Important Websites for El Salvador Genealogy

There are two "must peruse" websites for initiating original research in El Salvador.. There are a lot of excellent resources well documents found on both **Family Search.Org** for on-line resources and information and **The Family History Guide** for on-line tutorials.

From a single URL cited below on FamilySearch, you will find a comprehensive overview of resources for El Salvador that covers the gamut of resources and research tools that you could ever have imagined all from one extended screen display. It is a remarkable guide to El Salvadorian ancestry, history, and genealogy with birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, military records and much

more. The URL is https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/El_Salvador_Genealogy.

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El Salvador Background

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Moderator
The FamilySearch moderator for El Salvador is Dwsmith2

Central America

El Salvador

Guide to **El Salvador ancestry, family history, and genealogy**: birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, parish registers, and military records.

Country Information[edit source]

El Salvador is a country in Central America bordered by Guatemala and Honduras. It was formerly a colony of Spain. The official language is Spanish.[1] El Salvador is the only Central American country that has no access to the Caribbean Sea. The Pan American Highway runs thru this country.

Getting Started[edit source]

Getting Started with El Salvador Research

Links to articles on getting started with El Salvador research.

- El Salvador Research Guide
- Getting Started
- El Salvador Quick Start Guide
- Locating Place of Origin
- Finding Records
- Improve your Search Results

El Salvador Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in El Salvador research.

- El Salvador Resources
- El Salvador Websites
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El Salvador Map[edit source]

States[edit source]

Department names and abbreviations for the 14 Salvadoran Departments:

- #AH - Ahuachapán
- #CA - Cabañas
- #CH - Chalatenango
- #CU - Cuscatlán
- #LI - La Libertad
- #PA - La Paz
- #UN - La Unión
- #MO - Morazán
- #SM - San Miguel
- #SS - San Salvador
- #SV - San Vicente
- #SA - Santa Ana
- #SO - Sonsonate
- #US - Usulután

Civil Registration[edit source]

- Learn how to search the Civil Registration
- Search the El Salvador Civil Registration 1704-1977

FamilySearch Resources[edit source]

Below are FamilySearch resources that can assist you in searching for your family.

- Facebook Communities - Facebook groups discussing genealogy research
- Online Indexed Historical Records
- Family History Center locator map

Research Tutorials[edit source]

- **Search page**
- **Introduction to Hispanic Research**
- **U.S. Hispanic Immigration**
- **U.S. Hispanic Immigrants: Finding their Place of Origin**

- **Improve your Search Results in FamilySearch Hispanic Records**
- **Reading Spanish Handwritten Records:**
  - Lesson 1: The Spanish Alphabet
  - Lesson 2: Words and Dates
  - Lesson 3: Reading Spanish Records
- **Hispanic Online Resources**

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. The headings are specifically cited below along with their links that you can search quickly

The Family History Guide

The Family History Guide, https://thefhguide.com/project-9-central-amer02.html provides a more sequential process of learning consisting of outstanding step-by-step “how to” research tutorials for El Salvador that is organized offerings in a rather clear and concise format. I particularly like its infrastructure of topics for each level of tutorials.

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