

Pomar Lineage

JUAN POMAR was born 1768, either en route to the New Colony, or as soon as they arrived. As an infant in New Smyrna, he evidently was not aware of the actual hardships, other than perhaps less care, attention and food than he needed. The colonists were so ill-treated during those first nine years.

Reports of the Governor, made later, indicated that 28 persons died on one ship alone, coming to Florida. About 148 of the colonists died in all before they were settled.

The FIRST YEAR of settlement saw 155 adult deaths and 22 children. Gradually, they became accustomed to life there and in 1772 only 8 adults and 3 children reportedly died. But, over 30 children died during the next 2 years, along with 16 adults. Then in 1775, the year the Revolutionary War in the other 13 colonies began to the north of this British province, 30 children had either died or were very ill, and over 25 adults died that year.

So, it is no wonder that only JUAN POMAR was left with his mother and stepfather, JOSE HERNANDEZ—CARDONA, of their families. It was time to rebel. By early 1777, JUAN POMAR, a child of ten or eleven, was to hear about, live through, and take part in the rebellion and trek to British Augustine.

Governor PATRICK TONYN was not adverse to aiding these people from the colony. His political frustration alone toward the former Governor helped, plus his eagerness to get hold of those 200 able bodied Minorcans who might fight for the King against the American Colonials.

JOSE HERNANDEZ CARDONA brought JUANA and young JUAN POMAR to the old town and settled first on Cuna Street. He then moved to Spanish Street before 1788. He lived right next door to a kinsman, JOSE HERNANDEZ VICTORI and JOSE's wife and twelve children.

CARDONA was a farmer and VICTORI was a stonemason. The latter was father of MARTINA HERNANDEZ, who was growing up right next door to young JUAN POMAR.

JUAN POMAR married MARTINA HERNANDEZ on June 22, 1789. On the 1793 Census Report, No. 155, JUAN POMAR was 26 and MARTINA was 18. They lived across the street from ALBERTO ROGERO.

POMAR was a Majorcan family prior to 1566 and the name was originally spelled POMA. (MAJORCA is the biggest island in the Balearics.) The Minorca family history begins in Ciudadela with BARTOLOME POMAR and JUANA PONS, his wife, about 1566. (They were Roy and Steve Rogero's nine times great grandparents.) Their son, ANTONIO POMAR, married ANTONIA CAPO on 5/22/1611.

BARTOLOME POMAR, son of ANTONIO and ANTONIA, and named for his grandfather, wed ANTONIA SALORT on August 4, 1635. They were still in Ciudadela, Minorca. BARTOLOME, III was next in line. He married 6/2/1675 to JUANA ANGLADA.

BARTOLOME IV was the son of the third BART. This youngest BART grew up in Ciudadela and married twice. His first marriage was to a VILA girl and after her death, he married ESPERANZA ALBA. (The ALBA name was one of the very fine old Spanish names. At one time the DUKE of ALBA [1508 to 1582] was a very powerful man in Spain. He had been a Spanish statesman and conqueror of Portugal.) ESPERANZA was the widow of RAFAEL SACRAISTA. BART IV married her on 3/29/1716.

BARTOLOME IV and ESPERANZA had a son, JOSE. He took for his bride JUANA LLINA and they wed the day after Christmas in 1752. So, at last we come to 1768 and the Florida bound JUAN POMAR, son of JOSE and JUANA. Of all their know children, only one survived to come to the New World. JOSE apparently died in New Smyrna before the move to St. Augustine. His widow married the second JOSE HERNANDEZ-CARDONA. JUANA LLINA was born about 1736 and had only the one surviving child by POMAR. The child was JUAN POMAR. She had no children by HERNANDEZ-CARDONA. Some 25 years later, JUAN POMAR's daughter, JUANA POMAR, married ALBERTO'S son, FRANCISCO.

CATHEDRAL PARISH RECORDS: MARRIAGES: 1789 NO. 62

Juan Pomar and Martina Hernandez

Wednesday, the 22nd day of June in the year 1789, after careful inspection into the single life by the Rt. Rev. Don Civilio de Barcelona, Bishop of Tricaly and Auxiliary to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Cuba, making a holy visit to the parish and province.

After the reading of the three banns as requested by Holy Mother Church on three feast days at the main Mass, Feast of San Fernando, Pentecost Sunday Second Sunday, within the Octave of Pentecost. All necessary formalities being completed, there being no impediments whatsoever, I, Don Miguel O'Reilly, assistant priest, vicar, Ecclesiastical Judge of the province of St. Augustine, East Florida, Chaplain of the garrison troops, received the consent of JUAN POMAR, single, native of Minorca, son of JOSEPH POMAR and Juana Linana (Lina), natives of the isle of Minorca and of Martina Hernandez, single, native of the parish, daughter of Joseph Hernandez and Maria Mier, natives of Minorca, Whose consent was given mutually by word and presence which makes a true and legal marriage. Juan Pomar solemnly received for his wife and spouse Martina Hernandez and she, the referred Juan Pomar For her husband and spouse in my presence and that Of witnesses: Jose Hernandez and Juana Lina, residents of the town.

They received the nuptial blessing, knowing their Christian doctrine, had confession and communion the same day.

I sign _____
Miguel O'Reilly