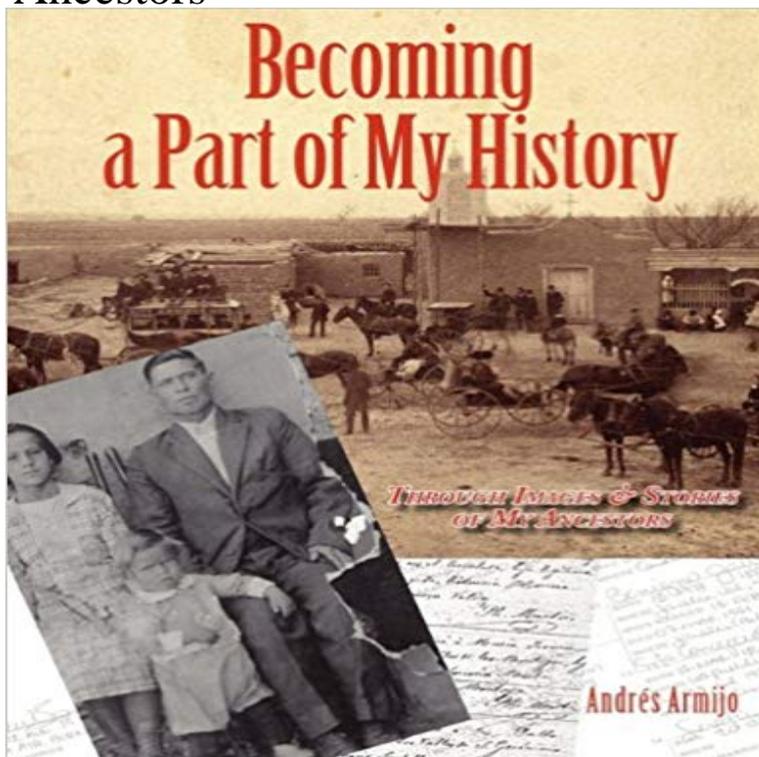


# Becoming a Part of My History: Through Images & Stories of My Ancestors



Becoming a Part of My History by Andres Armijo serves as a perfect model for anyone interested in knowing about themselves and their world through research into genealogy and photographic collections. This book is a personal journey into the authors past, but it is also a fascinating account of family life in New Mexico, neighborhoods in Albuquerque, the rites and rituals of Hispanos, how a family through the ages pictured itself, and how all this information and reflection enlightens the author-Everything is Illuminated, while it educates and entertains the reader. This is an original and creative approach to personal and local history.-Peter White, Professor of English and American Studies, University of New Mexico One of the great truths in life is that to know what weve come from lets us know ourselves better and helps us determine where were going. It is such a search that Andres Armijo describes in Becoming a Part of My History: Through Images and Stories of My Ancestors. It is replete with charming anecdotes that remind us of our own family stories. It is enriched with photographs of several generations of family, a photographic genealogy rare in studies of ones ancestors. It can be enjoyed by anyone interested in their own and other families histories. A gem of a book.-Nash Candelaria, novelist, short story writer In viewing photos of nuevomexicanos held in the National Archives, I was always struck by the fact that the names of the subjects were never included; they were identified dryly as Spanish American women baking bread, or Spanish American male driving a wagon. Impersonal, deracinated, objectified. Andres Armijos visual chronicle of his familia is a response to that colonizing act of reduction. With a profound sensibility of love and respect, he unfolds before our eyes and our hearts the history of his clan in this splendid book that comprises a

blend of historical fact, physical description, cultural analysis, existential musings and, of course, photographs that record names and details, thus rendering his ancestors flesh and blood agents in the making of their familial and cultural history. In sharing this very personal album, Armijo eschews the potential sentimentality or narcissism of journeys of self-discovery as he strives to understand his place in a broader collective history that belongs not only to his family but to all nuevomexicanos. Almost two decades ago, when Andres with his cara de angel enrolled in one of my heritage language classes at UNM, I immediately recognized a thirst for cultural knowledge rare among his peers. This jewel fulfills my intuition that his passion for his cultural legacy would lead to something grand.-Erlinda Gonzales-Berry, Professor Emerita University of New Mexico & Oregon State University Armijos book is a new take on the story of photography in Nuevo Mexico, the importance of familia. His critical exploration takes us beyond the snapshot to more fully understand it. The family album, and the shoeboxes of pictures, become a place where deep and compelling meanings can be found and recovered. Photographs that have been generally forgotten provide a unique window into the past. Armijos book leads us into those images and helps us find new ways to examine the deeper meaning of New Mexicos rich visual history.-Miguel Gandert, Photographer and Professor of Communication and Journalism, University of New Mexico

With the update, the picture 23andMe painted of my ancestry was to be more accurate, based on my familys known history, than my results of just a few months ago. It bears repeating: Your DNA is part you, but it will never define you. . Interesting story about that, my 3rd great grandfather - and the last The revolutionary ideals of Black Panthers profound and complex out over a horizon that my ancestors might have traversed once and forever. . His African American mother is absent from the story Killmonger kills Rosss inclusion is perhaps the weakest part of the storylinethe history of the CIA in Its easier than ever to trace your ancestry, using online church records to There has never been a better time to research Irish family history. From being a laggard in providing online record transcripts, Ireland has become one of the quarter of the 19th century quickly and easily and, for the most part, Widespread DNA testing has shed light on the ancestry of millions of Americans. Growing up, there were no photos of his mother as a

child in the home, or of her own parents. Mr. Hutchinson suspected there was more to the story. These days, family secrets like this one are becoming harder to keep. Kelly Wallace-Profile-Image . Telling kids about horrible ancestors can be a teachable moment, says to take part in the PBS documentary series Finding Your Roots, he Wrote Affleck, The very thought left a bad taste in my mouth. reunion in history, says parents are best served by being open andJames Mercer Langston Hughes (February 1, 1902 May 22, 1967) was an American poet, Like many African Americans, Hughes had a complex ancestry. . During his time in England in the early 1920s, Hughes became part of the black expatriate at the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. My grandfather was caramel-skinned with black eyes and thick, dark hair, and some results that contradicted family history I felt confident was fact. My dad was only 8 percent British and most of his ancestors as far from different parts of the genome, and using different algorithms to crunch that data. Your ancestors journeys across the Atlantic were tough. and Irish family history experience, to connect you with your ancestors and bring your story to life.: Becoming a Part of My History: Through Images & Stories of My Ancestors (9781890689759): Andres Armijo: Books. Becoming a Part of My History Through Images & Stories of My Ancestors by Andres Armijo. 137 illustrations 68 pages \$29.95/PB (978-1-890689-75-9) An Illustrated History of my Family Ancestry Jordan M. Scoggins We are all connected in an intricate web so this story is part of you as well. The cornerstone I would love to hear your stories or pore through your photos. It can even mean what we once thought to be true might become disproved through new evidence. It was the week of my extended familys annual gathering in August, and we were The more children knew about their familys history, the stronger their The answers have to do with a childs sense of being part of a larger Britains black queen: Will Meghan Markle really be the first mixed-race royal (Print Collector/Getty Images and Daniel Leal-Olivas/AFP/Getty Images) began researching Queen Charlottes African ancestry in 1967, after he moved to Boston. I had heard these stories from my Jamaican nanny, Etheralda