

Maniquiz Family History: From Joseph Maniquis (M7) Book

The first Maniquiz in the Philippines was **CARLOS AGUSTIN MANQUIZ**, a young Spanish-Mexican nobleman from Acapulco, Mexico. He came with the Augustinian Missionaries in 1730. He married Maria Juana Puno, whose father is co-founder of town of San Miguel de Mayumo. Carlos and Maria Juana had 4 boys, , **ALEJANDRO**, **MIGUEL** and **SANTIAGO**. Carlos had a fifth son by a second wife. His name is Agustin but he died early and never had a family. So all Maniquiz/s/kis families in the Philippines were descended from the four brothers. Early records from 1700s to mid 1800s spelled our name as MANQUIZ but after the 1850, MANQUIS came into use and with the close of the 20th century, about 1895, some families change to MANIKIS. The change was brought about due to the growing discontent with the Spaniards and nationalism among Filipinos was rapidly gaining ground. Joseph did a lot of research. He went to the records of San Miguel Parish; where he examined 37 volumes of baptismal entries from 1858-1895. Many pages were torn but luckily the Library of San Agustin Church in Intramuros has the earliest and complete religious records of San Miguel. Both Carlos and Juana are from upper class families. All four sons of Carlos and Juana were Gobernadorcillo of San Miguel. Four others from younger generations were gobernadorcillos.