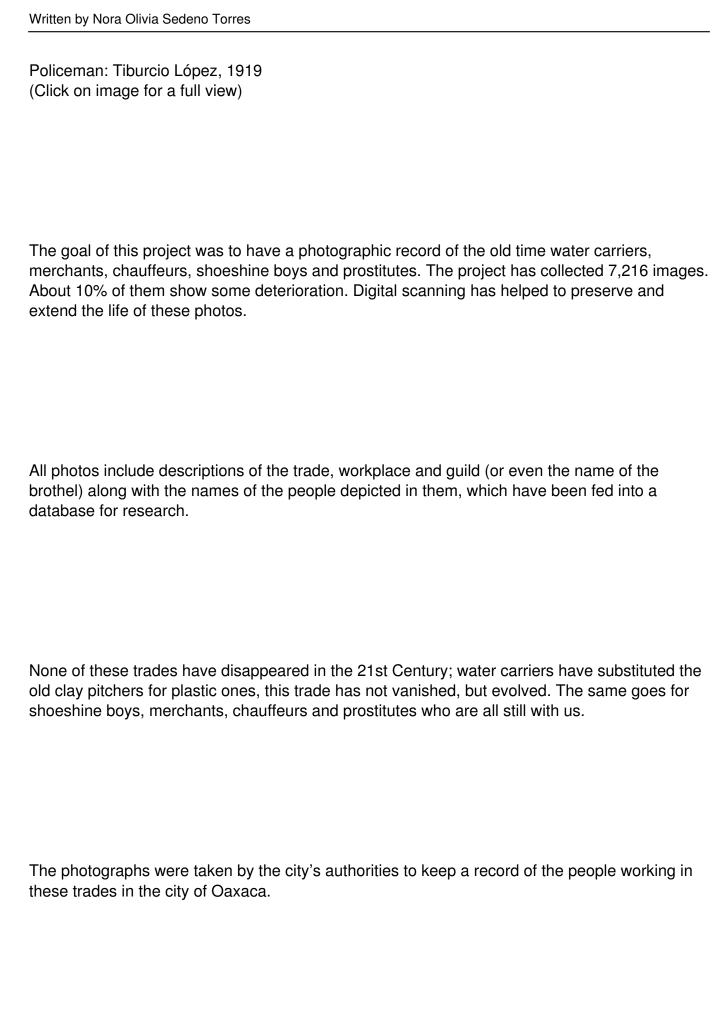
The Manuel R. Palacios Historic Archive of the City of Oaxaca has now its very own building. It now has a splendidly edited general guide of its documents and a much better organization. The catalog "Rescuing the city's image through its arts and crafts" is one more in a long line of achievements. It was made in 2003 along with ADABI Mexico. Now a CD-ROM will be made with the support of the City's Authorities. This CD will include beautiful 19th and 20th Century photographs of people that serviced the community and now allow us to revisit our recent past. This photo catalog is not only an historical record, but also a pleasant visual journey for all the people of Oaxaca.



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All the records are quite interesting, yet the one about prostitution is one of most appealing. It is the biggest archive, ranging from 1890 to 1957. The authorities kept a strict control of the business, recording the names of every house, owner and girl that worked in them, including the dates in which they started working and when they left town, their nationality, age and complete physical description.

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Although authorities tried to avoid clandestine prostitution, there are some independent prostitutes portrayed in the archive.

Prostitutes: Emilia Reyes, 1895 > (Click on image for a full view)



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