

Rare early photograph



George Petridis (circa 1838 – circa 1894)

Courtesy of Anastasia (Stasha) Antonas (nee Petridis), through Castellorizo Genealogy

George Petridis looks resplendent in traditional Kastellorizian clothing.

Peter Paroulakis (son of Helene Michelides and Dr Harry Paroulakis), was delighted to discover that in the photo his great-great-uncle George is holding a corona cigar and the photo will appear in a forthcoming book about the Michelides family who established the tobacco industry in Western Australia.

Direct descendants of George Petridis include the surnames Petridis, Antonas, Palassis, Gravas, Barboutis, Mavros, Levissianos, Lucas, Kailis, Christodoulou, Papamatheos, Battalis, and Gregory; and through his sister Diasoulou Hatzipetrou, a host of other relationships including Michelides and Paroulakis. Through his two other sisters, Kyriakoula and Maria descendants include the surnames Lakides, Salvaris, Gourdis, Malaxos, and Zorbas. (*George Malaxos, is a direct descendant of Maria – he was President of the Kastellorizian Club in Melbourne in 1944, 1961-1963, and in 1966.*)