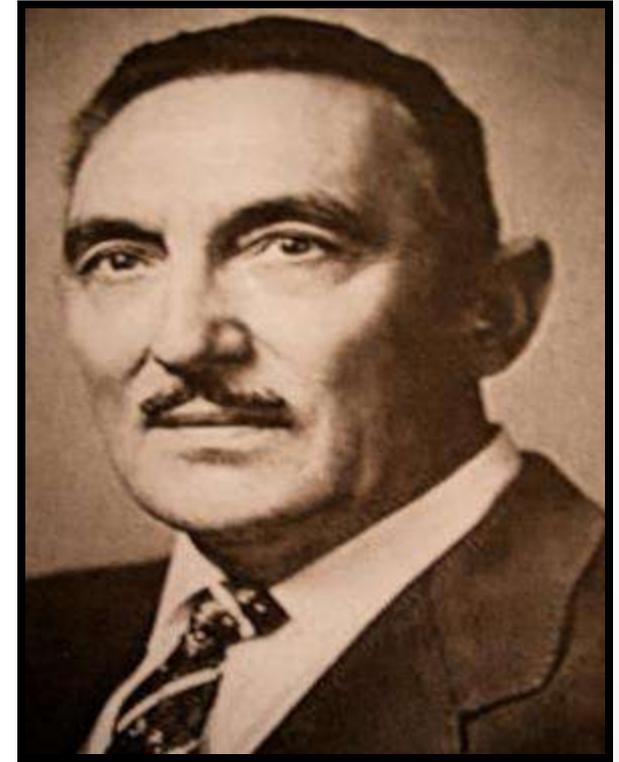


# The Life and Legacy of Dr. George Isidore Sánchez



By Dr. Luisa Durán

Graphics by Luisa Sachiko Pennington

**Dr. George I. Sánchez**

is

the 2013 posthumous recipient

of

The New Mexico Association for Bilingual  
Education (NMABE)

Senator Joseph M. Montoya

National Bilingual Education Award

# **Dr. George I. Sánchez y Sánchez**

Was a noted native New Mexican-American scholar, author, psychologist, ethnographic researcher, social critic and civil rights activist, educator and educational reformer here in New Mexico during the 1920's to 1940 (18 years), and in Texas from the 1940's to 1970's (32 years).

The NMABE has sought to honor Dr. Sánchez for his quite substantial and quite distinguished educational contributions to New Mexico, Texas, national states and international countries.

# Dr. George I. Sánchez y Sánchez

Comes from three different Sánchez family lineages. Of the 300+ families that came to settle NM with Juan de Oñate in 1600, thirteen different families were Sánchezes.

- a) His mother, Juliana Sánchez, comes from one Sánchez line
- b) His father, Telesforo Sánchez, comes from two Sánchez lines

Sánchez(PN): Son of Sancho<sup>1</sup>, Blessed One<sup>2</sup>

# Dr. George I. Sánchez y Sánchez

Was born in Los Barelás community of Albuquerque

on

October 4, 1906



# Dr. George I. Sánchez y Sánchez

## Childhood Education:

**0-6 years old** - Home schooling and upbringing in Old Albuquerque

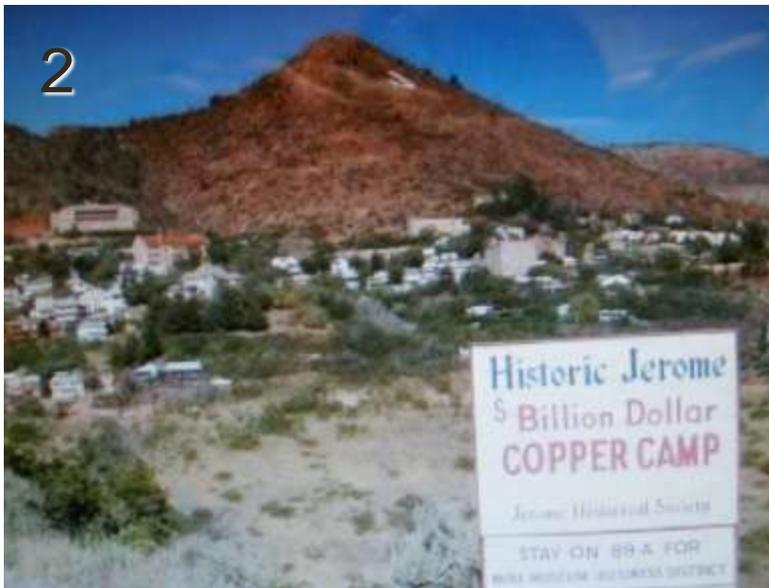
**6-7 years old** - First and second grades in APS

**7-14 years old** - Third to ninth grades in Jerome, Arizona

**14-16 years old**- Tenth through twelfth grade and graduation from Central High School/  
Albuquerque High School



1. Old Albuquerque
2. Jerome, AZ
3. Central High School/  
ABQ High School



# First Teaching Experience 1922-1924

Just before Dr. Sánchez turned 17 he got his first job at Yrisarri, New Mexico, 40 miles southeast of Albuquerque.

He went back and forth from Albuquerque to Yrisarri on horseback.



# Teacher, Principal, Superintendent, and UNM Student 1923-1930

At Los Griegos/Los Candelarias Schools,  
Bernalillo County

Part-time student at UNM



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ALBUQUERQUE

# Undergraduate and Graduate Education

2



AUSTIN

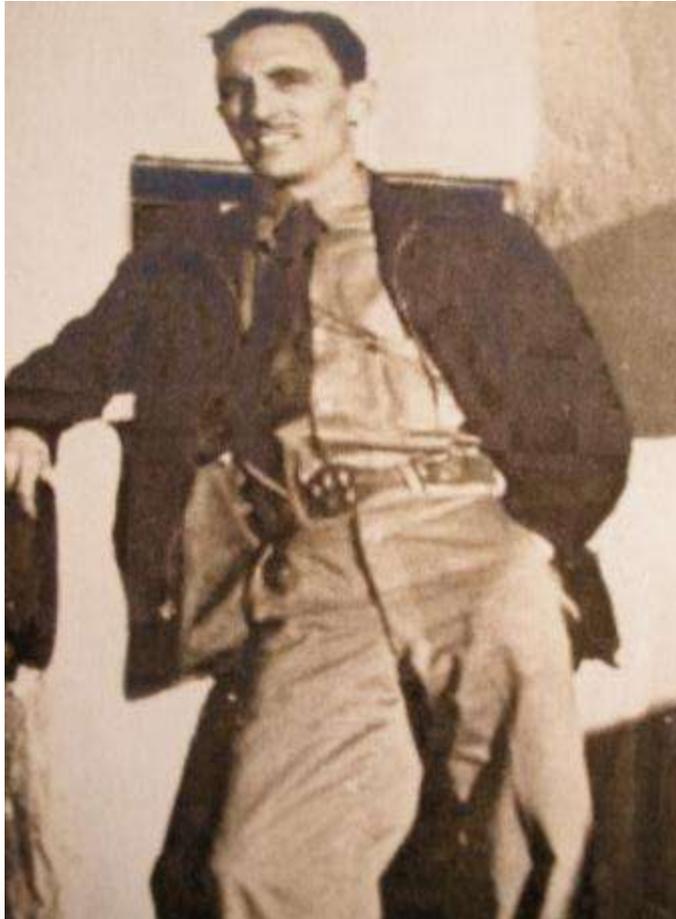
1. 1930: B.A. in Education and Spanish With Honors  
(*Cum laude*) (UNM)
2. 1931: M.S. in Educational Psychology and Spanish  
(UT-Austin)
3. 1934: Ed.D. in Educational Administration (UC Berkeley)

3



BERKELEY

# Personal Life



1906 Son of Telesfor Sánchez and Juliana Sánchez of Los Barelás in Albuquerque

1925 Married Virginia Romero and they had two children, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren

Co-Authored an article with Virgie R. Sánchez, “Education in Mexico in The Sixteenth Century” in the New Mexico Quarterly, August, 1934

Dedicated his second book, Forgotten People: A Study of New Mexicans, 1940 to Virgie R. Sánchez

Divorced around 1940 when he moved to Austin, Texas

1947 Married Dr. Luisa G. Guerrero. Co-Authored his third book, Education in Southern Peru, 1962 with Dr. Guerrero

1958 Co-authored article, “Perspectives”, in Educational Leadership with Dr. Luisa G. Sánchez

# Personal Life



1972 – Dr. Sánchez Died on April 5, 1972 in Austin, Texas

## Postscript:

One of Dr. Sánchez's granddaughters, Cynthia and her husband Pastor Greg Kennedy moved to Santa Fe where she is a school teacher and he ministers the St. John Methodist Church.

Cynthia and all the Sánchez family are the proud heirs of the distinguished legacy of Dr. George I. Sánchez, their "Tata".

Cynthia and Greg's family are also the proud heirs of Dr. Sánchez's Early Colonial New Mexico furniture.

Some of the Sánchez family is "home", and today we are proud to bring the spirit of Dr. Sánchez "home" also.

Al fin, QUE DESCANSE EN PAZ †

# Positions Held

22 positions held in NM (1922-1940) and 35 positions held in Texas (1940-1972)

- Student: high school, BA, MA, and Ed.D.
- Teacher and part-time instructor
- Principal/Superintendent
- Member of many boards
- Chair and President of several academic and civic associations
- Director of many programs
- Researcher (5 government grants/ 5 foundation grants)
- National/international educational consultant
- Associate and Full Professor of Education
- Founder UNM Law School
- Founder/Professor of Latin American Studies
- Expert Witness/Civil Rights Court Cases
- Undergraduate/Graduate/Post-Graduate Student Advisor (At least 65 M.A. thesis students' chairperson and 30 Ph.D. students' chairperson)
- Husband/father/grandfather/great-grandfather/great-great-grandfather

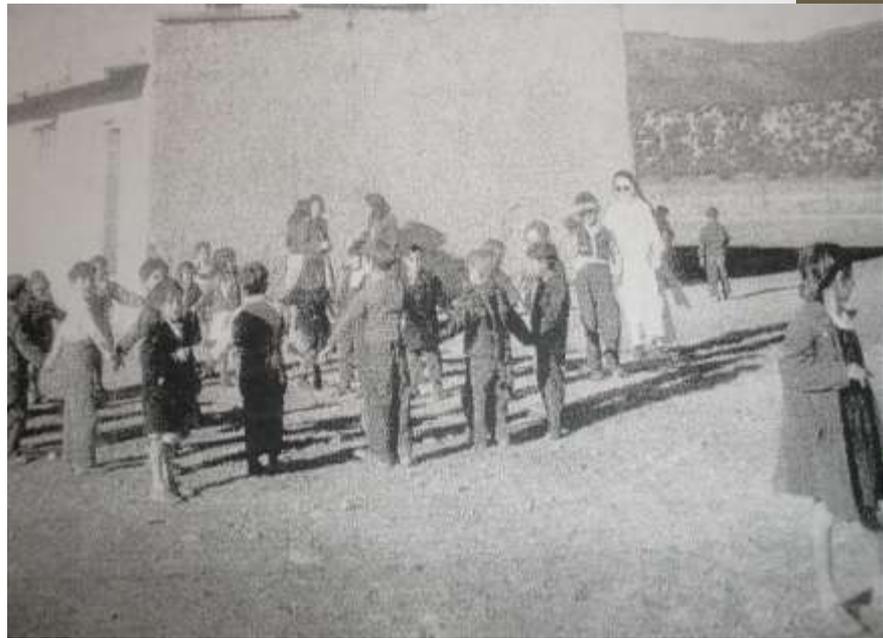
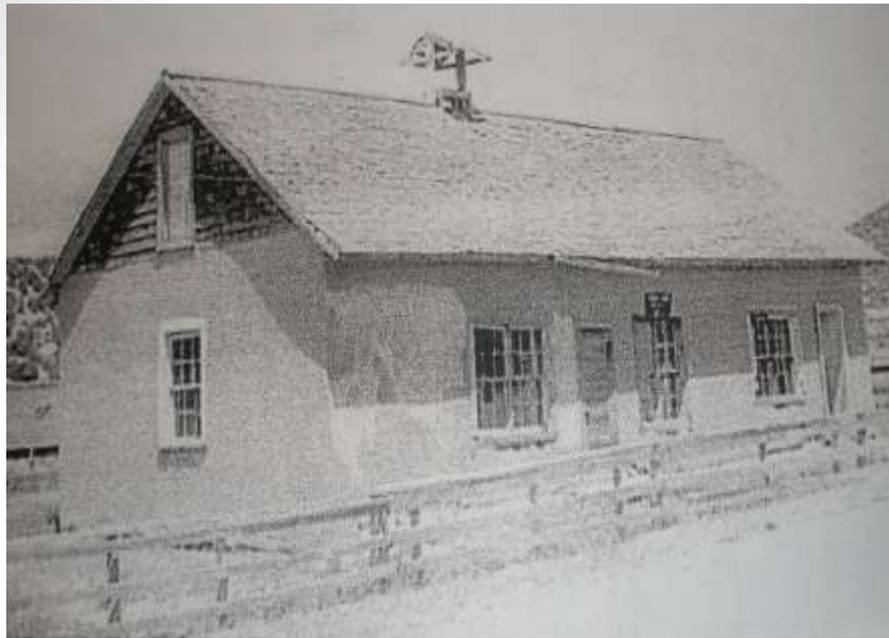


New Mexico State  
Department of  
Education

Director: 1931-1935

Division of  
Information and  
Statistics

(Some 300+ photos were taken by Dr. Sánchez at this time.)





NMEA  
President

1934-1935

(Now NEA-NM)

# The Golden Jubilee Convention

By DR. GEORGE I. SANCHEZ, *President New Mexico Educational Association*

**T**HE approach of the fiftieth annual Convention of the New Mexico Educational Association next month calls for a special demonstration of professional interest and for a careful consideration of what our organization has meant and, of greater importance, what it will mean in the progressive march of our schools. Fifty years of reunions in behalf of greater returns to the youth of our state have brought us far along the way of educational service. Half a century of stress upon the thrilling task that is ours is a record of achievement that might well make us proud.

At a time when the nearness of our Golden Jubilee might cause us to reminisce on our past accomplishments, we find ourselves only eager to continue our endeavors. Our task is always young—it is always novel and it always carries the challenge of a great adventure. Today we forget the passing of the years and seek the future with the firm conviction that the years to come will be the more glorious because the years that have gone by have been so full of successful service.

Our experience has taught us the value of professional co-operation. Through organization we have weathered the storms that beclouded the bright skies of our classrooms. Fellowship has lent zest to our work. The Golden Jubilee finds us convinced of the worth of our Association and already we anticipate the victories yet to come.



*New Mexico School  
Review: September 1935*

# NMMEA

# **LULAC National President**

**1941-1942**



**Dr. George I. Sanchez,  
National President (1941-42)  
Professor UNM later moved to  
University of Texas and  
Austin, TX. Published author.  
First Director of the Latin  
American Studies Program.**

# Civil Rights Leaders

Three Mexican-American Heroes

1940-1954<sup>+</sup>



Dr. Hector García M.D., Dr. George I. Sánchez Ed.D., Gustavo García LL.D.

# George I. Sánchez

## Publications and Bibliography

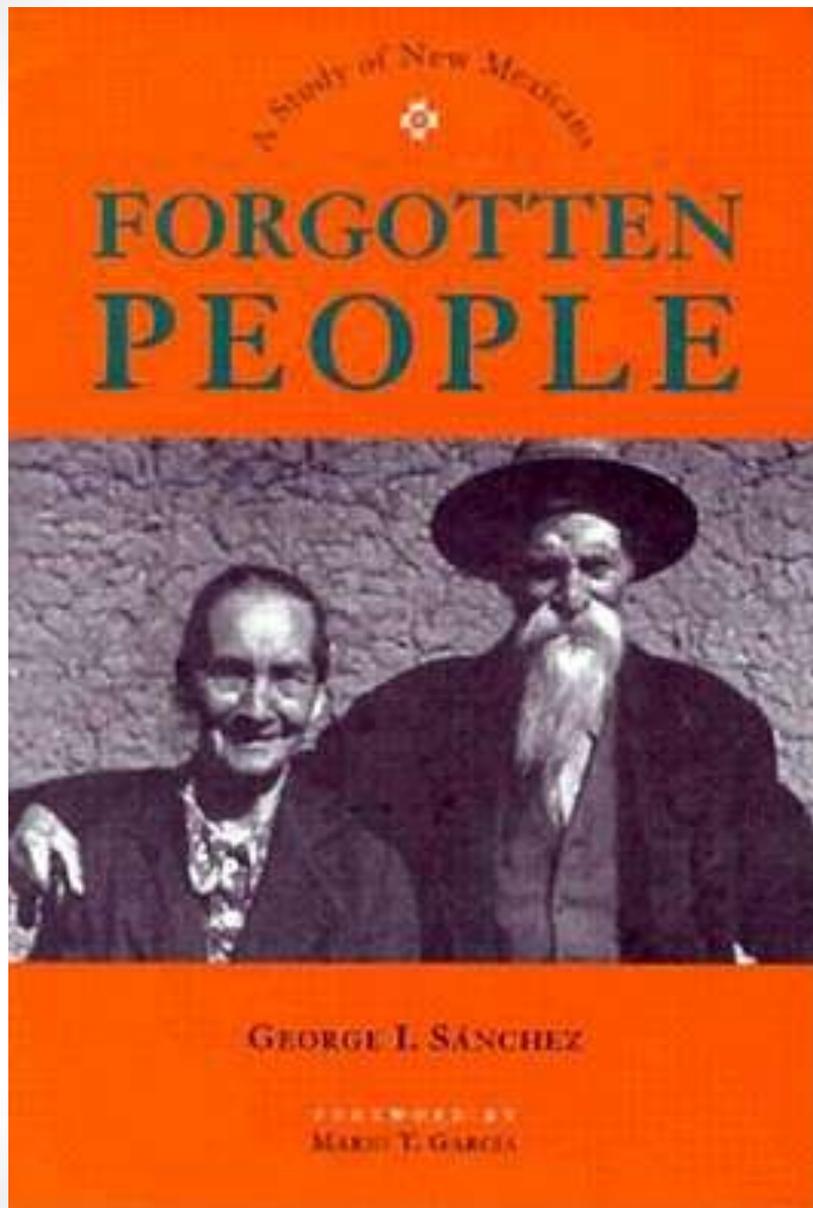
Author of about 55 publications were done while in New Mexico

Author of about 60 publications were done while in Texas

- Five Books
- 105 articles and monographs in fifteen different local academic journals/newspapers and fifteen different national academic journals/handbooks
- Six chapters or sections in other books

# Sánchez Articles in Academic Journals<sup>+</sup>

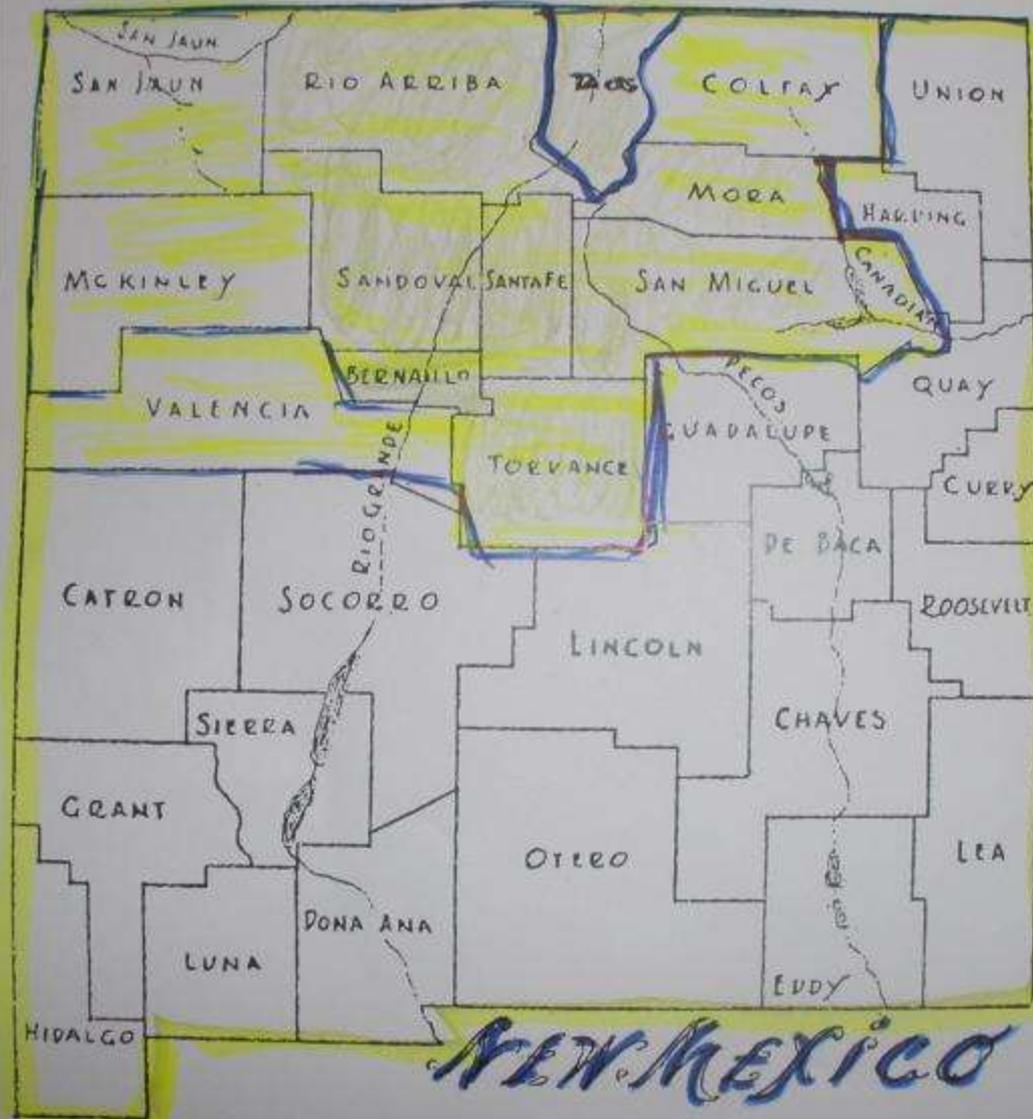
- Educational Research Bulletin
- UNM Bulletin
- General Services Bulletin
- New Mexico School Review
- Journal of Genetic Psychology
- Journal of Educational Research
- New Mexico Press
- New Mexico State Tribune
- US Daily
- Albuquerque Tribune
- Journal of Applied Psychology
- New Mexico Quarterly
- New Mexico Business Review
- The Taxpayer
- Journal of Social Psychology
- Human Growth and Development
- Progressive Education
- Academy of Political and Social Science
- Curriculum Journal
- The LULAC News
- Phi Delta Kappan
- Childhood Education
- The Educational Forum
- The Nation's Schools
- *Educación Nacional*
- Encyclopedia of Modern Education
- Comparative Education
- Journal of Elementary Education
- Educational Leadership
- Texas Observer
- Texas Journal of Secondary Ed.
- The Chicago Jewish Forum



Forgotten  
People: A  
Study of New  
Mexicans

by George I. Sánchez,  
Calvin Horn Publishers,  
1940

# TAOS and Neighboring Counties



FORGOTTEN PEOPLE: A Study of  
New Mexicans - 1940  
In 25 Villages In  
Taos County, N.M.





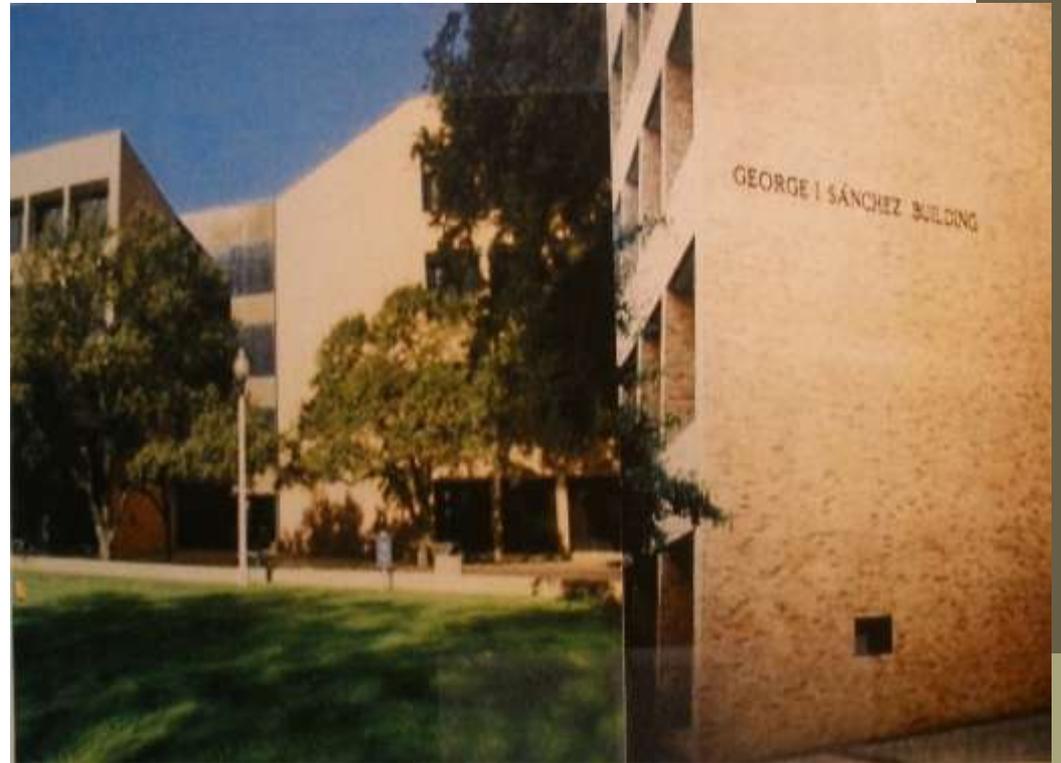
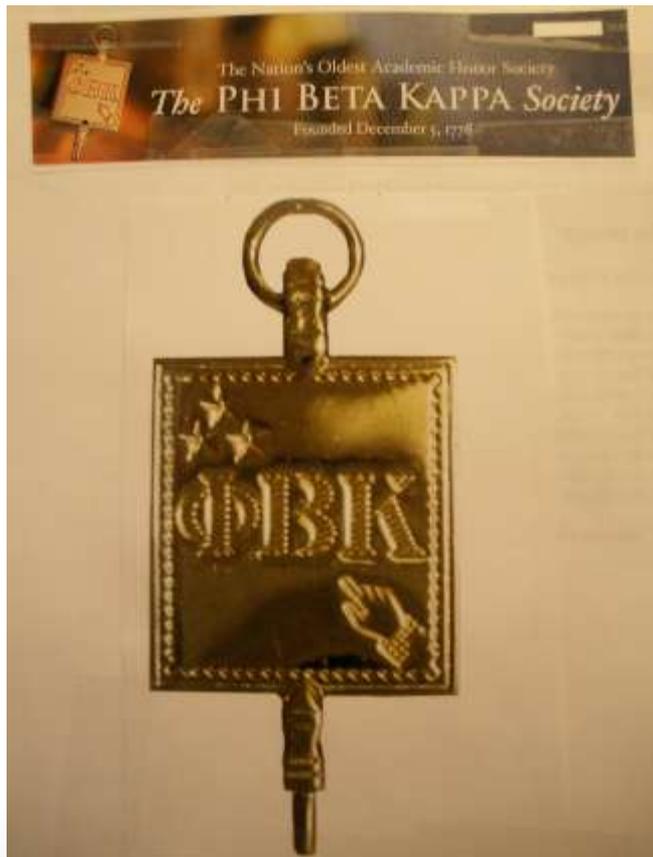


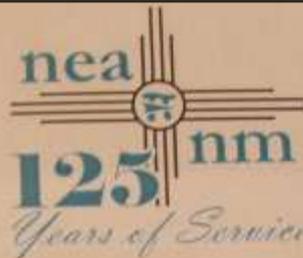
*The Harwood Museum of Art.*

# Notable New Mexico People/ Peers Who Worked With or Knew Dr. George I Sánchez

- Senators: Bronson Cutting and Dennis Chávez
- Governors: Seligman Tingley, Otero, Mechem
- Many officials in the 11th/12th NM Legislature
- Superintendents (about 8)
- All the people in the N.M. State Dept. of Education
- People at UNM
- People in Loyd Tireman's Nambé and San José Projects (1930')
- People at N.M. Normal University (Now N.M. Highlands University)
- People at NMEA
- People at the TEWA Soil Conservation Basin Study
- New Mexico LULAC
- People in the New Deal Programs:
  - Arts Revival Project
  - Writers Project
  - WPA
  - CCC
  - NYA
- People at the Harwood Library/ Foundation

# Honors/Tributes Paid to Dr. George I. Sánchez





NEA-New Mexico  
Presents

## 125th Anniversary Book to Cindy Kennedy

*Grandaughter of NMEA President,  
George I Sanchez (1935-36).*





*The House of Representatives  
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*Introduced by Representative Rick Miera*

*Recognizing the Many Contributions of Dr. George I. Sanchez to Education, Both*



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# Honors

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Office of Civilian Defense
- Memorial speeches
- Essays in Honor
- Ten Texas schools named for him
- Two California schools named for him
- Honorary Degrees
- Ancestors' Award
- One work section/one room in the U.S. Office of Education named after him
- Endowed Professorship at UT-Austin
- NEA-GIS Memorial Scholarship Award
- Book dedications
- The Annual George I. Sánchez Lecture Series UT-Houston
- NEA- NM 125th Anniversary Book
- Who's Who in America: 1972-1973
- The George I. Sánchez Building/College of Education, UT-Austin
- Sánchez' works cited, quoted, and suggested reading in many books
- NM House and Senate Memorials
- Forthcoming biographies:
  1. Dr. C. Blanton
  2. Dr. M. Tevis
- The George I. Sánchez Papers: 100 boxes at the Nettie Lee Benson Library UT-Austin
- Today: The NMABE Joseph M. Montoya National Bilingual Education Award
- Future? Naming something in N.M. after Dr. George I. Sánchez

# Dr. George I. Sánchez' Granddaughter Cynthia Kennedy



We are honored today to have some of Dr. Sánchez' family here to receive his well-deserved award in Bilingual Education

THANK YOU, NMABE

**Poem**  
***“Dr. George I. Sánchez y Sánchez”***

**By Luisa Durán**

**De los Sánchez  
hay ‘muncha’ gente buena  
y de Los Barelas  
llegó uno muy especial**

**They said  
‘our very own Dr. George I. Sánchez’  
forgotten  
(unintentionally)  
in his beloved New Mexico**

**‘Munchos’ anos  
‘muncha’ gente  
have passed on**

**The memory of  
Dr. George I. Sánchez  
must not be forgotten**

**His New Mexico students  
are still here  
now is a good time to honor  
Dr. George I. Sánchez  
antes de que sea muy tarde**

**October 4<sup>th</sup> look  
in the northern New Mexico night sky  
you can see one comet shooting north and  
south  
and  
you can see one comet shooting east and  
west**

**I think  
they are both  
our very own**

**1906-1972**

***Profesor Jorge Isidoro Sánchez y  
Sánchez***

**10.06.2008  
(Or, Google his name and you’ll see a  
bright star in the internet sky)**