

# LLAMAZARES SURNAME

## PREAMBLE:



According to Heraldry

*Jewish religious belief avoided, if possible, to pronounce the sacred name of God - Elohim, the Almighty and was replaced by Yahve the Lord. In ancient cultures they tried to conceal the true name, to avoid taken over the good qualities and good spirits that they believed the name had. It was often replaced by a nickname.*

Dear reader ... If your surname is LLAMAZARES, my intention to write about it was not to defile it as believed by the Jews if it was uttered, or trying to steal his good qualities and spirits.

I have written this article with great respect to all LLAMAZARES before me and I am joined by a mysterious link. I wrote it as a sign of healthy pride with all LLAMAZARES who have worn that SURNAME with dignity and exemplary.

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## ORIGIN OF SURNAME LLAMAZARES.

1. Origin Etymological and Semantic of Llamazares. Etymologically the word LLAMAZARES comes from LATIN LAMA which means swamp, pond. Converting to CASTILIAN it doubled the letter L and added the suffix (ending) ZAR LLAMAZAR becoming an adjective word meaning marshy, muddy.

The etymology (origin of words) and semantic (word meaning) correspond to the word LLAMAZARES and have preserved the correct evolution philological of the word LLAMAZARES.

2. Origin Toponymic of Llamazares.

There are plenty of toponymic words in each language. But what does "TOPONYMIC" means? It means that the word comes from a characteristic of the land of a particular place. Therefore it is defined as TOPONYMIC word. In other words, LLAMAZARES is TOPONYMIC because it was born taking the name of a particular geographical environment like a swamp called at that time LLAMAZAR.

## THE LANGUAGE BABLE (Asturian) AND CASTILIAN.

In addition to fend of Etymology, Semantic and toponymic to investigate the origin of LLAMAZARES, we have two very valuable tools to fix safely and its origin. These two instruments are: The Language Asturian (Bable) and Castilian (Spanish).

Checking the dictionary of both languages we find a word almost identical in spelling (writing) and identical in their semantic (meaning): The Asturian and Castilian languages were contemporaries and similars sharing geographical areas of linguistic influence.

In the Castilian dictionary the word LLAMAZAR is listed. Its meaning is: "Land swampy puddles of water flowing without exit, surrounded by grass and reeds on a permanent basis shape. " In the Asturian (Bable) Dictionary the word LLAMAZAL is listed with identical meaning to LLAMAZAR.

LLAMAZARES, as plural, means "Wetlands and waterlogged. " Name corresponds to a very common feature of the earth ... wetlands such as ponds.

The words contain an explanation that justifies its existence and is thus very interesting to know and appreciate them better.

The simple explanation that I dare to mention here that at a certain time - centuries VII - VIII? - and at a particular location a few families lived near swamps and were known and called as: THE LLAMAZARES in Castilian and THE LLAMAZALES in Asturian.

The Castilian was imposed on the Asturian, contemporary languages, leaving the word LLAMAZARES.



**A LLAMAZAR**

## GEOGRAPHICAL ORIGIN OF LLAMAZARES.



Principate of Asturias

The Heraldry locates the geographical origin in Villaviciosa and Cangas de Onis: Asturias (Spain). The Heraldry as art and science was developed from the eleventh century reaching the highest peak in the fourteenth century onwards. The Heraldry only gives us the geographical origin.

### **TEXT OF THE COAT OF ARMS OF LLAMAZARES as Heraldry.**

"Surname from Asturias which had its primitive house (noble) in place of Villaviciosa. Went to Cangas de Onis to take part in the Reconquista and it spread throughout the peninsula. Also went to Indias to become established in Mexico and the island of CUBA. The LLAMAZARES were found in the conquest of Andalusia having been inherited by King Ferdinand III - THE HOLY (1199 - 1252) in Seville. His knights tried nobility in military orders and Royal Court. "

ARE YOUR ARMS: Coat of arms tableclothed 1<sup>o</sup> 2<sup>o</sup> in gold, a bonfire of gules (red heraldic). The tablecloth azure (dark blue) with three gold lilies, widely used in Heraldry.

Corollary to the point of origin of the surname LLAMAZARES.

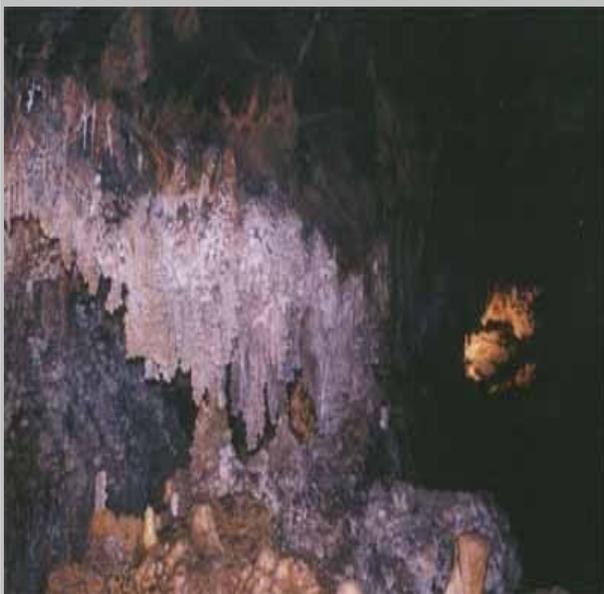
I must note that in the area of the Magdalena and CARROCERA about 30 kms. North of León the word LLAMAZAR and LAMA is currently in use and its meaning is: Land swampy puddles. These words are more popular in the spoken language rather than in formal written.

## THE VILLAGE OF LLAMAZARES

Town Council of Valdelugeros. León (Spain).

This small and beautiful village 60 kms. North of Leon is in mountain areas of the High Curueño. In the LLAMAZARES village you can find the beautiful LLAMAZARES Caves. They remains as a home to corals and marine geological and are of interest to tourist.

200 million years ago the sea covered what is today this cave, then the elevation of the "orogenic (mountain building) was as we know it today. Therefore, the cave retains marine reminders such as algae in corals, stalagmites and stalactites that make the cave as unique in Spain and Europe.



*Llamazares Cave*

The village of LLAMAZARES probably was founded by several neighbors who wanted to perpetuate LLAMAZARES surname. It is very gratifying to meet with the existence of a village whose name is LLAMAZARES.

The northern area of Leon is the closest region to VILLAVICIOSA and Cangas de Onis (Asturias) the center point of the origin of LLAMAZARES.



*Llamazares Cave*

## SAN BARTOLOME DE RUEDA.

Town Council of Gradefes. León (Spain).

In this village, 40 kms. North of Leon there is a house coat of arms from centuries XVII - XVIII belonging to the LLAMAZARES lineage.



*Coat of arms of Llamazares*

This manor house reminds us that past are rings in the chain that reaches us. A past that is history and which influenced in some way the present, as nothing come out of nowhere.

At the palace or stately home he could not miss the coat of arms, which serve as part of stamp or identification card was the mini-biography of its nobility. The coat of arms represents the legitimacy for the nobility and loyalty to the subjects. The King, Prince or authority granted to carry (have) a coat of arms for the person or lineage on their merits, often obtained in wars or brave acts.

Coat of arms text (Free translation of the poetic text)

Slogan at the top of the coat of arms:

DIE TO WIN  
FAIR CAUSE MUST BE.

Text of the central part of the coat of arms:

From the mouths of four snakes  
Two bands come in pairs  
Five etchings flames  
Six Lilies in pairs,  
of the truly (true) LLAMAÇARES. (Z)

Ermines and gold blades

With them ensued.  
And they were given a dowry,  
Where to be deserved  
Among illustrious placed.

Coat of arms Explanation of Text:

The terminology of the text corresponds to the Heraldic language .

#### FOUR SIERPES (snakes)

The 4 snakes instill fear, respect and danger. It is a symbolic way of transmitting the power of the NOBLE through fear, respect and submission to the subjects or enemies.

#### FIVE FLAMES HEAVY WATER (nitric acid)?

Another symbol of power that transmits the same message as that of the serpents.

#### SIX FLOWERS OF LIS

Lis flowers are like lily stylized purplish red. The lily was widely used in Heraldry.

Transmitting symbol contrast with the smell and fragrance of flowers Lis Lineage virtues of the truly (true) LLAMAZARES. LLAMAÇARES is written with a cedilla was replaced by Z in the nineteenth century.

#### ARMINES AND GOLDEN BLADES (as X)

Are the colors and coat of arms (pictures or decorative pieces) that had the coat of arms of San Bartolomé de Rueda.

This coat of arms was transmitted from generation to generation by their owners to maintain exemplary conduct and prestige to port and be transmitted to their descendants.

## CONCLUSIONS:

- The issue remains open in some respects for anyone interested in completing them.
- The information provided in this article I hope to be welcomed, especially by the LLAMAZARES, adding an exciting new knowledge about your surname.
- In Solanilla has always had a majority of neighbors with LLAMAZARES surname.
- Finally, the words in the language have an explanation and generate interest to investigate them ... just as I have tried to do with my surname LLAMAZARES.
- The origin of surnames are frequently due to a variety of reasons: historical, political, social, toponymic. It has also been due to the naturalness and spontaneity of people to give nicknames (surnames) to others.



Picture:  
Solanilla Church's tower

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