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Truth or  
Fabrication?  
Examining a family  
story from the Ten  
Years War

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# DIARIO DE LA MARINA

LA HABANA, MIERCOLES, 13 DE ENERO DE 1937.—SANTOS GUMERSINDO Y LEONCIO

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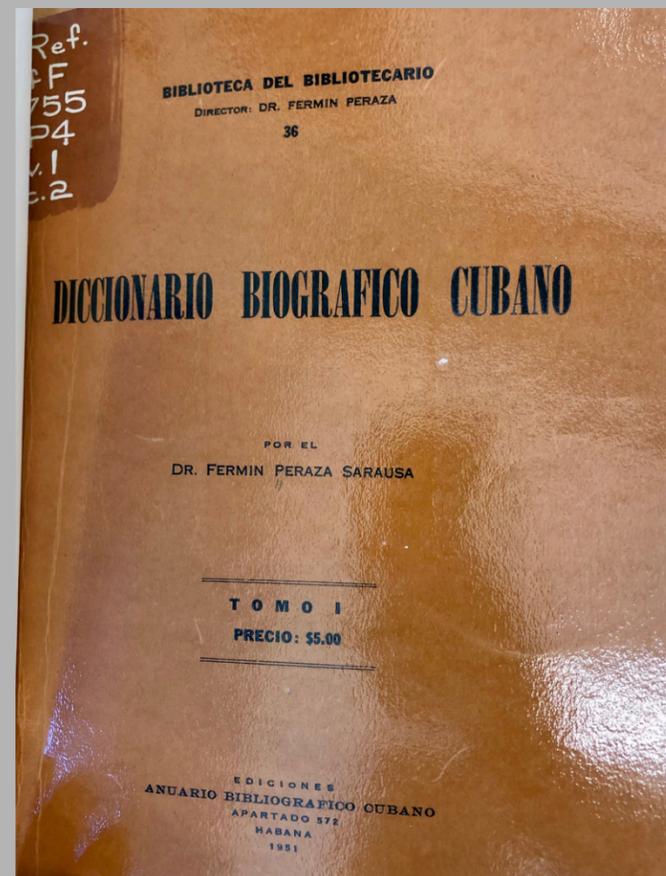
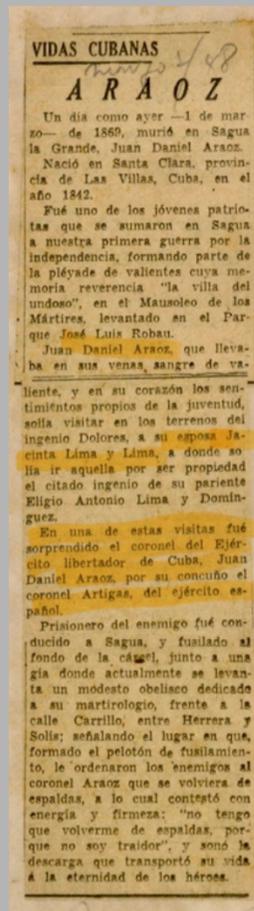
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This dramatic story of a confrontation of two enemy officers, spouses of two women from a respected Cuban landowning family, resulting in the execution of one of the officers, was published in the Diario de la Marina along with other publications.

## Research Questions:

Were Jacinta and Rosa Lima daughters of Eligió Antonio Lima y Dominguez?

Was Jacinta the spouse Araoz?

Was Rosa the spouse of Artigas?

Was Araoz apprehended by his brother-in-law resulting in a summary trial and execution?

# Araoz

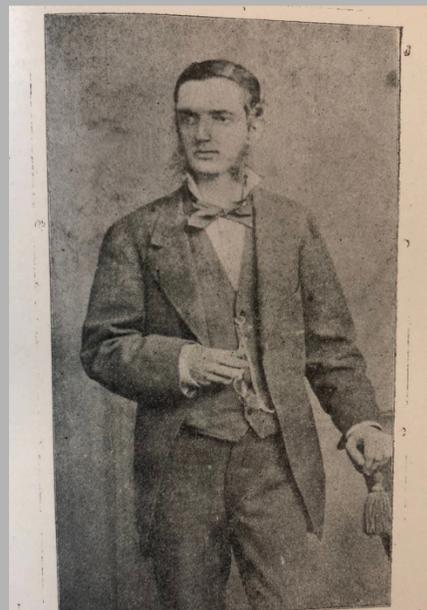
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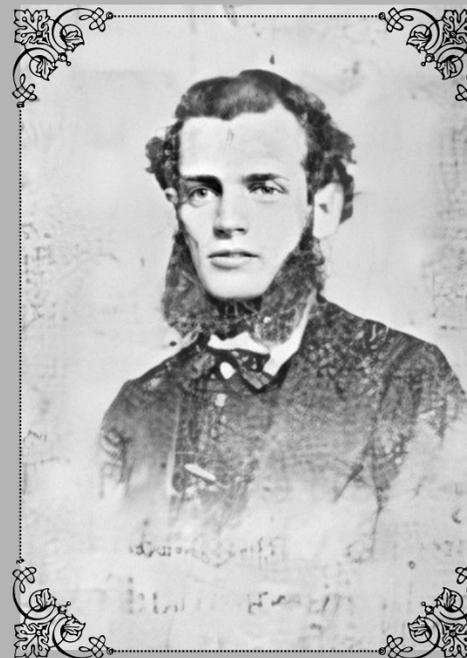
Miguel Araoz Almeida

Juan Daniel Araoz Almeida

Rosa Maria Araoz Almeida  
de Hernaez



*D. Miguel de Araoz.*  
5º Alcalde de Sagua.

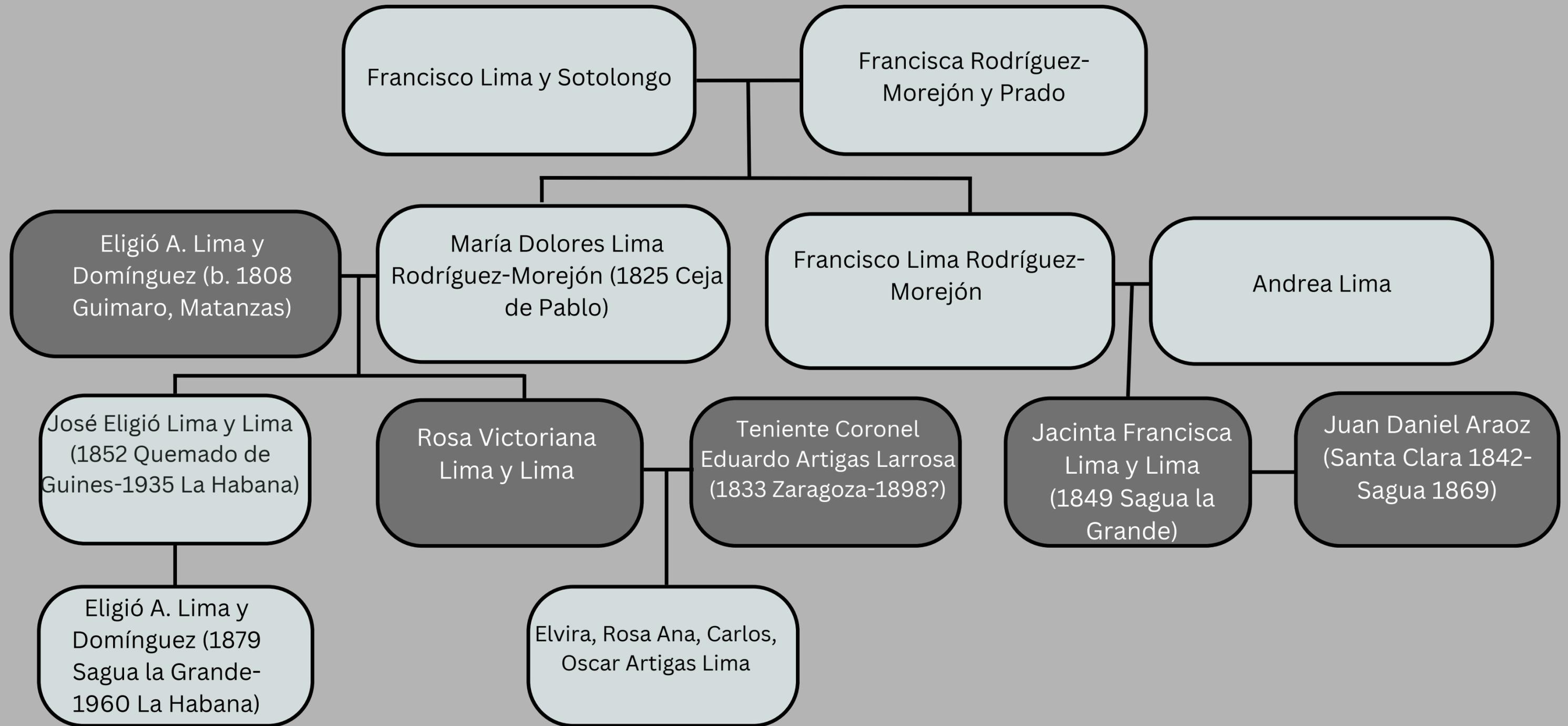


Rosa Araoz



According to his death certificate, Juan Daniel Araoz died by execution on 28 February 1869. His spouse was Jacinta Lima Lima, his father was Francisco de Paula and his mother was Micaela Almeyda

# Lima



# T I M E L I N E

## Timeline

**1842**  
(AGE)

**Birth**  
1842 • Santa Clara  
Juan Daniel Araoz was born in 1842 in Santa Clara

**1857**  
15

**Sublieutenant Eduardo Artigas Larrosa arrives in Cuba**  
20 May 1857 • Havana, Cuba  
Assigned to Regimiento de Asturias in Cárdenas

**1867**  
25

**Captain Eduardo Artigas Larrosa returns to Spain**  
July 1867 • Madrid, Spain  
In 1868, Artigas is assigned to the Infantry Regiment of Zaragoza in Leganés, Madrid as a commander

**1867**  
25

**Marriage**  
Abt. 1867  
Juan Daniel Araoz marries Jacinta Francisca Lima y Lima

 **Jacinta Francisca Lima y Lima**  
1849–

**1868**  
26

**“Grito de Yara”**  
10 October 1868 • Yara, Cuba  
Call to rebellion from Carlos Manuel de Céspedes in the town of Yara, near his plantation, “La Demajagua” that initiated the ten years war of independence

**1869**  
27

**Military**  
06 Feb 1869 • Las Villas, Cuba  
Araoz, serving under General Cavada, likely takes part in the first rebel uprising in Las Villas province, shattering the relative calm. In effect, Sagua la Grande becomes a war zone.  
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**1869**  
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**Juan Daniel Araoz is captured by Spanish**  
Abt. 26 Feb 1869 • Sagua la Grande  
He is arrested and questioned regarding location of rebel forces  
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**1869**  
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 **Death** [Edit](#)  
28 Feb 1869 • Sagua la Grande  
After a summary trial, Araoz is executed by firing squad in front of a Jía tree  
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**1876**

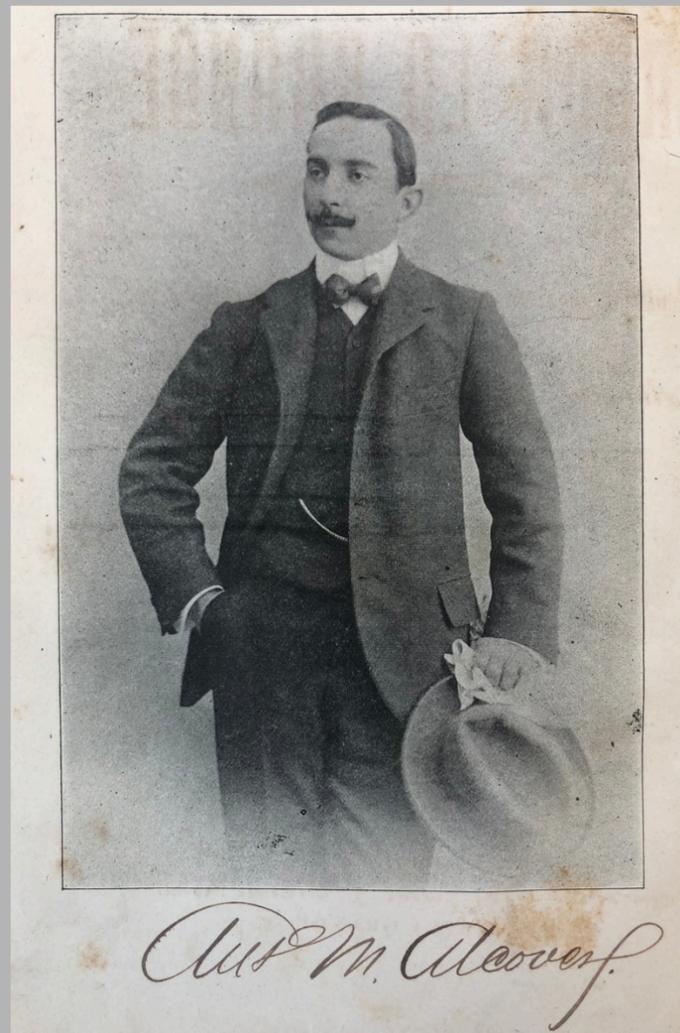
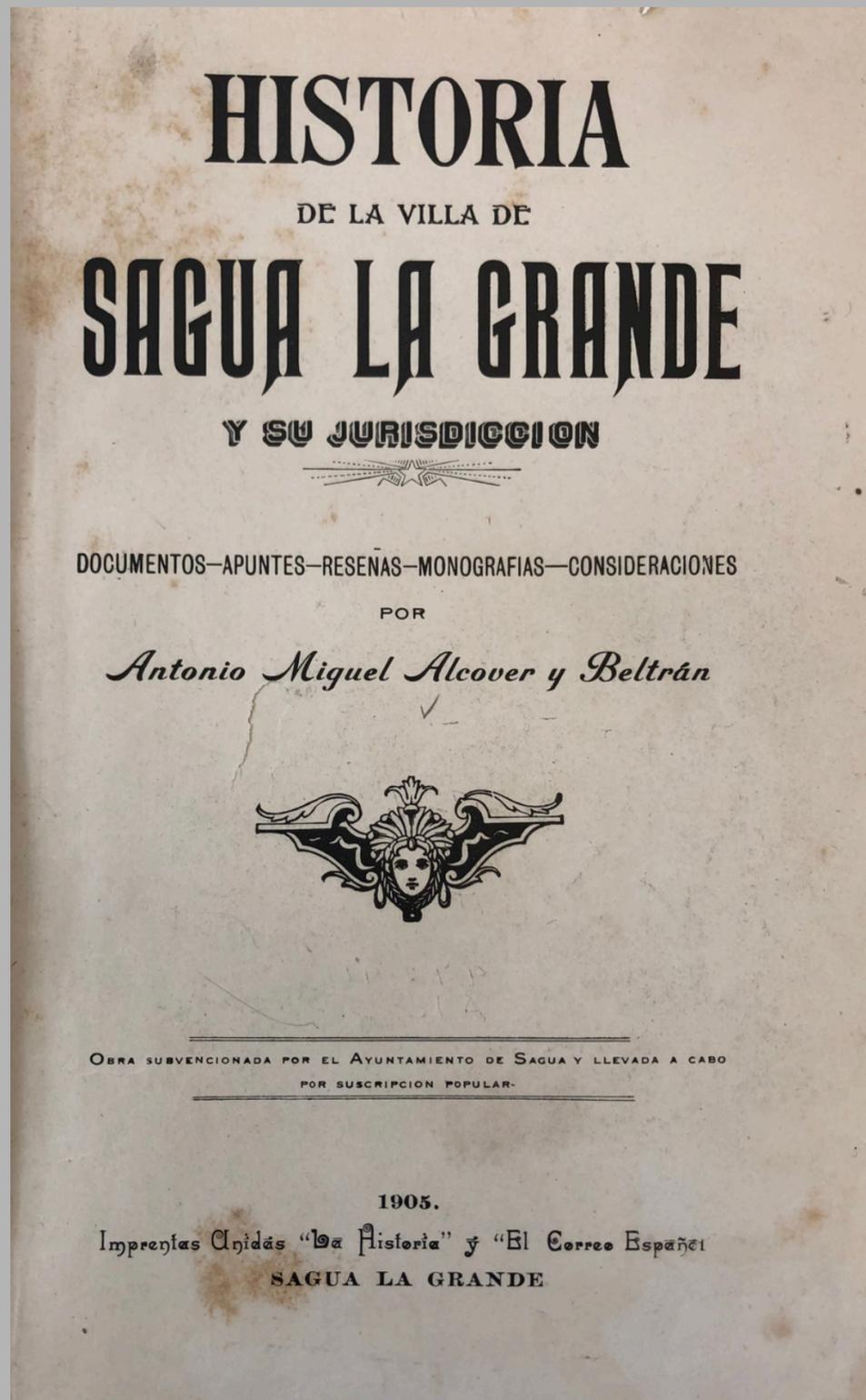
**Captain Artigas returns to Cuba**  
20 Nov 1876 • Havana, Cuba  
Artigas returns aboard the merchant steamer “Fer”

**1880**

**Lieutenant Colonel Artigas marries Rosa Victoriana Lima y Lima**  
19 June 1880 • Sagua la Grande, Cuba  
Ceremony at “La Purisima Concepción”  
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**1884**

**Lieutenant Colonel Artigas returns to Spain**  
22 August 1884 • Spain



In February 1869, Aaoz and two other soldiers became lost after separating from their military unit.

They were hiding in a sugarcane field when their whereabouts were disclosed to Spanish authorities. Of the three, only Araoz was apprehended.

He was interrogated by Enrique Trillo Figueroa, Spanish military leader of Sagua la Grande.

After a summary trial he was executed on 28 February 1869

“I will not turn my back because I am not a traitor”

## Research Conclusions:

Were Jacinta Lima and Rosa Lima daughters of Eligió Antonio Lima y Dominguez? Rosa was his daughter but Jacinta was his niece. Rosa and Jacinta were 1<sup>st</sup> cousins.

Was Jacinta the spouse of Araoz? Yes, Captain Juan Daniel Araoz Almeida of the Cuban *Ejercito Libertador* was her spouse. He was captured by Spanish forces and executed by firing squad on 28 February 1869.

Was Rosa the spouse of Artigas? Yes, she married *Teniente Coronel Eduardo Artigas Larrosa* of the Spanish army in Cuba in 1880.

Was Captain Araoz apprehended in 1869 by his brother-in-law, Lieutenant Colonel Artigas at the residence of Eligió Lima Domínguez, resulting in a summary trial and execution? Impossible, Artigas was stationed in Madrid at the time of Araoz's capture and execution. The most accurate account of Araoz's capture is in *Historia de la Villa de Sagua la Grande* by Alcover: Araoz was captured while hiding in a canefield after becoming detached from his unit.



*D, Juan de Aroz*

Although my investigation revealed the the framework of the story that appeared in Diario de la Marina was accurate, some of the important details were not. It was impossible that Artigas took part in Aroz's capture and execution in Cuba as he was in a separate continent. The lives of Aroz and Artigas, two enemy officers related by marriage never intersected. However, my research did verify all the characters existed during this tumultuous period of love and war in Cuba, and I gained a greater understanding and sympathy for what they went through



Obelisk erected in Sagua at location of execution in memory of Aroz