

UNSETTLED CLAIMS: MORA, VALLEY OF MILLS

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- I. The Establishment of the Merced de Lo de Mora, October 1835
- II. Mora at the Time of U.S.-Mexico War, January 1847
- III. The Rebuilding of Mora (1850 - 1900) - A Story of Enduring Querencia:
livelihoods, religion, culture, education, language, community values.
- IV. “The Granary of New Mexico” (1891)
- V. Mora’s Contributions to WWI (1918)
- VI. Mora Centennial Celebration, 1935
- VII. Calf Canyon-Hermit’s Peak Wildfire, 2022
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“LO DE MORA”

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LA SANGRE DE CRISTO, 2017



NEW MEXICAN FARMING FAMILY, CHACON, CIRCA 1895

“CADA QUIEN SE OCUPABA EN ALGO, Y AÍ ESTABAN TODO EL SANTO DÍA, ZAS Y ZAS.” (188)

QUOTES IN SPANISH FROM MELÉNDEZ'S, *BOOK OF ARCHIVES*



JESÚS MARÍA SÁNCHEZ, OWNER OF “J. M. SÁNCHEZ E HIJOS,” WITH HIS SIX SONS. MORA, 1904.



FUNERAL PROCESSION, MORA, N.M. CIRCA 1895

“EL ESPANTO DESCONCERTANTE QUE SE LEVANTA COMO EL POLVO DE LOS CAMPOSANTOS—LUGAR DONDE LA CARNE DE LA MEMORIA REGRESA AL VIENTRE DEL TIEMPO.” (141)



TRANS-MOUNTAIN ACEQUIA, LOS ALAMITOS



THE VALLEY IN WINTER, FEBRUARY 2014

“FUI A BUSCARTE Y NO ESTABAS,
ENTONCES ME ASOMÉ DE TRÁS DE LA SEPULTURAS
Y HABLÉ CON LOS DIFUNTOS,
PARA SABER DE ELLOS
COMO VOLVERNOS POLVO JUNTOS.” --VERSO POPULAR (5)



“NACIERON PIERRE Y MARTHE EN FRANCIA, MURIERON PEDRO Y MARTA EN MORA”



RE-ENACTMENT OF KEARNEY'S ENTRANCE, MORA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, 1935



**MORA RESIDENTS CELEBRATE
MORA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, 1935**



“A’I VIENEN LOS MATACHINES”
MORA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, 1935



CALF CANYON-HERMIT'S PEAK FIRE REACHES MONTE APLANADO, 2022

