# Tano Family

Ancestors of



# **INTRODUCTION**

This is the history of the Tano family beginning with your paternal grandparents, Jose Tano, Jr. and Tomacita Candelaria. It was difficult to locate any records for the Tano line, however a death certificate for your paternal grandfather, Jose Tano, was located. The remainder of the research followed the line of Tomacita Candelaria, her parents, grandparents, and some of her great-grandparents. Your family has a long history in New Mexico. New Mexico was originally colonized by Spain in the late 1500s. In 1821, Mexico declared its independence from Spain, and the area became part of Mexico. This was a turbulent time with skirmishes between the descendants of the colonists and the native Indians. New Mexico became a territory of the United States after the Gadsden Purchase in 1853. It was not until 1912 that New Mexico became the 47<sup>th</sup> state.

While researching this family we focused on direct ancestors, not spending much time chasing down the brothers and sisters or children, but some of these people appear in the report as part of the record. It takes time to verify records of ancestors by checking dates and places for accuracy, and as new records are discovered the story of their lives are enriched or even changed as we determine from the documents we have located. Our research may supply more records and verified sources which gave us additional evidence from the information we started with. We extended the family lines as far back as we could in the time allotted for research and writing. You will be pleased to know that we have added multiple generations to your family tree.

We made an effort to find ancestors that may have had a connection to the Native American Tribes in Grants, New Mexico. We did locate the Candelaria and Duran surnames among the Native American records, but no specific records were found for your family members.



#### MODESTO CANDELARIA

## PRUDENCIA CANDELARIA TAFOYA

GREAT GRANDPARENTS

#### FAMILY GROUP

**Modesto Candelaria** was born 22 January 1874, in Teneya, Valencia. New Mexico. Modesto Candelaria was the son of **Juan Pablo Candelaria** and **Dolores Baca**. He died 17 September 1935, at the age of 63 years, in Teneya, Valencia, New Mexico.

Modesto Candelaria and **Prudencia Candelaria Tafoya** were married 6 March 1900.<sup>3</sup> Prudencia Candeleria was the daughter of Jose Anastasio Tafoya Candelaria and Cipriana Duran. She was born 5 May 1883, in New Mexico.<sup>4</sup> Prudencia Candelaria died as a young mother, about the age of 35 years.

Modesto Candelaria and Prudencia Candelaria had the following children:

- i. Dionicio Candelaria, was born in 1903, in New Mexico Territory.<sup>5</sup>
- ii. Jesusita Candelaria, was born in 1906, in New Mexico Territory.<sup>6</sup>
- iii. Ciprianita Candelaria, was born 17 March 1908, in New Mexico Territory.
- iv. Francisco Candelaria, was born in 1911, in New Mexico Territory.<sup>8</sup>
- v. **Tomacita Candelaria**, was born 7 March 1913, in Grants, Valencia, New Mexico; married Jose Tano, Jr., about 1931, Valencia, New Mexico; died 20 May 1998, Dolores, Montezuma, Colorado.<sup>9</sup>
- vi. Pabla Candelaria, was born in 1914, in New Mexico. 10

<sup>1</sup> New Mexico Deaths, 1889-1945 (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Death Certificate for Modesto Candelaria, 17 Sept 1935, Teneya, Valencia, New Mexico.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> New Mexico Deaths, 1889-1945 (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Death Certificate for Modesto Candelaria, 17 Sept 1935, Teneva, Valencia, New Mexico.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Sacramental Records from the Archives of the Diocese of Gallup New Mexico. *FamilySearch* Family Tree. Marriage source attached to Victor Modesto Candelaria (LZ1V-DPT). Marriage of Modesto Candelaria and Prudencia Candelaria, 6 March 1900.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sacramental Records from the Archives of the Diocese of Gallup New Mexico. *FamilySearch* Family Tree. Baptism source attached to Prudencia Candelaria (LZ1V-DP4). Baptism of Modesto Prudencia Tafoya, 23 May 1883.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 1920 U.S. Census Valencia, New Mexico NARA Series T625 Roll 1080. (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Modesto Candelaria household.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 1920 U.S. Census Valencia, New Mexico NARA Series T625 Roll 1080. (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Modesto Candelaria household.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 1920 U.S. Census Valencia, New Mexico NARA Series T625 Roll 1080. (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Modesto Candelaria household.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> U.S. Social Security Death Applications & Claims Index, 1936-2007 (Ancestry.com, accessed Dec 2020) Tomacita Mary Muniz, died 20 May 1998.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 1920 U.S. Census Valencia, New Mexico NARA Series T625 Roll 1080. (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Modesto Candelaria household.

Modesto Candelaria was your great grandfather. He was not found in the 1900 U.S. Census. This was the year he married, and we would expect him to either be living with his parents or his new wife. Modesto's parents were found in the 1900 U.S. census living in San Rafael, Valencia, New Mexico. There was a child listed, Estolano, who was born in 1874. This may be an error as it seems that this person should be Modesto; his parents are listed correctly. His occupation and the occupation of other family members were sheep herders. Sheep had been an important part of the New Mexican economy for generations.

The marriage of Modesto Candelaria and Prudencia Candelaria took place in the Diocese of Gallup which included Valencia County at that time. The marriage was performed by the priest, George J. Juillard, who was instrumental in later building the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Gallup, New Mexico. This marriage record states the bride and groom were both residents of San Rafael. Modesto Candelaria was the son of Pablo Candelaria and Dolores Baca. Prudencia Candelaria was the daughter of Jose Anastacio Candelaria and Cipriana Duran.

New Mexico was eligible for statehood for more than 50 years before it became a state, but was deigned statehood due to a majority of the population being Mexico-American. New Mexico finally became the 47<sup>th</sup> state in January 1912. The following year, many Mexicans fled north to avoid the bloody civil war that broke out in Mexico in 1911.<sup>12</sup>

Modesto Candelaria and his family were found in both the 1910 U.S. Census and the 1920 U.S. Census living in San Rafael, Valencia, New Mexico. These census records provided information about the seven children in this family. In 1910, Modesto Candelaria's occupation was a "herder," likely a sheep herder. His wife, Prudencia, reported that year that she had given birth to five children and only three were still living.

In the 1920 census Modesto Candelaria is listed as a widower. Prudencia likely died sometime between 1916, at the birth of her daughter named Prudencia, and when the 1920 census was taken.

The death certificate for Modesto states he was a farmer and this record also lists his parents as Pablo Candelaria and Dolorita Baca. Dolorita is a diminutive form of Dolores. The information on the death certificate was provided by Carolina Luna; her relationship to the deceased was not stated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 1920 U.S. Census Valencia, New Mexico, NARA Series T625 Roll 1080. (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Modesto Candelaria household.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> History of New Mexico (Wikipedia.org, Dec 2020) Statehood.

Modesto Candelaria San Rafael, Valencia, New Mexico 1900 U.S. Census

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#### MARRIAGE RECORD

Modesto Candelaria & Prudencia Candelaria Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico

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#### **DEATH CERTIFICATE**

Modesto Candelaria Tenya, Valencia, New Mexico Death Certificate

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# JUAN PABLO CANDELARIA MARIA DOLORES BACA

2<sup>ND</sup> GREAT GRANDPARENTS

#### **FAMILY GROUP**

**Juan Pablo Candelaria** was born April 1838, in New Mexico, Mexico. <sup>13</sup> He died after 1910 in New Mexico, near the age of 72 years.

Juan Pablo Candelaria married Maria Dolores "Dolorita" Baca, about 1863 in Valencia, New Mexico Territory. **Maria Dolores Baca** was born May 1845, the daughter of **Mariano Baca** and **Maria Ysabel Mirabel**, in New Mexico Territory. <sup>14</sup> She died after 1910 in New Mexico, near the age of 65 years.

Juan Pablo Candelaria and Maria Dolores Baca were the parents of these children:

- i. Diocicio Candelaria, born about 1863 in New Mexico Territory. <sup>15</sup>
- ii. Adolfo Candelaria, born January 1865 in New Mexico Territory. 16
- iii. Maria Genoveva Candelaria, born about 1867 in New Mexico Territory. 17
- iv. Jose Candelaria, born April 1870 in San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory. 18
- v. **Modesto Candelaria**, born 22 January 1874 in Teneya, Valencia, New Mexico Territory. 19
- vi. Mariano Candelaria, born April 1876 in San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory. 20
- vii. Jose Candelaria, born May 1878 in San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory.<sup>21</sup>
- viii. Saturnino Candelaria, born March 1880, in San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory.<sup>22</sup>
- ix. Manuel Antonio Candelaria, born January 1882, in San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico

<sup>13</sup> 1870 U.S. Census San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory, United States (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Pablo Candelaria household.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> New Mexico Births and Christenings, 1726-1918 (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Baptism for Maria Dolores Baca, 15 Dec 1845. Parents Mariano Baca & Ysabel Mirabal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> 1870 U.S. Census San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory, United States (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Pablo Candelaria household.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 1870 U.S. Census San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory, United States (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Pablo Candelaria household.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> 1870 U.S. Census San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory, United States (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Pablo Candelaria household.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> New Mexico Deaths, 1889-1945 (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Death Certificate for Modesto Candelaria, 17 Sept 1935, Teneya, Valencia, New Mexico.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> 1900 U.S. Census San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Pablo Candelaria household.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> 1900 U.S. Census San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Pablo Candelaria household.

Territory.<sup>23</sup>

x. Juana Candelaria, born October 1884, in San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory.<sup>24</sup>

Congress established the New Mexico Territory of the United States in September 1850.<sup>25</sup> Prior to that time, the part of New Mexico that was east of the Rio Grande was claimed by the Republic of Texas. After Mexico declared independence in 1821, New Mexico was considered one it its provinces. So technically, your 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandparents, Juan Pablo Candelaria and his wife Maria Dolores Baca, were both born in Mexico.

In the 1870 U.S. Census, Pablo Candelaria was listed as living in San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico, He was a 30-year-old farmer with \$78.00 worth of land and property. He was living with his wife, Dolores, and four children, Dionicio, 7 years old, Adolfo, 5 years old, Genoveva, 3 years old, and Jose 2 months, born in April of 1870.

The Pablo Candelaria family was not found in the 1880 U.S. Census or in the 1885 New Mexico Territory census.

Pablo Candelaria was located again in the 1900 U.S. Census living in San Rafael, Valencia, New Mexico. Pablo was listed as sheep herder. He owned his home. Pablo and Dolores Candelaria were listed as Spanish Americans. The 1900 census listed not only the ages of everyone in the household, but birth months and years too. There seem to be some errors in the information recorded when compared to the information provided in the 1870 census. It is unknown who provided the information about this family. It could have been either Pablo, Dolores or a child in the family or even a neighbor. The household in 1900 contains six grandsons between the ages of 23 years to 11 years. All grandsons were listed as sheep herders. Dolores reported she had given birth to 18 children, with seven currently living. She may have understood this question to mean how many children are living at home.

Since the 1600s, New Mexico's economy was connected to sheep. From the 1800s, the Partido system was developed. Under this system an owner of a flock lent a specific quantity of sheep to an individual and expected an equal number to be returned in three to five years. Each year the renter paid around 20 percent of the flock to the owner. The renter could build his own flock and eventually lend some sheep of his own.<sup>26</sup>

Pablo Candelaria was located in the 1910 census still living in San Rafael, Valencia, New Mexico. He was listed as a farmer. He had three sons and one grandson living in the household, all listed with the occupation of herders. Dolores, his wife, stated she has been married 45 years and had given birth to 19 children, with only 11 living at the time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> 1900 U.S. Census San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Pablo Candelaria household.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> 1900 U.S. Census San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory (FamilySearch.org, accessed Dec 2020) Pablo Candelaria household.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> New Mexico (Wikipedia.org, accessed Dec 2020) Territorial Phase.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Sheep in Hispanic New Mexico (Encyclopedia.com, accessed Dec 2020) The Partido System.

Pablo Candelaria and his wife Dolores Baca were not found in any records after the 1910 census. It is likely they both died after this time in Valencia, New Mexico. Pablo Candelaria would have been about 72 years old and Dolores would have been about 65 years old at the time of their deaths.

Pablo Candelaria San Mateo, Valencia, New Mexico Territory 1870 U.S. Census

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# JOSE ANASTACIO TAFOYA CANDELARIA CIPRIANA DURAN

2<sup>ND</sup> GREAT GRANDPARENTS

#### **FAMILY GROUP**

**Jose Anastacio Tafoya Candelaria** was born 1845 in New Mexico, Mexico. He was the son of Juan Tafoya and Rafaela Ballejos. He died after 1885 in New Mexico Territory.

Jose Anastacio Tafoya and Cipriana Duran married 15 January 1864 in Valencia, New Mexico Territory. **Cipriana Duran** was the daughter of Juan Duran and Juana Maria Chavez, and was born 1850 in New Mexico Territory. She died sometime after 1885 in New Mexico Territory.

Jose Anastacio Tafoya Candelaria and Cipriana Duran had the following children:

- i. Juan M Tafoya, born 1867, New Mexico Territory.
- ii. Francisco Tafoya, born 1871, New Mexico Territory.
- iii. Epifanio Tafoya, born 1872, New Mexico Territory.
- iv. Lucia Sara Tafoya, born 1875, New Mexico Territory.
- v. **Prudencia Candelaria Tafoya**, born 5 May 1883, New Mexico Territory; married Modesto Candelaria, 6 March 1900, New Mexico Territory; died about 1918, New Mexico Territory.

Jose Anastacio Tafoya Candelaria and his wife Cipriana Duran were both born in what would have been considered Mexico. By the time they married this same location was now New Mexico Territory. They were your 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandparents. The marriage record for this couple states Jose Nastacio Tafolla, a resident of Moquino, was the 19-year-old son of Juan Tafolla and Rafaela Ballejos. His bride was Cipriana Duran, the 15-year-old daughter of Juan Duran and Juana Maria Chavez. The marriage took place in the parish of Nuestra Señora de Los Dolores on 15 January 1864. In this record the surname Tafoya was spelled "Tafolla," which is the same pronunciation in Spanish.

Anastacio Tafoya was found in the 1860 U.S. Census prior to his marriage in 1864. He was living in Valencia, New Mexico with his parents, Juan Tafoya, Rafaela and siblings. Juan Tafoya was listed as a farmer, and he owned \$150.00 worth of land property with \$60.00 worth of personal property.

The family was found in the 1880 U.S. Census living in San Rafael, Valencia, New Mexico Territory. Anastacio Tafoya and his family were living in the Juan Duran household and Anastacio is listed as a son-in-law. Juan Duran is the father of Cipriana Duran. At this time Anastacio and Ciprian had four children, Juan M, Francisco, Epifanio and Lucia.

Prudencia Tafoya was found in a baptism record which states she was the legitimate daughter of Anastacio Tafoya and Cipriana Duran. She was born the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 1883 and baptized the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 1883.

In the 1885 New Mexico Territorial Census, Anastacio Tafoya and his family were entered twice, living in San Jose, Valencia, New Mexico Territory. Both entries provide the same information. Anastacio

Tafoya was a ranchman by occupation. He was living with Cipriana Duran and their three sons; Juan, Francisco, and Epifanio, and two daughters, Lucia and Prudencia.

During the early life of Prudencia Tafoya Candelaria her last name was listed as Tafoya in the records. In her marriage record, her last name was listed as Candelaria and so was her husband's last name. Her father's last name was listed as Anastacio Candelaria in this record. If we had the time to find the birth and baptism records for all the children of Anastacio and his wife Cipriana Duran, we would find differences in the surnames listed. This is not uncommon for Spanish surnames at this time. In the case of Anastacio, he used two surnames during his life. The surnames were Tafoya and Candelaria. So, it is not surprising to find that his daughter used the Candelaria surname.

Anastacio Tafoya San Jose, Valencia, New Mexico Territory 1885 New Mexico Territory Census

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Anastacio Tafoya San Jose, Valencia, New Mexico Territory 1885 New Mexico Territory Census

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Anastacio Tafoya San Rafael, Valencia, New Mexico Territory 1880 U.S. Census

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#### **DOCUMENTS**

Baptism of Prudencia Tafoya Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico 23 May 1883

Prudencia Tafoya

Bap. May 23, 1883, born May 5<sup>th</sup>, legit. d/ Anastasio Tafoya and Cipriana Duran, pad/ Feliciano Chaves and Manuela Baca, off/ J.B.B.

Marriage of Jose Anastacio Tafoya & Cipriana Duran Nuestra Senora de Los Dolores Parish, Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico 15 January 1864

Jan 15, 1864. Jose Nastasio TAFOLLA, res of Moquino, the 19 y/o s/o Juan Tafolla and Rafaela Ballejos, married Cipriana DURAN, res not given, and Juana Maria Chavez. Test: Cruz Rubi and Reyes Tafolla. Off: A. Redon, Nuestra Senora de Los Dolores. Roll 9, Page 75, Frame 33.

# MARIANO BACA MARIA YSABEL MIRABEL

3<sup>RD</sup> GREAT GRANDPARENTS

#### **FAMILY GROUP**

**Mariano Baca** was born in 1824 in New Mexico, Mexico. He died sometime after 1885 in New Mexico Territory, about the age of 61 years old.

Mariano Baca and Maria Ysabel Mirabel married about 1844 in Valencia, New Mexico Territory. **Maria Ysabel Mirabel** was born in 1830 in the New Mexico Territory. She died sometime after 1885 in New Mexico Territory, about the age of 55 years old.

Mariano Baca and Maria Ysabel Mirabel had the following children:

- i. **Maria Dolores "Dolorita" Baca**, born May 1845, in New Mexico Territory; married Juan Pablo Candelaria about 1866 in New Mexico Territory; died after 1885 in Valencia, New Mexico Territory.
- ii. Maria Angela Baca, born 1846 in Valencia, New Mexico Territory.
- iii. Maria Ancaria Baca, born 1849 in Valencia, New Mexico Territory.

Mariano Baca lived in New Mexico, Mexico. He was born several years after Mexico declared its independence from Spain. He and his wife Maria Ysabel Baca were your 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandparents.

Mariano Baca married Maria Ysabel Mirabel, probably about 1844 in Valencia, New Mexico, Mexico. They were the parents of at least three daughters.

In the 1850 U.S. Census, Mariano Baca was living in Moquina, a village in the county of Valencia in New Mexico Territory. Mariano's occupation was a blanket weaver. He had \$50.00 worth of personal property and he and his wife were both unable to read and write. Three daughters are listed in the household. They were: Maria, M. A. and Encaria, ages 5 to 1 years.

In the 1860 U.S. Census, the Mariano Baca family is still living in Valencia County, New Mexico Territory. Mariano's occupation is now a laborer and he has personal property worth \$100.00. His family consists of his wife Ysabel and three daughters, Dolores (probably Maria Dolores), Maria Angela and Maria M. It is very common for girls to have the first name of Maria followed by another name. So, it is not unusual for this family to have three girls named Maria.

In 1885 New Mexico Territory took a territorial census. Mariano Baca was found living in Jaro Loso, a town in Valencia County, New Mexico Territory. Mariano Baca listed his occupation as a ranchman. His wife, Ysabel Mirabel, is also in the household as is a grandson named Baltazar Turrieta. This grandson is the son of one of their married daughters.

Mariano Baca Moquino, Valencia, New Mexico Territory 1850 U.S. Census

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# **CONCLUSION**

As mentioned in the introduction, this research project was able to extend some of your family ancestral lines by multiple generations. Many documents were gathered as evidence to their lives, including the places that they lived, the roles they assumed and the quality of their family life.

We were able to document your grandfather, Jose Tano, with a death certificate. We also found records for your great grandparents, Modesto Candelaria and his wife Prudencia Candeleria Tafoya, and their parents and some of their grandparents, your 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandparents.

It appears that your family may have deep connections with the colonization of New Mexico by Spain. Many of your family surnames match those found in the book, *Origins of New Mexico Families: A Genealogy of the Spanish Colonial Period*, by Fray Angelico Chavez. Further research is needed to make these connections to the early settlers and their descendants who lived in the 1700s in New Mexico. Some of the surnames found among these early colonists were Baca, Candelaria, Chavez, Duran, Mirabal, and Tafoya. Continued research on these lines would include research in the Catholic Church records of the area and possible land and property records including land grants.



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