

MANUEL VICENTE BALLIVIAN

Historian, geographer, politician,
diplomat and bibliophile
(Bolivia, 1848-1921)



GALLERY
of HISTORIANS
and GEOGRAPHERS of
AMERICA

Tireless in the promotion and dissemination of the glories and riches of Bolivia. He was one of the most notable field research travelers of his country and one of the most enthusiastic in studying its geography. In 1896, he created and led the office for Immigration, Statistics and Geographic Dissemination of Bolivia. Thanks to the census that he organized in 1900, for the first time, knowledge of the true status of the population of his country and its size was achieved. He founded the Geographic Society of La Paz; from 1887 to 1894, he acted as director of the Bolivian Library of Geography and History. He published about 70 books and a large quantity of pamphlets.

Wrote: Diccionario geográfico de la República de Bolivia, 1890 / Documentos históricos de Bolivia, 1891 / Monografía de la industria minera, 1898-1900 / Sinopsis estadística y geográfica de la República de Bolivia, 1903-1904.