

Documents from the 19th Century Found in Cuba



Guantanamo, February 23 (PL-RHC)-- Account books and hundreds of trade documents from the 19th century were found in the ceiling of a building in restoration in the historic heart of Guantanamo, in eastern Cuba, according to an article published by Granma daily newspaper.

The building, constructed in 1865, was part of the Brauet and Cia warehouses, owned by a family of French origin who lived in that city. After being turned into an inn, it was the place where Major General Jose Maceo, one of our heroes in the war of independence against Spanish colonialism, held a toast to a Free Cuba.

The finding was made when restoration works were taking place at the inn, which will be named "El León de Oriente," as Jose Maceo was also known. The documents, some of which are over 100 years old, were apparently stuffed in the ceiling.

Clothes were discovered, as well as large quantities of rice, coffee, salt and potatoes, salted cod, dried beef, crackers, onions, cigars, shoes, machetes, Catalanian oil pitchers and gallons of rum.

The discovery includes a math book from the 19th century, with whole numbers, fractions and decimal numbers, and over 100 pages of exercises and problems to solve.



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