

EAP060 Diaspora collections at the major archives of the province of Matanzas, Cuba

During the project a local research team carried out work at the archives of the province of Matanzas in Cuba. At the three archives where works were performed, the team identified bodies of endangered, rich, under-utilised, and at-risk documents on Africans and persons of African descent.

In the first stage of the project some of the collections identified were listed due to the fact that most of them have never been inventoried. The listing will be continued during a future major project. Approximately 48,000 files were identified as endangered, rich, under-utilised, and at-risk on Africans and persons of African descent.

Further Information

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Work inventory of identified bodies of endangered, rich, under-utilized, and at-risk documents on Africans and persons of African descent to digitize during a major digitalization project.

**British Library Endangered Archive
Programme Project code: EAP060**

Project title:

**Pilot Project to identify endangered African
Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of
the Province of Matanzas, Cuba**

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**1. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial.
Defunciones.**

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanés 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City, Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Defunciones

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 4

System of arrangement: Files are not catalogued

Storage Conditions of Material: The *legajos* or bundles are stored in a room with broken windows and with a ceiling that is almost collapsing. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajos* are kept. The *legajos* are deposited in a corner of the room with other *legajos* on top of them.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajos* are poorly wrapped in brown paper. The documents show water damage and are very dusty. The documents show insect and mice infestation. Approximately one quarter of the total of documents of this series is falling apart. The dust covering the collections is formed by decomposed documents and insect and mice depositions.

Dates: 1816-1821

Number of Files: Approximately 430 (files are not catalogued)

Number of Documents or Folios: Approximately 3000.

Content: The four *legajos* or Bundles on *Defunciones* have information on slaves' deceases. They include reports from slave owners and plantations on the numbers, names and causes of death of slaves. Also it includes listings of slaves' deaths in different *Partidos* or counties. Listings of runaway slaves who had died while at the runaway slave deposits are also available here. Listings from hospitals are included, with descriptions of the causes of the slaves' deaths. Many of the documents on *defunciones* have information on slave suicides.

Notes: These *legajos* are not available to researchers or public, and have never been used. It seems that our team is the first to open the bundles in a long time. We obtained permission to digitize them.

2. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial. Nacimientos.

Project code: EAP060

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Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanés 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City. Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Nacimientos

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 1

System of arrangement: Files are not catalogued

Storage Conditions of Material: The *legajo* or bundle is stored in a room with broken windows and with a ceiling that is almost collapsing. Because of this the documents are exposed to wind and rain. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajo* is kept. The *legajo*'s box is deposited in a large table with many other boxes on top of them.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajo* is stored in a carton box. The documents show water damage. Most of the documents show acid damage and are very fragile. Also documents show insect and mice infestation.

Dates: 1857-1882

Number of Files: Approximately 200 (files are not catalogued)

Number of Documents or Folios: Approximately 1800

Content: The *legajo* or Bundle on *Nacimientos* has information on slaves' births. It includes reports from slave owners and plantations on the issue. Also it includes reports from the authorities on the state of slaves' births in the province and its *Partidos*.

Notes: This *legajo* is not available to researchers or public, but we obtained permission to digitize it.

3. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial. Cédulas

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanes 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City. Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Cédulas

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 1

System of arrangement: Files are not catalogued

Storage Conditions of Material: The *legajo* or bundle is stored in a room with broken windows and with a ceiling that is almost collapsing. Because of this the documents are exposed to wind and rain. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajo* is kept. The *legajo* is deposited in the floor.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajo* is wrapped only with a rope without additional protection. The documents show extensive water and insect damage and are in very poor condition. Paper is very acid and stained. Most of the documents are falling apart.

Dates: 1850-1880

Number or Files: Approximately 200 (files are not catalogued)

Number of Documents or Folios: Approximately 1000

Content: The *legajo* or Bundle on *Cédulas* has all official correspondence on slave identification papers.

Notes: This *legajo* is not available to researchers or public. It seems that our team is the first to open the bundle in a long time. We obtained permission to digitize it.

4. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial. Sublevaciones

Project code: EAP060

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Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanes 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City. Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Sublevaciones

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 5

System of arrangement: Files are listed according to the reference number used by AHPM.

Storage Conditions of Material: The *legajos* or bundles are stored in a room with broken windows. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajos* are kept.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajos* are stored in cartoon boxes, which are deposited in the floor. Some documents show water damage and insect and mice infestation. Paper is acid and shows ink corrosion.

Dates: 1825-1858

Number or Files: 399

Number of Documents or Folios: 2248.

Content: These *legajos* have documents related with administrative issues regarding African slaves revolts and runaway slaves in Matanzas.

Notes: These *legajos* are available only to researchers. We obtained permission to digitize them. One of the Legajos was completely digitized and a detailed listing was produced.

5. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial. Cimarrones

Project code: EAP060

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Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanés 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City. Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Cimarrones

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 8

System of arrangement: Files are listed according to the reference number used by AHPM.

Storage Conditions of Material: The *legajos* or bundles are stored in a room with broken windows and a leaking ceiling. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajos* are kept.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajos* are wrapped in brown paper, which are deposited in a pile with other legajos. Paper is acid and some documents are stained. Some documents show water damage and insect and mice infestation.

Dates: 1779-1857

Number or Files: 865

Number of Documents or Folios: 4119.

Content: These *legajos* have documents related with runaway slaves in Matanzas

Notes: Three *legajos* are available only to researchers. We obtained permission to digitize them. One of the Legajos was completely digitized and a detailed listing was produced.

6. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial. Insubordinaciones

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanés 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City. Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Insubordinaciones

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 1

System of arrangement: Files are listed according to the reference number used by AHPM.

Storage Conditions of Material: The *legajo* or bundle is stored in a room with broken windows and a leaking ceiling. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajos* are kept.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajo* is wrapped in brown paper, which is deposited in a pile with other legajos. Paper is acid and some documents are stained. Some documents show water damage and insect and mice infestation.

Dates: 1815-1882

Number of Files: 51

Number of Documents or Folios: 332.

Content: This *legajo* contains documents related with slave insubordinations in Matanzas

Notes: This *legajo* is available only to researchers. We obtained permission to digitize it.

**7. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial.
Compra-Venta.**

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Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanés 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City, Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Compra-Venta

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 1

System of arrangement: Files are listed according to the reference number used by AHPM.

Storage Conditions of Material: The legajo or bundle is stored in a room with broken windows and a leaking ceiling. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajos* are kept.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajo* is wrapped in brown paper, which is deposited in a pile with other legajos. Paper is acid and some documents are stained. Some documents show water damage and insect and mice infestation.

Dates: 1817-1868

Number or Files: 33

Number of Documents or Folios: 311

Content: This *legajo* has all documents related with the selling and buying of slaves in the territory. Prices, slave physical characteristics, listings, and information on the buyers are available in this *legajo*.

Notes: This *legajo* is available only to researchers. We obtained permission to digitize it.

8. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial. Negros Bozales.

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Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanés 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City, Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Negros Bozales

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 1

System of arrangement: Files are listed according to the reference number used by AHPM.

Storage Conditions of Material: The *legajo* or bundle is stored in a room with a leaking ceiling. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajos* are kept.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajo* is wrapped in brown paper, which is deposited in a pile with other *legajos*. Paper is acid, and documents show ink corrosion.

Dates: 1770-1868

Number or Files: 162

Number of Documents or Folios: 821

Content: This *legajo* has documents related with administrative issues regarding African slaves and slavery in Matanzas.

Notes: This *legajo* is available only to researchers. We obtained permission to digitize it. The *legajo* was completely digitized and a detailed listing was produced.

9. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial. Sevicia.

Project code: EAP060

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Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanés 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City. Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Sevicia

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 1

System of arrangement: Files are not catalogued

Storage Conditions of Material: The *legajo* or bundle is stored in a room with broken windows and with a ceiling that is almost collapsing and has water leaking. The documents are exposed to wind and rain. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajo* is kept. The *legajo* is deposited within a pile of other *legajos*.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajo* is wrapped with a rope in brown paper. The documents show water damage and are very dusty. The documents show insect and mice infestation. Most of the documents are falling apart. There is a lot of dust covering the collections, which is formed by decomposed documents and insect and mice depositions.

Dates: 1827-1880

Number or Files: Approximately 100 (files are not catalogued)

Number of Documents or Folios: Approximately 1000.

Content: This *Legajo* or Bundle on *Sevicia* has all sort of information on slavery. It contains miscellaneous documents mostly on slave mistreatment, but also on general issues like runaway slaves, slave market, listings, etc.

Notes: This *legajo* is not available to researchers or public, but we obtained permission to digitize it. It seems that our team is the first to open the bundles in a long time.

10. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial. Asuntos Generales.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanés 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City, Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Asuntos Generales

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 2

System of arrangement: Files are not catalogued

Storage Conditions of Material: The *legajos* or bundles are stored in a room with broken windows and with a ceiling that is almost collapsing. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajos* are kept. Conditions are very dusty inside the room. The two *legajos* are kept in a shelf.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajos* are wrapped in brown paper. The documents show acid damage and are extremely fragile. Also documents show insect infestation.

Dates: 1779-1884

Number or Files: 314

Number of Documents or Folios: 1670

Content: The two *Legajos* or Bundles on *Asuntos Generales* have all sort of documents on slavery, mostly official correspondence, but also private.

Notes: The two *legajos* are available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them.

11. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial. Pases.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanés 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City. Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Pases

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 9

System of arrangement: Files are not catalogued

Storage Conditions of Material: The *legajos* or bundles are stored in a room with a leaking ceiling. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajos* are kept.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajos* are stored in carton boxes, which are deposited in a pile with other *legajos*. Paper is acid and most of the documents show ink corrosion. Some documents show water damage and insect infestation.

Dates: 1831-1880

Number or Files: Approximately 650 (files are not catalogued)

Number of Documents or Folios: Approximately 3000

Content: These *legajos* contain documents related with slave permits issued to all slaves in Matanzas.

Notes: These *legajo* is not available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them.

12. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial. Impuestos.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanes 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City. Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Impuestos

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 2

System of arrangement: Files are not catalogued

Storage Conditions of Material: The *legajos* or bundles are stored in a room with broken windows and with a ceiling almost collapsing. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajos* are kept. The room is extremely dusty.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajos* are wrapped with a rope and covered with brown paper, which are deposited in a pile. Documents show insect and mice infestation. Paper is acid. Many documents are falling apart. The dust covering the collections is formed by decomposed documents and insect and mice depositions.

Dates: 1817-1885

Number or Files: Approximately 540 (files are not catalogued)

Number of Documents or Folios: Approximately 2300.

Content: These *legajos* contain documents related with taxes to slave owners in Matanzas.

Notes: These *legajo* is not available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them.

13. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial. Delitos.

Project code: EAP060

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Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanés 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City. Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Delitos

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 2

System of arrangement: Files are not catalogued.

Storage Conditions of Material: The *legajos* or bundles are stored in a room with a leaking ceiling. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajos* are kept.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajos* are wrapped in brown paper, which are deposited in a shelf. Paper is acid. Some documents show ink corrosion.

Dates: 1815-1886

Number or Files: Approximately 300 (Files are not catalogued)

Number of Documents or Folios: Approximately 1000

Content: These *legajos* have documents related with crimes and felonies of slaves and blacks in Matanzas.

Notes: These *legajos* are not available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them. One *legajo* was partially digitized and a detailed listing was produced.

14. Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas. Fondo Gobierno Provincial. Coartaciones.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Gobierno Provincial de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas (AHPM)

Contact address: Calle Milanés 38 e/ Jovellanos y Matanzas, Matanzas City. Cuba

Collection: Fondo Gobierno Provincial

Series: Coartaciones

Organization of Material: Legajos

Number of Legajos: 2

System of arrangement: Files are not catalogued

Storage Conditions of Material: The *legajos* or bundles are stored in a room with broken windows and with a ceiling almost collapsing. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *legajos* are kept. The room is extremely dusty.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *legajos* are stored in paper bundles. Documents show insect and mice infestation, and mild water damage. Paper is acid and has ink corrosion.

Dates: 1818-1886

Number of Files: Approximately 200 (files are not catalogued)

Number of Documents or Folios: Approximately 1000

Content: These *legajos* contain documents related with the institution of *coartacion*, which is a term that applied to a slave who after a pact with its owner would receive his/her liberty after certain previously described conditions had been met. Generally, the slave would purchase his freedom from the owner.

Notes: These *legajos* are not available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them.

15. Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas. Fondo de la Catedral de Matanzas, Libros de Bautismos de Pardos y Morenos.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Catedral de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas (APM)

Contact address Calle 79 No.30001, Matanzas

Collection: Fondo de la Catedral de Matanzas

Series: Bautismos Pardos y Morenos

Organization of Material: Libros

Number of Libros: 25

Number or Files: Approximately 7000

System of arrangement: The APM organized the material as books (Libros)

Storage Conditions of Material: The books are stored in a room with no air conditioner. They are kept in closed large shelf. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *libros* are kept. Books are organized chronologically by year.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: Books have insect infestation, and paper is acid and has ink corrosion.

Dates: 1719-1869

Content: These *libros* contains baptisms records of blacks inhabitants of Matanzas

Notes: These *libros* are available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them. Two books from this series were digitized and a detailed listing created.

16. Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas. Fondo de la Catedral de Matanzas, Libros de Entierros de Pardos y Morenos.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Catedral de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas (APM)

Contact address Calle 79 No.30001, Matanzas

Collection: Fondo de la Catedral de Matanzas

Series: Entierros Pardos y Morenos

Organization of Material: Libros

Number of Libros: 14

Number or Files: Approximately 4000

System of arrangement: The APM organized the material as books (Libros)

Storage Conditions of Material: The books are stored in room with no air conditioner. They are kept in closed large shelf. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *libros* are kept. Books are organized chronologically by year.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: Books have insect infestation, and paper is acid and has ink corrosion.

Dates: 1762-1875

Content: These *libros* contains burial records of blacks inhabitants of Matanzas

Notes: These *libros* are available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them. Two books from this series were digitized and a detailed listing created

17. Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas. Fondo de la Catedral de Matanzas, Libros de Matrimonios de Pardos y Morenos.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Catedral de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas (APM)

Contact address Calle 79 No.30001, Matanzas

Collection: Fondo de la Catedral de Matanzas

Series: Entierros Pardos y Morenos

Organization of Material: Libros

Number of Libros: 5

Number or Files: Approximately 550

System of arrangement: The APM organized the material as books (Libros)

Storage Conditions of Material: The books are stored in a room with no air conditioner. They are kept in closed large shelf. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *libros* are kept. Books are organized chronologically by year.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: Books have insect infestation; paper is acid and has ink corrosion.

Dates: 1719-1886

Content: These *libros* contains marriage records of blacks inhabitants of Matanzas

Notes: These *libros* are available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them. Two books from this series were digitized and a detailed listing created.

18. Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas. Fondo de la Catedral de Matanzas, Libro de Reconocimientos de Hijos Naturales de Pardos y Morenos.

Project code: EAP060

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Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Catedral de Matanzas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas (APM)

Contact address Calle 79 No.30001, Matanzas

Collection: Fondo de la Catedral de Matanzas

Series: Reconocimientos de Hijos Naturales de Pardos y Morenos

Organization of Material: Libro

Number of Libros: 1

Number or Files: Approximately 200

System of arrangement: The APM organized the material as books (Libros)

Storage Conditions of Material: The book is stored in a room with no air conditioner. The *libro* is kept in closed large shelf. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *libro* is kept.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: Book is well preserved; paper has some ink corrosion.

Dates: 1881-1910

Content: This *libro* contains records of out-of-wedlock births among blacks inhabitants of Matanzas

Notes: These *libro* is available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize it.

19. Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas. Fondo de la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista, Libros de Bautismos de Pardos y Morenos.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Iglesia de San Juan Bautista

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas (APM)

Contact address Calle 79 No.30001, Matanzas

Collection: Fondo de la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista

Series: Bautismos de Pardos y Morenos

Organization of Material: Libros

Number of Libros: 3

Number or Files: Approximately 600

System of arrangement: The APM organized the material as books (Libros)

Storage Conditions of Material: The books are kept in a dark room with a leaking ceiling. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *libros* are kept.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: Books are badly preserved. They have insect infestation, and paper is acid and has ink corrosion. All 3 books are falling apart. Many pages are missing.

Dates: 1832-1895

Content: These *libros* contains baptisms records of blacks inhabitants of Pueblo Nuevo

Notes: These *libros* are not available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them.

20. Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas. Fondo de la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista, Libros de Entierros de Pardos y Morenos.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Iglesia de San Juan Bautista

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas (APM)

Contact address Calle 79 No.30001, Matanzas

Collection: Fondo de la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista

Series: Entierros de Pardos y Morenos

Organization of Material: Libros

Number of Libros: 2

Number or Files: Approximately 250

System of arrangement: The APM organized the material as books (Libros)

Storage Conditions of Material: The books are kept in a dark room with a leaking ceiling. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *libros* are kept.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: Books are badly preserved. They have insect infestation, and paper is acid and has ink corrosion. All 2 books are falling apart. Pages are missing.

Dates: 1832-1888

Content: These *libros* contains burial records of blacks inhabitants of Pueblo Nuevo

Notes: These *libros* are not available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them.

21. Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas. Fondo de la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista, Libros de Matrimonios de Pardos y Morenos.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Iglesia de San Juan Bautista

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas (APM)

Contact address Calle 79 No.30001, Matanzas

Collection: Fondo de la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista

Series: Matrimonios de Pardos y Morenos

Organization of Material: Libros

Number of Libros: 2

Number or Files: Approximately 450

System of arrangement: The APM organized the material as books (Libros)

Storage Conditions of Material: The books are kept in a dark room with a leaking ceiling. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *libros* are kept.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: Books are showing serious damage. They have insect and mice infestation, and paper is acid and has ink corrosion. One books is falling apart. Pages are missing in both books.

Dates: 1832-18??

Content: These *libros* contains marriage records of blacks inhabitants of Pueblo Nuevo

Notes: These *libros* are not available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them.

22. Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas. Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas. Fondo Iglesia de la Purismisma Concepción, Libros de Bautismos de Pardos y Morenos.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Iglesia de la Purismisma Concepción

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas (APM)

Contact address Calle 79 No.30001, Matanzas

Collection: Fondo Iglesia de la Purismisma Concepción

Series: Bautismos de Pardos y Morenos

Organization of Material: Libros

Number of Libros: 10

Number or Files: Approximately 2500

System of arrangement: The APM organized the material as books (Libros)

Storage Conditions of Material: The books are kept in a well-conditioned room. They are stored in a glass shelf.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: Books are well preserved, but paper is acid and has some ink corrosion.

Dates: 1813-1886

Content: These *libros* contains baptisms records of blacks inhabitants of Cardenas

Notes: These *libros* are available to public. We obtained permission to digitize them.

23. Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas. Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas. Fondo Iglesia de la Purismisma Concepción, Libros de Entierros de Pardos y Morenos.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Iglesia de la Purismisma Concepción

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas (APM)

Contact address Calle 79 No.30001, Matanzas

Collection: Fondo Iglesia de la Purismisma Concepción

Series: Entierros de Pardos y Morenos

Organization of Material: Libros

Number of Libros: 6

Number or Files: Approximately 1000

System of arrangement: The APM organized the material as books (Libros)

Storage Conditions of Material: The books are kept in a well-conditioned room. They are stored in a glass shelf.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: Books shows some damage but paper is acid and has some ink corrosion. Pages are missing in all 6 books.

Dates: 1813-1888

Content: These *libros* contains burial records of blacks inhabitants of Cardenas

Notes: These *libros* are available to public. We obtained permission to digitize them

**24. Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas. Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas.
Fondo Iglesia de la Purismisma Concepción, Libros de Matrimonios de Pardos y
Morenos.**

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: Iglesia de la Purismisma Concepción

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivos Parroquiales de Matanzas (APM)

Contact address Calle 79 No.30001, Matanzas

Collection: Fondo Iglesia de la Purismisma Concepción

Series: Matrimonio de Pardos y Morenos

Organization of Material: Libros

Number of Libros: 8

Number or Files: Approximately 1600

System of arrangement: The APM organized the material as books (Libros)

Storage Conditions of Material: The books are kept in a well-conditioned room.

They are stored in a glass shelf.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: Books 1, 2 and 3 are in a terrible condition.

All pages in all books are acid and have ink corrosion. Pages are missing in all books.

Dates: 1813-1888

Content: These *libros* contains marriage records of blacks inhabitants of Cardenas

Notes: These *libros* are available to public. We obtained permission to digitize them

25. Archivo Histórico Municipal de Cárdenas. Fondo Actas Capitulares.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: City of Cárdenas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Municipal de Cárdenas (AHMC)

Contact address: Calzada No. 58, Cárdenas, Matanzas, Cuba

Collection: Fondo Actas Capitulares

Organization of Material: Actas

Number of Actas: 30

System of arrangement: Files are not catalogued

Storage Conditions of Material: The *Actas* are stored in a room dark and humid room. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *Actas* are kept.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *Actas* are wrapped only with rope. Paper is very acid and has severe ink corrosion. Most of the documents are falling apart.

Dates: 1857-1895

Content: This collection contains the oldest documents deposited in the archive. The collection recorded all main events of the city of Cárdenas. All notes and acts taken during the town councils are recorded here. All the social, economic, and political life of the town registered in the *Actas*. Issues regarding slavery, slaves and free blacks were usually debated in the town council.

Notes: The *Fondo* is available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize it.

26. Archivo Histórico Municipal de Cárdenas. Fondo Colonia. Libros de Registro de Cimarrones.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: City of Cárdenas

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Municipal de Cárdenas (AHMC)

Contact address: Calzada No. 58, Cárdenas, Matanzas, Cuba

Collection: Fondo Colonia

Series: Libros de Registro de Cimarrones

Organization of Material: Libros (Books)

Number of Files to Digitize: Approximately 5000

System of arrangement: Files are not catalogued

Storage Conditions of Material: The *libros* are stored in a dark room and humid room. Heat and humidity are extremely high in the room where the *libros* are kept. Conditions inside the room are very dusty.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *libros* are stored in a large shelf. Books show water damage, insect and mice infestation, paper very acid and have ink corrosion. Books are in pretty bad shape.

Dates: 1840-1889

Content: This collection contains documents mainly related with administrative issues of the city. The collections are organized in books or *Libros*. *Libros de Registro de Cimarrones* (Books of Runaway Slaves) are part of this collection and contain listings of all the runaway slaves that were captured and sent to the Runaway Slaves' Deposit (*Depósito de Cimarrones*) in Cárdenas.

Notes: The *libros* are available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them.

27. Archivo Histórico Municipal de Colón (AHMCO). Fondo Actas Capitulares.

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: City of Colón

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Municipal de Colón (AHMCO)

Contact address: Calle Marti No. 97, Colón, Matanzas, Cuba

Collection: Fondo Actas Capitulares

Organization of Material: Actas

Number of Actas: 100

System of arrangement: Files are not catalogued

Storage Conditions of Material: The *Actas* are piled in a room with no window and with a leaking ceiling.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: The *Actas* are kept inside a big carton box, that also storage different collections. The *Actas* are mixed with those collections, so probably more *Actas* with information on slavery could be found. Most of the documents are falling apart.

Dates: 1871-1888

Content: The collection recorded all main events of the city of *Colón*. All notes and acts taken during the town councils are recorded here. All the social, economic, and political life of the town registered in the *Actas*. Issues regarding slavery, slaves and free blacks were usually debated in the town council.

Notes: The *Actas* are not available to researchers or public. It seems that they are have never been used or cataloged before. We obtained permission to digitize them.

28. Archivo Histórico Municipal de Colón (AHMCO). Fondo Protocolos Notariales. Protocolo Notarial Dr. Miguel Barros

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: City of Colón

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Municipal de Colón (AHMCO)

Contact address: Calle Marti No. 97, Colón, Matanzas, Cuba

Fondo: Fondo Protocolos Notariales

Collection: Protocolo Notarial Dr. Miguel Barros

Organization of Material: Protocolos

Number of Files: 80

System of arrangement: Files are catalogued

Storage Conditions of Material: The boxes containing the *Protocolos* are piled in a room with no window and with a leaking ceiling.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: This *Protocolo* is wrapped with a rope and stored in a carton box, along with other *Protocolos*. Files have insect infestation, water damage and paper is acid and has ink corrosion.

Dates: 1858

Content: The *Fondo* contains all manuscripts emitted by the local notaries (*Notarias and Escribanias*). Wills, contracts, accident reports, etc, were usually the kind of documents issued by local notaries. This particular *protocolo* was issue by the local notary of D. Miguel Barros

Notes: The *protocolos* are not available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them.

29. Archivo Histórico Municipal de Colón (AHMCO). Fondo Protocolos Notariales. Protocolo Notarial Dr Antonio Armengol

Project code: EAP060

Project title: Pilot Project to Identify endangered African Diaspora Collections at the Major Archives of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba

Date(s): 19/10/2006 to 19/08/2007

Medium of material: Paper

Contributors: City of Colón

Language(s): Spanish

Name of institution: Archivo Histórico Municipal de Colón (AHMCO)

Contact address: Calle Marti No. 97, Colón, Matanzas, Cuba

Fondo: Fondo Protocolos Notariales

Collection: Protocolo Notarial Dr Antonio Armengol

Organization of Material: Protocolos

Number of Files: 84

System of arrangement: Files are catalogued

Storage Conditions of Material: The boxes containing the *Protocolos* are piled in a room with no window and with a leaking ceiling.

Physical Characteristic of the Material: This *Protocolo* is wrapped with a rope and stored in a carton box, along with other *Protocolos*. Files have insect infestation, water damage and paper is acid and has ink corrosion.

Dates: 1874

Content: The *Fondo* contains all manuscripts emitted by the local notaries (*Notarias and Escribanias*). Wills, contracts, accident reports, etc, were usually the kind of documents issued by local notaries. This particular *protocolo* was issue by the local notary of Dr Antonio Armengol

Notes: The *protocolos* are not available to researchers or public. We obtained permission to digitize them.