



*Puerto Rican
Genealogy Group*
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WS-01: Newspaper Search Log

Course: Looking for Ancestors in Historical Puerto Rican Newspapers

Purpose: Track every newspaper search you conduct – including searches that return no results

Why Track Negative Results?

A documented absence is genealogical data. If you searched a specific platform, newspaper title, and date range and found nothing, that is worth recording. Future research – yours or anyone reviewing your work – will not waste time repeating searches that have already been done.

Fill in every row, even when the result column reads “no results found.”

Search Log

#	Date Searched	Platform	Newspaper Title	Date Range Searched	Search Terms Used	Results Found?	Brief Description of Result	URL or Citation
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(Add rows as needed)

Platform Quick Reference

Platform	URL	Best For
Chronicling America	chroniclingamerica.loc.gov	6 PR titles, 1756–1963, keyword + browse
ADNPR	adnpr.net	PR archives, newspapers, gazettes
dLOC (Caribbean Newspaper Digital Library)	dloc.com	Caribbean papers, 1718–1876
Biblioteca Digital Puertorriqueña (UPR)	upr.contentdm.oclc.org	UPR newspaper and periodical collections
El Mundo Digital Archive	See UC Berkeley link	1919–1990, full-text searchable
Hemeroteca Digital BNE (Spain)	bdh.bne.es	Colonial-era Spanish-language press

Slavery Research Search Terms (Quick Reference)

Use these terms in Chronicling America with the *Gaceta de Puerto Rico* or *Boletín Mercantil*, date range 1840–1876:

- esclavo / esclava

- manumision (without accent – OCR strips it)
 - liberto / liberta
 - patrocinado / patrocinada
 - carta de libertad
 - se ha fugado (runaway notice)
 - Owner's surname + esclavo
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