

JARAMILLO, CLEOFAS MARTÍNEZ (1878–1956)

Jaramillo witnessed the misfortunes that befell Nuevomexicanos after the American occupation of their land. She was born and educated in New Mexico and, as a young woman, suffered personal tragedy, the loss of two children and her husband. Jaramillo refocused her life on preserving New Mexican culture. She wrote a cookbook, *The Genuine New Mexico Tasty Recipes*, to counter what she perceived as deficiencies in the books produced on the subject by Euro-Americans. She founded the Sociedad Folklórica, and authored *Cuentos del Hogar*, and *Shadows of the Past*. Perhaps her major contribution was *Romance of a Little Village Girl*, her autobiography. In her words, “I feel that I have accomplished one thing – preserved in writing our vanishing Spanish folk customs.”