

1035-01-269 **Ubiratan D'Ambrosio*** (ubi@usp.br), Rua Peixoto Gomide, 1772 ap. 83, São Paulo, SP
01409-002, Brazil. *Joaquim Gomes de Souza, a controversial 19th century Brazilian
mathematician.*

Joaquim Gomes de Souza, known by the nickname “Souzinha”, was born in 1829, in the Northern State of Maranhão, and died in 1863 in London, England. In his short life, he was learned in poetry, received a medical degree from the Sorbonne, did research in mathematics and published short notes in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society* and in the *Comptes Rendus de l'Académie des Sciences de Paris*. He was also a member of the Brazilian Parliament. And it is reported that he had, practically finished, a treatise of 7 volumes on nature, mind and history. His life is remarkably adventurous. His collection of masterpieces of international poems, in their original languages, was published by Brockhaus, Leipzig. His contributions to mathematics were posthumously printed by Brockhaus, Leipzig, in a book of about 200 pages titled *Mélanges de Calcul Intégral*. His results are not clear. The life and works of Souzinha raise many methodological questions for the history of mathematical research in the New World. (Received August 27, 2007)