

3 Peirce Road
Wilmington, DE 19803
November 25, 1989

My dear Ramon,

Margaret is coming to the end of her Christmas present to her children - the story of our ancestors. Of course she has very complete data for her side of the family from records in eastern Pennsylvania. In the case of my side, she has primarily records at the University of Pennsylvania, newspaper clippings from Ecuador, your recollections, some meager material from Mormon archives in Salt Lake City, and most recently, information from a great-great-granddaughter of our father (about 30 years old) whom we met at Dan Connolly's funeral. She knows you and Jack very well. Her name is Maria Antonieta Maldonado Bohorquez de Mareillo.

Our father was certainly a winner, but knowing what he started with, he could not help being a winner. BUT YOU TOO, ARE A WINNER! You accomplished so much with nothing more than your bare hands! You are a worthy son of your father!

Our father was one of only two children (the other, an unmarried brother died relatively early), the son of a very wealthy plantation owner who was able to send Francisco Javier for a Grand Tour of Europe at 18 years of age and then to Pennsylvania for basic education until he was about 25 or 26 years of age. After graduating from the Pennsylvania Medical School, at 21 years of age, our father was first Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy and then Assistant to the Professor of Obstetrics. During his 23rd and 24th year he undertook to study for a Doctorate in Philosophy at Pennsylvania, but did not get that degree.

Returning to Ecuador, he joined (at 28 years of age) the faculty of the Medical School of the Central University in Guayaquil where he progressed through^{to} the positions of Professor of Anatomy, Assistant Dean of the Medical School, and finally Dean of the Medical School from 1899 to 1901. He retained his connection with the Medical School until 1910 while he pursued his political career.

From 1901 to 1911 (when you were growing up) he was Senator from Los Rios Province, Governor of the Province of Guayas, and Minister of Public Instruction, of Interior, of Health, of War and Navy, and Secretary of State when there was a possibility that he could be elected as President of Ecuador. In that period he was exiled at least once to Peru where in Trujillo his son Miguel was born. He also spent some time in the United States checking up on his sons at the University of Pennsylvania where they were not particularly diligent students.

In summary, our father spent about 7 years studying in Philadelphia, 23 years as an active teacher of Medicine with most likely side occupation as a Surgeon, and 12 years as a prominent political leader with very little time for either Medicine or Surgery. After exile following the 1912 revolution, he could have spent the remaining about 4 years of his life at Surgery.

Of all the children of our father, you are the only worthy one because of what you did for his orphans. All the children of his first marriage were very happy to be supported by their father even after they were married and had children of their own. You once told me that at one time our father was supporting 35 people. There went the inheritance of Francisco Javier from his father!

You also attended the College of St. Vincent of Guayas where you were at the head of your class. Therefore, our father could not have been any better than you were because he could not have been any higher than at the head of his class. You had to leave that College to help support your father's widow and his 4 orphans. How different from your father! If you had no brothers and sisters to support (as he did not have),

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