

Hispano Cemetery Database

Notes and Sources

Three cemeteries were studied for this project. They include: Gato/Pagosa Junction¹, Juanita, and Trujillo Cemeteries. The burial information for these cemeteries is included in this database.

The burial information for the cemeteries included in this database is derived from reported burials at the cemeteries and field observations and recordings made for this project documentation. Photographs of the grave markers at the project cemeteries are included in the photo database.

Although burials are infrequent, the cemeteries are still active with the most recent burials occurring in 2020. Burials occurring after 2020 are not reflected in the cemetery rosters and local obituaries should be consulted.

The scope of this project limited our work to the three project cemeteries. Many other cemeteries exist in Archuleta County. Sources cited below should be consulted for early information about other county cemeteries.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the cemetery database is accurate and comprehensive. However, individuals may be omitted due to recording errors, incorrect readings in the field, and illegible and missing grave markers. Human error is also possible.

Database & Search Tips

The electronic database is an Excel database with several searchable data fields. These include: last name, first name, other name, cemetery, data of birth (month, day, year) and date of death (month, day, year). Searches can be done by Cemetery Name, Last Name, First Name, Other Name and Date Details. Wild cards are permissible. Partially legible and unknown burials with some information, are listed alphabetically when possible.

To search for all of the graves studied in the project, a user may leave all fields blank and click on the "Search" button. This will return a table listing all of the graves sorted by cemetery name, then last name. The table will include for each grave recorded the Cemetery Name, Last Name, First Name, Other Name, Grave Site Number, Date of Birth, Date of Death, and links to photographs available for that grave.

¹ Gato and Pagosa Junction are used interchangeably for this cemetery. The town was known as Gato, later as Pagosa Junction, and then again as Gato. Today, the site is usually referred to as Pagosa Junction, but both names were used historically.

This database is accessible on the Center of Southwest Studies website at <https://swcenter.fortlewis.edu/> and at the Animas Museum at <http://animasmuseum.org/HispanoCemeteryProject>.

Data Fields

The following fields are included in the database.

Last Name: This is the family surname for the individual. For married women, this is the final married name. Previous married names are listed in the 'other name' field. Known hyphenated surnames are alphabetized in this field.

First Name: This field includes known first names and middle names or initials if known.

Other Name: Family names and/or previous married names are listed in this field.

Cemetery: Name of cemetery where the individual is buried.

Date of Birth: Day, month and year of birth if known. Blank fields indicate missing information.

Date of Death: Day, month and year of death if known. Blank fields indicate missing information.

Observed/date: This field records the most recent date that the physical marker was observed at the cemetery. If the marker has not been observed in the field or it was illegible, this field will be blank.

Observed Source: This field indicates the source of the observation data. The number in this field corresponds with the list of database sources included with these notes.

Reported: This field lists individuals that are reported to be buried in a cemetery but the individual's marker has not been observed.

Reported Source: This field indicates the source of the reported data. The number in this field corresponds with the list of database sources shown at the end of these notes. If the source of information is unknown, this field is left blank.

Photographs: All markers were photographed for this project. This field provides a link to the photograph of that grave. This field does not appear in the print report and the reader is referred to the on-line database to access the photographs.

Database Sources

These sources are referenced in the database under “Observed Source” or “Reported Source”.

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