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Grenada Plantation records

1737-1845

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Summary

Title: Grenada Plantation records

Date: 1737-1845

Size: .8 linear feet (2 archival boxes)

Source: Purchase, Charles Apfelbaum (dealer), Jan. 1989

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Key Terms

Geographic Names

Caribbean Area -- History

Grenada -- History

West Indies -- Commerce -- West Indies -- History

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Maps

Subjects

Plantation life -- Grenada

Plantations -- Grenada

Slave records -- Grenada

Slavery -- Grenada

Slaves -- Grenada -- Social conditions

Sugar growing -- Grenada -- History

Sugar growing -- West Indies, British -- History -- 18th century