



Mariana Grajales Coello (1815-1893)

Symbol of the valor and courage of Cuban women. All her sons joined the fight for Cuban independence. Mariana and her daughters served as comforting standard bearers in the Mambi soldiers' rearguard. In 1877, on the occasion of son Antonio's serious injury (he would later be known as the 'Bronze Titan'), she addressed the women who wept: "Get out! Get out! I won't stand for tears!" Then turning to her youngest son, she said with joy: "You! Get up! It is time for you to join the troops!"