

LEÓN FERNÁNDEZ BONILLA

Journalist, diplomat, and historian
(Costa Rica, 1840-1887)



GALLERY
of HISTORIANS
and GEOGRAPHERS of
AMERICA

He was the founder of the National Archive of Costa Rica and an excellent historiographer. He went around, diligently, numerous libraries and archives of various Latin American and European countries with the aim of gathering and copying all those documents related to the history of his country. In 1883, he took over the role of Director of the National Archives, in which he classified the historic manuscripts of Costa Rica. In addition to systematizing the archive storage facilities of his country, he found enough time to provide his opinion in various newspapers and to write specific, one-off works in historiography.

Wrote: Colección de documentos para la historia de Costa Rica, 1881-1907 / Historia de Costa Rica durante la dominación española, 1889.