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A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

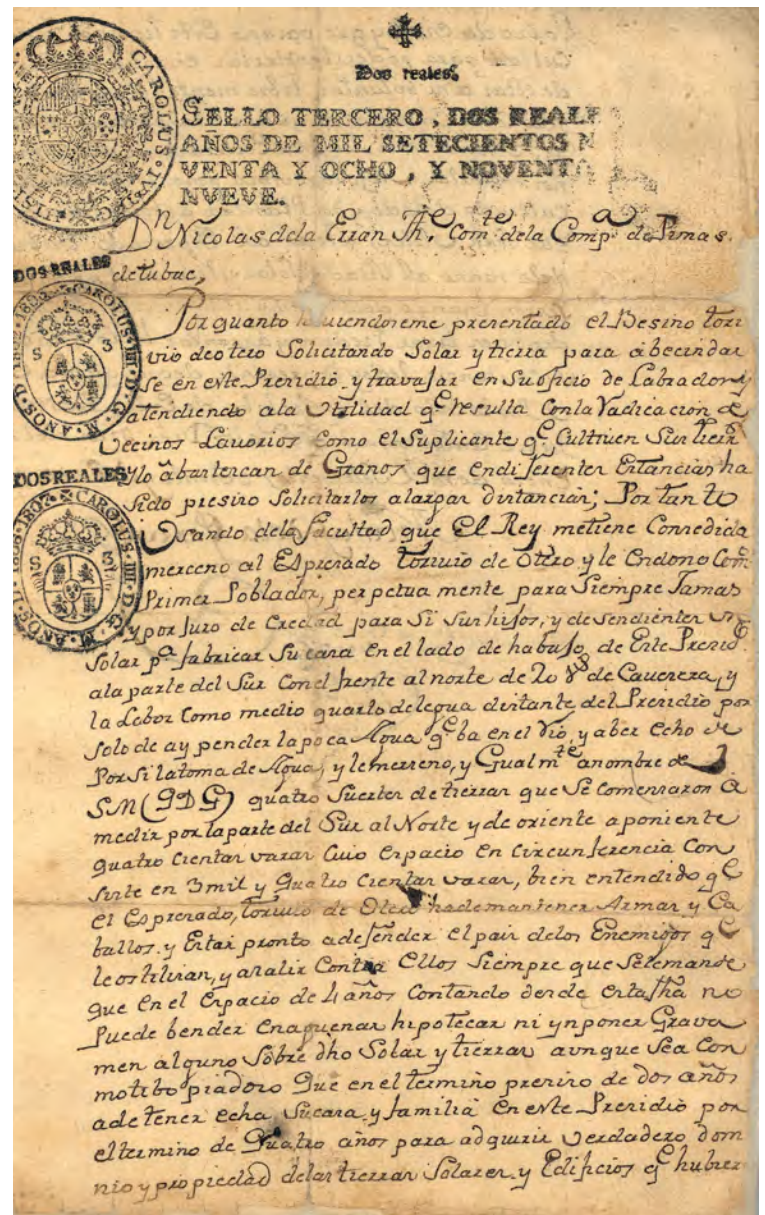
La Tierra de los Pioneros (Land of the Pioneers)

Arizona is a young state, even by American standards. Next February, Arizona will be 100 years old. And yet, Arizona has a remarkably long history: the oldest occupied village in the United States is there, Francisco Vásquez de Coronado first entered what is now the United States there. And the first European words describing its exotic terrain were written over three generations before the Pilgrims landed in Plymouth.

For the National Archives at Riverside, too, the young state provides us with our oldest document. It is a land grant for a *rancho* granted in the name of the Spanish King to one Torivio de Otero near the Presidio at Tubac, on the Santa Cruz River between Nogales and Tucson.

In 1789, Torivio de Otero was granted land near the Santa Cruz River by Nicolas de la Erran, commander of the Presidio. The grant is a beautiful document covered in ornate official seals and written in a hand easy to admire. It is, of course, written in the Spanish of the time. We rely on a translation done by the Surveyor General's Office in the 1880s. Erran stated that the land was granted to Otero for the "purpose of pursuing his calling, as an agriculturist." At the end of the grant, Erran records, "I took him by the hand, and gave him possession of said lands; he, according to custom, scattering earth and stones, and pulling up herbage." And the transfer was made from crown to cultivator. The Court of Private Land Claims records show that by 1880 Otero's descendents had faced many significant challenges in both working and keeping the land. They survived drought, Indian raids, squatters, and justified their claims to both the Mexican and then the American governments.

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we salute this story of the Otero family, who farmed the desert for generations before the first Americans journeyed west.



Above: First page of Spanish land grant to Torivio de Otero from the records of the Arizona Court of Private Land Claims, 1798, Record Group 49; National Archives at Riverside.

NARA WestCoast September 2011

Touring thru the irrigated district of
the Dutch Flats country, July 24, 1910
Records of the Bureau of Reclamation
Record Group 115
National Archives at Denver



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Exhibit: Richland, WA "Washington State Genealogical Society Annual Conference" 9/16-17/11					San Bruno, CA Preserving Your History 9 A.M.-1 P.M. General Public Workshop 650-238-3501	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Exhibit: Seattle, WA "Faces of the Pacific Northwest" 9/1-12/11				Seattle, WA "Brick Wall" Genealogical Discussion Group 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M. Workshop Genealogists 206-336-5115		Seattle, WA Washington Women Win the Vote in 1910 1 P.M. General Public Lecture 206-336-5115
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Denver, CO Fall Series of Genealogy Workshops 9 A.M. General Public Workshop and Tour 303-407-5749				Richland, WA NARA Immigration and Naturalization Genealogists Workshop 206-336-5115 Richland, WA Genealogy Resources at NARA and Online Genealogists Workshop 206-336-5115	Richland, WA NARA Immigration and Naturalization Genealogists Workshop 206-336-5115 Richland, WA Genealogy Resources at NARA and Online Genealogists Workshop 206-336-5115
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Seattle, WA Seattle World's Fair 50th Anniversary Curriculum All day K-12 Teachers Workshop and Tour 206-336-5115		Seattle, WA Fundamentals of Genealogy All day Genealogists Workshop 206-336-5115	Highlands Ranch, CO Workshop for Front Range Homeschool Association 9 A.M. K-12 Students Workshop 303-407-5749		

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NARA EastCoast September 2011

Jinks store, 1942
Records of the Tennessee Valley Authority,
Record Group 142
National Archives at Atlanta



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					Philadelphia, PA First Friday Genealogy Open House Noon 215-606-0100		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
			Philadelphia, PA Getting Started on Your Genealogy Noon Graduate Students Workshop 215-606-0100			Morrow, GA The Civil War and African Americans 9 A.M. General Public Lecture 770-968-2555	
						Philadelphia, PA Mining Online Catalogues for Genealogical Research 9 A.M. Genealogists Workshop 215-606-0100	
						Middlebury, CT Examining the 1940 Census 1:30 P.M. Genealogists Lecture 413-236-3604	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
		New York, NY Finding Family: Alien Files 12:30-1:30 P.M. Genealogists Workshop 866-840-1752		Ellis Island, NY Family History Game Show at Ellis Island 1-2:30 P.M. General Public Workshop 866-840-1752	National Constitution Center, PA Constitution Cafe with Christopher Phillips 1 P.M. General Public Symposium 215-606-0102	New York, NY New York's National Treasures (Federal Hall) 11 A.M. -2 P.M. General Public Workshop 866-840-1752	Waltham, MA Waltham Day 9 A.M. General Public Information Booth 866-406-2379
						Williamstown, MA Life in the Past Lane 8:30 A.M. Genealogists Conference 413-236-3604	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	Morrow, GA Naturalization Ceremony 8 A.M. General Public Open House 770-968-2555		Morrow, GA American Revolution 10 A.M. K-12 Students Guided Research Visit 770-968-2530			Bensalem, PA Bucks County Ancestry Fair 9 A.M. Genealogists Information Booth and Exhibit 888.359.9110	
						Morrow, GA Lecture by Michael Henderson 10 A.M. General Public Lecture 770-968-2555	
25	26	27	28	29	30		
		Philadelphia, PA Libro Curio: Reconstructing the Book 5 P.M. General Public Exhibit opening 215-606-0100	Workshop: New York, NY "Constitution Training for Federal Employees" 9/16/11				

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NARA Midwest September 2011

Crowds at the Minnesota State Fair, September 5, 1920
Records of the Forest Service, Record Group 95
National Archives at Chicago



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					1 Fort Worth, TX Navigating NARA's Webpage for Genealogists Noon-1 P.M. Genealogists Workshop 817-831-5620	2 Kansas City, MO Exhibits Open for-After Hours Viewing 5 P.M. General Public Open House 816-268-8000	3
4	5	6	7 Independence, MO Provost Marshal Records 6:30 P.M. Genealogists Lecture 816-268-8000	8	9 Firth, NE National Symbols 2:15 P.M. K-12 Students Lecture 816-268-8000	10 Chicago, IL Introduction to Resources of the National Archives 8:45 A.M. K-12 Teachers Workshop and Tour 773-948-9010	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Fort Worth, TX Celebrate Constitution Day Program 10-11:30 A.M. and 2-3:30 P.M. K-6 Students Workshop 817-831-5620	
						18 Independence, MO Educator Day 9 A.M. K-12 Teachers Information Booth 816-268-8000	
18	19	20	21 Kansas City, MO Introduction to DocsTeach 8:30 A.M. K-12 Teachers Lecture 816-268-8000	22 St. Louis, MO Introduction to DocsTeach 3 P.M. K-12 Teachers Workshop 816-268-8000	23	24 Kansas City, MO African Americans in the Civil War 6:30 P.M. General Public Panel 816-268-8000	
25	26	27 Shawnee, KS Introduction to the National Archives Noon General Public Lecture 816-268-8000	28	29 Lee's Summit, MO Introduction to the National Archives Noon General Public Lecture 816-268-8000	30	Springfield, IL Examining Prohibition through Court Records 10:30 A.M. K-12 Teachers Conference 773-948-9001	
		31 Kansas City, MO The Presidency of U.S. Grant 6 P.M. General Public Lecture 816-268-8000					

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