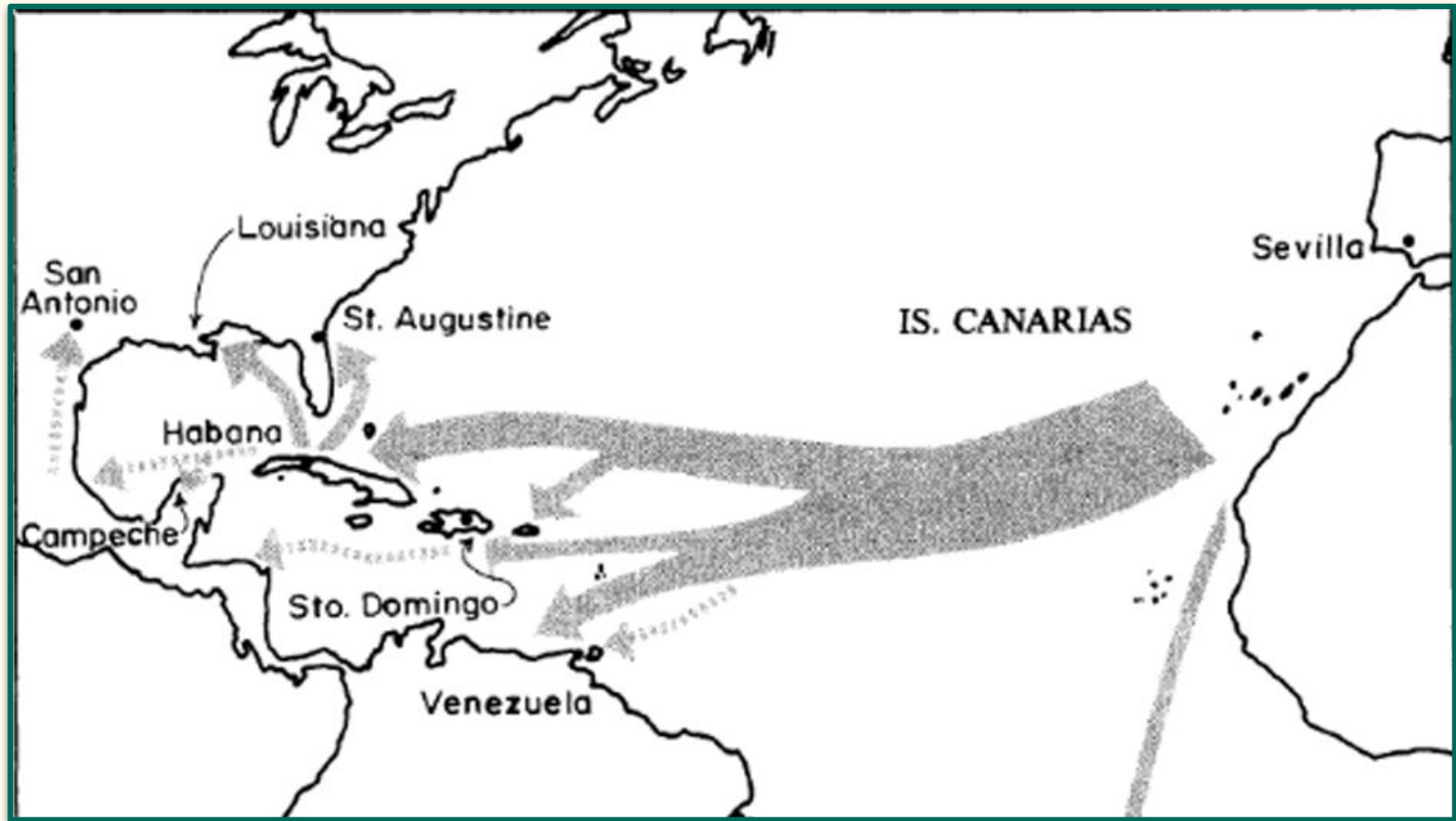


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# FROM THE CANARY ISLANDS TO MARYLAND

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AIXA M RIBEIRO  
Ellicott City, Maryland  
July 2020



Source: Parsons, James J. "The Migration of Canary Islanders to the Americas: An Unbroken Current Since Columbus". *The Americas*, vol. 39, no.4, 1983, pp 456. *J Map I: 18th and 19th Century Isleno Migration Currents*. STOR, [www.jstor.org/stable/981248](http://www.jstor.org/stable/981248). Accessed 13 June 2020.

WHERE DID MY ANCESTORS COME FROM?

WHAT could I share with 4th grade students ?

- The Mayflower landed in Jamestown in 1620
- Columbus landed in Puerto Rico in 1493

What did my grandparents teach me?

What did my great grandparents teach them?

What I Have Learned since joining HCGS?

- What should I teach my children?
- Which ancestors best represent my ancestry, considering the quantity of people involved?



# HOW I HAVE CONDUCTED MY FAMILY SEARCH

## **INTERVIEW MY FAMILY MEMBERS**

FAMILY DOCUMENTS, LETTERS, PHOTOS

ON LOCATION RESEARCH

## **ACCESS RECORDS via THE INTERNET:**

CHURCH RECORDS , CIVIL REGISTRATIONS, CENSUS RECORDS  
GENEALOGY SITES AND MESSAGE BOARDS

## **DNA TESTING**

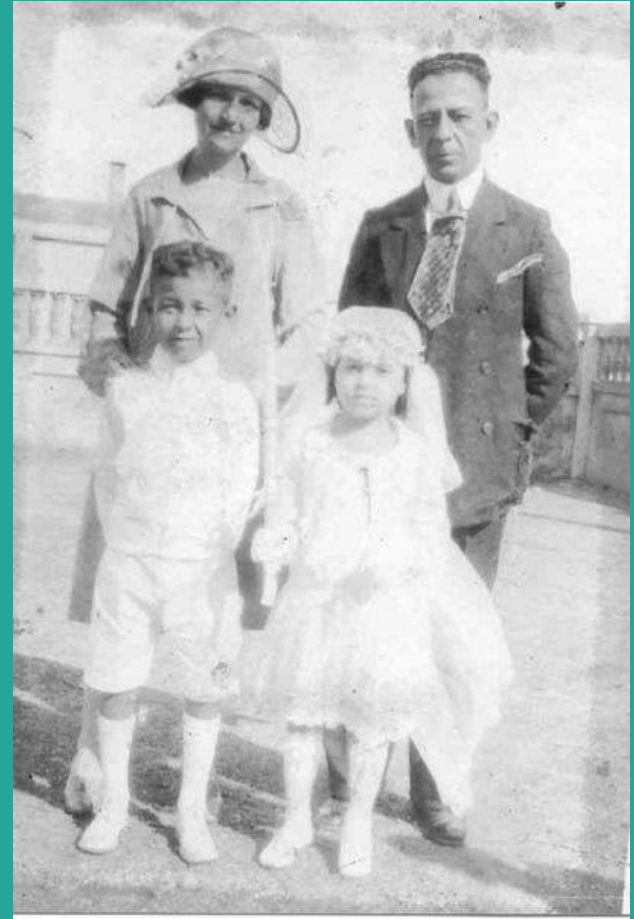
ANCESTRY THRU LINES  
FINDING AND GETTING TOGETHER WITH MY SECOND COUSINS

My paternal grandmother, RAFAELA FRANCO MANZANO told me her paternal grandparents lived to be in their 80s. They taught her that their family came from THE CANARY ISLANDS.

My father was taught that his paternal grandfather, JUAN MIRANDA ROMAN sent three of his sons to PENNSYLVANIA to be EDUCATED at a Prep School. One of them was my grandfather, ERNESTO O. MIRANDA.

My dad's paternal grandmother, SOCORRO ALVAREZ OTERO, had post-partum depression when her youngest child was born and spent the rest of her life at a MENTAL INSTITUTION in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In the photo: RAFAELA, ERNESTO, my dad RAFAEL and his sister MARIA ELENA circa 1930 in PUERTO RICO



# The FRANCO surname

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Juan Fernandez Franco de Medina

brought **20 families** to **Puerto Rico**

From the CANARY ISLANDS

According to **the Royal Academy of the History of Spain** (*Real Academia de la Historia, España*) Juan Fernandez Franco de Medina served as Captain in the wars against Flanders and **was governor of Puerto Rico in 1698.**

Source: *Real Academia de la Historia, España – Juan Fernández Franco de Medina*

([dbe.rah.es/biografias/25311/juan-fernandez-franco-de-median](http://dbe.rah.es/biografias/25311/juan-fernandez-franco-de-median)).

Accessed 13 June 2020

JUAN FERNANDEZ  
FRANCO DE MEDINA  
B. 1646 - Tenerife, Canary Is.  
D. 1698 - Puerto Rico

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# Interviewing Family vs. DNA Results

My mother was taught that her paternal grandmother was NATIVE PUERTO RICAN – TAINO and Her maternal grandmother, MARIA RUIZ GUILLOU died when giving birth.

My ancestry DNA results confirm perhaps what I was taught. The Portuguese component may come from the Canary part of the family.





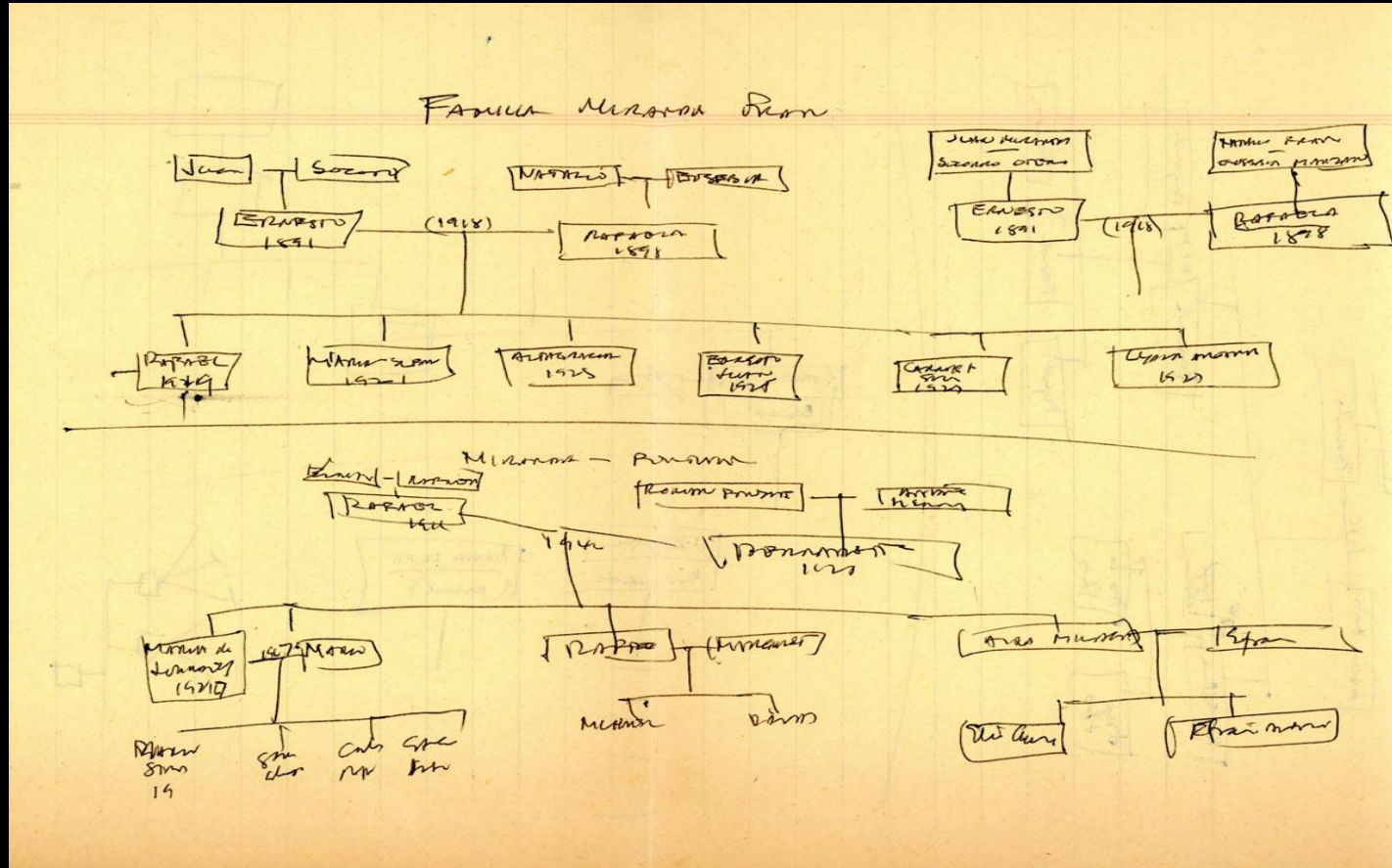
# Interviewing My Family

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My family stories and the DNA results have motivated me to **search for the first Franco** in my family to come to the Americas.

I will now share with you what I have learned so far from the records and documents I have collected from the sources recommended by Howard County Genealogical Society.

Here is the family tree **MY DAD** drew for me.





As you can see in the family tree, my dad had one brother and four sisters.  
He only included my great grandparents in the family tree. It was the information he knew for a fact to be true.



My dad shared with me this article from  
“The Baltimore Sun”, July 31, 2000  
That was 20 years ago!

He encouraged me to pursue our  
genealogy.

Notice the number of sites listed under  
“Want to learn more”

July 31, 2000 THE BALTIMORE SUN

# Family connection



**A man uses the Web to find his roots**

By TIM THOMAS  
SPECIAL TO THE SUN

Almost every family has a self-proclaimed genealogist. My wife's grandmother was ours. The old gal spent more than a decade exploring the family tree in a quest for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. She and her sister spent countless hours prowling spooky old graveyards, poring over mounds of musty books and records, following a trail that led from Annapolis to Crisfield. While I marveled at their perseverance, I never quite understood their obsession — until now.

The power of the Internet has changed the rules of genealogy [See Family, 2c]

**Want to learn more?**

The Web is full of genealogy sites. Here are some of the best we've found, in alphabetical order.

- [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)
- [www.familyhistory.com](http://www.familyhistory.com)
- [www.familysearch.com](http://www.familysearch.com)
- [www.gendex.com](http://www.gendex.com)
- [www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)
- [www.geneanet.org](http://www.geneanet.org)
- [www.genhomepage.com](http://www.genhomepage.com)
- [www.kindredconnections.com](http://www.kindredconnections.com)
- [www.myfamily.com](http://www.myfamily.com)
- [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)
- [www.yourpastconnections.com](http://www.yourpastconnections.com)

# Interviewing my family leads to a PARISH VISIT

The next person I interviewed was my dad's sister, ALTAGRACIA in Puerto Rico.

**In 2003 my aunt Altagracia, who is also interested in genealogy, went with me to the town where my grandmother and my dad were born, Cataño, PUERTO RICO.**

We stopped at the **Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Carmen**. It is the main Catholic Church in the town and sits in the main square of the town. My aunt was looking for my grandmother's baptismal records. That is how I learned that my grandmother had never found records of her baptism nor of her birth. When she had to get her first Passport, she had to submit several affidavits to confirm her name and place of birth. Her children looked for the records at home but never found any.

**My grandmother died believing that her parents had never bothered to baptize her or get for her a birth certificate.**

**The Parish clerk at the Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Cataño, Puerto Rico, found baptismal records** for two of my grandmother's brothers, Angel de Jesus Franco Manzano, born in 1906 and for Jose Franco Manzano, born in 1904. On the records were the names of my great grandparents and the names of my great great grandparents.

The record for Angel had information on their place of origin as follows:

His Name: ANGEL FRANCO MANZANO (b. 1906)

His Parents: **NATALIO FRANCO** and Eusebia Manzano

Paternal Grandparents: **TOMAS FRANCO** and Catalina de Jesus

Maternal Grandparents: Diego Manzano and Eduviges Flores

Angel de Jesus  
Granco y  
Mangano  
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En esta parroquia de Catana a diez y seis de Setiembre  
de mil novecientos seis bautizo solemnemente y puso el nombre  
de Angel de Jesus a un niño que nació a veintuno de Mayo  
del año pasado hijo legítimo de Natalio Granco y Encarna  
Mangano, abuelos paternos Gornal Granco y Catalina de Jesus  
maternos Diego Mangano y Eduvigis Flores, padrinos Luis  
Nieves y Felicitá Maldonado a quienes adscribi el parentesco es-  
piritual y obligaciones. D. que doy fe.

J. G. Kuylen v. C.



The Parish clerk at the **Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Cataño, Puerto Rico** was not able to find my grandmother's baptismal certificate.

After joining the **Howard County Genealogical Society** I learned that many **Catholic Church records** had been scanned and made **available online** by the Mormon Church.

Even today, the town of Cataño is tiny. **I had the suspicion that it would not be impossible** to find my Grandmother's baptismal certificate if I took the time to search through the book of baptisms for the year 1898.

Because my great grandparents had baptized two of their children, for sure, they would have baptized all of their children.



**Puerto Rico Historic Building Drawings Society**  
Una calle en Cataño, Puerto Rico (1900)

Cuando Puerto Rico: Álbum 1... · 26 de enero de 2014 · 

## **I spent hours searching online for my grandmother's baptism record and I FOUND IT!**

The record I found online for the Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Cataño was in the Births Book for 1894 to feb. 1904, Folio 148, No. 29. It states the following:

*“In this Parish of Nstr. Señora del Carmen de Cataño Palo-seco diócesis of Pto. Rico on the twenty first of September of one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight, I the Parrish priest D. Jose Torres Diaz, solemnly baptized with the name of **Braulia Rafaela**, a girl born on the twelfth day of April of one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight, natural daughter of **Eusebia Manzano**. Her godparents were Diego Ricardo Orta and **Leocadia Franco** whom I informed of their spiritual duties and obligations as godparents.”*

It turned out that no one had thought of **looking for my grandmother's records** under her mother's maiden name: **Manzano** instead of her dad's last name: **FRANCO**. **Leocadia was Natalio's sister**, my aunt Altagracia told me. Her mother's name was correct. My family now has information that my grandmother never had while she was alive.

# Birth Records and The Spanish American War

**Natalio, her dad, was not in her baptismal certificate!**  
**COULD IT BE THAT NATALIO FRANCO DE JESUS WAS NOT HER DAD?**

Before looking further into the Canary Island Ancestry I had to **make sure that Natalio Franco was indeed my biological grandfather. I needed to do more research on Natalio Franco de Jesus, otherwise the Canary Islands ancestry theory would not be valid.**

It is worthwhile noting at this point that according to my grandmother's birth certificate, she was born on **April 12, 1898**, when Puerto Rico was part of Spain, just before the beginning of **the Spanish American War** on April 25, 1898. On **July 25, 1898**, US Forces invaded Puerto Rico. (See source below)

My grandmother was baptized on **September 21, 1898**. At the time, the northeast part of the island was under Spanish control, while the southwest part of the island was under US control.

**Had my grandfather Natalio been away at the time of the baptism, because of the war?**

Source: Article Title:U.S. forces invade Puerto Rico - **History.com Editors** – URL <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/puerto-rico-invaded>  
Access Date: July 28, 2020 Publisher:A&E Television Networks

With the signing of the Treaty of Paris of December 10, 1898, Spain ceded all of Puerto Rico to the US.

The Jones Act of 1917 granted US Citizenship to all Puerto Ricans.



Lago, J. M. *Latest map of island of Portosic Rico, new territory U.S.A.* New York: Colton, Ohman & Co, 1898. Map. Retrieved from the Library of Congress,

<[www.loc.gov/item/2006626019/](https://www.loc.gov/item/2006626019/)>. <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g4970.ct001519/?r=-0.12,0.065,0.457,0.226,0> Accessed 18 July 2020.



## So who was Natalio Franco de Jesus?

Natalio Franco de Jesus was my great grandfather. His ancestors migrated to Puerto Rico from the Canary Islands.

My grandmother told me that Natalio never consented to sending her to school, even though all of her brothers did go to school. He assigned her chores in the kitchen instead. She learned how to skin, clean, season and cook fish, while standing on a chair in order to reach the countertop. She became an excellent cook. She learned that family meals kept the family united.

In his senior years both Natalio and my great grandmother lived with my grandmother's family. Natalio used to walk my dad's twin sisters to school.

My dad told me that when Natalio was in his 80s a car hit him while crossing the road, had a heart attack and died.

Everyone but my grandmother had fond memories of him.



My great grandparents wed on the same day. that  
my grandmother married my grandfather, May 6,  
1918. Their weddings were recorded side by side:

## Registros Civiles de Santurce

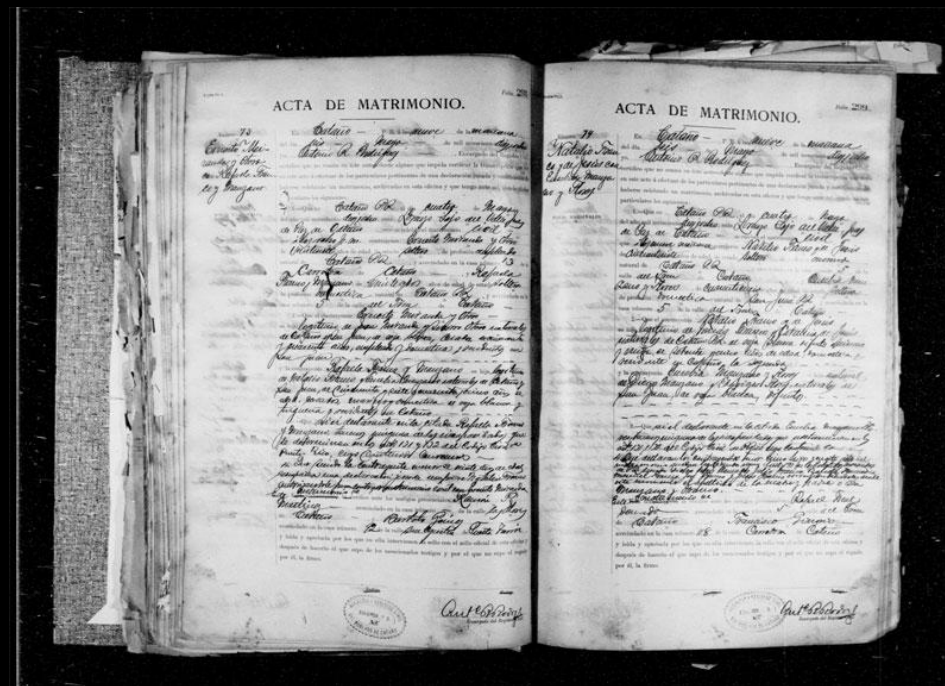
Cataño: Matrimonios 1913-1931

Folio: 298 -back- No. 73

Ernesto Miranda y Otero con Rafaela Franco y Manzano

Folio: 299 No. 74

Natalio Franco y de Jesus con Eusebia Manzano y Flores



SOURCE: "Puerto Rico, Registro Civil, 1805-2001,"

([https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.3.1/TH-1-](https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.3.1/TH-1-159385-356601-10?cc=1682798)

159385-356601-10?cc=1682798 : accessed 2 April 2016

# Wedding Certificate: Natalio Franco y de Jesus con Eusebia Manzano y Flores

In Cataño P.R. at nine in the morning of the six of May of one thousand nine hundred eighteen, I, Antonio R. Rodríguez, in charge of the Civil Registry, certify that there are not antecedents that would prevent me from certifying the transcription that I am going to make, of the **pertinent facts in an affidavit** and a certification that a marriage took place, which were filed in this office and which I have in front of me, the facts being as follows;

1. THAT IN Cataño P.R., on the fourth day of May of the year one thousand nine hundred eighteen, before Lorenzo Lojo Álvarez, Judge of the Peace of Cataño the civil wedding was held and that at nine in the morning civil contracted marriage **Natalio Franco y de Jesús, fifty seven years old, single, of Cataño P.R., of profession sailor, natural of Cataño P.R. and living at house number 5 of Calle del Tren de Cataño** and Eusebia Manzano y Flores, forty five years old, single, of profession home maker, natural of San Juan P.R. . and living at house number 5 of Calle del Tren de Cataño.

2. That the groom **Natalio Franco y de Jesús is the legitimate son of Tomas Franco and Catalina de Jesús natural of Cataño P.R. of White race, deceased the same and a widow, seventy years old, home maker and resident in Cataño the second** and the Bride Eusebia Manzano y Flores is the natural daughter of Diego Manzano and Eduvigis Flores, natural of San Juan of White race, both deceased.

3. That neither the person declaring nor the named Eusebia Manzano y Flores have any of the discapacities described in the art. 171 y 172 del Código Civil de P. Rico whose content is known to us

4. **That the Bride and the Groom declare to have five children and that with this wedding certificate they are LEGITIMIZED** according to art 190 of the [United States] of Puerto Rico being the names of such children **Julio Franco, Rafaela Franco, Manuel Franco, José Franco and Jesús Franco** thus confirming and designating to them with this act the last names of their mother, and of their father in other words **Manzano and Franco.**

This marriage was verified before the witnesses present Rafael Maldonado living at house number 5 of Calle del Tren y Francisco Ginono living at house number 118 of Calle Carretera de Cataño and was read and approved and sealed with the oficial seal of this office and after being signed by those who knew how to sign and signed by those assigned to sign on behalf of those who did not know how to, I signed below

Antonio R.Rodriguez

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In charge of Registro Civil



casa número 3 de la calle del Tránsito Catayo

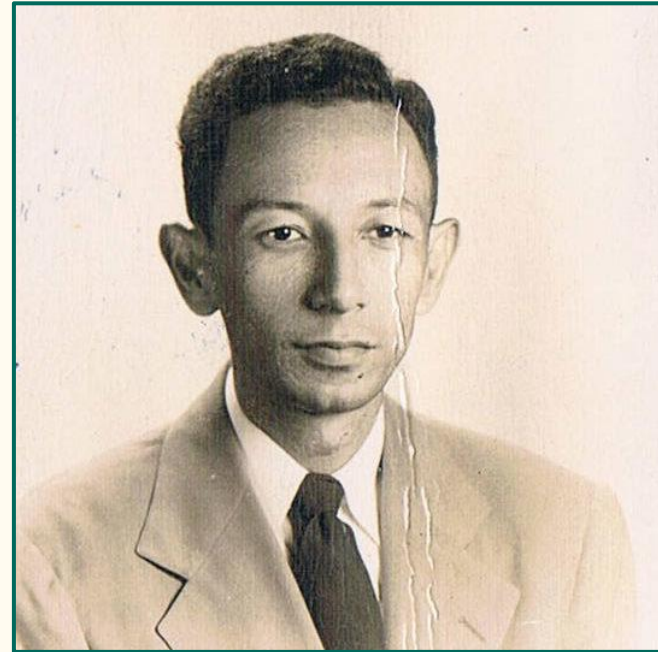
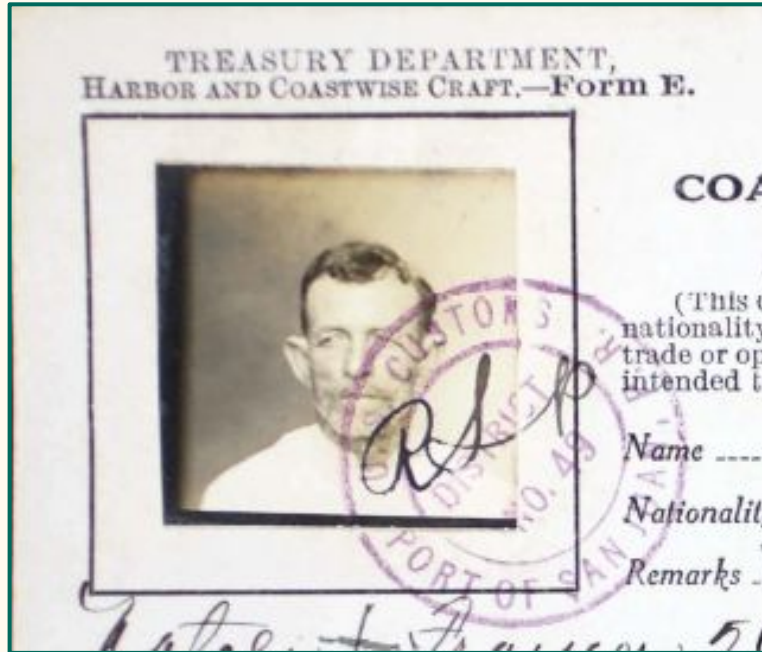
2.—Que el contrayente Natalio Mauro y de Jesús  
es hijo legítimo de Jacinto Mauro y Catalina de Jesús  
nacidos en Catayo P.R. de raza Blanca difunto  
y viuda, se presenta por sus hijos de edad, doncebra y  
residente en Catayo, la segunda.  
y la contrayente Eusebia Manzanao y Reyes — hija natural  
de Diego Manzanao y Eusebia Reyes, naturales de  
San Juan, de raza Blanca, difunto.

3.—Que por el declarante en la citada Eusebia Manzanao y  
Reyes, teniéndose en los libros de la ciudad de Catayo, en el  
art. 121 y 122 del Código Civil de Puerto Rico, en el  
4.º Que declaran los contrayentes tener hijos y en este acto del  
matrimonio quedan legítimos según el art. 170 del Código Civil, con los  
de P.R. siendo Diego y Eusebia Manzanao, Julio Mauro, Rafaela, Rosalva,  
Manuel Mauro, José Mauro y Jesús Mauro con sus respectivos apellidos de  
este momento el apellido de la madre y padre o San  
Manzanao y Mauro.  
Eusebia Manzanao y Reyes — Rafaela Mauro

# 1910 - US Census Records – Cataño, Bayamon, Puerto Rico

.....		<b>United States Census, 1910</b>	
United States Census, 1910		District	ED 34
Name	<b>Eusebia Manzano Y Flores De Franco</b>	Sheet Number and Letter	25A
Event Type	Census	Household ID	272
Event Date	1910	Affiliate Name	The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
Event Place	Catano, Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Affiliate	
Gender	Female	Publication Number	T624
Age	38	Affiliate Film Number	1760
Marital Status	Married	GS Film Number	1375773
Race	Mulatto	Digital Folder Number	005157754
Race (Original)	Mu	Image Number	00723
Relationship to Head of Household	Wife		
Relationship to Head of Household (Original)	Esposa		
Birth Year (Estimated)	1872		
Birthplace	Puerto Rico		
Father's Birthplace	Puerto Rico		
Mother's Birthplace	Puerto Rico		
Sheet Letter	A		
Sheet Number	25		
<b>Household</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Age</b> <b>Birthplace</b>
Natalio Franco Y De Jesus	Head	M	43 Puerto Rico
<b>Eusebia Manzano Y Flores De Franco</b>	Wife	F	38 Puerto Rico
Monserate Franco Y Manzano	Daughter	F	21 Puerto Rico
Julio Franco Y Manzano	Son	M	14 Puerto Rico
Rafaela Franco Y Manzano	Daughter	F	12 Puerto Rico
Manuel Franco Y Manzano	Son	M	10 Puerto Rico
Josè Franco Y Manzano	Son	M	8 Puerto Rico

While building my family tree on the ancestry.com site, a hint for possible matching records for my grandfather popped up. When I opened the link I found this photo of my great grandfather from 1918! The I.D. would probably place him in the midst of the San Juan harbor in 1918, and maybe also there in 1898, when my grandmother was born. Look at the similarities with my DAD!



# Interesting Facts – A US Customs Service Coastwise I.D. for Natalio Franco

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
HARBOR AND COASTWISE CRAFT.—Form E.

No. **356**

U. S. CUSTOMS SERVICE  
COASTWISE IDENTIFICATION CARD

Port of **San Juan, P. R.**

(This card to be issued, upon production of satisfactory evidence of nationality, to persons employed on vessels in the coasting or fishing trade or operating in the harbor or waters of a port of entry, and is not intended to be used for any other purpose.)

Name **Natalio Franco**

Nationality **American**

Remarks **Born in Porto Rico**  
(If declarant of U. S. citizenship, so state.)

Signature of holder. **Natalio Franco** Age **56** on **Dec 1**, 1918, height **5/8 1/2**

Complexion **Mulato** Hair **Black** Eyes **Brown**

Marks **None**

Vessel **Ocho Arco**, home port **San Juan**

Date **AUG 16 1918**

Collector of Customs. **Rafael Sotero**

2—4629

Source: *US Applications for Seaman's Protection Certificates, 1916 – 1940* : Washington, D.C.; The National Archives and Records Administration; Application for Seaman's Protection Certificates; NAI: 2788575; Record Group Title: Records of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation; Record Group Number: 41; Box Number: 004 – Sa - Publisher: ancestry.com Accessed: 13 June, 2020



Source: "Rules for Harbor Craft, New Treasury Department licensing Regulations also cover Coastwise Vessels". (source: New York Times ARCHIVES - PRINT EDITION June 28, 1918) Accessed : Apr 16, 2020

According to this New York Times article from 1918, as of June 10, 1918, all boats propelled by sail or motor power, in whole or in part, and all other craft over twenty feet operating in a port of entry were required to be specially licensed by the Captain of the Port.

PROOF of US CITIZENSHIP would be required to avoid being in violation of the ESPIONAGE Act, for vessels operating at ports of entry.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, like BALTIMORE and New York was a US port of entry in 1918, which explains why my great grandfather had to have the proof of US Citizenship at the time.

## ANNOUNCE RULES - FOR HARBOR CRAFT

### *New Treasury Department Licensing Regulations Also Cover Coastwise Vessels.*

Collector of Customs Byron R. Newton announced yesterday that the regulations of the Treasury Department of June 10, 1918, relative to licensing harbor and coastwise craft would be put into effect at the Port of New York today.

The regulations provide that all boats propelled by sail or motor power, in whole or in part, and all other craft over twenty feet in length operating in the harbor of a port of entry or the waters adjacent thereto, excepting vessels registered in foreign trade, vessels enrolled and licensed under the navigation laws to engage in coastwise trade, and Government vessels flying a commercial pennant, are required to be specially licensed by the Captain of the port, acting for the Collector of Customs.

The term "Harbor of port of entry or waters adjacent thereto" includes any navigable stream or body of water opening into the Atlantic Ocean which embraces or is contiguous to a restricted military area or zone, submarine net, mine field, or fortification. Application to the Deputy Collector of the Marine Division at the Custom House must be made for the special license by the owner or master of the vessels referred to and blank forms will be supplied for the purpose.

Any boat required to be licensed found operating without having such license on board or without complying with all the provisions of the Treasury regulations will be presumptively guilty of a violation of the Espionage act and subject to the penalties thereof. Licenses and permits heretofore issued to masters or owners of vessels by the Navy Department will be recognized for a period of six months from June 10, 1918, but attention is called to the necessity of masters or owners of the vessels herein referred to of obtaining special licenses as soon as possible.

Permits to enable persons to carry kodaks or other photograph cameras aboard boats or vessels in the harbor may, upon application showing good reason therefor, obtain a permit for that purpose from the Surveyor of Customs.

# Direct FRANCO Ancestors

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Having established my relationship to Natalio Franco and the identity of his parents, I was able to look for records of my great great grandfather. Tomas Franco's death certificate was available online.



 [Add or update information](#)

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Name:	Tomás Franco Y Morales
Gender:	Varón (Male)
Event Type:	Death
Birth Date:	abt 1874
Death Date:	1 ene 1907 (1 Jan 1907)
Death Place:	Cataño, Puerto Rico
Age at Death:	33
Father:	Francisco Franco
Mother:	Manuela Morales
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#### Source Information

Ancestry.com. *Puerto Rico, Civil Registrations, 1885-2001* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.

#### Original data:

Registro Civil, 1836–2001. Digital images. Departamento de Salud de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico. In partnership with FamilySearch.org.

#### Description

You'll find births, marriages, and deaths documented in these vital records from Puerto Rico. [Learn more...](#)

## **Tomas Franco's death certificate has the following information about him:**

He died at the age of 97 in 1907. (b. 1810?)

**He was natural of SAN JUAN** – ( Puerto Rico)

**He was a sailor,**

His race was White,

He was the legitimate son of **FRANCISCO FRANCO** (b. ¿Circa 1780?)

and **MANUELA MORALES** ( c 1790?) both **natural of SAN JUAN, both deceased.**

On his death he was married to (illegible first name) Reyes de Jesus

He left behind 5 children: **Victoriano, Fabian, NATALIO, Martina and LEOCADIA**

TOMAS FRANCO Y MORALES'S death certificate confirms his relationship to my great grandfather, NATALIO and to my great grand aunt, **LEOCADIA whose name appears on my grandmother's bautismal certificate.**



# 1907 Death Certificate for Tomas Franco y Morales- 97 yrs old

Tomo: Defunciones 1904-1907

Folio 255 Number 10

**Citation:** "Puerto Rico, Registro Civil, 1805-2001," database with images, FamilySearch

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9Q97-YSRP-P79?cc=1682798&wc=9PTL-Y49%3A129439401%2C129455901> : 14 October 2014), Cataño > Defunciones 1904-1907 > image 130 of 179; oficinas del ciudad, Puerto Rico (city offices, Puerto Rico).

In the town of Cataño, jurisdiction of Bayamón at three in the afternoon of the first day of February of one thousand nine hundred seven, Don Francisco Aracil, natural, of and resident of San Juan, thirty six years old, married, industrial, appeared before D. Antonio d. Rodríguez Mayor of said town and Jacinto LaSalle y Varilla, actuarian, in order to manifest that **Tomas Franco y Morales, natural of San Juan, neighbor of Bayamón, resident of this town, ninety seven years old, sailor, white , died at twelve noon today , as a consequence of brain congestion,** to duly report the death as a friend of the deceased.

In view of the manifested and of the voluntary nature of the certification presented to the effect, the Mayor instructed that the present act be extended providing therein the following circumstances.

That **the deceased was the legitimate son of *Francisco Franco and Manuela Morales both Natural of San Juan, both deceased.*** That at the time of his death he was married with **Maria Reyes de Jesús.** That he leaves five children named: **Victoriano, Fabián, NATALIO, Martina and LEOCADIA.** That he left no property and that his remains **shall be buried in the Cemetery of this town.**

All of which was witnessed by Don Antonio Fernández, y D. Enrique Cruz, of legal age and neighbors of Bayamón. This act was read in its entirety and the persons who would sign it were invited to read it on their own, signed by the Mayor and the witnesses and the declarant of which as actuarian I certify.

Signatures of:

Antonio Rodriguez, Francisco Aracil, Antonio Fernandez, Enrique Cruz , Jacinto Lasalle

# Tomas Franco 1903 wedding at 80 yrs old

Puerto Rico, Catholic Church Records, 1645-1969 ▾ | Cataño ▸ Nuestra Señora del Carmen ▸  
Matrimonios 1793-1931 ▸

Source Box Attach to Family Tree

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*M<sup>a</sup> de Jesús Reyes* previos los requisitos legales presencié el ma-  
trimonio que in facie belesia y por palabras  
expresivas de sus mutos consentimientos, con-  
traieron Tomás Franco Morales de ochenta  
años viudo industrial, natural de Bayamón  
y vecino de batano, hijo legítimo Francisco  
Franco y de Manuela Morales y María de los  
Reyes de Jesús de cuarenta y seis años de edad,  
soltera, profesión doméstica, natural de Vega  
Baja vecina de batano, hija legítima de  
Antonio de Jesús y Carmen de la Torre fue-  
ron testigos Don Rafael Zuluaga y Don  
Pedro Elías vecinos de batano - confesaron y  
se celebraron en la misa nupcial - doy fe

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Matrimonio de TOMAS FRANCO Y MARIA DE JESUS REYES  
Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Cataño, PUERTO RICO  
Matrimonios 1781-1931 vols. 1-2  
FOLIO 39; NO. 124

In this Holy Church, the Parish of Catano y Palo Seco on the eighteenth of November of nineteen hundred three, I the undersigned Priest of the same, following the legal requisites, I performed in FACIE ECCLESIAE, they expressed words of mutual consent to join in matrimony TOMAS FANCO of eighty years old, widow, industrial, legitimate son of FRANCISCO FRANCO and MANUELA MORALES with MARIA DE LOS REYES JESUS of forty six years old, single of domestic profession, natural of Vega Baja, neighbor of Catano, legitimate daughter of Antonio de Jesus and Carmen de la Erre. The witnesses were Don Rafael Zuluaga and Don Pedro Elias, neighbors of Catano. They received confesion and participated in a nuptial mass. I give faith.  
Signed. Agustin Rexach.

VICTORIANO ( FRANCO) DE JESUS

Parroquia de LA SANTA CRUZ, BAYAMON, PUERTO RICO

Bautismos 1856-1878 ; FOLIO 113 (BACK) ; NO. 345

In this Parish of Santa Cruz, Bayamon, Island of Puerto Rico, on the second day of October eighteen sixty four, I Prsbo. Dn. Mariano Lopez, Parish Priest of the same, gave permission to baptize as in efecto the priest Ygnacio Santos of the Company of Jesus did baptize and put oils and chrism to a boy who was born on the tenth of January to whom he gave the name of Victoriano, natural son of Catalina de Jesus, maternal grandparents were Atonio and Carmen Caseres. His godparents were FRANCISCO FRANCO AND MANUELA MORALES, to whom I advised of their spiritual relationship and obligations, of which I give faith.

Signed: Mariano Lopez

# Francisco Franco and Manuela Morales godparents 1864

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In this Parish of Santa Cruz, Bayamon, Island of Puerto Rico, on the eighth day of October eighteen sixty four, I Prsbo. Dn. Mariano Lopez, Parish Priest of the same, solemnly baptized and put oils and chrism and the name of MONSERRATE to a girl who was born on the eighth of September of last year natural son of PILAR FRANCO, maternal grandparents were FRANCISCO FRANCO AND MANUELA MORALES, the godmother was Manuela Hernandez to whom I advised of her spiritual relationship and obligations, of which I give faith.

Signed: Mariano Lopez



# Francisco Franco and Manuela Morales grandparents 1864

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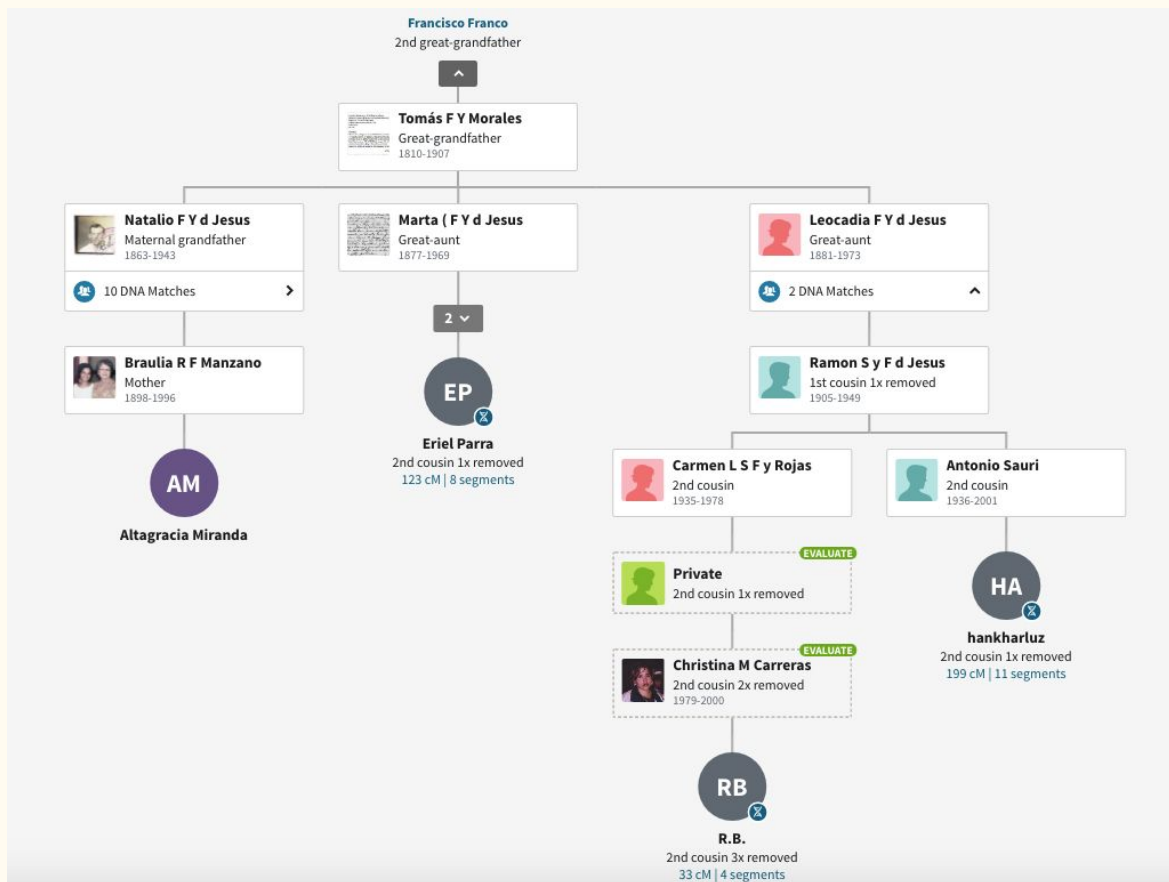
In this Parish of Santa Cruz, Bayamon, Island of Puerto Rico, on the second day of October eighteen sixty four, I Prsbo. Dn. Mariano Lopez, Parish Priest of the same, gave permission to the priest Ygnacio Santos of the Company of Jesus and in effect he did solemnly baptize and put oils and chrism to a boy who was born on the tenth of January to whom he gave the name of VICTORIANO, natural son of CATALINA DE JESUS, maternal grandparents were Antonio and Carmen (illegible).

His godparents were FRANCISCO FRANCO AND MANUELA MORALES, to whom I advised of their spiritual relationship and obligations, of which I give faith.

Signed: Mariano Lopez

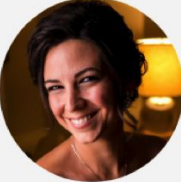
FRANCISCO FRANCO WAS ALIVE IN 1864

# DNA Testing – Ancestry.com Thru Lines – THE DESCENDANTS




# My sister my Grandmother my First Cousins and My DNA Matches



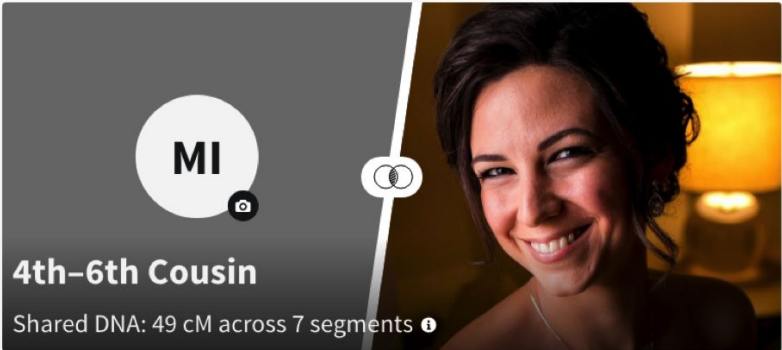


**Mariana Flores-Patterson**

 Message

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**4th-6th Cousin**

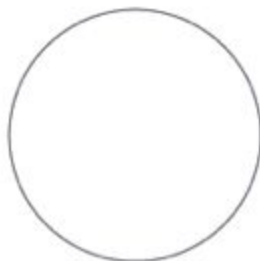
Shared DNA: 49 cM across 7 segments ⓘ

 Family History

# Y- DNA HAPLOGROUPS

In addition to the records I have found where my Franco ancestors have been named, I have been able to recognize the names of my great grandfather's sisters, Marta and Leocadia in the "Thru Lines" corresponding to my aunt Altagracia's DNA and family tree.

I have not yet researched the Franco haplogroup, I did find DNA matches associated with Y-DNA haplogroups.



**FLR69**

Virginia, USA Age: 50-59

 Message

GEDmatch kit # A230969. Family Tree DNA kit # B73122. Paternal-Maternal surnames... LUGO-ROMERO.

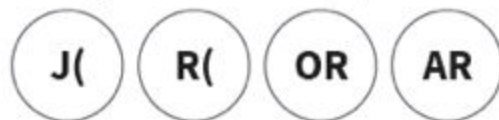
PATERNAL BIOLOGICAL LINE: Y-DNA Haplogroup, R1b-DF27-Z225; Terminal SNP, R-Y16018 (Iberia: Celtic)... in Western Europe since ca. 2000 BC. Documented paternal line emerged in Galicia, Spain - ca. 830's AD.

Paternal DNA trail (Alanic-Gothic branch): Bronze Age Near East; afterwards Ancient Persia, the Iron Age Massagetae people; then, over the course of

**DNA Relationship to miliki2018 (you)** ▾

FLR69 is either not a DNA match or has not taken a DNA test.

However, you are a DNA match to people associated with FLR69's account including:



## Family History

### FAMILY TREES

#### Lugo-Romero Family Tree

102,168 People; 184,013 Records;  
15,397 Media

#### X Family Tree

29 People; 0 Records; 4 Media

#### Lockwood Family Tree

28 People; 130 Records; 24 Media

#### Medina Family Tree

156 People; 301 Records; 4 M

#### Cyrus Lockwood Family

247 People; 464 Records; 14 I

#### Clemente-Walker Family

63 People; 147 Records; 18 M

## Photo Gallery



# Conclusion

Even though I have been able to find records of my direct ancestors who were probably born in the late 1700s, in the Parish Records and the Civil Records of San Juan, Catano and Bayamon, Puerto Rico, I have not been able to determine so far with evidence, where their ancestors came from.

There was definitely a Franco family from the Canary Islands that migrated to Puerto Rico in the late 1600s. In view of any evidence contradicting that premise, I will continue to quote my grandmother statement that they were from the Canaries.

As far as I know I am the only Franco descendant that has moved to Maryland. I would be the link to my Maryland-born children to the Canary Islands!



# 95th birthday of Altagracia in 2018

