

**Puerto Rican Memorial Collection**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Puerto Rican Memorial Collection

**Span Dates:** 1519-1923

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1833-1910)

**ID No.:** MSS80655

**Collector:** Gould, Alice Bache, 1868-1953

**Extent:** 1,500 items

**Extent:** 8 containers

**Extent:** 3.6 linear feet

**Extent:** 3 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material chiefly in Spanish.

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm82080655>

**Summary:** Researcher. Chiefly papers collected by Alice Bache Gould relating to the history of Puerto Rico together with her own correspondence, writings, and bibliographic material.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Baldorioty de Castro, Román, 1822-1889. Román Baldorioty de Castro papers.

Betances, Ramón Emeterio, 1827-1898. Ramón Emeterio Betances correspondence.

Fernández Carballido, Rufo Manuel, 1790-1855. Rufo Manuel Fernández Carballido papers.

Gould, Alice Bache, 1868-1953. Alice Bache Gould papers.

O'Reilly, Alejandro, 1725-1794. Alejandro O'Reilly manuscript volume.

### Organizations

Partido Autonomista Puerto-Riqueño.

### Subjects

Education--Puerto Rico.

Exiles--France--Paris.

Natural resources--Puerto Rico.

Science--Puerto Rico.

### Places

Puerto Rico--History.

Puerto Rico--Politics and government.

Puerto Rico--Population.

Puerto Rico--Religion.

Puerto Rico.

United States--Description and travel.

## Provenance

The Puerto Rican Memorial Collection was given to the Library of Congress by Alice Bache Gould in a series of installments from 1941 to 1947. Additional items were given by James G. Shine in 1988.

## Processing History

The Puerto Rican Memorial Collection was arranged and described in 1999. The register was revised in 2008.

## Transfers

Pamphlets have been transferred to the Law Library where they are identified as part of the Puerto Rican Memorial Collection.

## Copyright Status

It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

## Access and Restrictions

The Puerto Rican Memorial Collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on three reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Puerto Rican Memorial Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The Puerto Rican Memorial Collection spans the years 1519-1923, with the bulk of the material dating from 1833 to 1910. The collection consists of correspondence, essays, lecture notes, a journal, plays, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and bibliographic material.

In 1941, and again in 1947, Alice Bache Gould donated to the Library of Congress her collection of papers and manuscripts concerning the history of Puerto Rico. In addition to her own correspondence, writings, and bibliographic work, Gould had gathered original nineteenth-century manuscripts by several important figures in Puerto Rico's intellectual and political history.

The largest file in the collection concerns Father Rufo Manuel Fernández Carballido. It includes his notes and essays on science, religion, education in Puerto Rico, and a journal of a trip to the United States in 1837. The writings of Fernández Carballido that had been in bound volumes have been disassembled for conservation purposes. As an aid for maintaining order, small numbers placed on the bottom of each piece of paper have been cited in the Container List of this finding aid.

The papers of Román Baldorioty de Castro shed light on the political history of the island, especially Baldorioty de Castro's activities as president of the "Partido Autonomista Puerto-Riqueño" in 1887-1888. Also in the collection is a fifty-seven page bound manuscript written by the Spanish general Alejandro O'Reilly in 1765 who described and analyzed, with statistical information included, the population, resources, and future development of Puerto Rico. The O'Reilly volume had belonged to Baldorioty de Castro.

Incorporated into the collection is the James G. Shine gift of correspondence written by Ramón Emeterio Betances, physician and Caribbean political activist. The letters were written in 1890 during his exile in Paris.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

Material that has been microfilmed is arranged in the order in which it was filmed in 1981. The rest of the collection is organized alphabetically by name of person or by topic or type of material

# Container List

Containers 1-3 available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,198

Container	Contents
BOX 1 REEL 1	Bautista de Belaunzarán, Juan, "Dissertación sobre la construcción de las bóvedas," 1833 , copy made by Pascasio Sancérrit, 1850
BOX 1 REEL 1	Fernández Carballido, Rufo Manuel
BOX 1 REEL 1	Lecture notes on humanities, science, math, geography, etc., undated
BOX 1 REEL 1	Liturgical writings, undated
BOX 1 REEL 1	Notes for classes, undated
BOX 1 REEL 1	Notebooks, including "Para un Real Colegio-Seminario en Puerto Rico" (p. 11); "Plan de instrucción pública para Puerto Rico" (p. 65); difficulties with the ecclesiastical chapter (pp. 143-150); speech before the "Ateneo de Ciencias Naturales" (p. 218); and other material, 1850, undated (2 folders)
BOX 2 REEL 1	Chemical formulas and experiments, undated (2 folders)
BOX 2 REEL 2	Liturgical, moral, and ethical writings, "faltas en mis sermones" (p. 127); "pecados de los jefes y autoridades--si el jefe es militar" (p. 131), 1851-1852, undated
BOX 2 REEL 2	Lecture notes on physics, chemistry, and geology, 1849-1855, undated (2 folders)
BOX 2 REEL 2	Extracts from readings, including readings on moral teaching, poetry (Balmes Poesía), history--from Solís, "Historia de México" (pp. 45-60); <i>Don Quixote</i> (pp. 116-144); medical report on Padre Rufo Manuel Fernández Carballido (p. 154); comments on the United States proposal to buy Cuba and the dictatorship in Spain (p. 174), 1854, undated (2 folders)
BOX 3 REEL 2	Journal, trip to the United States, 1837
BOX 3 REEL 3	Formulas, experiments, and notes for chemistry classes, 1839, undated (2 folders)
BOX 3 REEL 3	Miscellaneous correspondence and papers, including material on financing the studies of José J. Acesta and Román Baldorioty de Castro, the "Sociedad Económico" and "Amigos del País," 1846-1866, undated
BOX 3 REEL 3	"Lecciones de física-química," bound volume, 1838
BOX 4 not filmed	Baldorioty de Castro, Román
BOX 4	Letters received and other papers relating to, 1870-1890, undated <i>For additional material see Container 3, Miscellaneous correspondence and Container 8, Miscellaneous papers of Román Baldorioty de Castro; See also Container 6, Díaz y Díaz, Aristides</i>
BOX 4	Letters sent, "Repuesta al Interrogatorio," (handwritten booklet) and other papers, 1867, 1886-1889, undated
BOX 4	Obituary notices, 1889
BOX 4	Betances, Ramón Emeterio, correspondence, 1890
BOX 4	Brau, Salvador
BOX 4	"Casa-blanca," 1901
BOX 4	Copy made by Brau of plan of 1519 by Rodrigo de Figueroa concerning advisability of changing the site of Puerto Rico, undated
BOX 5	Card file, Puerto Rican and Caribbean bibliography, undated
BOX 6	<i>El Clamor del País</i> , 1889

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BOX 6	Díaz y Díaz, Aristides, correspondence and papers, 1882-1892, undated <i>See also Container 4, Baldorioty de Castro, Román, Letters received; For additional material see Container 8, Miscellaneous papers</i> (2 folders)
BOX 6	Documents and directory of the "Partido Autonomista Puerto-Riqueño," 1887-1888, undated
BOX 6	"Felipe II," tragedy, author unknown, undated
BOX 6	Figueroa, S., "Ensayo Biográfico," 1888
BOX 6	Franco, Ana Maria, <i>La Mano de Dios</i> , comedy in three acts, 1865
BOX 6	Gould, Alice Bache
BOX 6	Correspondence, 1906-1909 (3 folders)
BOX 7	Bibliography on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, 1908, 1923, undated (2 folders)
BOX 7	Notes on libraries of the Lesser Antilles, 1907, undated
BOX 7	Writings and research material
BOX 7	Miscellany, undated
BOX 7	Ponce de Leon, Juan, 1908-1909, undated
BOX 7	Vieques, undated
BOX 8	Governor of Puerto Rico, official decrees and publications, 1833-1858
BOX 8	Labat, Jean Baptiste, "Nouveau Voyage aux isles de l'Amérique" (copy), 1722
BOX 8	"Matrícula de los alumnos de las academias de la Sociedad Económica," circa 1845
BOX 8	Miscellaneous papers of Román Baldorioty de Castro, Aristides Díaz y Díaz, and Francisco Mariano Quiñones, 1886-1894, undated
BOX 8	Newspaper clippings, 1906-1909, undated
BOX 8	O'Reilly, Alejandro, "Relación que manifiesta el actual estado de la Población y cultivo de la Isla de Puerto Rico," 1765
BOX 8	"Partido Autonomista Puerto-Riqueño, libro del directorio, datos y cumplimientos de los acuerdos," 1887
BOX 8	<i>El Popular</i> , resignation of Román Baldorioty de Castro, 1889
BOX 8	<i>Reglamento para la ejecución de la ley de 4 de julio, 1870, sobre la abolición de la esclavitud en las islas de Cuba y Puerto Rico</i> , 1872
BOX 8	Tapia y Rivera, Alejandro, obituary notices, 1882
BOX 8	<i>Una Sesión de la Tertulia Radical de Madrid</i> , 1873