

# Maria Carmen Amparo RODRIGUEZ



Maria Carmen Amparo RODRIGUEZ was born on November 30, 1885 in Santa Clara, Cuba to [Antonio Rodriguez GODOY y Martin](#) (1848-1892) and her mother, [Mathilde B. "Tilly" THOMAS y Thatu](#) (1859-1892).

She went by the name 'Carmen' throughout her life.

Carmen's grandfather, [Edward THOMAS](#), was a police officer in New Orleans. Her grandmother, [Justine Tulles THATU](#) was a dressmaker. Maria's mother, Mathilde "Tilly" was born in New Orleans. At some point, the Thomas and Rodriguez de Godoy family moved back to Havana, Ciego de Avila, Cuba. It was there that Maria Carmen was born.

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Carmen married [Jose Garcia BELLO](#) on June 28, 1901, in La Habana, Cuba.



Jose Garcia Bello



Jose Garcia Bello

They had five children: [Blanca Rosa](#), [Candido 'Beby'](#), [Carmen](#), [Jose Evelio](#), and [Elio](#).



Maria Carmen arrived in Key West aboard the S.S. Olivette in 1903. She was described as 5 feet tall and having brown hair and brown eyes.

TRIPLICATE  
(To be given to declarant)

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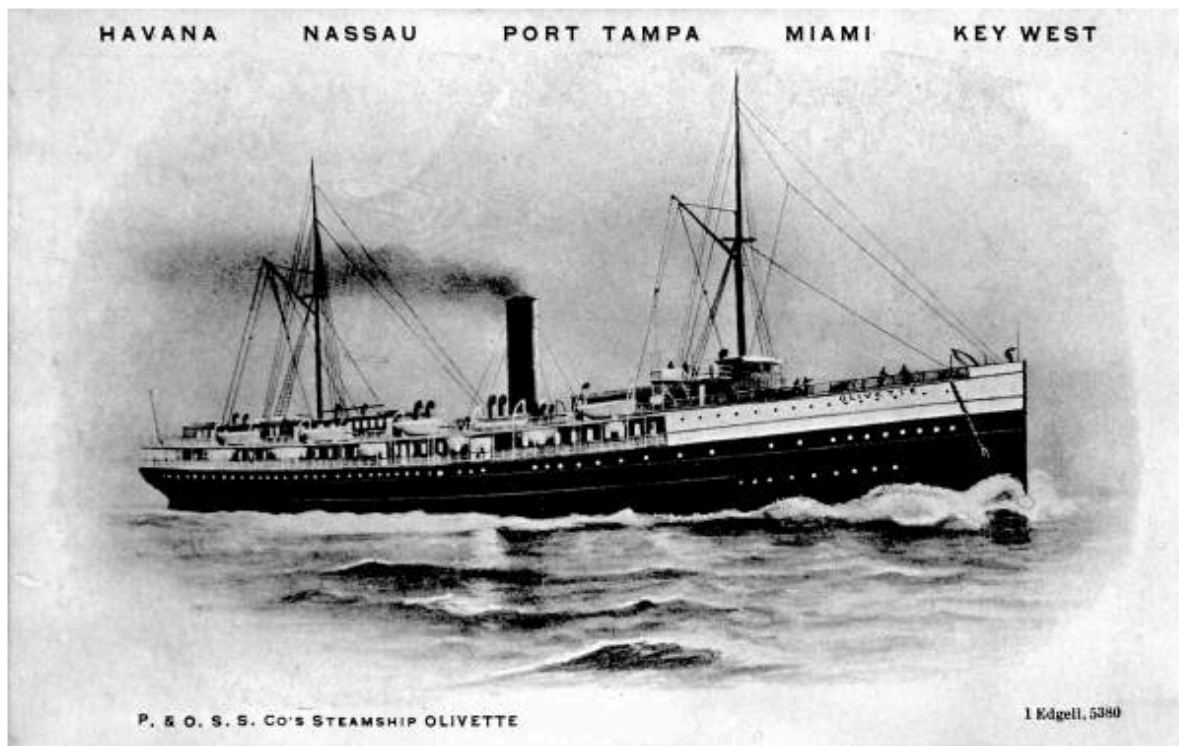
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION  
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

United States of America } In the District of Columbia }  
Southern Dist. of Florida } of United States at Key West, Fla.

I, Carmen Garcia  
now residing at 1017 Simonton Street, Key West, Monroe County, Florida  
occupation Seamstress, aged 40 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is  
Sex Female, color White, complexion Medium, color of eyes Brown  
color of hair Brown, height 5 feet 0 inches; weight 140 pounds; visible distinctive mark  
Small wart near nose, left side  
race Cuban-American; nationality Cuban  
I was born in Havana, Cuba, on November 30, 1886  
I am unmarried. The name of my wife or husband is Jose Garcia  
we were married on June 28, 1901, at Havana, Cuba  
born at Havana, Cuba, on Nov. 17, 1872, entered the United States  
at Key West, Fla., on Nov. 17, 1896, for permanent residence therein, and now  
resides at Key West, Florida. I have five children, and the name, date and place of birth  
and place of residence of each of said children are as follows: Blanca, born Mar. 20, 1907; Candido,  
born Sept. 22, 1909; Carmen, born July 20, 1913; Jose, born Mar. 7, 1917;  
Elio, born Mar. 2, 1923. All born at and now residing at Key West, Fla.,  
except Blanca and Carmen, now residing at Cuba.  
I have not heretofore made a declaration of intention: Number \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_  
my last foreign residence was Havana, Cuba  
I emigrated to the United States of America from Havana, Cuba  
my lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at Key West, Fla.  
under the name of Carmen Garcia, on Nov. 17, 1902  
on the vessel S.S. "Olivette"

Maria Carmen entered the United States under the name "Carmen Garcia" in 1902.



In 1909, Carmen traveled with her husband and daughter, Blanca from Cuba to Key West aboard the S.S. Mascotte.

No. on List	NAME IN FULL	Age	Sex	Calling or Occupation	Ability to Read and Write	Nationality (Country of which citizen or subject)	Race or People	Last Permanent Residence	The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came	Final Destination	
	Family Name	Given Name	Yrs. Min.					Country	City or Town	State	City or Town
75-1	Garcia	Coronel	24	Yr	Agencia		Cuba	Cuba	Key West		
75-2	Arato	Jose	50	Yr			Cuba				
75-3	Machin	Luis	44	Yr	Agencia		Cuba				
75-4	Mariscal	Guillermo	25	Yr	Agencia		Cuba				
75-5	Horales	Pedro	46	Yr	Agencia		Cuba				
75-6	Rivas	Domingo	42	Yr	Agencia		Cuba				
75-7	Linares	Osro	26	Yr	Agencia		Cuba				
75-8	Garcia	Jose	38	Yr	Agencia		Cuba				
75-9	Rodriguez	Carmen	22	Yr			Cuba				
75-10	Garcia	Blanca	7	Yr			Cuba				



In 1911, Carmen traveled from Cuba to Key West with her children, Blanca and Candido.

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### LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved February 20, 1907, to be delivered

S. S. "*Mascotte*" sailing from "*Havana, Cuba*" Aug 15 1911

No on List	NAME IN FULL		Age	Sex	Casting or Occupation	Able to Read and Write	Nationality (Country of birth or subject)	Race or People	Last Permanent Residence		The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came	Final Destination	
	Family Name	Given Name							Country	City or Town		State	City or Town
1	<i>Rodriguez</i>	<i>Carmen</i>	23	F			<i>Cuba</i>	<i>Cuba</i>	<i>Key West</i>	<i>Key West</i>	<i>Profr. Elvira Rodriguez, Sta. Key West</i>		
2	<i>Rodriguez</i>	<i>Blanca Rosa</i>	4	F			"	"	"	"	"	"	"
3	"	<i>Candido</i>	1	M			"	"	"	"	"	"	"

Admitted August 15, 1911.  
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In 1920, Carmen lived with her husband and three children at 615 Simonton St in Key West. Jose worked in a cigar factory.

28	Gimenez Street	615 50 50	Charles	Son	R	M	W	8	S							Florida	
29			Garcia Jose	Head		M	W	49	M	1915	al		yes	yes	Cuba	Sp	
30			Carmen	Wife		F	W	33	M	1907	al		yes	yes	Cuba	Sp	
31			Blancha	Daughter		F	W	14	S	1906	al		yes	yes	Cuba	Sp	
32			Landio	Son		M	W	10	S				yes	yes	Florida		
33		Carmen	Daughter	F	W	6	S						Florida				
34		Evelio	Son	M	W	3	S						Florida				
35		1329 51 51	Caraballo Santiago	Head	R	M	W	33	M	1900	al		no	no	Cuba	Sp	
36			Rosa	Wife	F	W	33	M				no	no	Florida			
37			Frederico	Son	M	W	13	S				yes	yes	Florida			
38		Jesus	Son	M	W	12	S				yes	yes	Florida				

There is an Amparo Garcia listed on the July 17 1927 New York Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, but it is not clear how she is related to Maria Carmen, but her name was handed down to Maria Carmen's. Amparo Garcia was a teacher from Santa Clara, Cuba and could read and write Spanish and English.

In 1930, Carmen and Jose lived at 511 United St in Key West with their children, Beby, Jose Evelio, and Elio.

24	Yucatec			George	son													
25		511	169	176	Garcia, Jose	Head	R	14		no	M	W	58	M	30			
26					—	Jarmen-H	wife-H			✓	F	W	43	M	26			
27					—	Candido	son			✓	M	W	20	S				
28					—	Jose Jr.	son			✓	M	W	13	S				
29				—	Helio	son			✓	M	W	7	S					

In 1935, the family rented a house at 1017 Simonton. Nearby neighbors included their sons, Beby and Elio. Henry CAREY, Bert ALBURY, Richard PINDER, and Catherine NUNEZ.



NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Case No. 100-10000 Date 10/1/1935

Employee's Name: Mary Smith, Florida

Employer's Name: [illegible]

Location of work: [illegible]

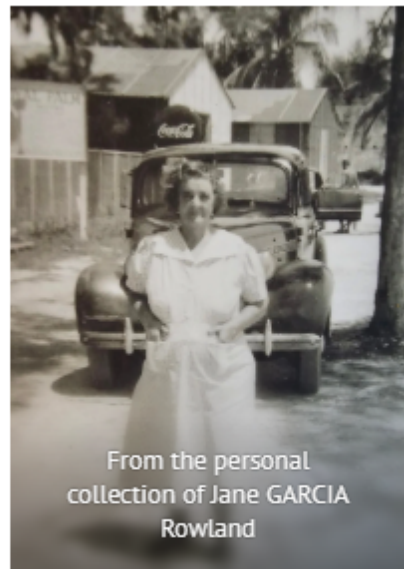
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In 1940, Carmen and Jose, and their son, Elio still lived at 1017 Simonton St in Key West. Jose still worked in the cigar factory and Elio worked for the WPA doing underwater digging.

Florida Incorporated place Key West City Ward of city 5 Unincorporated place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division of Census Principal 6 Block Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
 SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1940  
 POPULATION SCHEDULE  
 Enumerated by me on April 1940  
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LOCATION		HOUSEHOLD DATA		NAME		RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION		EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE, APRIL 1, 1940		PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER—EMPLOYMENT STATUS																
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1017	R	5	10			<u>Carmen, Jose &amp; Elio</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Mo</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Cuba</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
						<u>Carmen</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Mo</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Cuba</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
						<u>Elio</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Mo</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Florida</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>



In 1950, Carmen and Jose lived with their daughter, Blanca at 5D Porter Place in Key West. Jose was no longer working and Blanca worked for Community Laundry as a laundry worker.

5D	No	Bello, Jose	Head	W	M	79	M	Cuba	11	No	U	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Carmen G	Wife	W	F	64	M	Cuba	11	No	N	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Blanca	Head	W	F	23	M	Florida	11	No	W	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Josephine	Niece	W	F	9	M	Cuba	11	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

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At the time of her death on November 10, 1959, Maria Carmen lived at 1009 Packer St in Key West, Florida. She was 73 years old.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH FLORIDA		STATE FILE NO. <u>39518</u>	
BIRTH NO.		CODE NO. <u>54-11</u>		REGISTRAR'S NO. <u>267</u>	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>Monroe</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: Residence before admission) a. STATE <u>Florida</u> b. COUNTY <u>Monroe</u>			
b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <u>Key West</u>		c. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <u>Key West</u>	
d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <u>DePoo Hospital</u>		e. LENGTH OF STAY IN 1b <u>55 Yrs</u>		d. STREET ADDRESS <u>1009 Packer Street</u>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) First <u>GARMAN</u> Middle <u>RODRIGUEZ</u> Last <u>GARCIA</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH Month <u>Nov</u> , Day <u>10th</u> , Year <u>1959</u>		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5. SEX <u>Female</u>	6. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	7. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>	8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>Nov. 30, 1887</u>	9. AGE (In years last birthday) <u>72</u>	IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months <u>  </u> Days <u>  </u> Hours <u>  </u> Min. <u>  </u>
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <u>Housewife</u>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <u>At Home</u>		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Cuba</u>	
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <u>Cuba</u>		13. FATHER'S NAME <u>Tomas Rodriguez</u>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Not Obtainable</u>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES?		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		17. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE <u>[Signature]</u>	

## SOURCES

Ancestry.com, 1920 United States Federal Census; 1930 United States Federal Census; 1935 United States Federal Census for Carmen G Bello; 1940 United States Federal Census; 1950 United States Federal Census; Key West City Directory 1914, July 17 1927 New York Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, Declaration of Intention for American Citizenship 1928, WPA Records