# **ANTONIO FUSET**



Antonio Fuset was a Spanish businessman in Manila between 1892 and 1902. Between 1892 and 1894 Fuset is recorded as a merchant and an Agent of Industria Malagueña (textile company located in Malaga, Spain), with the following staff: F Canabate, E Arroyo, P Villamides and C Andres.

Between 1898 and 1899, records show Fuset as a Merchant, Cigar Manufacturer and Shipowner with steamers 'Vicenta Terry' (under Capt J Delfin) and 'Bohol' (under Capt M Ponce de Leon) in his fleet. In addition, Antonio Fuset was the proprietor of La Giralda, a cigar factory, with the following staff: J Bueno (director), E Tagle (Tobacco leaf inspector) and J Braga (senior assistant).

The following staff are recorded in 1898: M Alonso, A de Goicauria, Domingo Vila (Romblon), F Sala and A Santos. Between 1899 and 1902, the following are recorded: M Alonso, Domingo Vila, F Sala, A Santos, P G Fudela, P Romero, J Bueno and R Vila.

In June or July 1898, Spanish Governor-General of the Philippines Agustin Basilio (April 11 to July 24, 1898) appointed Antonio Fuset as President of Casino Español de Manila.

Fuset undertook the negotiations and succeeded in inducing

Apolinario Mabini to issue a decree signed by Emilio Aguinaldo and himself, dated January 22, 1899, giving liberty to all invalid civilians and soldiers. Fuset remained President of Casino Español until mid-1899. As a testament to his success, Fuset was awarded the 'Red Cross Second Class of Military Merit' by the Spanish Government.

No further records after 1902 have been found on Antonio Fuset.

#### Casino Español de Manila

Filipino members to foster Spanish-Filipino ties in the country. It was also dedicated to providing funds and care to Spanish non-combatants and Prisoners of War, particularly with their return to Spain following the Spanish surrender on August 13, 1898. The Casino Español de Manila was a club established in 1893 at 855 Teodora M Kalaw Avenue, Ermita, by Spaniards living in the Philippines as their exclusive venue for recreational and social activities. It later opened its doors to



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