Abstract
This article focuses on that unknown part of Guillermo Billinghurst Angulo’s biography. A former Peruvian president who lived in Tarapacá. It elaborates on the personal aspects of this man’s biography and not the exclusively political ones; it emphasizes his family, social and economic relationships as well as his intellectual stature that transformed him into a highly recognized person of Tarapacá and Perú in his time. The article intends to put in its right perspective his contribution in the analysis of the saltpeter cycle and the studies carried out to describe and analyze the physical geography and human aspects of Tarapacá. This work is, in conclusion, a historical rescue of a continental figure, as a historian, entrepreneur, politician and intellectual, unjustly forgotten, both by Peru and Chile, for being involved in an international conflict between these countries. Billinghurst tried unfruitfully to solve, from his public position and from his personal prestige, the conflict of the captured ones between Peru and Chile.

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