

Map & Imagery Library

<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/maps/>

The University of Florida's Caribbean map collection is considered to be one of the finest in the U.S. The collection ranges from an original 1551 map of Hispaniola to 2004 satellite images. The circum-Caribbean is a priority for map collecting and almost 70,000 maps are available for the region. All modern maps are obtained, from Earth Science to human related topics. The library has detailed topographic (terrain) maps of all the countries including some hard to acquire items, e.g., Russian topographic maps of Cuba. Among its most recently obtained treasures are topographic maps of Guyana and antique maps of Haiti.

One of the Library's outstanding resources is the rare map collection of the West Indies. While Haiti, Dominican Republic and Cuba are emphasized, there are numerous antique maps of the other islands. These maps have been the foundation for research concerned with history and habitat of native peoples, European exploration, African Diaspora, mineral exploration, agriculture, study of tropical fauna and flora, and a variety of geologic and geographic subjects.

Digitized historic maps of the Caribbean are available at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ufdc/?s=mapc>.

Major Projects

The Department of Special and Area Collections has embarked upon two vast microfilming and digitization projects that will ultimately change the way we perceive and study the Caribbean Basin. These projects, to be carried out in the Archivo Nacional de la Republica de Cuba and the Archivo Historico Provincial de Cadiz, embrace the preservation and accessibility of over ten million pages of notary records (Cadiz, 1530-1900; Havana, 1572-1900) which readily reflect these two great port cities' strategic position in the administration of the *Carrera de Indias*, that great instrument of European colonial mercantilism that carried wealth, production and human resources between Europe and all parts of Spain's far-flung world empire. All areas of human concern are documented in these immense and essentially inaccessible collections of notary records.

The Department is also carrying out a project to document the traditions of the Afro-Cuban religion Regla de Ocha (Santería) and is engaged with Cuban colleagues in the preparation of a definitive annotated bibliography of the historical archaeology of Cuba.

Project details: Call Bruce Chappell at (352) 273-2768.



Digital Work

The University of Florida is a founding member and technology lead of the *Digital Library of the Caribbean* (<http://www.dloc.com/>). Content includes archives, audio and video, books, journals, newspapers, maps, and photography. The Digital Library (dLOC) is a multi-national project with partners in Aruba, the Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, the Dominican Republic, Florida, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Venezuela. Digitization facilities both at the University of Florida and across the Caribbean are actively scanning archival and published resources. Effort draws equally from original documents and from microfilmed copies where originals no longer exist. Funding comes from the U.S. Dept. of Education, the U.S. Dept. of State, UNESCO, and donors, as well as from the partner institutions and their national governments.

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Online giving: <https://www.uff.ufl.edu/OnlineGiving/Libraries.asp>

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Background

The University of Florida Libraries at Gainesville is home to one of the world's most comprehensive collections of Caribbean materials. The University Libraries began to develop collections in Caribbean Studies in the late 1920s, and in 1952 under the national Farmington Plan assumed a special responsibility for West Indian acquisitions. The libraries maintains exchange agreements with many institutions worldwide, including the University of the West Indies and Cuba's Biblioteca Nacional José Martí, and it has conducted ambitious microfilming and acquisitions projects in the region.

Printed works, manuscripts, maps, and microforms dealing with the West Indies and circum-Caribbean region are divided primarily between the libraries' very extensive Latin American Collection, the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History, the Map and Imagery Library, and the Rare Book and Manuscript units of the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections. Holdings of Caribbean-related material can also be found in the Price Library of Judaica, the Legal Information Center (collections of statute laws), the Documents Department (British Parliamentary Sessional Papers), the Architecture and Fine Arts Library, and the UF Science Library.

These holdings reflect the University of Florida's overall broad-based interest in the region, with many departments, from Agriculture to Fine Art, History, Anthropology and Zoology, having research and/or teaching programs devoted to the Caribbean. Theses and dissertations on Latin American subjects presented at the University reveal a wide focus on the West Indies and the Caribbean. However, the main strength of the UF Libraries' Caribbean holdings lies in history and social science, with printed works, microforms, and manuscripts dealing with Cuba and Haiti as the most prominent.

Inquiries regarding Caribbeana at UF may be addressed to the appropriate collection at the University of Florida Libraries, Gainesville, Florida, 32611, USA.

Latin American Collection

www.uflib.ufl.edu/lac

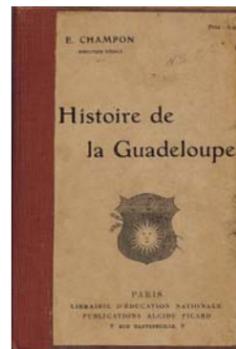
The Latin American Collection contains thousands of printed works and reels of microfilm concerning the Caribbean, and these holdings continue to grow rapidly each year. In addition, the Collection receives and microfilms a number of Caribbean newspapers, and holds hundreds of current Caribbean serials.

Notable runs of statistical sources and government documents highlight research possibilities.

Newspapers

Long runs of newspaper titles are available on microfilm. Many are either filmed by the UF Libraries itself or are purchased.

For newspapers held in the UF Latin American Collection, consult: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/lac/newspaperlist1.html>. Digitized Caribbean newspapers are available as part of the Digital Library of the Caribbean: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ufdc/?s=cnip>.



Manuscripts

http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/spec/browseu_ms.htm

The manuscript collections in the Department of Special and Area Studies' Collections reflect the Libraries' commitment to preserve and interpret the history of the Caribbean. Cuba and Haiti figure prominently in the department's holdings and include some of those nations' most important historical collections. Conspicuous in this group are the records of the Braga Brothers Collection, one of the most significant archival sources on Cuba's sugar economy. This immense business archive spans 100 years of history from the twilight of Spanish rule to the early years of Castro's revolution. The end of French rule in Saint Dominique is chronicled in two remarkable collections: the notary records of the town of Jérémie document quotidian life in the last years of the French colony, and the papers of the Vicomte de Rochambeau reveal France's struggle to maintain control of its possession. The department's manuscript holdings also include several smaller Cuban and Haitian collections as well as documents related to other Caribbean and Latin American nations. Through its acquisition program, the department continues to broaden our understanding of Caribbean history.

Rare Books

<http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/spec/rarebook/cuba/cuba.htm>

The Rare Book Collection holds a great array of materials on the Caribbean ranging from a 1534 edition of Benedetto Bordone's *Isolario di Benedetto Bordone* with woodcut illustrations of islands of the world to *Resistance is Useless: Portraits of Slaves from the British West Indies* with text and etched portraits by D.R. Wakefield and printed by him at his Chevington Press in 2004 in an edition of 50. Between these two, there are hundreds of titles relating to all aspects of the Caribbean: discovery and exploration, navigation, native peoples, religion, agriculture, slavery, natural history, description and travel, legal issues, political events, social institutions and customs, and education. Many of the titles are heavily illustrated, giving a sense of the appearance of contemporary city and rural life. In addition, there are numerous accounts of general voyages that present information on the Caribbean, such as works by Richard Hakluyt and Awnsham Churchill. Many of the titles in the collection, both early and modern, are very rare or located only at the University of Florida.

P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History

<http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/spec/pkyonge/index.html>

The Yonge Library of Florida History has always maintained materials on the history of the Caribbean as they pertain to the Florida peninsula. Colonial correspondence between officials in Florida and their superiors in New Spain and Cuba make up a great proportion of the records for the Spanish colonial period. The library maintains information on piracy, naval rivalry, and commerce as they affected first St. Augustine and Pensacola, and later places such as Key West and Fernandina. British in- and out- migration from the Bahamas in the 1770s, and British naval activity in the Caribbean during the American Revolution and the War of 1812 are also covered. The Spanish American war, Florida's cigar-worker community, and relations between Cubans and Cuban Americans are also topics well represented in both primary sources and the library's ongoing collection of theses and dissertations from around the United States.

