



American Latino Heritage



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Paulina Pedroso was born in Cuba but moved to Florida where she resided in both Key West and Tampa and worked as a cigarmaker. She is best known for providing Jose Marti with a refuge and headquarters in her home after an assassination attempt. Jose Marti was a Cuban national figure who advocated for Cuban independence from Spain. Paulina helped organize meetings for La Sociedad Libres on behalf of Cuban freedom. She was known as Marti's "madre negra" or "black mother."