Individual Report for Harry Porcher Baya Sr.



Individual Summary:	**Harry Porcher Baya Sr.**
Sex:	Male
Father:	Joseph F. Baya III
Mother:	Mary Magdalene Arnow

Individual Facts:

Birth:	24 Feb 1870 in Lake City, Florida
Pensacola News Oct. 1893	10 Oct 1893 in Pensacola, Florida
Pensacola News 26 Sep. 1	26 Sep 1899 in Pensacola, Florida
Ad For SFMI 1903:	25 Aug 1903 in Tampa, Florida
1-26-1906 Gen. Shipp Visit	26 Jan 1906 in Tampa, Florida
9-21-1911 Militia:	21 Sep 1911 in Tampa, Florida
Tampa Tribune 1912:	08 Mar 1912 in Tampa, Florida
Tampa Weekly Tribune:	28 Mar 1912 in Tampa, Florida
8-1-1912 Weekly Tribune (	01 Aug 1912 in Tampa, Florida
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7-1-1920 Knights Of Colum	11 Jul 1920 in Tampa, Florida
7-29-1923 Military Academ	29 Jul 1923 in Tampa, Florida
Death:	22 Dec 1949 in Tampa. Florida
Burial:	Myrtle Hill Cemetery Tampa, Florida
Military Service:	Florida, United States
Title:	Col.

Shared Facts:	**Elva Jessie Bending**
Marriage:	19 Dec 1900 in Delavan, Wisconsin
Children:	Joseph Francis Baya
	George Emery Baya
	Harry Porcher Baya Jr.
	Rosalie Constance Baya

Notes:

Person Notes: Harry P. Baya Sr. graduated from the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) in 1888 and after that he did postgraduate studies at Cornell University and the University of Virginia. He was professor of mathematics at the university in Lake City (a predecessor to the University of Florida). After teaching in Florida schools for many years (was President of South Florida Military College in Bartow 1903 - 1905) he moved to Tampa to practice law and practiced there until his death in 1949. He served many years as Referee in Bankruptcy in the 1920's and 1930's. He served as State Director of Selective Service for WW II (1940 - 1941).

The following was transcribed from the "Baya Family history" prepared by Harry P. Baya Jr. in 1977:

Born at Lake City FL, his mother died before he was 4. He was raised in the home of his Grandparents at 221 E Adams St. in Jacksonville with large family around.
Education: Graduated from VMI in Civil Eng in 1888 at age 18 (6' tall & 160 lbs). Studied higher mathematics at Cornell U and law at U. of VA.
Professor Baya - Taught for 16 years, for eight years had chair of mathematics and was Commandant of Cadets at U. of Fla. at Lake City (formerly FL St. Ag. College), taught at Florida State Normal College & was President of South Florida Military College at Bartow FL.
Colonel Baya was on staffs of Governors Fleming, Bloxham, & Jennings.

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Organized and commanded the Columbia Light Infantry of the Fla Nat'l Guard, was Regt Adj. 2nd Regiment FNG, was Capt. FNG 9/11/1911. During Spanish American war volunteered but was not called. During WWI organized County Guards of Hillsborough County and commanded Co. A. During WWII at age 70 was appointed State Director of Selective Service by the President, established Hdqs. at St. Augustine and operated the administration leading to preparation for total defense.

Judge Baya - established law practice in Tampa in 1905, was Judge of US District Court of Southern District of Fla. referee in bankruptcy for 16 yrs. Established firm of Baya & Baya with two older sons, was Atty. for State Racing Commission, helped organize and was on Board of Guaranty Title Co., started South Florida Military Institute (for a client). Helped start Catholic school for orphan boys, helped form the U. of Tampa and was on the Board of Trustees and taught for 2 years without remuneration. Was State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus. Was proud his 4 children were college graduates and his 3 sons were officers in the Army during WWII.