

*Catálogo de pasajeros a Indias durante los siglos XVI, XVII y XVIII.*

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Volumes II and III of this series, appearing respectively in 1942 and 1946, continue the work of Vol. I, which appeared in 1940. As indicated in a previous notice, Vol. I lists the passengers leaving Spain for the Indies during 1509-1534. Vol. II lists those for 1535-1538, and Vol. III for 1539-1559. Usually, the name of the passenger is given, as are his parentage, the locality in Spain from which he came, his destination in the New World, the date, and the item and volume numbers of the "Libros de asiento de pasajeros," in which he was listed and which were maintained by the Casa de Contratación. Occasionally, several individuals are listed together.

Scholars of United States history will be interested in items No. 3,899-4,777 for the year 1538, which appear on pages 233-285 of Vol. II. Many of these individuals accompanied Hernando de Soto to Florida. Members of other expeditions formed in Spain are also listed, including, among others, those with the armada of Pedro de Mendoza to the Río de la Plata in 1535 (Vol. II, 66-230), and those with the armada of Pedro de Alvarado in 1538 (Vol. II, pp. 305-341). Undoubtedly, many others listed took part in the expeditions which were formed in the Indies during that part of the sixteenth century. Personal and geographical indices appear at the end of each volume, as do names of ship masters.

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*Archivo General de Indias: Catálogo de documentos de la Sección Novena.*

Volumen I, 1724-1834: *Santo Domingo, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Luisiana y Florida.* (Sevilla: Imprenta de la Gavidia, 1945. Pp. 285.)

The value of the documents in Section Nine of the Archivo General de Indias at Seville has long been known and much use has been made of them. They consist of records transferred to the archive by the

ministry of state in 1871, and after accession they were arranged in sub-groups by audiencias, with an additional sub-group entitled "América en General." Work of listing and cataloguing was undertaken early this century, but no complete publication of the results was effected. Don Pedro Torres Lanzas, for many years the director of the Archive, utilized many of the cards in his *Independencia de América. Fuentes para su estudio. Catálogo de documentos conservados en el Archivo General de Indias de Sevilla* (6 vols., Madrid, 1915; 2d series, 2 vols., Sevilla, 1924-1925).

Employees of the archive under the supervision of Cristóbal Bermúdez Plata, the present director, have carried out a rechecking, revising, and making of necessary additions to the cards for this important collection of papers. The volume under review comprises the entries for the sub-group entitled "Santo Domingo, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Luisiana y Florida," consisting of nineteen *legajos* of the 105 of the section. Each main chronological entry covers a document or group of documents forming an *expediente* or comprising papers which are grouped together or attached to one another, such as a despatch with its enclosures, notes of action taken, and drafts of replies. Besides the main entries for the 1,288 numbered items, there are unnumbered supplemental entries, placed in chronological order, for each attached or enclosed document, giving a brief indication of it and citing the numbered entry where it is found. Each numbered entry gives, for all the individual documents included, the dates, places, names of writers and recipients, summary of subject matter, relationship of the various documents of the entry, number of sheets with size of pages and, *legajo* and document designations. The documents mentioned are originals unless it is otherwise stated. Cross references are supplied wherever necessary.

The papers listed in this volume cover the years 1724-1834. They comprise a wide range of interesting materials dealing with important problems of the Spanish administration in the regions included. There is an index of persons, places, and subjects.

The volume contributes to a wider knowledge of the archivalia at Seville and will be welcome to scholars interested in the history of the Spanish colonial regime in the Western Hemisphere. The publication of volumes corresponding to the other sub-groups will be an additional and most acceptable service of the General Archive of the Indies.

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