

LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN GENEALOGY: SELECTED SOURCES IN THE GROSVENOR ROOM



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Latin America

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WNYGS	= In collection of Western NY Genealogical Society

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INTRODUCTION

This guide will assist persons researching Hispanic, Latino/Latina, and Caribbean ancestry in the Grosvenor Room of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. Genealogical handbooks, guides, manuals, indexes to record compilations, atlases, maps, gazetteers, surname directories, passenger lists, newspapers, and church records serve numerous purposes and can prove to be invaluable resources to all researchers, regardless of their level of expertise.

Nearly everything listed here is in the Grosvenor Room (GRO). Material in the Grosvenor Room does not circulate and cannot be removed from the room. In a few cases, there are duplicate copies of these books that can be borrowed from the Central Non-fiction collection (NON-FICTION).

Books are listed in call number order. Shelf locations are always subject to change.

To view this and other subject guides online, use the following web address:

<https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications>

GENERAL HOW-TO GUIDES

GRO Ref. CS95 .D45 - Ethnic Ref-HIS

Platt, Lyman De

Genealogical Historical Guide to Latin America

Detroit, MI: Gale Research Co., ©1978

GRO Ref. CS102 .R97 2007 Ethnic Ref-MEX

Ryskamp, George R.

Finding Your Mexican Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide

Provo, UT: Ancestry, ©2007

GRO Ref. CS222 .C36 1991 Ethnic Ref-CUB

Carr, Peter E.

Guide to Cuban Genealogical Research: Records and Sources

Chicago, IL: Adams Press, ©1991

GRO Ref. CS242 .P67 1999 Ethnic Ref-JAM

Porter, Stephen D.

Jamaican Records: A Two Part Guide to Genealogical & Historical Research Using Repositories in Jamaica & England

London: Stephen D. Porter, ©1999

GRO Ref. CS243 .M58 1998 Ethnic Ref-JAM

Mitchell, Madeleine E.

Jamaican Ancestry: How to Find Out More

Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1998

GRO Ref. CS261 .B3 L36 2006 Ethnic Ref-BAR

Lane, Geraldine

Tracing Ancestors in Barbados: A Practical Guide

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., ©2006

GRO Ref. CS943 .R97 Ethnic Ref-HIS

Ryskamp, George R.

Finding Your Hispanic Roots

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., ©1997

Gro Ref. E18 .S32 1998

Schaefer, Christina K.

Genealogical Encyclopedia of the Colonial Americas

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1998

E184 .M5 R97 1996 Ethnic Ref-MEX

Ryskamp, George R.

A Student's Guide to Mexican American Genealogy

Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1996

GRO Ref. E184 .M5 S35 2002 Ethnic Ref-MEX

Schmal, John P.

Mexican-American Genealogical Research: Following the Paper Trail to Mexico

Bowie, MD: Heritage Press, ©2002

GRO Ref. *E184 .S75 H563 1995 Ethnic Ref-HIS

Byers, Paula K., ed.

Hispanic American Genealogical Sourcebook

New York: Gale Research, ©1995

CENSUSES

GRO Ref. CS95 .P56 Ethnic Ref-HIS
 Platt, Lyman De
Census Records for Latin America and the Hispanic United States
 Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., ©1998

CHURCH RECORDS

Below are the records of churches associated with Hispanics in Buffalo.

Microfilm Number	Name and Address of Church	Records/Years
283	Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic 144 Edward St. Note: Latin American 1970s onward.	Births 1849-1924 Marriages 1852-1946 Deaths 1877-1952
350	Saint Columba/Columbkill Roman Catholic Church (1888-) 418 N. Division St. Note: Latin American 1960s onward.	Baptisms: 1888-1912 Marriages: 1888-1914 Deaths: 1888-1926

Other Known Latin American Churches - Records not held by B&ECPL

Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, 345 Seventh, (1914-), Latin American 1970s onward.
Our Lady of Loretto Roman Catholic Church, 158 Fifteenth St., (1924-2008), Latin American 1970s onward.

DATABASES

<http://dbaz.buffalolib.org/dbaz.php#Genealogy>

Name	Description	Access
Ancestry Library Edition	Records of more than 1 billion names. Includes city directories, 450 million U.S. Federal Census records between the years 1790 and 1930, immigration, vital, military, court, church and ethnic records.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. No at-home use.
HeritageQuest Online	Contains U.S. federal census records; U.S. city directories; a book collection containing local and family histories as well as genealogical records; and other records.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. Also available from home with a valid Buffalo and Erie County Public Library card. Sign in at address above.

HERALDRY AND CRESTS

NOTES

GRO *CR2142 .G3, 63 vols., lacking v. 57, 58
 Garcia Carraffa, Alberto
Enciclopedia Heraldica y Genealogica Hispano-Americana
 Madrid: Impr. De A. Marzo 1919-

Lists over 15,000 names with their respective genealogical histories (including color illustrations of representative crests) of Spanish and Spanish-American families.

HISPANIC-AMERICAN HISTORY IN THE BUFFALO AREA

GRO Buffalo E184 .C97 K37 2006

Karman, Olga

Scatter My Ashes Over Havana: A Memoir

Los Angeles, CA: Pureplay Press, ©2006

GRO Buffalo *E184 .S75 M34 1996

Madera, Mónica

The Role of Language in the Perception of Ethnic Identity: The Case of the Buffalo Hispanic/Latino Community

Thesis (Ph. D.)--State University of New York at Buffalo, 1996

GRO Buffalo F129 .B8 L68

El Lower West Side: Estrategias para el Desarrollo Vecinal y Comunitario = The Lower West Side: Strategies for Neighborhood and Community Development

Buffalo, NY: Urban Design Project, 1994

GRO Buffalo *F129 .B843 L697 1994

Rogovin, Milton

Triptychs: Buffalo's Lower West Side Revisited

New York: W.W. Norton, ©1994

GRO Buffalo *F129 .B89 S74 1988

Puerto Rican American Community Association, Inc.

Needs Assessment Summary of the Hispanic Community, Buffalo, New York

Buffalo, NY: The Association, [1988]

GRO Buffalo *F1970.8 .B8

Buffalo (N.Y.). Public Schools. Division of Curriculum and Development

Puerto Rican History and Culture; Twelfth Grade Elective

[Buffalo, NY]: 1971

GRO Buffalo *HC107 .E74 S6 1993

Erie County's Hispanic Community: The Marketplace

Buffalo, NY: Small Business Development Center, 1993

GRO Buffalo *HD6305 .M5 A76

Human Resources Institute, School of Management, SUNYAB

An Assessment of the Employment Problems in the Erie County Hispanic Population and the Role of CETA

[Buffalo, NY]: The Institute, 1982

GRO Buffalo *HV99 .B86 R4 1993

A Reporting of Community Needs Survey: Hispanic Women/Latinas of Erie County

Buffalo, NY: The League, 1993

IMMIGRANTS AND NATURALIZATIONS

GRO Ref. E184 .M5 S353 2006, 4 vols.

Schmal, John P.

Naturalizations of Mexican-Americans

Westminster, MD: Heritage Press, ©2006

GRO E187.5 .E53

Emigrants from England, 1773-1776

Boston, MA: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1913

IMMIGRANTS AND NATURALIZATIONS

GRO E187.5 .G47

Ghirelli, Michael, transcriber

A List of Emigrants from England to America, 1682-1692

Baltimore, MD: Magna Charta Book Co., 1968

GRO E187.5 .K3

Kaminkow, Jack and Marion, transcribers

A List of Emigrants from England to America, 1718-1759

Baltimore MD: Magna Charta Book Co., 1964

GRO 187.5 .N5

Nicholson, Cregoe D.P. ; France, R. Sharpe, absts.

Some early emigrants to America; ... also, Early emigrants to America from Liverpool

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965

GRO Ref. F1629 .S36 D63 1998

Dobson, David

Scots in the West Indies, 1707-1857

Baltimore, MD: Clearfield, ©1998

LOCAL HISTORY FILE

This is a card index of newspaper and periodical articles about people, places, and things in the Buffalo area. In addition to looking up your family surnames, try these headings:

Clubs. Puerto Rican

Cubans in Buffalo

Jamaicans in Buffalo

Latin America

Mexicans in Buffalo

Puerto Ricans

Spanish in Buffalo

MAPS, ATLASES, GAZETTEERS

Stacks G105 .U53 No. 38

United States. Office of Geography

Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Other Islands and Banks in the Caribbean: Official Standard Names Approved by the United States Board on Geographic Names

Washington, DC: [GPO?], 1958

Stacks *G1550 .D5 1985

The Atlas of Central America and the Caribbean

New York: Macmillan; London: Collier Macmillan, ©1985

Stacks *G1630 .C7 1997

Cruz Báez, Angel David

Atlas Puerto Rico

Miami, FL: Cuban American National Council, 1997

Stacks *F1765 .C3

Canet Alvarez, Gerardo A.

Atlas de Cuba, por Gerardo Canet con la Colaboración de Erwin Raisz

Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1949

MAPS, ATLASES, GAZETTEERS

Stacks DEWEY COLL. 917.9 4W

Gannett, Henry

A Gazetteer of Porto Rico

Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1901

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD AND FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS

Stacks CD3028 .P9 U6

Munden, Kenneth, comp.

Records of the Bureau of Insular Affairs Relating to Puerto Rico, 1898-1934; a List of Selected Files

Washington, DC: [National Archives], 1943

Stacks CS65 .U53

Roster of Troops Serving in the Department of Porto Rico, Commanded by Brigadier General George W. Davis, U.S. Volunteers

San Juan, PR: Adjutant General's office, 1899

GRO CS261 .B3 B7 1983

Brandow, James C., comp.

Genealogies of Barbados Families: From Caribbeana and The Journal of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society

Baltimore, MD: Clearfield Co., 1983

GRO Index Table E187.5 .H795 1880

Hotten, John Camden

Our Early Emigrant Ancestors. The Original Lists of Persons of Quality; Emigrants; Religious Exiles; Political Rebels; Serving Men Sold for a Term of Years; Apprentices; Children Stolen; Maidens Pressed; and Others Who Went from Great Britain to the American Plantations, 1600-1700

Salem, Massachusetts:Higginson Book Company, 1880

GRO Index Table E187.5 .H795 1880 Suppl.

Brandow, James C., ed.

Omitted Chapters from Hotten's Original Lists of Persons of Quality...and Others Who Went from Great Britain to the American Plantations, 1600-1700

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1983

NAMES AND SURNAMES

The following titles help establish what a name means and how it originated.

GRO Ref. CS2745 .M3

Maduell, Charles R. Jr.

Romance of Spanish Surnames

New Orleans, LA: The Author, ©1967

GRO Ref. CS2745 .P55 1996

Platt, Lyman D.

Hispanic Surnames and Family History

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., ©1996

GRO Ref. CS2745 .W66

Woods, Richard D.

Spanish Surnames in the Southwestern United States: A Dictionary

Boston, MA: G.K. Hall, ©1978

RARE BOOK ROOM

Items in Rare Book Room may be seen by appointment (Call 716-858-8900 to schedule).

RBR U.S. 1812.Z3, 5 vols.

Alcedo, Antonio de

The Geographical and Historical Dictionary of America and the West Indies: Containing an Entire Translation of the Spanish Work of Colonel Don Antonio de Alcedo ...

London: J. Carpenter, 1812-15

RBR U.S. 1857.Z8

Atlas of the United States of North America, Canada ... New Foundland, Mexico, Central America, Cuba, and Jamaica ...

London: John Murray; Edinburgh, W. & A. K. Johnston, 1857

ORGANIZATIONS	NOTES
<p>Hispanic Genealogical Society of New York Old Chelsea Station P.O. Box 474 New York, NY 10113 http://www.hispanicgenealogy.com/</p>	<p>Our ongoing objectives are to encourage Hispanics to research their roots, history and rich heritage; to provide instruction and assistance in genealogical research; to locate and make available genealogical resources for research, and more</p>
<p>Puerto Rican/Hispanic Genealogical Society P.O. Box 260118 Bellerose, NY 11426-0118 prhgs@yahoo.com http://www.rootsweb.com/~prhgs/</p>	<p>Founded in 1996, the PRHGS was established to enable Puerto Ricans, Hispanics and other interested persons develop and enhance their skills, knowledge and ability to conduct a competent genealogical search for their ancestors.</p>

SELECTED WEBSITES	NOTES
<p>http://www.candoo.com/genresources/ Caribbean Genealogy</p>	<p>Includes a surname index and links to genealogy sources for the Caribbean.</p>
<p>http://www.rootsweb.com/~caribgw/ CaribbeanGenWeb Project</p>	<p>Collected links for all the islands</p>
<p>http://www.cyndislist.com/categories/ Cyndi's List Categories</p>	<p>A large collection of links for all aspects of genealogy for Latin American Genealogy. Look under the following categories: Central and South America, Caribbean/West Indies, Mexico, and United States--Puerto Rico.</p>
<p>http://www.genealogiahispana.com/ Directorio de Genealogia Hispana [Directory of Hispanic Genealogy]</p>	<p>Hispanic genealogy resources organized by location and topic.</p>
<p>https://www.slavesocieties.org/ Ecclesiastical and Secular Sources for Slave Societies</p>	<p>Images of records pertaining to slaves in Brazil, Cuba, and Colombia.</p>
<p>https://familysearch.org Family Search</p>	<p>Includes free images of records and searchable databases. Browse by region.</p>
<p>http://www.guiagenealogica.com/ La Guia de Informacion Genealogica [Genealogical Information Guide]</p>	<p>Links and information related to Central and South American genealogy. Strong content for Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Puerto Rico and Panama.</p>

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http://omeka.buffalolib.org/ Hispanic Heritage History Project : Historia del Proyecto	This project seeks to preserve the stories of WNY Hispanics; past, present, and future. Oral histories, photographs, and documents are featured on the website. More information about how to participate in this project can be found here: http://hispanicheritagewny.org/about/hispanicheritageproject.php
http://www.buffaloah.com/h/hisp/hisp.html History of Hispanics in Buffalo, NY	Short articles.
http://www.prroots.com/ PR (Puerto Rican) Roots	A project of the Hispanic Genealogical Society of New York.

VERTICAL FILE
The Grosvenor Room collects articles, pamphlets, and clippings about local history. Ask for this folder:
<i>Ethnic Groups -- Hispanic</i>

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https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default	
Search the online catalog for the books, magazines, CDs, videos, maps, and manuscripts owned by the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. It includes the Grosvenor Room, all departments in the Central Library, and every town and branch library. Access it at the web address above.	
To find additional items about Hispanic and Caribbean genealogy and local history in our collection beyond those listed in this guide, try these Subject searches:	
BARBADOS GENEALOGY CARIBBEAN AREA GENEALOGY CUBA GENEALOGY [NAME OF COUNTRY OR REGION] GAZETTEERS GENEALOGY BIBLIOGRAPHY HISPANIC AMERICANS GENEALOGY BIBLIOGRAPHY LATIN AMERICA GENEALOGY HANDBOOKS MANUALS ETC CARIBBEAN AREA GENEALOGY HANDBOOKS MANUALS ETC HISPANIC AMERICANS GENEALOGY HANDBOOKS MANUALS ETC LATIN AMERICA GREAT BRITAIN COLONIES HISTORY SOURCES	HERALDRY LATIN AMERICA HERALDRY SPAIN LOWER WEST SIDE BUFFALO N Y MEXICAN AMERICANS GENEALOGY HANDBOOKS, MANUALS, ETC. MEXICO GENEALOGY HANDBOOKS, MANUALS, ETC. [NAME OF COUNTRY OR REGION] MAPS NAMES MEXICAN AMERICAN NAMES SPANISH PUERTO RICANS IN THE UNITED STATES BIBLIOGRAPHY SPAIN GENEALOGY WEST INDIES GENEALOGY

WHERE ELSE CAN I RESEARCH HISPANIC OR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE?	NOTES
<p>Buffalo State College Monroe Fordham Regional History Center 1300 Elmwood Avenue Buffalo, NY 14222 (716) 878-5412 http://monroefordham.org/</p>	<p>Has a microfilmed scrapbook of news clippings about Hispanic community of Buffalo and Erie County, compiled by Ms. Maria Rosa</p>
<p>Library of Congress Local History & Genealogy Reading Room Humanities and Social Sciences Division 101 Independence Ave, SE Washington, DC 20540 http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/hispanic/</p>	<p>Has online bibliography, <i>Hispanic Local History and Genealogy in the United States</i>, at the link to the left.</p>