



American Latino Heritage



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The son of a Spaniard and an American woman, Cavada was born in Cuba and raised in Philadelphia. He hated slavery, so when the Civil War erupted, he enlisted in the US Army as an engineer. Cavada's talent assured his quick ascension to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He commanded the 109th Pennsylvania Infantry in the battle at Chancellorsville and the 114th Pennsylvania Infantry at Gettysburg.