

Puerto Rico

African American

**Registro Central de Esclavos, 1867-1876 (Slave Schedules).*

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| Microfilm | 1 roll | FHL# 1511797 | Various Towns & Villages | Puerto Rico |
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Slave Registers, 1867-1876. Box 4: Mayaguez, San German, Moca, Aquadilla, Aquada, Isabela, San Sebastian & Lares, 1870. Box 5: Gyanilla & Aibonito, 1868: Juana Diez, Gyanilla, Barranquitas & Coamo, 1869.

Registro Central de Esclavos, 1872 (Slave Schedules).

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| Microfilm | 8 rolls | NARA T1121 | Locality | Puerto Rico |
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On 4 June 1870 a law known as *ley Moret* granted freedom to certain categories of slaves including those over the age of 60, those belonging to the state, and children of slaves born after 17 September 1868. The law also resulted in the preparation of the central register of slaves. Ledgers exists for geographical departments 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6. An entry gives the name of the slave, country of origin, residence, name of parents, sex, marital status, trade, age, physical description, and master's name. The text is in Spanish.

Census

**Puerto Rico Census, 1836-1859*

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| Microfilm | 1 roll | FHL# 1389439 | Various Towns | Puerto Rico |
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Census & Wealth Box 14, 1836-1839; Various towns Box 15, 1841-1850; Various towns Box 16, 1858-1859; Various towns.

Immigration

Extranjeros (Foreigners in Puerto Rico), ca. 1815-1845.

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| Microfilm | 19 rolls | NARA T1170 | Locality | Puerto Rico |
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The records consist of requests by foreigners to the Spanish authorities for permission to reside in Puerto Rico. There are lists of foreigners residing on the island and occasionally copies of final naturalization papers. Immigrants received free land and were exempt from taxes for five years after which they could become Spanish subjects or return to their homelands. A typical application provides the name of the immigrant, the names of the members of his immediate family, the country and town of his origin, proof of being of good moral character and a Roman Catholic, amount of capital being brought into the country, town he intended to inhabit, and trade or profession. The files are alphabetically arranged, and the text is in Spanish.

Miscellaneous

Record of Appointment of Postmasters, 1832–September 30, 1971: Puerto Rico.

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| Microfilm | 1 roll | NARA M841 | Locality | US |
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These records show the dates of establishment and discontinuance of post offices, their changes of name, and the names of and appointment dates for their postmasters and postmistresses. The names of post offices to which mail from discontinued offices was sent begins in 1870.

The records are arranged by state or territory, thereunder alphabetically by name of county (or district or parish as relevant), and thereunder by name of post office.

The series is 145 rolls of microfilm, of which the library owns 15 rolls, including:
Puerto Rico, roll 18 [US Locality]

Vital Records

**Indice de Mortes (Index to Deaths)*

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| Microfilm | 1 roll | FHL# 1389065 | Items 3-4 | Humacao, PR |
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Index of deaths, 1784-1898.

**Mortes (Deaths)*

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| Microfilm | 1 roll | FHL# 1389065 | Items 1-2 | Humacao, PR |
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Deaths, 1858-1864; 1893-1898.

**Registro de Nacimientos y Bautismos (Register of Births & Baptisms)*

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| Microfilm | 1 roll | FHL# 1389065 | Items 5-8 | Humacao, PR |
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Index to Baptisms, 1798-1904.

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| Microfilm | 1 roll | FHL# 1389065 | Items 9-11; 13-14 | Humacao, PR |
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Baptisms, 1812-1825.

**Registro de Matrimonios (Register of Marriages)*

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| Microfilm | 1 roll | FHL# 1389065 | Item 12 | Humacao, PR |
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Marriages, 1808-1816. The card on the microfilm say Baptisms. This is in error as the records are actually marriages.

*denotes film that is owned by the LDS Church but is on indefinite loan to the Genealogy Section.