



## Research Report 3: The Descendants of José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera and Manuela Peñate Ruíz

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### OBJECTIVE:

Continue to build back the family tree additional generations, with supporting documentation, beginning with José Ruíz Cabrera, born circa 1870 in Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba, and his wife Manuela Peñate Ruíz, born circa 1870 in Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Previous research titled, *Research Project I – Fleitas Hernandez Family*, identified an additional generation of the family tree, as well as established that the client's 2x great grandparents, José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera and Manuela Peñate Ruíz were both from Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba. The focus of this second research project was to further the family tree another one to two generations, as well as identify the place of origin for the additional generations found.

The client requested that this project follow the objectives presented in Recommendations for Future Research, as presented in *Research Project I*.

Those objectives were:

1. Locate the certificate of baptism for Manuela Peñate Ruíz, as supporting evidence that will identify where his parents were born and add an additional generation to this family line.

2. Locate the certificate of baptism for José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera as supporting evidence that will identify where his parents were born and add an additional generation to this family line.
3. Locate the marriage record of José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera and Manuela Peñate Ruíz to identify where their parents were born and add an additional generation to this family line.

The researcher's focus was acquiring records in Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba. Ceiba Mocha is where the client's grandmother María Magdalena Hernández Ruíz was born, and where the maternal branch of her family tree originated.

### PEDIGREE CHART:

- Pedigree Chart is attached under separate cover
- GEDCOM file provided electronically

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

The baptismal record for Manuela Peñate Ruíz was located in La Iglesia de San Agustín in Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba. Manuela's full name was **Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz**. She was born 31 December 1863. This document confirms that her father, **Francisco Peñate Toga** was from Valsequillo, Gran Canaria, Spain, and that her mother, **Mercedes (Merced) Ruíz Caballero**, was from Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba. It also identified all four of Manuela's grandparents, adding an additional generation to the family tree.

The baptismal record for **José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera** was not found. Though his baptismal record was not found, his name is listed in the church index at La Iglesia de San Agustín in Ceiba Mocha. Unfortunately, the physical record has been lost due to improper conservation. Nevertheless, the church index does confirm that he was born in Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas.

**Manuela Peñate Ruíz** and **José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera** were married 15 June 1887, in La Iglesia de San Agustín in Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba. Their marriage required a dispensation from Spain because they were related by blood through collateral lines to the second degree. This would imply that Manuela and José Bonifacio were first cousins.

The marriage record for the parents of **José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera** was found. **Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero** and **Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero** were married in January 1857 at La Iglesia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha. Both Francisco and Antonia were native of Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. With this marriage record, we identify both sets of parents, adding an additional line to the family tree. We also discover that there were collateral lines of consanguinity between Francisco and Antonia to the fourth degree, which implies that they were second cousins. With this record, we also establish that Francisco Manuel's father and Antonia's father were both from Telde, Gran Canaria, Spain.

To further this family line and understand the lines of consanguinity in this family, additional records were researched. In particular, a sibling of **Mercedes Ruíz Caballero**, Manuela Peñate Ruíz's mother. Mercedes' brother, **Cósme Damián Ruíz Caballero** was born 27 September 1839 in Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. The acquisition of Cósme Damián's baptismal record is an important document as it proves the endogamy in the Ruíz and Caballero family lines as described in the following report (Table 1, page 9). The acquisition of Cósme's baptismal record also established that the Ruíz family line originates from Telde, Gran Canaria, Spain.

Finally, to develop the Cabrera family line, **Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero's** baptismal record was researched. Unfortunately, it was not found. However, the baptismal record for Antonia's sister, **María Feliciano de la Caridad Cabrera Caballero** was located. Her baptismal record proves that their father, **Miguel Cabrera Surita** was also from Telde, Gran Canaria, Spain. This confirms that several lines of the client's family originated from this island in this Spanish archipelago off the coast of northwestern of Africa.

*See Detailed Research Notes for source-cited explanations supporting this Summary.*

## RESEARCH DETAILS:

This research project focused on building back the family tree and identifying the country of origin for each of the family lines. Research was concentrated in Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba where in a previous research report it was established that **Manuela Peñate Ruiz** and **José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera** were both born.

### History of Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba

During the Anglo-French Seven Year's War (1756-63), Great Britain captured Cuba, Spain's prized hub of trans-Atlantic commerce. A year later, in 1763, the Treaty of Paris concluded the war, and Spain kept Cuba and gave up Florida, despite the consequences for its colonists, particularly in St. Augustine, Florida. In an evaluation over the course of 10-months, more than 3,000 individuals emptied the Spanish colony of St. Augustine, Florida, many of which went to Cuba, and many of whom were of Spanish descent.<sup>1</sup> In 1764 a wealthy landowner, Jerónimo Contreras, Conde de Jobacoa, donated 108 *caballerías* of land located southeast of Havana for the displaced Floridians.<sup>2</sup> The *caballería* (literal translation 'cavalry') was a unit of land measurement in the Spanish viceroyalties in the Americas during the times of the Spanish Empire in the 16th through 19th centuries Spanish West Indies. It was equivalent to 194.2 acres.<sup>3</sup> Eighty-four Florida families relocated to a new settlement, which they called San Agustín de la Nueva Florida, later becoming known as Ceiba Mocha. The new San Agustín was a multi-ethnic and multi-racial community, formed of the homeless Floridians that came from many different backgrounds. The dominant population, however, consisted of forty-three families from the Canary Islands. It is interesting to note that most modern residents of Ceiba Mocha, believe the town was settled exclusively by Canary Islanders and are proud of the distinction. La Iglesia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha contains images of St. Augustine, and of the patron saint of the Canary Islands, La Candelária.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Landers, Jane. "An Eighteenth-Century Community in Exile: The 'Floridanos' in Cuba." *NWIG: New West Indian Guide / Nieuwe West-Indische Gids* 70, no. ½, 1996, (<http://www.jstor.org/stable/41849740> : accessed 21 December 2021), p. 39–58.

<sup>2</sup> *Ecured* ([https://www.ecured.cu/Ceiba\\_Mocha\\_\(Matanzas\)](https://www.ecured.cu/Ceiba_Mocha_(Matanzas)) : accessed 21 December 2021), Ceiba Mocha (Matanzas).

<sup>3</sup> *Wikipedia* (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caballer%C3%ADa> : accessed 21 December 2021), Caballería, rev. 13 July 2021.

<sup>4</sup> Landers, Jane. "An Eighteenth-Century Community in Exile: The 'Floridanos' in Cuba." *NWIG: New West Indian Guide / Nieuwe West-Indische Gids* 70, no. ½, 1996, (<http://www.jstor.org/stable/41849740> : accessed 21 December 2021), p. 39–58.



*Iglesia de San Agustín, Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba<sup>5</sup>*

### Baptism of Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz, 1863

**Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz** was born 31 December 1863 in Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba. She was baptized twelve days later on the 12 January 1864 in La Iglesia de San Agustín in Ceiba Mocha. She was the daughter of **Francisco Peñate Toga**, who was native of Valsequillo, Gran Canaria, Spain, and **Mercedes Ruiz Caballero**, native of Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba. Paternal grandparents were **Miguel Peñate** and **María Toga**. Maternal grandparents were **Jorge Ruíz** and **Josefa Caballero**. Godparents were Gregorio Estupiñan and Tomas Ruíz.<sup>6</sup>

The document is an important acquisition because it identifies the additional last name for Manuela's parents, which was not known before this document was found. It also identifies all four of her grandparents, adding an additional generation to the family tree. Furthermore, it proves that the Peñate line originates in Valsequillo, Gran Canaria, Spain. We can also deduce that Francisco Peñate Toga immigrated to Cuba between 1840, his estimated birth, and 1863, the year before his daughter Manuela Silvestre was born.

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<sup>5</sup> "Ecclesiastical Records, Matanzas Providence," *Cuban Genealogy Club of Miami* (<https://www.cubangenclub.org/databases/ecclesiastical/matanzas/> : accessed 21 December 2021), San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha Church in Ceiba Mocha, Cuba.

<sup>6</sup> Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Bautismo" [Literal Certification of Baptismal Record], libro 9 de Españoles, folio 183, numero 635, Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz, baptism (1863), born 31 December 1863, baptized 12 January 1864; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021]. [DOC 1]

## Marriage of Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz and José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera, 1887

On the 15 June 1887, Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz married José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera at La Iglesia de San Agustín in Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba. Manuela, single, native and resident of Ceiba Mocha, was the daughter of **Francisco Peñate** and **Merced (Mercedes) Ruíz**. José Bonifacio was documented as single, native and resident Ceiba Mocha. He was the son of **Francisco Ruíz** and **Ramona Cabrera**.<sup>7</sup>

Manuela and José Bonifacio's marriage required many steps of approval because they were related by blood and approval by the catholic church was required before they could be united in marriage.

According to canon law, in Spain and its overseas possessions, consanguineous kinship in direct line up to the fourth degree, including collateral lines constituted impediments to marriage. However, all consanguineous prohibitions to marriage could, upon request, be overcome by papal dispensation with the exception of consanguinity in the direct line, i.e. between parents and children, and in the first degree in the collateral line, i.e. between siblings. The Archive of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs in Madrid holds 235 papal dispensations granted to Cubans between 1800 and 1870.<sup>8</sup>

Manuela and José Bonifacio received approval on the 1 May 1887, from Madrid. On 3 June 1887, they appeared before the priest at La Iglesia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha to present their dispensation for marriage. Witnesses Andrés Martínez, Juan Blanco and Cirilo Bello, confirmed that there were no other canonical impediments other than the one dispensed, and that they were parishioners of the church. They were married on 15 June 1887, with witnesses Felipe Martínez and Andrés Peñate. The godparents were Francisco Peñate and María del Carmen Peñate.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Matrimonio" [Literal Certification of Marriage Record], libro 3 de Matrimonios, folio 146, numero 362, Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz and Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera, married (1887), married 15 June 1887; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021]. **[DOC 2]**

<sup>8</sup> Verena Martinez-Alier, *Marriage, Class and Colour in Nineteenth-Century Cuba: A Study of the Racial Attitudes and Sexual Values in a Slave Society* (The University of Michigan Press: Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1989), p. 87-88.

<sup>9</sup> Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Matrimonio" [Literal Certification of Marriage Record], libro 3 de Matrimonios, folio 146, numero 362, Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz and Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera, married (1887), married 15 June 1887; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021].

Manuela and José Bonifacio's marriage confirms that there was endogamy or consanguinity ties to the second degree in this family. This implies that Manuela and José Bonifacio were first cousins.

It is important to note that witnesses and godparents include three individuals with the surname Peñate. We can assume that these three individuals were related to Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz as siblings, cousins, or uncles/aunt.

### Baptism of José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera

José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera's birth record was researched in La Iglesia de San Agustín in Ceiba Mocha. Unfortunately, it was not found. Though his baptismal record does not exist, he is recorded in the index records for the church. Regrettably, his physical baptismal record has been lost due to improper conservation of the document. However, the index in the church records do indicate that he was born in 1862 and was native of Ceiba Mocha.<sup>10</sup>

It is important to point out that there are discrepancies in existing documents for José Bonifacio:

1. The client names him as José Bonifacio Ruíz in documents that she has in per possession.<sup>11</sup>
2. The birth record of his son Bonifacio Ruíz Peñate in 1905 names him as José Ruíz.<sup>12</sup>
3. His name is listed as Bonifacio Ruíz Peñate on his marriage record to Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. Cuba), libro 9, folio 151, numero 528, Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera baptism (1862). Electronic communication with my archivist in Cuba regarding her conversation with the archivist at La Iglesia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba. Document is in the index but the physical record does not exist.

<sup>11</sup> Republica de Cuba, Ministerio de Justicia Registro Civil (Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba), "Certificación de Nacimiento," [BirthRecord], tomo 14, folio 444, María Magdalena Hernández Ruíz (1913), born 20 July 1913, official record issued 7 October 2020; original, family copy, privately held by Iris Valdes Escarra, [address for private use]. [DOC 3]

<sup>12</sup> Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. Cuba), "Certificación de Bautismo" [Baptismal Record], libro I General, folio 234, numero 353, Bonifacio Ruíz Peñate baptism (1905), born 5 July 1905, baptized 12 August 1905; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 15 October 2021]. [DOC 4]

<sup>13</sup> Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Matrimonio" [Literal Certification of Marriage Record], libro 3 de Matrimonios, folio 146, numero 362, Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz and Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera, married (1887), married 15 June 1887; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021].

4. The index of his birth in La Iglesia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha indicates that his name was Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera.

The names of his parents, Francisco Ruíz Caballero and Antonia Ramona Cabrera, are consistent in all these documents. As a result, we know that we have the correct person. His baptismal index record and his marriage record are the closest documents to his identity. Therefore, we must assume that he was given the name Bonifacio at birth. Had his birth name been José Bonifacio or Bonifacio José, it would have been indicated on his baptismal or marriage record. For some reason, he later was referred to as José or José Bonifacio. Throughout this report he is referred to as José Bonifacio for consistency and differentiation of his son Bonifacio.

Damage to Baptismal Record of Jose Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera  
Note from Church Staff<sup>14</sup>

	<p>[REDACTED] no te pude hacer la partida de bautismo de Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera que se encuentra en el indice pero cuando fui al libro le faltan páginas ya que están muy deterioradas y al fotocopiarlo se las saltaron.</p>
	<p>L-9 Folio 151 n° 528 año 1862.</p>
	<p>Un saludo. Resos</p>

<sup>14</sup> Electronic communication with my archivist in Cuba regarding her conversation with the archivist at La Iglesia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba.



## Marriage of Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero and Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero, parents of José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera, 1857

In January 1857, **Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero** married **Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero** in La Iglesia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha.<sup>15</sup>

Francisco, who was single, resident, and native of Ceiba Mocha, was the son of **Jorge Ruíz** and **Josefa Caballero**. Antonia, who was single, resident, and native of Ceiba Mocha, was the daughter of **Miguel Cabrera** and **Antonia Caballero**. The godparents were Miguel Cabrera and Antonia Caballero. Witnesses were Juan Hernández and Francisco González.<sup>16</sup>

Again, in this marriage we see collateral lines of consanguinity to the fourth degree as denoted in the marriage record. The Bishop in Cuba approved this dispensation by the Catholic Church. Collateral lines of consanguinity to the fourth degree would suggest that they were second cousin, and a set of their grandparents were siblings.

### Transcription:

Enero de mil ochocientos cincuenta y siete año. Yo el Presbítero Don Tomás Cuesta Cura Interino de la misma habiendo precedido las diligencias judiciales como consta del auto del día siete de este mes del Excelentísimo Señor Obispo Diocesano por el cual se dignó dispensar a los contrayentes el impedimento dirimente de consanguinidad en cuarto grado que los liga y practicadas las demás diligencias ante mí y leídose [leídas] las tres canónicas amonestaciones sin resultar otro impedimento desposé y velé por palabras del presente según orden ritual a **Don Francisco Manuel Ruiz** soltero, natural y vecino de esta feligresía hijo legítimo de **Don Jorge** y de **Doña Josefa Caballero** con **Doña Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera** natural y vecina de esta feligresía, soltera, hija legítima de **Don Miguel** y **Doña Antonia Caballero** a quienes habiéndoles preguntado tuve por respuesta su mutuo y espontáneo consentimiento. Fueron examinados y aprobados en doctrina cristiana, fueron sus padrinos Don Miguel Cabrera y Doña Antonia Caballero, testigos Don Juan Hernández y Don Francisco González. Confesaron y comulgaron y lo firmé.

Tomás Cuesta

<sup>15</sup> Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Matrimonio" [Literal Certification of Marriage Record], libro 2 de Matrimonios, folio 11, numero 721, Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero and Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero, married (1857), married January 1857; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021]. [DOC 5]

<sup>16</sup> Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Matrimonio" [Literal Certification of Marriage Record], libro 2 de Matrimonios, folio 11, numero 721, Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero and Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero, married (1857), married January 1857; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021].

The location of Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero and Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero's marriage record was important because it identified an additional generation of the client's family. It also identified that Francisco Ruíz Caballero and Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero were both born in Ceiba Mocha.

### Baptism of Cósme Damián Ruíz Caballero, brother of Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero, 1839

On 27 September 1839, Cósme Damián Ruíz Caballero was born. He was baptized a month later on 19 October 1839 in La Iglesia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha. Cósme Damián was the son of **Jorge Ruíz** and **Josefa Caballero**. Jorge Ruíz was born in Telde, Gran Canaria, Spain and Josefa was born in Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. They were both residents of Ceiba Mocha at the time of their son's birth. Paternal grandmother was **María de los Reyes**. Maternal grandparents were **Félix Caballero** and **Tomas Rodríguez**. The godfather was Francisco Romero.<sup>17</sup>

The acquisition of Cósme Damián's birth record is an important document because it proves the endogamy or consanguinity in the Ruíz and Caballero family lines.

1. In Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz's baptismal record, **Jorge Ruíz** and **Josefa Caballero**, were identified as her maternal grandparents. The parents of her mother Mercedes Ruíz.<sup>18</sup>
2. In Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero's marriage record, **Jorge Ruíz** and **Josefa Caballero** are recorded as his parents.<sup>19</sup>
3. In Cósme Damián Ruíz Caballero's baptism record, **Jorge Ruíz** and **Josefa Caballero** are recorded as his parents.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Bautismo" [Literal Certification of Baptismal Record], libro 7 de Españoles, folio 38, numero 250, Cósme Damián Ruíz Caballero, baptism (1839), born 27 September 1839, baptized 19 October 1839; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021]. [DOC 6]

<sup>18</sup> Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Bautismo" [Literal Certification of Baptismal Record], libro 9 de Españoles, folio 183, numero 635, Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz, baptism (1863), born 31 December 1863, baptized 12 January 1864; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021].

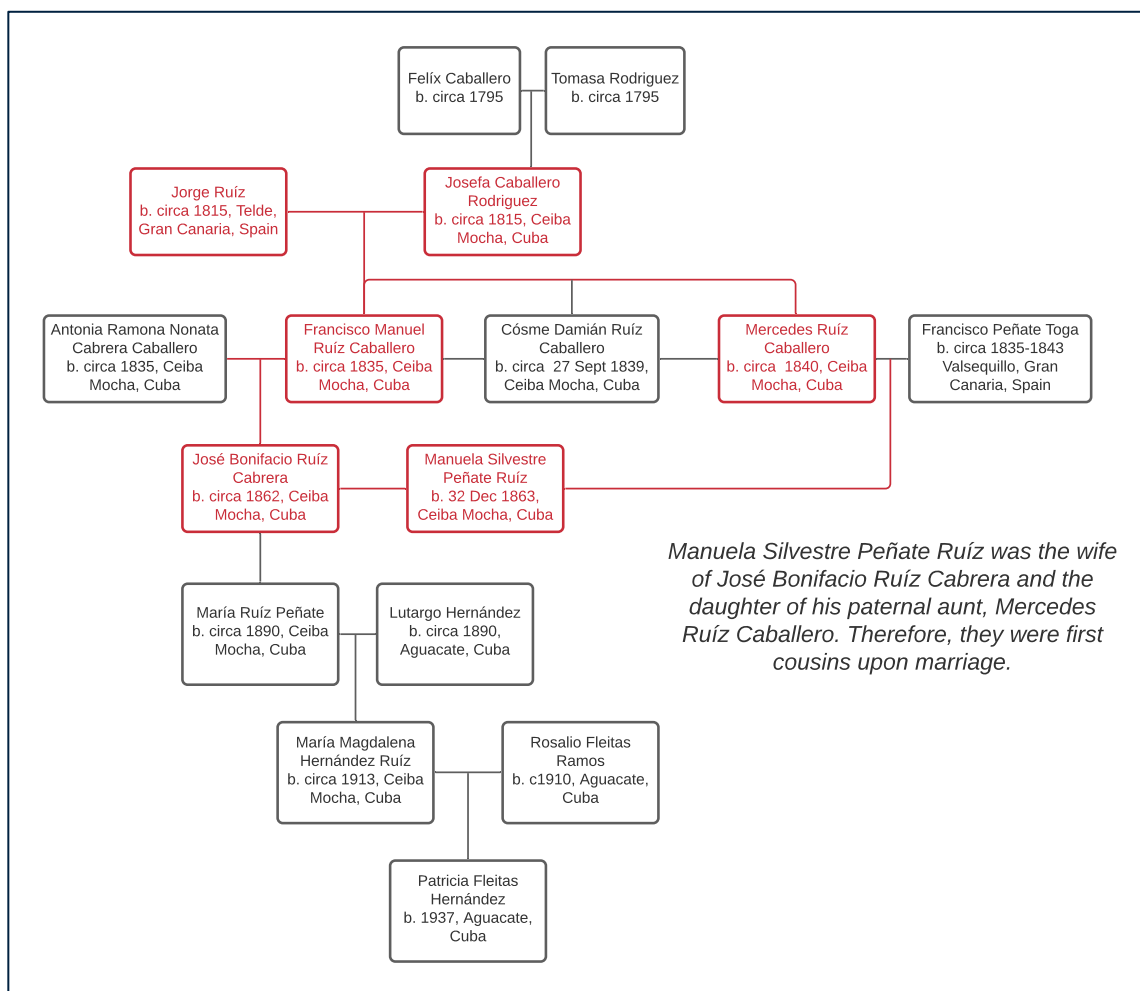
<sup>19</sup> Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Matrimonio" [Literal Certification of Marriage Record], libro 2 de Matrimonios, folio 11, numero 721, Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero and Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero, married (1857), married January 1857; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021].

<sup>20</sup> Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Matrimonio" [Literal Certification of Marriage Record], libro 2 de Matrimonios, folio 11, numero 721, Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero and Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero, married (1857), married January 1857; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021].

This proves that Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero’s son [José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera], married his sister, Mercedes Ruíz Caballero’s daughter [Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz], proving their collateral lines of consanguinity to the second degree as described in the marriage record for José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera to Manuela Peñate on 15 June 1887.

Along with proving the endogamy connection, Cósme Damián’s baptismal record also connects the Ruíz family line to Telde, Gran Canaria, Spain. This takes two lines of the client’s family tree to the same town in the Canary Islands.

**Table 1:**  
**Collateral Lines of Consanguinity to the Second Degree**  
**José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera and Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz<sup>21</sup>**



<sup>21</sup> This is not a complete family tree. This limited tree is only for establishing lines of consanguinity between José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera and Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz.

## Baptism of María Feliciana del la Caridad Cabrera Caballero, sister of Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero, 1840

The baptismal record for Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero, mother of José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera, was not found. However, the baptismal record for her sister, María Feliciana de la Caridad Cabrera Caballero was located.

On 9 June 1840, María Feliciana de la Caridad Cabrera Caballero was born in Ceibo Mocha, Matanzas. She was baptized a month later on 6 July at La Iglesia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha. María Feliciana was the daughter of **Miguel Cabrera Surita**, who was born in Telde, Gran Canaria, Spain, and **Antonia Caballero del Pino**, native of Ceibo Mocha, Matanzas. Both were residents of Ceiba Mocha at the time of their daughter's birth. Paternal grandparents were **Francisco Cabrera** and **María Surita**. Maternal grandparents were **Vicente Caballero** and **Francisco del Pino**. The godparents were Mateo Soler and María Surita.<sup>22</sup>

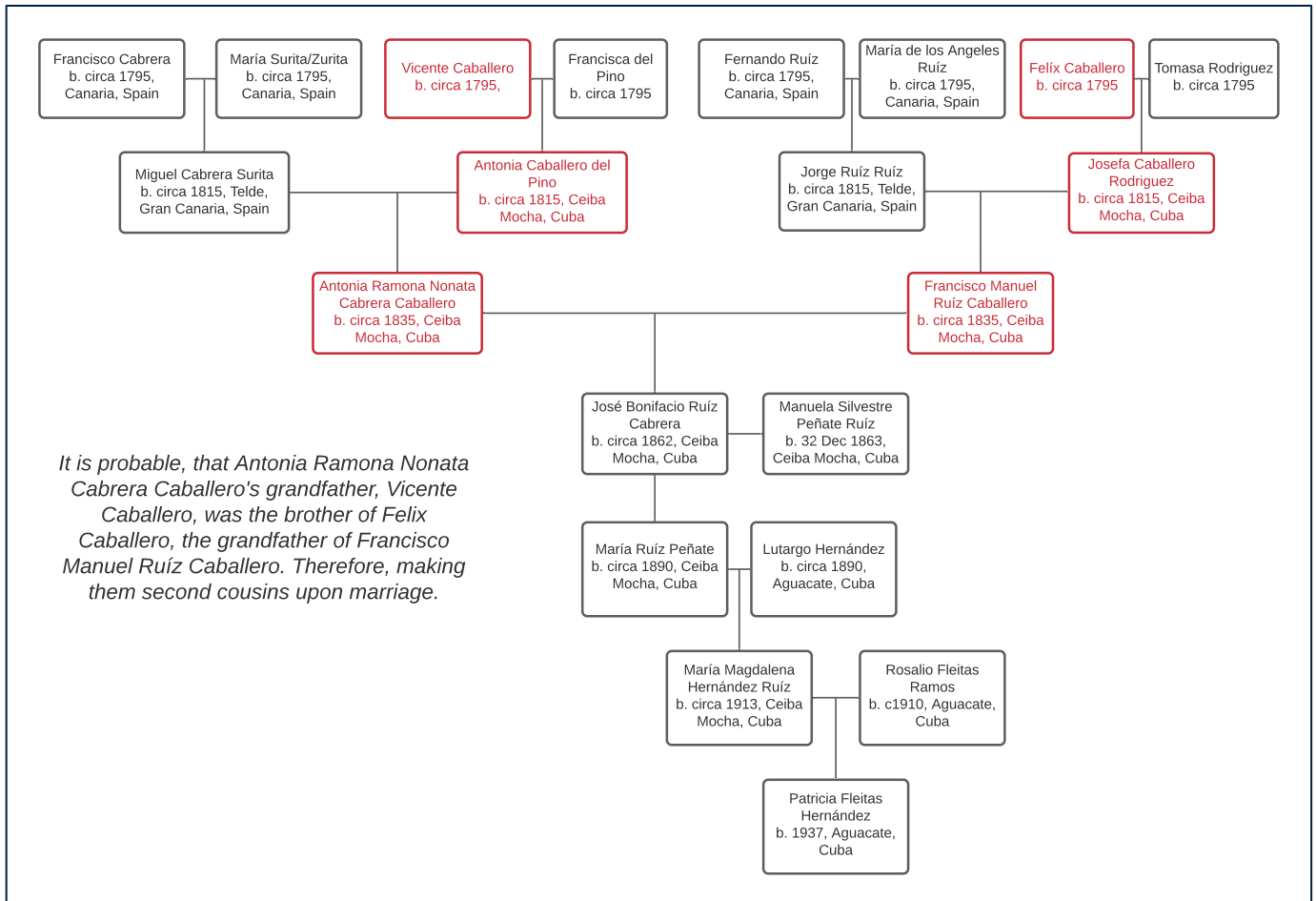
The acquisition of this document adds two additional generations to the family line. It also identifies generations born in Ceiba Mocha, and Telde, Gran Canaria, Spain. This brings three lines of the client's family originating from this one town in Gran Canaria.

The acquisition of this document also proves the collateral lines of consanguinity to the fourth degree by identifying the grandparents and their surnames. These surnames give us probability of relationship to prove the endogamy. The maternal grandfather of Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero [Félix Caballero] was likely the brother of the maternal grandfather of Antonia Ramona Cabera Caballero [Vicente Caballero]. Based on surname combinations, it is probable that their grandfathers were brothers.

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<sup>22</sup> Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Bautismo" [Literal Certification of Baptismal Record], libro 7 de Españoles, folio 49, numero 328, María Feliciana de la Caridad Cabrera Caballero, baptism (1840), born 9 June 1840, baptized 6 July 1840; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021]. **[DOC 7]**

**Table 2:**  
**Collateral Lines of Consanguinity to the Fourth Degree**  
**Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero and Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero<sup>23</sup>**



<sup>23</sup> This is not a complete family tree. This limited tree is only for establishing lines of consanguinity between Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero and Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero.

## Origins of the Ruíz Peñate Family

## Canary Islands, Spain

## Descendants of Levi Wight and Sarah Corbin

Surname	Ancestor	Place of Origin
PEÑATE TOGA	Francisco Peñate Toga	Valsequillo, Gran Canaria, Spain
RUÍZ RUÍZ	Jorge Ruíz Ruíz	Telde, Gran Canaria, Spain
CABRERA SURITA	Miguel Cabrera Surita	Telde, Gran Canaria, Spain

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH:

## Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba

1. Research can continue in Ceiba Mocha where the client's family lived for several generations. In the Cathedral of Matanzas there are various Caballero families listed in the archive indexes in the 1700s. This would connect this family line even further with existing documents. This Caballero line may have origins in Valencia, Spain.
2. Continue the search beginning with Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz. Locate the baptismal record of her mother Mercedes Ruíz Caballero, born in Ceiba Mocha.
3. Locate the marriage record of Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz's parents, Francisco Peñate Toga, native of Valsequillo, Spain, and Mercedes Ruíz Caballero, native of Ceiba Mocha.
4. Locate the marriage record of Miguel Cabrera Surita, native of Telde, to Antonia Caballero del Pino, native of Ceiba Mocha.
5. Locate the marriage record of Jorge Ruíz Ruíz, native of Telde, Spain, to Josefa Caballero Rodríguez, native of Ceiba Mocha.

## Gran Canaria, Canary Islands

1. Research can focus in Gran Canaria, Spain where many branches of the client's family tree originates.
  - a. The Surita/Zurita line is a surname with ancient origins from the years of the of the Canary Islands in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, with a branch rooted in Telde
  - b. Continue through the Peñate Toga line, which also originates in Valsequillo, Gran Canaria, Spain.
  - c. Continue through the Ruíz Ruíz line, which also originates in Telde, Gran Canaria, Spain.

## DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:

## Document 1: Baptism of Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz, 1863

DIOCESIS DE MATANZAS  
CUBA

Parroquia de: San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha

Libro: 9

Folio: 183

Número: 635

NOTAS MARGINALES:

FECHA:  
Día: 24  
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DEFUNCIÓN  
 BAUTISMO  
MATRIMONIO

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TEXTO: *El martes doce de enero de mil ochocientos sesenta y cuatro yo Pbro Andrés Martínez Etor Coadjutor por el Excmo obispo diocesano, de la Iglesia de ingreso de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha bautice solemnemente a una niña que nació el día treinta y uno de diciembre del próximo pasado hija legítima de D. Francisco Peñate, natural de Lanarías del lugar de Paresquillo y de D.ª Mercedes Ruíz de esta naturalidad, abuelos paternos D.º Miguel y D.ª María Toga, maternos D.º Jorge y D.ª Josefa Caballero y en dicha niña oficié las sacras oraciones y pases y puse por nombre Manuela Silvestre, fueron sus padrinos D.º Gregorio Estopiñán y D.ª Tomasa Ruíz a quienes advertí el parentesco espiritual y de sus obligaciones que contrajeron y lo firmé.*

*Andrés Martínez Etor*

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Diócesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Bautismo" [Literal Certification of Baptismal Record], libro 9 de Españoles, folio 183, numero 635, Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz, baptism (1863), born 31 December 1863, baptized 12 January 1864; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021].



Document 2: Marriage of Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz and José Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera,  
1887

**DIOCESIS DE MATANZAS  
CUBA**

Parroquia de: San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha

Libro: 3

Folio: 146

Número: 362

**CERTIFICACION LITERAL DE LA PARTIDA DE :**  
 DEFUNCIÓN  
 BAUTISMO  
 MATRIMONIO

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**TEXTO :** *En el pueblo de Ceiba Mocha a los tres días del mes de junio de mil ochocientos ochenta y siete años ante mí Pbro D Andrés Martínez Etex cura parroco de la iglesia del referido pueblo y de los testigos presentes que al final inscriben comparecieron Bonifacio Ruíz y Cabrera de estado soltero natural y vecino de Mora y Da Manuela Silvestre Peñate y Ruiz soltera de la misma naturalidad y vecindad hija legítima de D Francisco y D Mercedes con objeto de practicar las diligencias ordinarias para el matrimonio para cuyo efecto presentaron en auto del Excmo Sr Obispo Diocesano por el cual el Sr Excmo les dispuso el impedimento de consanguinidad en segundo grado igual en línea colateral con que están ligados expedido en la Villa y Corte de Madrid el primero de mayo del Comenta año. En su consecuencia expuse sus voluntades y se halló conformes. Los testigos declararon y afirman que no hay otros contrayentes no existe ningún impedimento civil ni canónico a más del dispensado y que ademas con recenos de esta Parroquia firmando el acta firmaron el Párroco y testigos para constancia. Andrés Martínez, Juan Planco y Ceila Rello. Amovestándose en tres días festivos sin resultar otro impedimento. En la iglesia Parroquial de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha a los quince días del mes de junio de mil ochocientos ochenta y siete años se casaron y velaron los contrayentes en estas diligencias de cuyo acta fue testigos D Felipe Martínez y D Andrés Peñate y Pbro D Francisco Peñate y D María del Carmen Peñate comparecieron y lo firmo Andrés Martínez Etex.*


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**FECHA :**  
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 Mes: 11  
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Diócesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Matrimonio" [Literal Certification of Marriage Record], libro 3 de Matrimonios, folio 146, numero 362, Manuela Silvestre Peñate Ruíz and Bonifacio Ruíz Cabrera, married (1887), married 15 June 1887; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021].

*Document 3: Baptism of María Magdalena Hernández Ruíz, 1913*

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Registro del Estado Civil

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República de Cuba  
Ministerio de Justicia  
CERTIFICACIÓN DE NACIMIENTO

Registro del Estado Civil de Ceiba Mocha  
Municipio: Matanzas  
Provincia: Matanzas

INSCRIPCIÓN		FECHA DE ASIENTO			Registro del Estado Civil de Ceiba Mocha Municipio: Matanzas Provincia: Matanzas
Tomo	Folio	Día	Mes	Año	
14	444	5	9	1913	

**Nombres y apellidos:** María Magdalena Hernández Ruíz.  
**Lugar de nacimiento:** Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas.  
**Fecha de nacimiento:** 20 de julio de 1913.  
**Sexo:** Femenino.  
**Nombre(s) y apellidos del padre:** Cutgardo Hernández Pérez.  
**Lugar de nacimiento:** Aguacate, La Habana.  
**Nombre(s) y apellidos de la madre:** María Ruíz Peñate.  
**Lugar de nacimiento:** Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas.  
**Abuelos paternos:** Rufino y Ana.  
**Abuelos maternos:** José Bonifacio y Manuela.  
**Inscripción practicada en virtud:** declaración del padre.

**OBSERVACIONES:**  
 El/la Registrador(a) del Oficina del Registro del Estado Civil de San Nicolás: CERTIFICA que los datos concuerdan fielmente con los que aparecen consignados en la inscripción a que se hace referencia.  
**Confrontado por:** María Victoria Perera Cazorla Registradora del Estado Civil.  
**Hecho por:** Yamika Pino González.  
 Impuesto sobre documentos de acuerdo a la normativa vigente al momento de ser expedido.  
 Y a solicitud de parte interesada se expide la presente a los 7 días del mes de octubre del 2020.  
 La presente certificación no tiene fecha de vencimiento y se puede verificar firmada digital en el sitio de certificaciones en las.gov.cu utilizando el Código de Caso: 10025 y el PIN: SDR7.

Yamika Pino González  
Registrador(a) del Estado Civil

Republica de Cuba, Ministerio de Justicia Registro Civil (Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba), "Certificación de Nacimiento," [BirthRecord], tomo 14, folio 444, María Magdalena Hernández Ruíz (1913), born 20 July 1913, official record issued 7 October 2020; original, family copy, privately held by Iris Valdes Escarra, [address for private use].

## Document 4: Baptism of Bonifacio Ruíz Peñate Ruíz, 1905

DIOCESIS DE MATANZAS

## CERTIFICACION DE BAUTISMO

PARROQUIA DE: San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha  
 PBRO. Carlos Rolando Gómez Comesaña  
 CURA. Pirroco

LIBRO I General  
 FOLIO 234  
 NÚMERO 353

## NOTAS MARGINALES:

## CERTIFICO:

Que según consta en el correspondiente Libro, se encuentra asentada la siguiente  
 partida cuyos datos esenciales son:

NOMBRE: Bonifacio Ruíz Peñate

Fecha de bautismo: 12 agosto 1905

Fecha de nacimiento: 5 julio 1905

Lugar de nacimiento: -

Hijo (a) de: José Ruíz Cabrera y  
Manuela Peñate Ruíz

Naturales de: esta parroquia y esta parroquia

Abuelos paternos: Francisco Ruíz Caballero y  
Ramona Cabrera

Abuelos maternos: Francisco Peñate y  
Dña Mercedes Ruíz

Padrino: José Santana Cabrera

Madrina: Magdalena Ruíz Pérez

Ministro: Fray Don Gregorio Arangüena Orúta

Expedido a petición de la parte interesada, para que conste lo firmo.

Ceiba Mocha, 15 de octubre de 2021



[Signature]  
 Firma del Presbítero

Diócesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba), "Certificación de Bautismo" [Baptismal Record], libro I General, folio 234, numero 353, Bonifacio Ruíz Peñate baptism (1905), born 5 July 1905, baptized 12 August 1905; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 15 October 2021].

Document 5: Marriage of Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero and Antonia Ramona Nonata  
Cabrera Caballero, 1857

**DIOCESIS DE MATANZAS  
CUBA**

Parroquia de: San Agustín  
de Ceiba Mocha

Libro: 2

Folio: 111

Número: 721

NOTAS MARGINALES:

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 DEFUNCION  
 BAUTISMO  
 MATRIMONIO


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TEXTO: Enero de mil ochocientos cincuenta y siete años: Yo el Pbro D<sup>o</sup> Tomas Auesta cura interino de la misma habiendo precedido las diligencias judiciales como consta del auto del día siete de este mes del Excmo Sr. Obispo Diocesano por el cual se dignó dispensar a los contrayentes el impedimento derivante de consanguinidad en cuanto grado que los liga y practicadas las demás diligencias ante mi y leídas las tres esmonías amonestaciones sin resultar otro impedimento despojado y ueli por palabras del presente según orden actual a D<sup>o</sup> Francisco Manuel Ruíz soltero natural y vecino de esta feligresía hijo legítimo de D<sup>o</sup> Jorge y de D<sup>o</sup> Josefa Caballero con D<sup>o</sup> Antonia Ramona nonata Cabrera natural y vecina de esta feligresía soltera hija legítima de D<sup>o</sup> Miguel y D<sup>o</sup> Antonia Cabealero a quienes habiéndoles preguntado, tube por respuesta su mutuo y espontaneo consentimiento. Fueron examinados y aprobados en doctrina cristiana, fueron sus padrinos D<sup>o</sup> Miguel Cabrera y D<sup>o</sup> Antonia Caballero testigos D<sup>o</sup> Juan Hernandez y D<sup>o</sup> Fran<sup>o</sup> Gonzalez. Confesaron y conculgaron y lo firmé. *Tomas Auesta*

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*J. W. S. C.*  
Cura Párroco.



Diócesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas, Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Matrimonio" [Literal Certification of Marriage Record], libro 2 de Matrimonios, folio 11, numero 721, Francisco Manuel Ruíz Caballero and Antonia Ramona Nonata Cabrera Caballero, married (1857), married January 1857; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021].

## Document 6: Baptism of Cósme Damián Ruíz Caballero, 1839


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Libro: <u>7 Españoles</u>	CERTIFICO: Que según consta en el correspondiente Libro, se encuentra asentada la siguiente partida, la cual, literalmente dice así :
Folio: <u>38</u>	TEXTO: <u>Sábado diez y nueve de octubre de mil ochocientos treinta y nueve años Yo D. Pedro de Riusma Presbitero Beneficiario de Tomiente de cura de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha bauticé solemnemente a un niño que nació el día veinte y siete de setiembre próximo, hijo legítimo de D. Jorge Ruíz y D.ª Josefa Caballero natural el primero de la ciudad de Telde en la Gran Canaria y la segunda de este parti- do y vecinos de esta feligresía, abuelos paternos D.ª Maria de los Reyes Ruíz, matri- nos D. Felix y D.ª Tomasa Rodríguez en este niño exercí las sacras ceremonias y preces poniéndole por nombre Cósme Damián, fiel su padrino D. Francisco Promero a quien advirtí el parentesco espiritual. y lo firme.</u> <u>P. Pedro de Riusma</u>
Número: <u>250</u>	
NOTAS MARGINALES: /	
FECHA: Día: <u>24</u> Mes: <u>11</u> Año: <u>2021</u>	

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Diócesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Bautismo" [Literal Certification of Baptismal Record], libro 7 de Españoles, folio 38, numero 250, Cósme Damián Ruíz Caballero, baptism (1839), born 27 September 1839, baptized 19 October 1839; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021].

## Document 7: Baptism of María Feliciano de la Caridad Cabrera Caballero, 1840

DIOCESIS DE MATANZAS  
CUBA

Parroquia de: San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha

Libro: 7  
Españoles

Folio: 49

Número: 328

CERTIFICACION LITERAL DE LA PARTIDA DE :  
 DEFUNCIÓN  
 BAUTISMO  
 MATRIMONIO

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TEXTO: *Lunes seis de julio de mil ochocientos cuarenta años. Yo D<sup>o</sup> Pedro de Biesma Presbitero Beneficiado Titular de Cura de la Iglesia auxiliar de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, bauticé solemnemente a una niña que nació el día nueve de junio próximo, hija legítima de D<sup>o</sup> Miguel Cabrera y de D<sup>a</sup> Antonia Caballero naturales el primero de Telde en la isla Gran Canaria y la segunda en este partido, vecinos de esta feligresía; abuelos paternos D<sup>o</sup> Francisco y D<sup>a</sup> María Susana. Maternos D<sup>o</sup> Vicente y D<sup>a</sup> Francisca del Pino en esta niña se celebró las sacras ceremonias y pases poniendo por nombre María Feliciano de la Caridad, fueron sus padrinos D<sup>o</sup> Mateo Soler y D<sup>a</sup> María Susana a quienes advertí el preterito espiritual y lo firmo.*

*P Pedro de Biesma*


NOTAS MARGINALES :

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 Mes: 11  
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Cura Párroco.



Diocesis de Matanzas (Parroquia de San Agustín de Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas. Cuba), "Certificación Literal de la Partida de Bautismo" [Literal Certification of Baptismal Record], libro 7 de Españoles, folio 49, numero 328, María Feliciano de la Caridad Cabrera Caballero, baptism (1840), born 9 June 1840, baptized 6 July 1840; transcribed from original church entry, digital image, transcribed 24 November 2021].