

## THE VELASQUEZ FAMILY TREE

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### FAMILY--DEFINED

- Members of a social unit
- Members of a household
- Group of people who share common ancestry or kinship

The last definition speaks to this gathering here today--people who share common ancestry, **gaduheguatiwa!!**

### WHY ARE We HERE?

We are here for a Dugu in honour of & to placate Aharinigu Ortencia "Aya" Velasquez Franzua, tuma tigatu Virginia "Deedee" Reyes Velasquez, wife of her brother Cervantes. Also Auntie Deedee's mother, Micaela Reyes. Each person has 4 sides, 2 from the mother and two from the father. So those of the Velasquez ancestry and Reyes Ancestry along those related to them, whether by marriage or biological will be prominent.

Gariguna spiritualism is based on lineal kinship and hinges on the obligatory cultural practice of aguriahani among relatives, mother and child even after death. The dead (uwayan) are not physically here, but exist in the spirit of our Ancestors, in the Ahari or Gubida. The Ahari are remembered via several rituals--lemesi, dagagudou, amuyandahani, etc; or via a Dugu ceremony. Consisting of 9 highly structured rituals, Dugu is a sacrosanct ceremony which is the authority system rooted in the spiritual health of the Garinagu. The opening and closing rituals recognize the importance of upholding kinship through the Afunahoutian and the Mali t Ritual as central to the healing process. Each Mali is dedicated to an Ancestor, listen to the announcement.

So, Dugu brings kin or family members together and lineal ties are important ...as a continuation of our spiritual system of reciprocity. Oftentimes, we are related by both blood and marriage and the Velasquez is no different. I will today be dealing only with the Velasquez genealogy. The objective is to demonstrate our relations to Ahari Ortencia through our various links and lineages in the Velasquez family. Ortencia had no children of her own; she was the daughter of Emmanuel.

Several themes emanated from the Velasquez family grouping--land ownership, entrepreneurship, out-migration, community leadership, spirituality (Buyeiship, agaranihatiun, arisaratiyun), out-migration, non-catholic "**...nearly all the Velasquez families have drifted away from the Catholic Church**". Also, names tend to repeat or pass down--Emmanuel, Romana, Tiburcio, Balvina, etc.

Out-migration which started as early as 1921 was to Puerto Barrios, Honduras, then Scotland, Panama, and later to the U.S. The move to the former countries was temporary (Lisurnia), but

migration to the U.S. soon became permanent, starting with the 4th generation. Thomas Velasquez family had all migrated.

## **The VELASQUEZ FAMILY GROUPING**

### ***FIRST & SECOND GENERATION***

Tiburcio Velasquez born around 1836 took for his wife Venancia "Nitu Yaga" Apolonio around 1859. They had 9 children 5 males and 4 females.

*MALES*--Thomas, Mariano, Pascacio, Emmanuel & Peter

*FEMALES*--Cararina, Gregoria, Balvina & Cayetana

Tiburcio and Venancia represent the 1st generation and their 9 children 2nd generation. Each of the 9 children has added to the generations through families of their. So that the offsprings of the 9 represent the 3rd generation and so on. I have documented 7 or 8 generations.

### ***CONTINUING GENERATIONS by SIBLING***

MALE CHILDREN--5

#### 1. THOMAS--the eldest

Married Crecencia Scarlet--had one daughter Toribia Velasquez who married Romaldo Estero Romaldo and Toribia had 3 daughters--Esther "Tita Es" married Guerrero (Roxie, Harlem fame), Alexi, & Anna Estero (nun of the Holy Family).

100% of Thomas' family have migrated mainly to the US.

#### 2. MARIANO--1864 to 1927

Married to Adelia--Also had children with Seperina Ogaldez & Policarpia "Wapouru" Parchue.

Children with Adelia: Alzina Velasquez, married Garcia and had one child Vilma Garcia Smith  
Stella Velasquez, married Avilez--mother of John, Nora & Harold

Children with Seperina Ogaldez: Julietta Velasquez Centino-- Mother of Mary Prestina "Bad Granny" Centino, Angelina "Auntie Muchuda", Telesforo "Scope", Simeon (married Cunnu Morreira) & Albertha Centino.

Children with Policarpia: Phillip (Has children with Manu) & Simeon (children with Salidonia Lopez and one child with his cousin Katie Rivas).

#### 3. EMMANUEL

Married Maria Presenta Marin; Also had children with Secondina Parchue

Children with Maria Marin: Anna Velasquez, Married Blanco (haguchu Mum lau Badi), Simeona "Chema" Velasquez, Ortencia "Aya" Velasquez Married Franzua, Ofracia Velasquez, Adalina Samba Velasquez (tuguchu Biti, Eroditia, Sasa), Alvan Velasquez, Patrocinio Alonzo Velasquez (Alvan, Angelica, Alonzo), Cervantes "Yau Bante" Velasquez (haguguchi Salvia, Edicta, Melkie, Barbara, Nell)

Children with Secondina Parchue: Peter "P Bones" Velasquez--his daughter Bernadine with Hilda Gabourel is mother of one of our infamous Rappers, Grand Master

#### 4. PASCACIO "TIU PASI"

Married or lived with a lady called "Muyega", they had no children.

5. PETER--the youngest

Married to Eluteria Shina Arana--9 children

Had a child by the name of Patricia (haguguchu Clinton, Bela & Nena Flowers), Clinton has children with Finou Oufuri "Figini"

Peter's 9 children with Eluteria: Tiburcio, Ignacia "Nacha" Velasquez Rivas, Timothy Velasquez, Tolentina Velasquez Castillo (Ernestina "Yaya", Alex, Charles Sonny Boy, Simeona "Aunt Mim", James, Feliciano, George), Victorina "Nabita" Velasquez Diego, William "John Adams" Velasquez, Lucina Velasquez Colon (Verona, Dolly, Conse), Rosela Velasquez Valerio, Luther Velasquez

*FEMALE CHILDREN--4*

1. Catarina --Married to John "Suanga" Roaches--2 daughters

Children: Romana "Da Mana" Roaches--married Augustine "Dudini" Flores (haguchu Eduardo "Dua" Flores (Maria, Edita, Ermito, Romana, Dorothy), Sydney Flores (Iuguchi Austin), & Eluterio Serapio (Ernest "Belinge", George, Eric, Sylvia, Justin "Juju", Bertha Flores Arana of Belize City)

Elemencia Nemencia Roaches Castillo--Cleofa Castillo (Iuguchu Andrew Guitierrez), & Alfonso Castillo (Iuguchi Fred "Fr . Kong", Norma, Mary Lu)

2. Gregoria--married John Lambey (Lebu Baba John)--3 children

Children:

Pastora Lambey--Had children with Cisto Mariano (William "Masugaran" (Kapi, Buyenu Sarah & John, Verona); Melvinia "Chupon" Mariano Lopez (Gladys, Patsy, James "Jungin" & Pearl Thompson))

Children with Blanco--Henrietta "Molo" Blanco Flores (Snatcher, Millie, Charles)  
Susana Lambey married to Agapito Garcia (Cecil, Ethel, Elsie, Morris "Yau Mouri")  
Evanjelisto "Yau Banje" Lambey--one son with Valentina Rodriguez (Charles "Telin" Lambey

3. Balvina--last survivor of 9 siblings, died 1961 @ 96 years

Married Benito Rodriguez (Eliseo Rodriguez)--Tanis Laura, Ellick and Herbert

Married Francisco Cacho (Ciriaqueto, Emelia "Tia", Lorenzo, Frank, Victoria)

4. Cayetana--6 children with 5 partners

With Vicente Arana--Lucio "Faya" Arana (Felomena, Tana, James, Dandu, Wikili); Vehelia Arana had children with Zenon Ciego & Pantaleon Hernandez (Eugene, Francisca "Aunt Kit", Margaret, Celestina "Auntie Sele")

With Paulino--Augustine "Pango" Paulino (Iuguchi Austin)

With William Butero--Amancio "Manzie" (Iuguchi Elaine)

With Toribio Hernandez twin girls--Sylvia Hernandez married to Octavio Alvarez, no children

Francisca "Mutton" Mama Chica" Hernandez married to Adosto Ciego (Blanca, Martin, Patrocinia Ellie)

With Benedict--Cayetano "Tat Pound" Benedict who had no children

### **CONCLUSION--OVERVIEW**

The first generation are the Parents--Tiburcio and Venancia

Second generation their children--Emmanuel, Balvina, Cayetana, Peter, Gregoria, Mariano

3rd generation grands--Cervantes, Victoria, Vehelia, Lucina, Pastora, Stella

4th Generation great grands--Chinda, June, Aunt Kit, Verona, Masugaran, John

5th generation great great--?, Annette, Lorraine, ?, Buyei John, Alzina

We share common ancestry from Tiburcio and Venancia. The 1st to third generations are gone, but some of the 4th generations are still around.....Out migration has caused permanent movement mainly to the US from the 4th generation--Thomas 100%, land ownership for the earlier generations, inter-generational mating, inter-ethnic mating.