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This lecture explores the evolution of a rural locality outside the sugar plantation economy and slavery—the pillars of the Cuban economy during the colonial (18th–19th centuries) and republican periods (1902–1959). Both sugar and slavery have been the most studied topics in Cuban historiography. Thus, in this lecture, the attention and analysis are given to the less known aspects of rural Cuba, which are, and not precisely in that order, free labor, small-scale agriculture, small and medium-size land proprietorship, the internal market, and immigration movements to non-sugar regions.

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