

## Inurria Brothers: From Basque Country Spain to Colonial Mexico

1. **MARTIN DE INURRIA**<sup>1</sup> was born in 1675 at Abadiño, in the Basque province of Vizcaya, in northern Spain. He was the son of **NICOLAS DE INURRIA**, a Basque noble, and his wife **FRANCISCA ZURICARAY**.<sup>2</sup> He married **ISABEL GARCIA DE HERREROS** on 30 December 1699 in Viguera, La Rioja, Spain.<sup>3</sup>

Martin and Isabel had at least three sons who sailed the Atlantic to make a life in the Spanish Colonies:

- i. **MARTIN DE INURRIA**, born 14 May 1708 in Viguera, La Rioja. He married **DAMIANA DE LEON SOTELO** in Seville on 8 January of 1735. On 21 January 1749, in Cadiz, Andalusia, he applied for a license to travel to the Indies. His destination was the colony of New Spain (Mexico).<sup>4</sup>

Martin returned to Spain, where on 7 June 1755 in Bilbao, Vizcaya, he successfully reclaimed his title of nobility after the death of his father.<sup>5</sup>

In 1759, Martin re-appeared in Mexico, where he was enumerated in the census of Tlalpujahuá, in the modern-day state of Michoacán, Mexico. His wife did not appear to be living with him.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Inurria is a toponymic surname. In Spanish it is *de Inurria*, (from Inurria) and in Euskara, the Basque language, it is *Inurriaga*. The suffix “-aga” is the Euskara equivalent of “from.” Some Spanish scribes in the Colonies wrote it as *de Inurriaga*. This work contains all three versions and reflects the surname as it was written in the records.

<sup>2</sup> San Torcuato Catholic Church (Abadiño, Vizcaya, Basque Country, Spain), “Bautismos [Baptisms]-Registros originales 1648-1691,” ES/AHEB-BEHA/F006.001, sig. 0016/002-01, p. 165r, entry for Martin Ynurriaga Zubicaray baptism, 22 November 1695; Archivo Historico Eclesiastico de Bizkaia, Derio, Vizcaya, Spain.

<sup>3</sup> Fernando Hidalgo Lerdo de Tejada, “Recibimientos de Hidalguia en el Reino de Sevilla: Tomares Siglos XVII-XIX,” *Anales de la Real Academia Matritense de Heráldica y Genealogía*, 12 (2009): 40.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.* p. 41.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> Curato de Valladolid (Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico), “Padrones [Censuses] 1752, 1753, 1759,” vol. 1, p. 4r, entry for Dn. Martin de Inurriaga, resident in Real Minas de Tlalpujahuá, 1759; “Mexico, Michoacán, Catholic Church Records, 1555-1996,” browsable images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1883388> : viewed 12 July 2020), path: > Morelia > Arquidiócesis de Morelia > Padrones 1752, 1753, 1759 > image 397.

It is unknown if Martin returned to Spain. On 31 January of 1787, his son, **LUIS GONZAGA DE INURRIA Y SOTELO** obtained his inherited title of nobility in Tomares, Seville.<sup>7</sup>

- ii. **JUAN INURRIAGA**, born about 1710, probably in Viguera, La Rioja. He married **MANUELA LOPEZ DE OLIVA** in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico on 8 January 1735.<sup>8</sup> The marriage record states that Juan was a resident of Guadalajara for three years, and of Viguera, La Rioja before then.

In 1744, Juan was a senior judicial magistrate in the town of Ixtlán, located in the modern-day state of Nayarit.<sup>9</sup> In 1753, he was the chief magistrate of the territory of Etzatlán, in the modern-day state of Jalisco.<sup>10</sup> In 1778, he was judicial magistrate in Tepic, which is in the modern-day state of Nayarit.<sup>11</sup>

There is no evidence that Juan returned to Spain after 1778. He probably died in Tepic, Nayarit.

- iii. **FRANCISCO ANTONIO INURRIAGA**, born about 1715, probably in Viguera, La Rioja. He obtained a license to travel to New Spain on 19 November 1735 in Seville. His travel license identifies him as apprentice to Jose de Arrete, whom he traveled with. Jose was the senior judicial

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<sup>7</sup> Lerdo de Tejada, *Recibimientos*, p. 42.

<sup>8</sup> Sagrario Metropolitano Catholic Church (Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico), "Matrimonios [Marriages] 1710-1737," vol. 4, p. 178r, entry for Dn. Juan de Ynurriaga-Dona Maria Manuela de Oliba marriage, 8 January 1735; "Mexico, Jalisco, Catholic Church Records, 1590-1979," browsable images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1874591> : viewed 12 July 2020), path: > Guadalajara > Sagrario Metropolitano > Matrimonios 1710-1737 > image 495.

<sup>9</sup> Santiago Apostol Catholic Church (Ixtlan del Rio, Nayarit, Mexico), "Bautismos [Baptisms] 1723-1788," vol. 1, p. 29, entry for Bartolome de Ynurriaga baptism, 30 August 1744; "Mexico, Nayarit, Catholic Church Records, 1596-1967," browsable images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1883377> : viewed 12 July 2020), path: > Ixtlan > Santiago Apostol > Bautismos 1723-1788 > image 120.

<sup>10</sup> Archivo de Gobierno del Estado de Jalisco (Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico), Mexico, Jalisco, Guadalajara - Land and property, "Tierras y aguas, 1584-1866," vol. 98, leg. 28, no. 30, entry for Dn. Jose Bobadilla land sale survey, magistrate note, 8 January 1735; "Tierras y aguas, 1584-1866," browsable images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/278176> : viewed 12 July 2020), path: > Tierras y aguas, 1584-1866 > Legajo no. 28 > image 331.

<sup>11</sup> Archivo de Gobierno del Estado de Jalisco (Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico), Mexico, Jalisco, Guadalajara - Land and property, "Tierras y aguas, 1584-1866," Tierras y aguas 1680-1808," vol. 357, no. 66, entry for Jose Trinidad Cortes branding iron license given by magistrate, 12 November 1778; "Tierras y aguas, 1584-1866," browsable images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/278176> : viewed 12 July 2020), path: > Tierras y aguas, 1584-1866 > Tierras y aguas 1680-1808 > image 77.

magistrate of the territories of Mitla and Tlacolula, in the modern-day state of Oaxaca.<sup>12</sup>

Francisco Antonio married **MARIA ESPARRAGOZA Y ROBLES** on 10 November 1750 in Valladolid, now called Morelia, in the modern-day state of Michoacán.<sup>13</sup> In 1759, Francisco and Maria were enumerated in the same Tlalpujahua census as brother Martin de Inurria.<sup>14</sup>

On 6 August 1793, in Zitácuaro, located in the modern-day state of Michoacán, Francisco Antonio gave written approval for the marriage of his son **MANUEL DE INURRIAGA**, who was age 27.<sup>15</sup> In 1795, Manuel received the title of Perpetual Alderman of the town of Zitácuaro.<sup>16</sup>

There is no evidence that Francisco Antonio returned to Spain. He probably died in Michoacán after 1793.

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<sup>12</sup> Casa de la Contratacion de las Indias (Sevilla, Andalusia, Spain), "Archivo General de Indias," ES.41091.AGI, CONTRATACION, 5482A, N.1, R.75, entry for Jose de Arrete, 19 November 1735; browsable images, *PARES Portal de Archivos Espanoles* (<http://pares.mcu.es/ParesBusquedas20/catalogo/description/159356?nm> : accessed on 12 July 2020), path: Archivo General de Indias > Casa de la Contratacion > Pasajeros a Indias > Informaciones y licencias de Pasajeros a Indias > Jose de Arrete.

<sup>13</sup> Arquidiocesis de Morelia (Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico), "Información matrimonial [Matrimonial information] y actas diversas 1750," vol. yr. 1750, entry for Dn. Francisco Antonio Ynurriaga-Dna. Maria de Esparragoza, marriage, 10 November 1750; "Mexico, Michoacán, Catholic Church Records, 1555-1996," browsable images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1883388> : viewed 12 July 2020), path: > Morelia > Arquidiocesis de Morelia > Información matrimonial y actas diversas 1750 > image 244.

<sup>14</sup> Curato de Valladolid (Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico), "Padrones [Censuses] 1752, 1753, 1759," vol. 1, p. 3v, entry for Dn. Fran<sup>co</sup> Ynurriaga, resident in Real Minas de Tlalpujahua, 1759; "Mexico, Michoacán, Catholic Church Records, 1555-1996," browsable images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1883388> : viewed 12 July 2020), path: > Morelia > Arquidiocesis de Morelia > Padrones 1752, 1753, 1759 > image 397.

<sup>15</sup> Arquidiocesis de Morelia (Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico), "Información matrimonial [Matrimonial information] y actas diversas 1793," vol. yr. 1793, entry for Dn. Manuel de Ynurriaga-Dna. Juana Josefa Correa, marriage, 6 August 1793; "Mexico, Michoacán, Catholic Church Records, 1555-1996," browsable images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9392-1HFM-M> : viewed 12 July 2020), path: > Morelia > Arquidiocesis de Morelia > Información matrimonial y actas diversas 1793 > image 5810.

<sup>16</sup> Intendencia de Valladolid (Morlia, Michoacan, Mexico), "Archivo Historico de Hacienda (008)," vol. 829, exp. 106, document of title for Manuel de Inurriaga, regidor perpetuo de ilustre ayuntamiento de la villa de San Juan Zitacuaro, n.d. 1795; Archivo General de la Nacion, Mexico City, Mexico.