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Edward De Lima, Kin Of 1st Cuba President

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Edward A. de Lima, 63, former executive vice-president of Lowry & Co., sugar brokers, and grandson of the first president of Cuba, died Friday at Northern Westchester Hospital here. He lived at 280 Douglas Rd., Chappaqua, N. Y.

Mr. de Lima's grandfather, Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, started a 10-year revolution against Spanish rule in Cuba in 1868, was elected president of the Cuban Republic and finally was hanged in Santiago, becoming one of Cuba's principal heroes.

His wife was smuggled to the United States, where Mr. de Lima's mother was born. He was born in Macon, France, and was educated in Italy, France and England. He received a degree in engineering from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in 1923.

The family had large sugar plantations in Oriente Province, Cuba, and Mr. de Lima became interested in the sugar trade.

He joined Lowry & Co. in 1929 and became one of the most prominent figures in the sugar industry. He twice served as president of the National Sugar Brokers Association. He was appointed executive vice-president of the firm in 1963 and retired last April. He was a special consultant to the firm at the time of his death.

Mr. de Lima enlisted in the Marine Corps during World War II, but was brought to the War Department, where he was in charge of subsistence purchases for the armed forces until he was released from active duty in 1945. He received the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster.

Surviving are his wife, the former Evelyn Drake; two sons, Edward A. Jr. and David de Lima, and a sister, Mrs. Ana Sara Van Minden, of Paris.

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