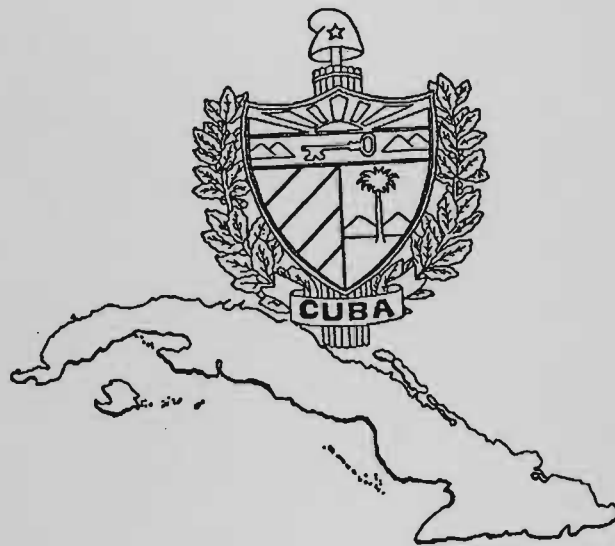


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EDITOR'S LETTER

Genealogy seems to be growing as an interest through out the world and Cubans are not left behind. For those Cubans that have French lineages I would like to note the Saint-Domingue Special Interest Group that focuses on the French that lived in the 18th century, in what is now Haiti. They publish a quarterly newsletter with very good information. Many of the French families from Haiti migrated to Cuba and established themselves there.

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**Genealogical notes about
Don Jose Alvarez de Toledo
—his life and family—**

By Rafael Nieto y Cortadellas

Extracted and Translated
by Mayra Sanchez-Johnson

Jose Alvarez de Toledo was born in the mist of a peculiar society, at the time when the authorities were negating principles that, to date, had been immutable. His family tree is not that of a regular Castilian family, with only peninsular surnames represented, since his had French and Flemish surnames in it. This might have influenced his character and he lived his youth restlessly. If we judge Toledo as one ambitious man, we place him with Aaron Burr. He was a mariner, fought against the French invasion, conspired to liberate Fernando VII, refused to serve in the English Army, and his luck gave him the post of Deputy of the Courts in Cadiz for Santo Domingo.

Thinking, as many other born in the Americas did, that the Indies did not belong to the Spanish Crown, he travel to Philadelphia where he befriended prominent Americans and published his Manifesto inviting the formation of the Antilles Confederation, but did not find any supporters.

He then embraced the cause of Florida and Texas where they were defeated by the Mexican. He later traveled to Spain to promote the pacification of the colonies and also awaken the French youth to the re-conquest of the Island of Santo Domingo's side lost to the slaves.

He married a lady of high society in Spain, represented King Fernando VII on various European courts. When the king died Toledo joins the supporters of Carlos against the regent Maria Cristina, who had taken from him all posts and honors.

A few years later, his wife's niece ascended to the throne of France when she married Napoleon III. He died in Paris already reintegrated to his honors by the Queen Isabel II.

The curious thing about his life was that even though he failed in all his political plans, he kept ascending in the society of his times. The fortune that never favored him in his actions, was always with him in his family relations that facilitated a brilliant career, and took him to high places in the Spanish political and diplomatic world.

Jose Luis Bonifacio Manuel de los Dolores Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois was born in Habana on May 14, 1779. He was baptized in the cathedral of Habana on the 28th of that month and year (L14 F101 no. 419). He died in Paris on April 16, 1854

He married Maria Tomasa de Palafox y Portocarrero, born in Madrid on March 7, 1780, and baptized in the parish of San Martin. She died in the palace of Villafranca in Portici, Naples on October 14, 1835. She was the paternal aunt of the empress of France, Maria Eugenia Portocarrero de Palafox, the wife of Napoleon III. Her father was of Felipe Antonio Jose Robellodo de Palafox y Croy d'Hayre, born on July 3, 1739. He died on October 24, 1790. He was Lieutenant General of the Royal Army in 1774, a member of the court of the Prince of Asturias; Captain of the Guards of Alabarderos, Chief Knight of the Princess of Asturias, Knight of Tison de Oro and of the Royal Cruz of Carlos III.

Her mother was Maria Francisca de Sales Guzman de Portocarrero y Lopez de Zuñigas, born on June 10th 1754 and baptized in Madrid. She was the Duchess of Peñaranda de Duero, Countess of Montijo, VII Countess of Baños, XIV Countess of Teba and V Countess of Fuentidueña; VII Marchioness of Valderrabano; VI Marchioness of Castañeda, X Marchioness of Algaba, Marchioness of Leiva, V Marchioness of Villanueva del Fresno y Barcarrota; VI Countess of Ablitas, Marchioness of Ardales, Lady of the villages of Ladrada, Puebla de la Calzada, Huertor-Tajar, Codesal and the baronage of Quinto, Gelsa, Velilla, Alforque, Benastre and Castillo de Matamala, Figueruelas and Cavañas, pardinias de Aguer y Velve, of the castle and village of Estopiñan and Mas de Rufa, Esplugas, Sanguiles and Ladeares; of the houses of Arteaga of Vizcaya and the villages of Trigo y Santurce, Ochandutru, Velasco, Villanueva del Conde, Ventosa, Gureba, Tovia y Bozo, Bierlas, Palacios, Romanillos y Cespedosa and Lady of the Noble Order of Maria Luisa. She married her husband on November 8, 1768.

The Spanish great genealogist, Marquis de Hermsilla, published a work entitled *La casa de Toledo*, in the *Revista de Historia y Genealogia Española* in the years 1917 and 1918.

This author says: "We have not included other families that use the surname Alvarez de Toledo or Toledo, only because we have limited ourselves to the ones whose origins are perfectly proven by documents and works of rigorous historical exactitude."

The family which we are treating is not included in the work of the Marquis de Hermsilla.

According to the ruling of nobility given by the Royal Chancery of Granada, later certified by the notary of Seville, Manuel Garcia de

Castro, a document that is now in the possession of the Larrazabal family in La Habana, we can follow the ascendancy of this lineage as follows:

Gutierre Alvarez de Toledo, neighbor of Caceres and originally from the house of the Count of Oropesa ¹ lived in the XV century and was married to Gracia de Carvajal. They were the parents of:

Garcia Alvarez de Toledo y Carvajal, originally from Caceres and

¹According to the Marquis of Hermosilla, the House of Oropesa was created in 1475, in favor of Fernando Alvarez de Toledo y Herrera, IVC Lord of Oropesa and Lord of Jaramillo, Tornavacas, Horcajo and other lands. Therefore Gutierrez Alvarez de Toledo may have descended from the counts of this name, whose first lord was Garci Alvarez de Toledo y Meneses in 1366. He was also Lord of Caldecorneja in 1366 and died in 1370 defending Ciudad Rodrigo. He belonged to the order of Santiago from 1359 to 1366 when he renounced this title.

A brother of the First Lord of Oropesa was a Fernando Alvarez de Toledo y Meneses, Second Lord of Valdecorneja and Lord of Robledo. First Marshal and Ricohombre of Castilla, Buttler of the Queen, who died in 1384. He married in 1366 with Leonor de Ayala and the had as offsprings: Garci Alvarez de Toledo y Ayala, Third Lord of Valdecornejo, Chief Constable of Toledo and Mayor of Mestes, who died of February 1, 1430. He married Constanza Sarmiento y Guzman from the house of Rivaavia. They were the parents of:

Gutierre Alvarez de Toledo y Sarmiento, Bishop fo Plasencia. The Marquis of Hermosilla mentions him in his work.

It is possible that the Gutierre Alvarez de Toledo above mentioned was the nephew or relative of the Bishop by the same name.

married to Elvira de Paredes, who were the parents of:

Garcia Alvarez de Toledo y Paredes, also from Caceres and known as Garcia Paredes de Toledo. He married Maria de Ovando y Golfín and they were the parents of: Garcia, Francisco and Antonio Alvarez de Toledo-Golfín y Ovando.

Garcia Alvarez de Toledo-Golfín y Ovando, originally from Caceres, was the first of his family to be established in the village of Cazalla de la Sierra, today belonging to Seville. He proved his nobility in 1566 before the Royal Chancery of Granada. He married Francisca de Galves and they were the parents of:

Antonio Alvarez de Toledo-Golfín y Galvez, from Cazalla de la Sierra, who left his testament on October 1638 in the city of Llerena before the scribe Gaspar Diaz de Aguilar. He married twice: the first in Cazalla de la Sierra's main parish of Santa Maria de la Consolacion on September 3, 1592 (L1 F101) with Elvira de Arias y Avila (daughter of Fernando de Arias and Leonor de Avila); and the second with Constanza de Cespedes.

From his first marriage he procreated Pedro, his first born who was a priest, Fernando and Antonio Alvarez de Toledo-Golfín y Arias. Of which:

Antonio Alvarez de Toledo-Golfín y Arias, born in Cazalla de la Sierra was married to Maria de Zayas y Bohorques (widow of Francisco Calvo de la Banda). She was the daughter of Diego de Zayas y Muñoz de Rivadeneyra, (also known as Diego Mendez de Sotomayor y Arias. He belonged to the Zayas Bazan lineage that was established in Cuba) and Mencia de Bohorques.

Fernando Alvarez de Toledo-Golfín y Arias, was born in Cazalla de la Sierra, and was baptized in the parish of Ntra. Sra. de la Consola-

cion, in May 10, 1627 (L2 F130). He was Mayor of Sevilla in 1717 and joined the Order of Calatrava on May 22, 1664, after the required proofs. (File no. 2584, National Archive, Madrid). He left his testament in his native city on December 9, 1692 before the scribe Juan Castro Soria. Since his older brother, Pedro, joined the religious life, he inherited the lordship his father had founded. He married in Cazalla de la Sierra's parish of Sta. Maria de la Consolacion on February 12, 1651 (L4 F101) with Mayor de Guzman-Forera y Rivero, who was the daughter of Alonso Forero y Rivero and Felipa de Rivero. From this marriage were born Felipe and Nicolas de Toledo Goldfin y Guzman

Nicolas de Toledo-Golfin y Guzman was baptized in Seville's parish of San Bartolome on August 30, 1664. He was Regent of the city in 1746; Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry. He married in Puerto de Santa Maria's main parish on February 2, 1700 (L35 F88) with Ana de Idiaquez y Castro, the daughter of Francisco de Idiaques and Ines de Castro. This couple were the parents of:

Nicolas Antonio Pedro Francisco Ignacio de Toledo e Idiaquez, baptized in Seville's parish of San Bartolome on may 31, 1701. He was Lieutenant Coronel of the Regiment of Militia, Knight of the Monarch and Grand Master of Seville. He married in that city, in the convent of San Clemente on February 28, 1724 with Antonia Nicolasa de Licht y de la Barrera. She was baptized in The parish of San Nicolas on April 18, 1706. She was the sister of the Bishop of Guadix and Luis de Licht y de la Barrera, Canon of the Cathedral of Seville. She was the daughter of Captain Andres Carlos de Licht, and Luisa Felipe de la Barrera. Andres Carlos de Licht was the Mayor of the village of Camas in 1694, and was the son of Carlos de Licht, originally from Amberes, the first of his lineage to be established in Vizcaya. Luisa Felipe de la Barrera was the daughter of Luis Francisco de la Barrera, Mayor of Seville in 1613 and Ana Fernandez-Tribiño.

Nicolas Pedro de Toledo e Idiaquez and his wife Antonia Nicolasa Licht were the parents of Ana Maria, Luisa, Maria de los Reyes, Miguel Francisco, Luis Nicolas and Nicolas de Toledo y Licht. Of which:

1. Ana Maria de Toledo y Licht was born in Seville in the year 1712, and married Jeronima Fernandez de Landa y Rodriguez Alfaro, also born in Seville in 1728, son of Fernando Fernandez de Landa y Pinto and Antonia Rodriguez de Alfaro y Mendoza de Aragon. According to certification given by the Real Chancilleria de Valladolid in 1653, the hidalguia of the lineage Fernandez de Landa, from the manor house of the same name, located in Ibarandia, was recognized.

Ana Maria de Toledo and her husband Jeronimo Fernandez de Landa were the parents of Fernando, Luis, and Antonio Fernandez de Landa y Toledo. Of which:

A. Fernando Fernandez de Landa y Toledo was born in Seville in 1747, and entered the Royal Guard on May 3, 1766.

B. Luis Fernandez de Landa y Toledo, was born in Seville in 1759, and entered the Royal Guard on December 30, 1774.

C. Antonio Fernandez de Landa y Toledo was born in Seville in 1752, and entered the Royal Guard on November 25, 1770. He married Maria Lopez de Herrera y Aguilar, born in San Lucar de Barrameda. The daughter of Pedro Lopez de Herrera and Micalca de Aguilar y Fernandez. Antonio Fernandez de Landa y Toledo was the father of

Antonio Maria Fernandez de Landa y Lopez de Herrera, born in San Lucar de Barrameda in 1795, and entered the Royal Guard on April 24, 1809.

2. Luisa de Toledo y Licht was born in Seville and married Lorenzo de Toro y Perez de Saavedra, also known as Lorenzo de Toro y Mendoza. Their offsprings were:

A. Lorenzo de Toro y Toledo born in Aguilar de la Frontera on 1764. He became a Cadet on the Royal Guard in Cadiz on January 21, 1782.

B. Pedro de Toro y Toledo, born in Aguilar de la Frontera on 1769. He entered the Royal Guard on December 29, 1785.

C. Nicolas de Toro y Toledo, born in Aguilar de la Frontera on 1759. He entered the Royal Guard and married Maria Marco Espejo y Hordan-Rueda, born in Mataro on 1770, the daughter of Miguel Marco-Espejo and Agustina Hordan-Rueda. They were the parents of Francisco de Toro y Marco-Espejo born in Cartagena de Indias on 1795, who also entered the Royal Guard and in 1813 was transferred to Montevideo.

3. Maria de los Reyes de Toledo y Licht was born in Seville. She was a nun in the convent of San Clemente el Real in Seville.

4. Miguel Francisco de Toledo y Licht was born in Seville on September 29, 1734 and was baptized in that city in the parish of San Bartolome on the 4th of the following month. He married Maria del Carmen Tudela y Cansinos on May 1762 and they were the parents of:

Rafael Alvarez de Toledo y Tudela, baptized in Seville at the parish of San Roman on April 18, 1766, who obtained from the Royal Chancery of Granada, the hidalguia of the lineage for his cousins in La Habana, de Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois family.

5. Nicolas de Toledo y Licht was born in Seville on 1747, and entered

the Royal Guard on May 3, 1766

6. Luis Nicolas de Toledo y Licht was born in Seville in the year 1743 and entered the Royal Guard on April 23, 1758. He became Brigadier of the Royal Army and obtained the Knighthoods of the Order of Calatrava and the Order of San Hermenegildo. He was a resident of La Habana and left his last will dated May 4, 1825 before the scribe Jose Miguel Izquierdo. His death was entered in the registers of the Cathedral of La Habana on March 20, 1827.

He married Maria de los Dolores Dubois y Marquez del Toro, born in Jerez de la Frontera who was the daughter of Fernando Dubois y Casanova² and Andrea Maria Marquez del Toro. They were the parents of Jose Luis, Luis Agustin, Maria Josefa, Luis Nicolas, Nicolas Maria, Maria de los Dolores, Nicolas Jose, Maria de la Merced, Maria de la Encarnacion, Barbara Maria, Andrea Victoria, and Antonio Maria Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois. Of which:

1. Jose Luis Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois was a distinguished resident of La Habana, the principal individual of his family and subject of this family history investigation.

2. Luis Agustin Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois was born on February 28, 1781 and was baptized at the Cathedral of La Habana on the 12th of the following month. (L14 F162 no. 625) He died as a child.

3. Maria Josefa Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois, was born on April 12,

²Oliverio Dubois and Luisa de Z., his wife, were the parents of Fernando Dubois, born in Laval, Francia. He was the Judge of The Holy Brotherhood of Vieja in 1729, and married Maria Casanova y Castilla, who was born in Moron de la Frontera on 1702, the daughter of Juan and Maria. They were the parents of Fernando Dubois, above mentioned.

- 1782 and was baptized on the same cathedral. (L15 F38 no. 182).
4. Luis Nicolas Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois was born on August 25, 1783 and was baptized in the same cathedral on the 19th of the following month. (L5 F89 no. 398)
5. Nicolas Maria de los Angeles Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois was born on August 2, 1784 and was baptized on the same cathedral of the 12th of the following month. (L15 F128 no. 352). He died as a child.
6. Maria de las Dolores Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois was born on August 29 1787 and was baptized on the same cathedral on the 12th of the following month (L16 F14 no. 63). His death is found in the Parish of Santo Cristo del Buen Viaje dated August 23 1827 (L11 F36 no.145). She married Antonio Jose Raffelin y Roustan de Estrada, born on October 23, 1786. He was a great Cuban musician of the 19th century, the son of Antoine Francois Raffelin born in Paris, and Colonel of he Regiment of Dragones in America in La Habana, and Barbara Maria Roustan de Estrada, born in La Habana on August 26, 1752.
7. Nicolas Jose Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois was born on April 18, 1791 and was baptized in the Cathedral of La Habana on the 16th of the following month (L16 F272 no. 742). He died as a child.
8. Maria de la Merced Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois was born on August 28, 1792 and was baptized in the Cathedral on the 10th of the following month. (L17 F1 no. 2).
9. Maria de la Encarnacion Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois was born on March 25, 1794 and was baptized in the Cathedral on the 7th of the following month (L17 F102 no. 260).

10. Barbara Maria Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois will be treated in the lineage of the Larrazabal.

11 Andrea Victoria Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois was born on June 15, 1801 and was baptized in the Cathedral of La Habana on the 30th of the month. (L19 F31 no. 117). She married in the Parish of Espiritu Santo on May 11, 1832 with Manuel Fernandez de Henestrosa y Montenegro, born in Fuenteovejuna, Cordoba. He was Colonel of the Calvary Division of Lanceros del Rey in La Habana. He was the son of Jose Maria Fernandez de Henestrosa y Horcasitas, from Ecija, and Maria Ignacia de Motenegro y Horcasitas.

12. Antonio Maria Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois will be treated next as the lineage of Santiago de Cuba.

Lineage of Santiago de Cuba

Antonio Maria Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois, the son of Luis Nicolas de Toledo y Licht and Maria de los Dolores Dubois y Marquez del Toro, was born in La Habana on February 26, 1803 and was baptized in the Cathedral of the city on the 16th of the following month. (L19 F138 no. 485). He was Lieutenant Colonel of the Calvary, later Colonel of the same corp and Captain of the Regiment of Lanceros of La Habana. He was a Knight of the Order of Carlos III, the Order of San Hermenegildo and the Order of San Jorge de Parma. He died on September of 1883, in Puerto Principe. He married by power of attorney in Santiago de Cuba, at the parish of Santo Tomas Apostol on September 18, 1848 (L2 F360 no. 18) with Francisca Xaviera Rizo y Portuondo. She was born on October 18, 1825 and was baptized in the Parish of Santo Tomas the 31th of that month (L2 F64 no. 39), and was the daughter of Jose Ramon Rizo y

Angulo and Francisca Xaviera Portuondo y Abad.³

Antonio Maria Alvarez de Toledo and Francisca Rizo were the parents of Manuel de Jesus Antonio Luis Ramon Francisco; Luis del Carmen; Antonia; Antonia Maria Pastora; y Luis Maria Francisco Xavier Alvarez de Toledo y Rizo. Of which:

1. Manuel de Jesus Alvarez de Toledo y Rizo was born in Santiago de Cuba on June 7, 1849 and was baptized in that city's parish of La Trinidad on July 31, 1849 (L5 F20 no. 55). Died as a child.
2. Luis del Carmen Alvarez de Toledo y Rizo was born in Santiago de Cuba on July 16, 1850 and died that day. (L4 F65 no. 20)
3. Antonia Alvarez de Toledo y Rizo was born in Santiago de Cuba on February 23, 1858 and died that day. (L4 F119 no. 15).
4. Antonia Maria Pastora Alvarez de Toledo y Rizo was born in Santiago de Cuba on March 30, 1862 and was baptized on the Parish of Santo Tomas on May 14, of that yea (L8 F237 no. 45).
5. Luis Maria Francisco Alvarez de Toledo y Rizo was born in Santiago de Cuba on November 25, 1864 and was baptized in the Parish of Santo Tomas on the 7th of the following month (L9 F57 no. 143). He married Elvira Betancourt and was the father of

³Jose Ramon Rizo y Angulo was born in Santiago de Cuba on August 31, 1777 and was baptized in the Parish of Santo Tomas on September 4th, 1777, and died on December 13, 1841, Francisca Xaviera Portuondo y Abad was born on November 11, 1786 and was baptized in the same parish on the 29th of the same month and year.

Theresa Alvarez de Toledo y Betancourt, born in Santiago de Cuba. She married in the Cathedral of that city on October 8, 1910 (L12 F259 no. 302) with Buenaventura Pacheco y Rizo, the son of Jose Dolores Pacheco and Eligia Rizo.

Lineage of the Larrazabal

Barbara Maria Juana Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois, already mentioned as the daughter of Luis Nicolas de Toledo y Licht and Maria de los Dolores Dubois y Marquez del Toro, born in La Habana on May 6, 1800 was baptized in the cathedral of that city on the 20th of that month and year. She married in the Parish of Santo Cristo del Buen Viaje on November 27 1840 (L8 F74 no 167) with Jose Antonio de Larrazabal y Molina born in the city of Murcia, Spain, the son of Leon Larrazabal and Maria de la Concepcion Molina. They were the parents of :

Jose Maria Luis Larrazabal y Alvarez de Toledo, born in La Habana on June 19, 1844, and was baptized on the parish of Santo Cristo del Buen Viaje on the 13th of the following month (L28 F140 no 334). He died in Madrid. He was a lawyer and in 1879 he was the judge of Guanabacoa, then Attorney General of the district of Belen, in Habana in 1882; Judge of the district on Prado on 1884; and President of the Court of Matanzas in 1897. He married in Guanabacoa's parish of Ntra. Sra. de la Asuncion, on September 12, 1879 (L10 F26 no 26) with his relative, Maria de Jesus Sa del Rey y Mantilla de los Rios, who was born in La Habana on April 7, 1863. She was baptized in the Parish of Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe on May 20, of that year (L31 F258 no 495). She was the daughter of Enrique Sa del Rey y Rocamora, and Maria de Jesus Mantilla de los Rios y O'Farrill.

Jose Maria Alvarez de Toledo y Maria de Jesus Sa del Rey y Mantilla de los Rios were the parents of Maria de Jesus; Maria de la Concepcion; Jose Maria Antonio; Jose Maria Manuel; Maria de las Mercedes y Maria del Amparo Larrazabal y Sa del Rey. Of Which:

1. Maria de Jesus Larrazabal y Sa del Rey was born in La Habana and married Enrique Rodriguez, doctor of medicine and Officer of the Portuguese Army .

2. Maria de la Concepcion Larrazabal y Sa del Rey was born in La Habana on June 10, 1882 and was baptized in the parish of Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe on the 15th of the following month (L40 F30 no. 50). She married in Portugal with Ludgero Crespo and had no children.

3. Jose Maria Antonio Larrazabal y Sa del Rey was born in La Habana on January 17, 1884 and was baptized in the parish of Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe on May 11, 1884 (L41 F15 no 29). He died as a child.