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Germana Piña, Outstanding Brown Woman from the Colonial Era in the Villa de Calabozo

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ABSTRACT

Venezuelan historiography has dealt with the issue related to the social group of the pardos during the colonial era, and among the issues that stand out from them are, its high percentage within the social structure of colonial Venezuela, and its important presence in the urbana reas of that time, including that of the Villa de Calabozo, where a prominent brown woman lived, called Germana Piña. Among the purposes of the present investigation are, to specify the location of the character in question in the city of Calabozo, at the end of the colonial period and the beginning of the republican era; identify some activities that she did; and describe some elements that allowed to reveal the importance of the character. The historical method was used, through the search and treatment of the sources, mainly written, primary, located in important national and local archives, and secondary, to which the respective critical analysis was performed. As a result, it was obtained that Mrs. Germana Piña was a brown woman who lived in the Villa de Calabozo in the days of independence, and she stood out so much in the community of that time that even a street in the town was named after her. From all it was concluded that a prominent brown woman in a segregationist and patriarchal society was an exceptional event in that society, and an example of overcoming.

Descriptors: Woman. Pardos Colonia. Segregation. Overcoming.

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