1835-1858. 63 rolls. DP.

This publication contains the compiled service records of volunteer soldiers from Florida who served during the Seminole Wars. The records are arranged chronologically by war, thereunder by unit, and then alphabetically by surname of soldier. The units are generally arranged according to numbered regiments, named battalions, named companies or detachments, brigades, and staff officers. The numbered units are arranged numerically; the named units alphabetically.

Rolls 25-26 contain the compiled service records of Hispanic soldiers from St. Augustine who served in Sanchez's 2nd Florida Mounted Militia during the Second Seminole War from 1835 to 1842.

COMPILED SERVICE RECORDS (RG 94)

Note: The following records are in textual form only. They should be requested through the Microfilm Research Room (G26) of the Robert M. Warner Research Center in the National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. The records are described in Preliminary Inventory 17, *Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Adjutant General's Office*.

Carded Records, Volunteer Organizations: "Indian Wars," 1817-58. 295 ft. (Entry 513, Preliminary Inventory 17).

This series comprises jackets showing the name of each soldier, organization, and rank, and containing cards with information copied from other records (returns, muster rolls, pay rolls) relating to the military service of the individual. The records are arranged by state, thereunder by wars, then by organization, and then alphabetically by name of soldier. Carded service records of Hispanic volunteers from New Mexico, who fought in several Navajo and Apache wars, are included in this series under the following units:

- Chapman's Co., New Mexico Mounted Volunteers (6 mos., 1849)
- Aragon's Co., New Mexico Militia (6 mos., 1849)
- Dodge's Co., New Mexico Infantry (6 mos., 1849)
- Papin's Co., New Mexico Infantry (6 mos., 1849)
- Valdes's Co., New Mexico Mounted Volunteers (3 and 6 mos., 1849)
- Baca's Co. D, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, New Mexico Mounted Militia (6 mos., 1854)
- Gonzales' Co. A, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, New Mexico Mounted Militia (6 mos., 1854)
- Gallego's Co. B, 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, New Mexico Mounted Militia (3 mos., 1854)
- Jaramillo's Co. C, 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, New Mexico Mounted Militia (3 mos., 1854)
- Lujan's Co. A, 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, New Mexico Mounted Militia (3 mos., 1854)
- Vigil's Co. D, 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, New Mexico Mounted Militia (3 mos., 1854)
- Montoya's Co. D, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, New Mexico Mounted Militia (6 mos., 1854)
- Ulilbarri's Co. B, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, New Mexico Mounted Militia (6 mos., 1854)
- St. Vrain's Battalion, New Mexico Mounted Volunteers (6 mos., 1855)

Records of Hispanic volunteers also appear sporadically in the following Texas regiments:

- Blackwell's Co., Texas Mounted Rangers, 1849
- Ford's Co., Texas Mounted Volunteers (6 mos., 1850-51)

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