

20191212 Various Caucasoids in My Family Roots

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There are various Caucasoid influences in my family. Coming from both my father's and mother's sides are Spanish and likely Jewish blood. From my father's, there is likely also Portuguese. From my mother's, there is also Greek. Going back farther in time becomes more mysterious. My ancestors who spoke a Romance language, the Portuguese and the Spanish, have ancient roots from Italy and Greece (again!). Semitic-speaking thalassocratic Phoenicians from the Levant colonized much of the Mediterranean coastal zone anciently, before the Roman Empire. In my family, there might have been Semites other than Jews, as Arabs likely. Spain was under Arab rule for some centuries after the Roman Empire. My family probably has both Sephardic Jews from Western Europe and Ashkenazi Jews from Eastern Europe. One cannot rule out possible Germanic, Slavic, and even Celtic influences in my family. The Celts were widespread in Europe before the Roman Empire. During its expansion, the Roman Empire absorbed many different peoples. In my family, there might have been influences from such countries as France, the Netherlands, and places in Central and Eastern Europe. The surname *Medrano* is a Hispanized Basque word, meaning "place of ferns" or "narrow plain." Anciently, the reclusive Basque people, who speak a very exotic, eerie non-Indo-European language, in Spain and France, were there since maybe the last Ice Age, much before the Roman Empire.