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Dear John: My great Grandfather
Juana MARTINEZ of PICABIA was
born in CORUNA 1800 & was
sent to CUBA about 1814 to
learn the coffee business from
the ground up, as it were -
By 1820 he had married a
Cubana - LORETO DOMINGUEZ -
They ^{HAD} 2 daughters - Loreto died
young - Don Juan married one
daughter to a Cubano, Francisco
PLA & the other also to a
Cubano Emilio Ferrer -
Two sons reunited; half
1st cousins of Father's -
Francisco Pla of Picabia whom
Father never met, and
Emilio Ferrer of Picabia whom
Father knew - Emilio was
a "libertador" who fought
with Maceo's forces in Cuba
& worked with Martí & others
in the U.S. He also spent 10
years in prison in Spain
So, yes: this is the Cuban
connection you ask about.
Also, my Grandmother -
Henriette RENAULT PICABIA

Became a widow at 22
when the chemical factory her
husband set up in New Jersey
blew up in 1884 & Father was
1 year old, so never had a Dad -

She never remarried tho' I do
remember Father talking about
a Cubano who was in love with
her but was never able to
persuade her to marry him.

Sorry but can't for the life
of me remember his name.

Juan M. P. married Josephine
De monico in 1840 in NYC &
moved back to Spain. They
had 3 sons & a daughter.

The eldest Pedro (Pérez) married
Ais Estrada, a daughter of The
Marqués de Camarines, wealthy
& influential in court circles.

^{2nd} son Francisco moved to France
& married (name should be on chart
Father made up which I think you
have.) He produced the French
Artist (or Wife did) FRANCIS
PICASSO - The daughter also

married a Frenchman
(name on chart?) & had a daughter
Cécile (1st Cousin of Father's)
who married the Comte de Villeneuve
Alix - Possibly, a Papal title

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The mystery to me still is how come
Don Juan Martinez's descendants
all took his mother's name
& became PICABIAS. For example
Manolo (son of Perico + Osis)
Father's Spanish 1st cousin,
simply called himself
MANUEL PICABIA -

Of course, there were + are
many Martinez in Coruña, El
Ferrol, or La Guardia - the
USA + Spanish America -
But very few Picabia -

Now Delmonico - that there
was another marriage but
on the French side of Father's
ancestry -

Father's Great grandmother CLÉMENTINE
CHANOU married PIERRE MIÈGE in
NYC in 1831 - Her family had been
operating the SEVRES Pottery
works for generations until the
1830 revolution when Louis Philippe
replaced Charles X - The French
gov't. nationalized SEVRES then
so that was that - The Mièges had
2 daughters ALINE + MARIE.
Marie never married - Aline
married Alfred Renault

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to write custom - write west to east on a sheet
of paper - they write north to south over what you
just wrote - - Best from all of us to y'all - Marnie

of the Renault & Saint Louvent
family in Cognac - Their
children were Henriette, Father
Mother & his uncle Georges -
However, probably 1836-8
Pierre Miège died - A year or 2
after that Lorenzo DelMoyico
married Clémence (sister) Miège
They had no children -

All these interconnections are not
hard to understand - All these men
of the families were French,
Spanish, Cuban, & Italian Swiss
They were educated Roman Catholic
the common language was French,
the focal point was NYC in
the NEW WORLD -

The pity is PIERRE MIÈGE died
AT 35 - ALFRED RENAULT died AT
37 - VICENTE PICABIA died AT
30 -

My conclusion - my ancestors
gauged things correctly - but
if ALI ALI wills otherwise
tough buddy -

Have Tamaro & Pilar digging
thru old papers - As things appear
will advise - The French 150
years ago & later had this