



MONTESERIN HOUSE (S.XVI-XVIII)

In the mid-18th century, **Mr. Vicente Antonio Álvarez de Monteserín y Cienfuegos** settled in the town, born in the town of Grandas, located in the Principality of Asturias, marrying the neighbor of the town of Fines, **Mrs. Ana Ramos Nieto**. This family came from an ancient lineage and therefore was considered noblemen. This condition allowed him and his descendants to be excluded from municipal taxes and service in the military.

In 1795 his son, José Lorenzo Álvarez Monteserín y Ramos, sued the Council of Justice and Reximento of the Villa de Fines to recognize his rights:

*“... that they write him down as a *sondalgo* in the rolls, that they propose him for the jobs of the Nobility, that he return and refund all the amounts that due to *Pecheros* they have demanded, that they keep all the exemptions, frankness and freedoms of the *sondalgo* ...”*

They settles in this sober but noble house with its coat of arms carved in marble over the door. Under the helmet of the blazon you can read the family motto: *“Mount I am and I will be.”*

In the Cadastre of the Marqués de la Ensenada of 1752 it is described as follows:

“A house in the slum of this village belonging to the aforementioned who lives it. It has three tall and short bodies, 11 front rods and 34 deep. Bordering two public streets.”



Marqués Ensenada Cadastre drawing.



Coat of arms carved in marble.