Evolving Caribbean cane.

Pre-18th & 1550, Cuba: Farm The Christopher Spanish
British Run The Do Because
indigenous motherland native to
19th Century

Because to die for the motherland is to live.

To live in chains it’s to live
Mired in shame and disgrace,
From the bugle hear the sound;
Run, brave ones, to battle!

Máximo Gomez, but Cuban
Guantanamo War – 1890s… Independence
of 1898). Teller Amendment… US assist in Cuban Independence
but will not Annex.
Platt Amendment (No foreign governments in Cuba;
Guantanamo Bay; US could intervene militarily).

Spanish American War

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Pre-Columbian and Early Cuban History
The indigenous Guanahatabey, and the
Caribbean migrant Taíno and Ciboney.
Christopher Columbus, 1492 & 1494.
Spanish Colonization, starts in 1511, by
1550, native peoples/culture ceased.
British & Haitian French, African slaves
18th & 19th Century (tobacco & sugar cane).

Select Items on Cuban History

Republic of Cuba: 1902-1959
Pre-Castro Era
Cuban Pacification: 1906-09 or “The Second Occupation of Cuba by US”.
The Cuban Revolution: 1953–59 Fulgencio Batista & Castro’s “26th of July Movement”.

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Run to battle, men of Bayamo!
The motherland looks proudly to you;
Do not fear a glorious death,
Because to die for the motherland is to live.

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Cuban War of Independence – 1890s… José Martí, Máximo Gomez, Antonio Maceo.
Spanish-American War, USS Maine.
Teller Amendment… US assist in Cuban Independence.
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Republic of Cuba: Post-1959 – Castro Era

Republic of Cuba: Post-1959 – Castro Era (Continued..)

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**My Personal Journey As A Cuban-American Exile**

A Brief Family History:


During the Cuban Revolution...

My uncle, Cesarea Fernandez Diaz; joined the pro-Castro "26th of July Movement," whereas my father, his brother, was staunchly anti-Castro. Nonetheless, as brothers, both supportive and protective of one another. Cesarea became chief architect for Castro government in 1959 (Eastern Havana). Heart attack and died months after appointment. My father became "an issue" to Castro, so he left Cuba to USA, never to return.

Mother and I were the last of family to leave Cuba (Nov. 1963; Freedom Flights) arriving in the USA after a two-month stay in Mexico USA (Dec. 1963). Arkansas low-pay factory labor, we resided in Cuban and Hispanic low income communities. Education was the mantra onto road of the American Dream, to achieve a better quality of life. The rest, as they say, is history, very much based on the original Land-Grant vision and promise...

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