

151 years after the presence of José Martí in El Abra

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On October 13, 1870 - aboard the family's buggy and along with his custodian - José Martí (1853-1895) arrived at the El Abra Farm on the then Isla de Pinos, with pain caused by the rigors of the political imprisonment and the vehemence of someone who a year earlier outlined his patriotic ideals in the poem Abdala.

It has been 151 years since that event and it is still a mystery for researchers: on board which boat arrived at the former prison island, the river through which it sailed, the precise time of disembarkation and its first breakfast on the property of the family of the military engineer.

Spanish José María Sardá. For many scholars of the life and work of Martí, such as Professor Julio César Sánchez Guerra, it is a compelling truth that here he was saved when the matriarch Trinidad Valdés for 65 days watched over the boy's broken health, carefully attended to his eyes damaged by lime and healed the sores on his body. Remembering the presence in Pinera land of who became Apostle of Cuba is to consolidate the important contribution of a local family to the history and culture of the Homeland, especially when the day of Cuban culture is celebrated in the country, from 10 to 20 October.

The current Finca El Abra museum is located almost two kilometers from the city of Nueva Gerona, there is still preserved the letter that

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~~Martí sent in gratitude from Spain to the wife of military engineer~~

José María Sardá, along with a crucifix and a photo, in which he testifies: "Trina, I am only sorry that I met you, for the sadness of having to part so soon."

October 13 acquires greater relevance for local and national history, because 83 years later, several of the young people who swore not to let the Master die in the centenary year of his birth, were also confined on this island, for revealing themselves against the evils of his time when they assaulted the Guillermo Moncada and Carlos Manuel de Céspedes barracks.

Today, young people from Isla de la Juventud assured that the arrival of the Young Martí to the Isle of Pines in Charity of Political Confinement 151 years ago, is part of the sap from which the new generation is nourished by history.