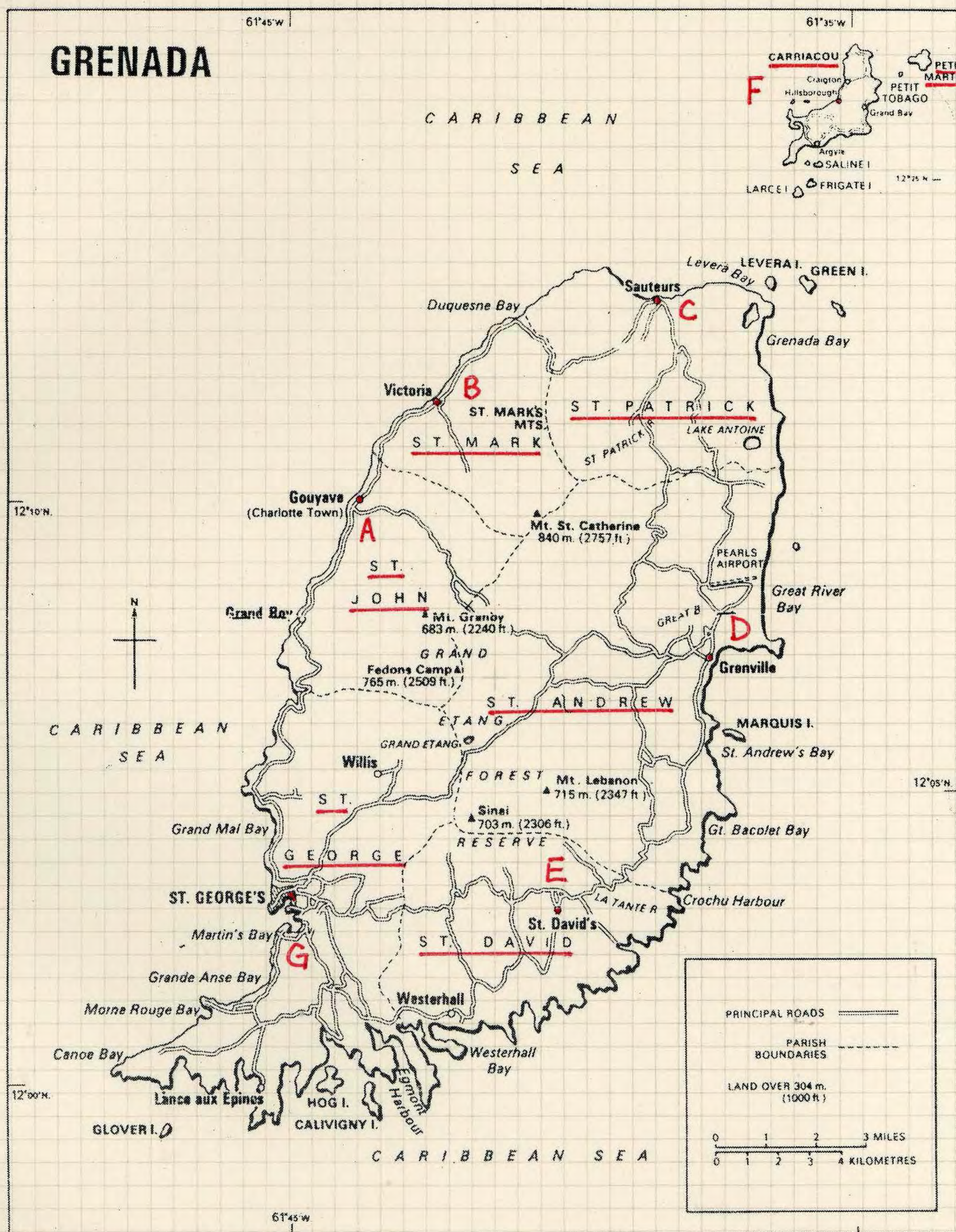


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# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System



The Inland Postal system in Grenada commenced on 1 October 1861, and was placed in charge of the Police to deal with local mail. Six Parishes in Grenada and the island Carriacou were allocated handstamps Letter "A" through to "F". The Letter handstamps were distributed clockwise around the island as follows; A Gouyave, St. John. B Victoria, St. Mark. C St. Patrick. D Grenville St. Andrew. E St. David's. F Carriacou. G St. George's, St. George.



# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System

It was nearly 10 years before the Inland Postal system was re-established on 1 October 1872, which operated a daily letter schedule from St.Georges to St.Patrick, St.Andrew and St.David. All the lettered postmarks were re-assigned to the same Parish Post Offices except the letter "G" which was located midpoint between St.George's and St.Davids at Piedmontagnes in St.David Parish.



**A Gouyave**  
1872 - 1886



**B Victoria**  
1872 - 1885



**C Sauteurs**  
1872 - 1886



**D Grenville**  
1872 - 1886



**E St David's**  
1872 - 1886



**F Carriacou**  
1872 - 1886

**G Piedmontagnes**  
1872 - 1884





# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System

In 1884 changes to the Postal System came into use passed by the Council who announced; The post office station at St.Georges will be the General Inland Post Office, the branches being in St.John, St.Mark, St.Patrick, St.Andrew, St.David and Carriacou, the post office location in the parish shall be stated as the Governor shall appoint from time to time.

The duties and hours of the District Postmasters will be as follows; to be waiting to receive all letter-bags on arrival, and also ready to have the mails made up, to weigh letters and sell stamps; The Postmaster at St.Patrick from 5-6 pm, St.Andrew 8-9 am and 3-4 pm, St.Mark 7-8 am and 5-6 pm, St.John 8-9 am, St.David and Carriacou, to be ready one hour before the mails are made up for St.Georges. When mail-bags arrive at St.George's after 4 pm, they shall be delivered to the Postmaster either at the Post Office or at his residence as he may direct.

Letters unpaid cannot be forwarded, but if posted at a branch office, they shall be forwarded to the General Post Office, and shall where practicable, be returned to the writer.

The District Postmasters shall account monthly for all monies received by them, and remit same to the Postmaster not later than the 4<sup>th</sup> of each month, such monies to be paid into the Treasury by the Postmaster. Letter-boxes shall be affixed at all branch offices.



**A Gouyave**  
Narrow 'A' 1886 - 1892

**A Gouyave**  
Wide 'A' 1892-1907



**B Victoria**  
1886 - 1907



**C Sauteurs**  
1886 - 1898



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## Inland Postal System



**D Grenville**  
1886 - 1904



**E St David's**  
1886 - 1908



**F Carriacou**  
1886 - 1907



**G Piedmontagnes**  
1887 - 1899



**G St Pauls**  
1899 - 1907



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## Inland Postal System

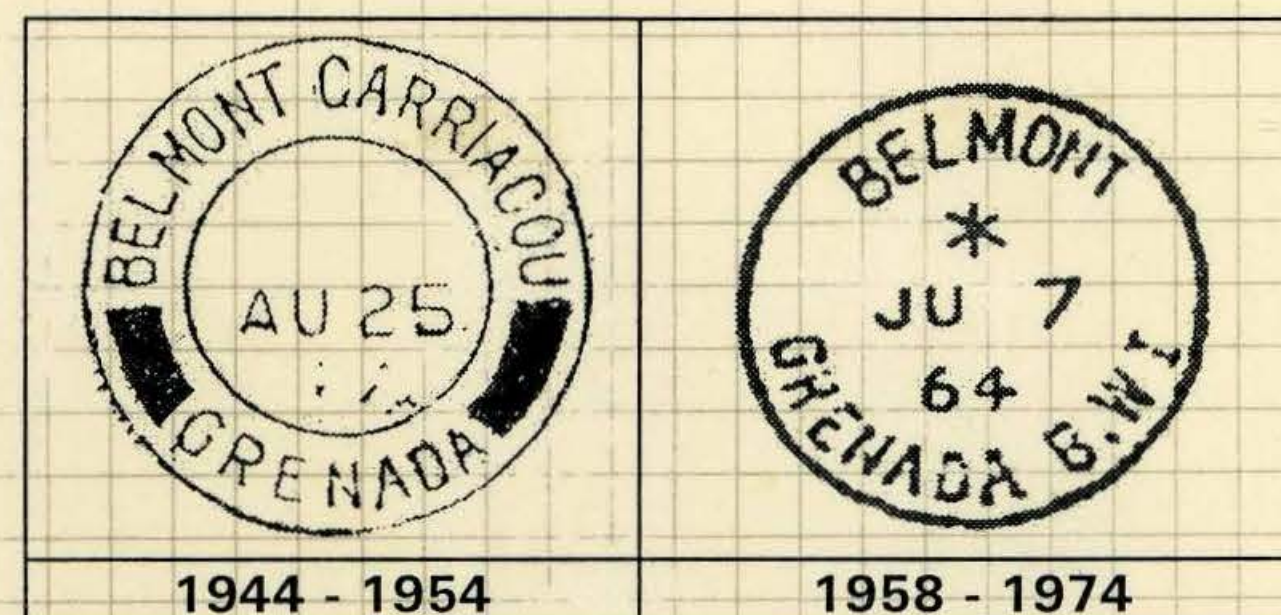
Belmont, Carriacou is situated in the south of the island on the southern coast road. The Postal Station or Sub-Post Office was established during World War Two, in October 1944. During the hurricane of 22-23 Sep. 1955 the office was damaged, together with many buildings on the island. From its inception, two postmarks have been issued, a double circle and single circle datestamp.



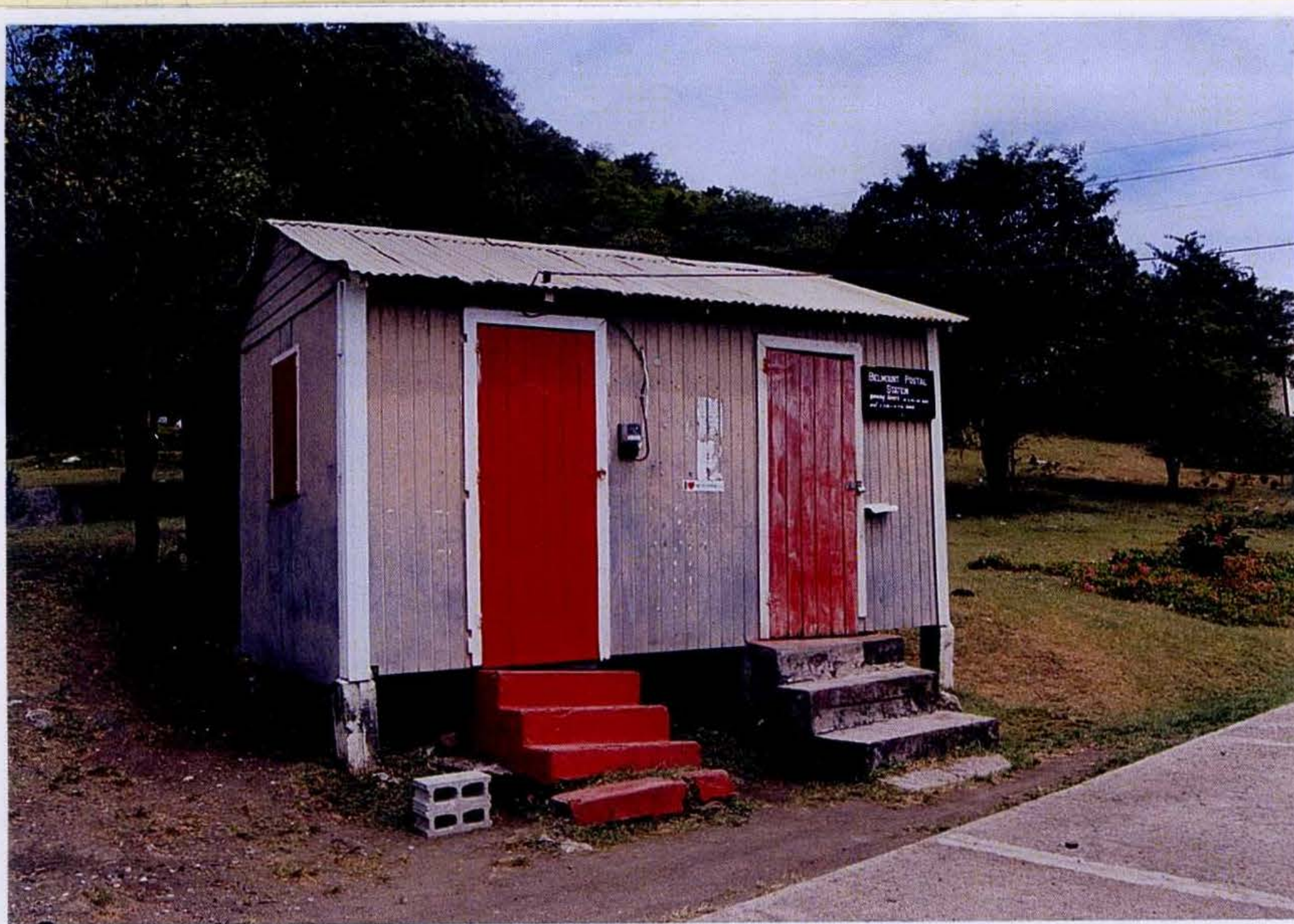
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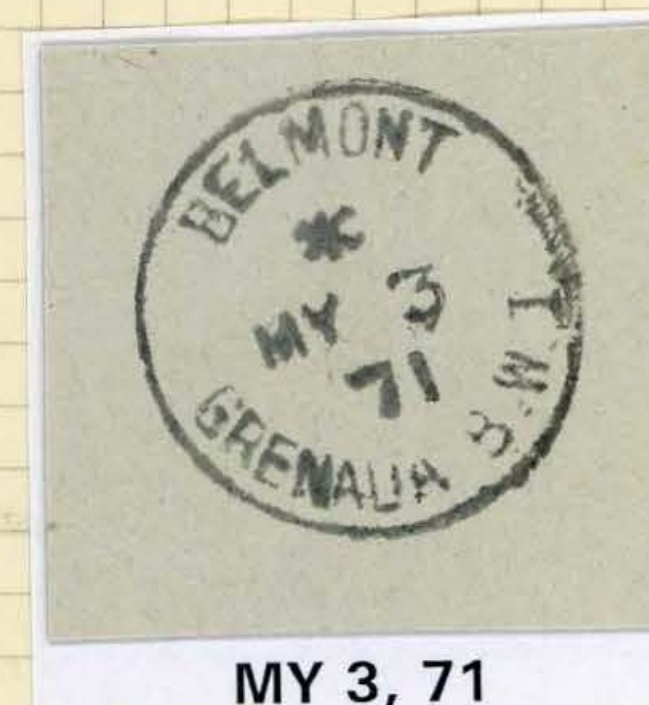
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Belmont Sub Post Office, with hours of opening. Photo, Feb. 2000



MY 3, 71



# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System

In 1946 the District Post Offices were established at the Revenue Offices at Grenville, Gouyave (St.John), Victoria (St.Mark), Sauteurs (St.Patrick), St.David's and at Hillsborough, Carriacou, and are open for business from 9.00 am to 3.30 pm daily except Saturday, which is a half day.

The Postal Stations are listed under the their respective District Post Offices; the former, sold stamps and took delivery and receipt of ordinary letters and printed matter only.





# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System

Belvidere Post Office (postal station) was opened on the transfer from Dover. The office was established on 1 August 1946, firstly employing the Dover datestamp until about August 1948 when its new named "Belvidere" mark came into use. This double circle mark was replaced in 1956 by a single circle mark with asterisk above date.

The Post Office was first opened at the premises of Massiah Cox, he being the father of the postal agent, Miss Eleina Cox, who served the villages of Bogles, Cherry Hill, Calities and surrounding areas.

The Post Office was totally destroyed in the hurricane of 22-23 Sep.1955 and its postal agent, Miss Eleina Cox was killed.



Belvidere Postal Station building situated on the right. Feb.2000



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1948 - 1955



1956 - 1974





# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System

Birch Grove in the parish of St. Andrew's is situated in the centre of Grenada on the cross-country road St. George's on the west coast to Grenville on the east coast. The town has a police station, post office, several churches, two schools and a health centre. Birch Grove is surrounded by a number of Banana & Nutmeg & Cocoa Estates.

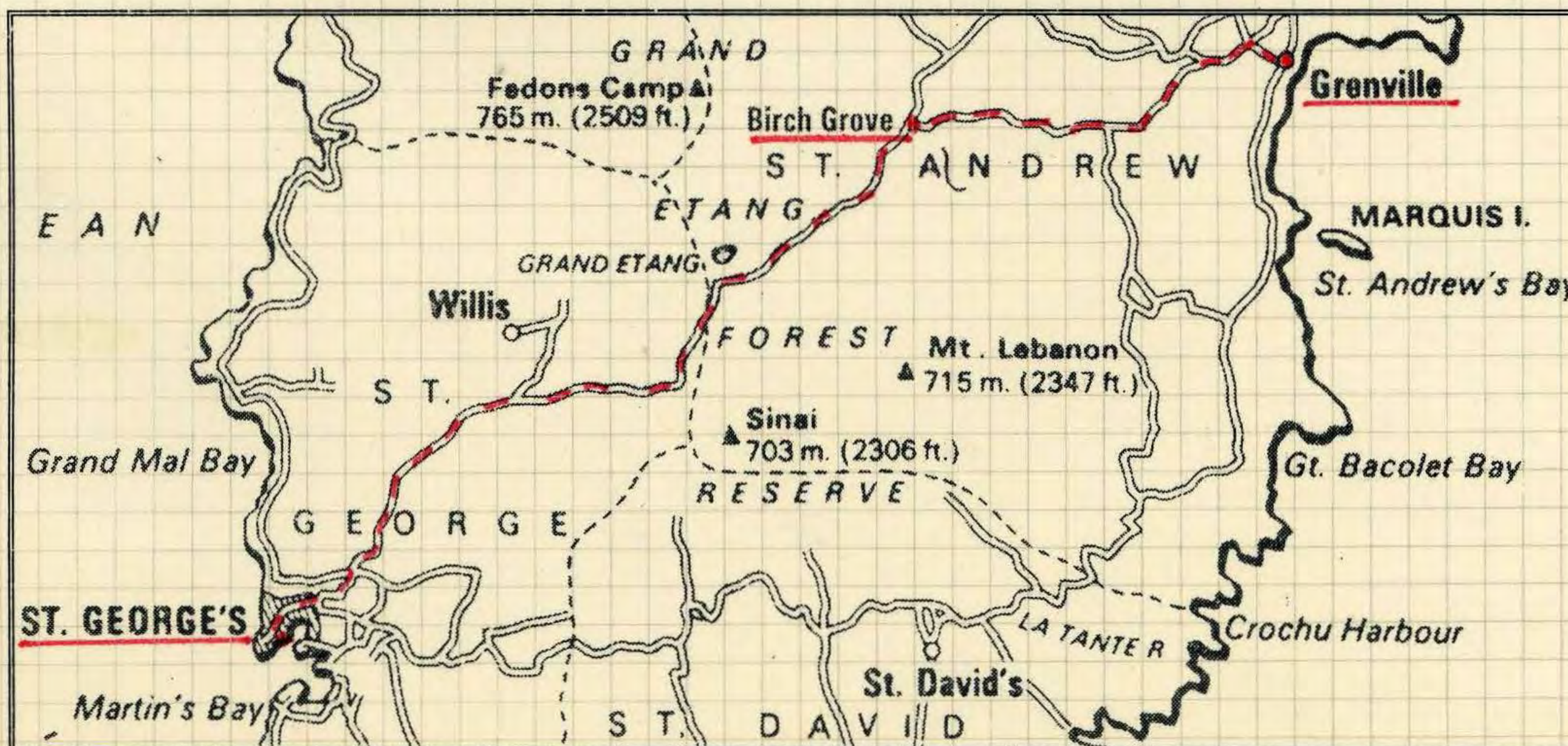
Birch Grove Post Office was opened 21 Oct. 1899 and from this date to Independence on 6 Feb. 1974 it was issued with three postmarks. The first recorded postmaster, in 1919, was Mr R. Perryman, and in August 1946 Mrs Christina Humphrey took over the postal duties from Mrs Ruth Perryman as postal agent. On the 5 April 1970 the postal agency moved to the premises of Mr Clifton Evans, where Mrs Olge Evans became the postal agent.



Grand Etang a small lake in the centre of the island occupying the place of a former volcanic crater, 1,800 feet above sea level. There is a government Sanatorium and Rest House, where refreshments can be obtained, and a stay may be made by visitors. The temperature is pleasant rarely rising above 75° Fahrenheit.



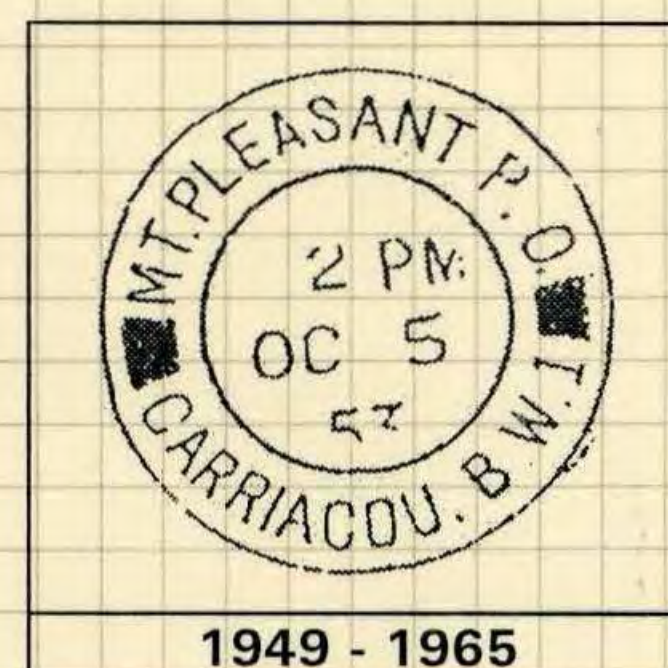
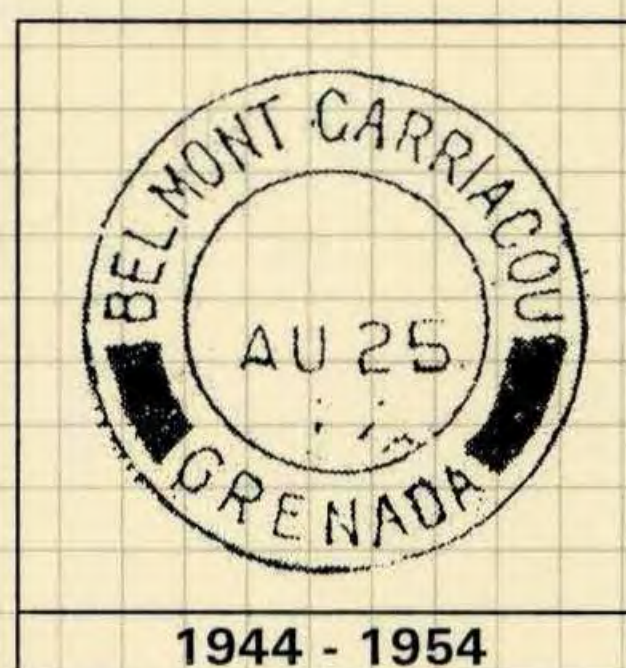
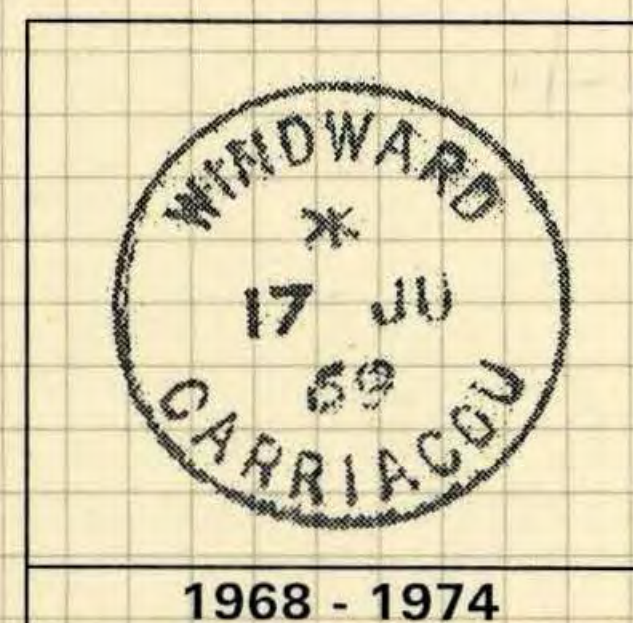
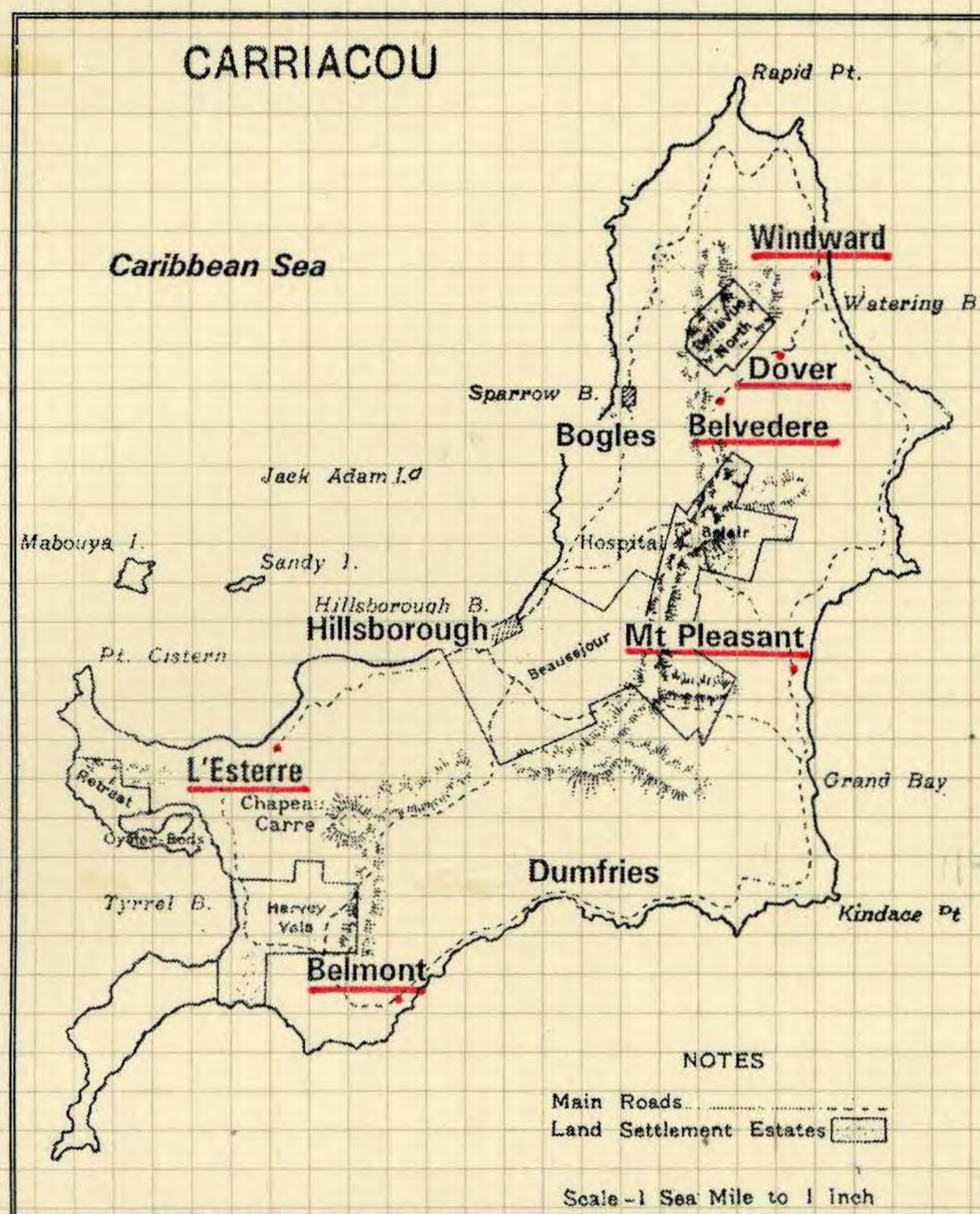
The middle parish of St. George's on the west coast and St. Andrew's on the east.





# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System



The island of Carriacou had its main and first post office situated at Hillsborough, and the town acted as the main communication entrance into the island. In the mid 1930s, Dover postal station or sub-post office was established, this office stayed open until 1946 when the office together with the Dover postmark was transferred a little south to Belvedere. With the establishment of a sub-post office in the north of the island, Belmont in the south was added in 1944. A few years later an office was set up on the east coast at Mt Pleasant in 1949, and to complete the outer perimeters of the island, Windward in the north and L'Esterre in the south were established in 1968.

At each of the postal stations on Carriacou the office sold postage stamps, stationery postcards and registered letters. Residence at their local postal station had to collect their own mail, unless it was a parcel where Hillsborough stored parcel post mail for the whole island.



# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System

Hillsborough Post Office appointed a postman in 1893 to distribute letters to their addresses in the town. In 1894 the postal system described Hillsborough as a Money Order and Parcels Office, receiving its weekly service by steamer to and from Sauteurs, the northern town of Grenada. Overseas mails are conveyed to and from Carriacou fortnightly, on the arrival and departure of Royal Mail Steam Packet via Trinidad, by a sailing vessel each alternate Friday, at a cost of £25 per annum.

Hillsborough, Carriacou in 1903 sold £100 in stamps, postage and revenue; dealt with 54 parcel post to Inland destinations and received 143 from Inland sources. It has despatched 92 Inland registered letters, 8229 Ordinary letters, and 52 other articles in the post.



In 1905 Hillsborough made up mails weekly on a Thurs (Mail Day) at 11.00 am or alternative Thurs at 12.30 pm for Sauteurs, and St.George's and other offices via St.George's.



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| <p>1907 - 1930</p> | <p>1931 - 1955</p> |
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On 16 Sep.1908 new regulations for Inland and External mails were published; Mail will be closed at Carriacou on Thurs at 3.00 pm for Parcel Post, on Fri at 10.00 am for Money Orders and Registered Letters, on Fri 11.00 am for Ordinary Letters and Book Packets.



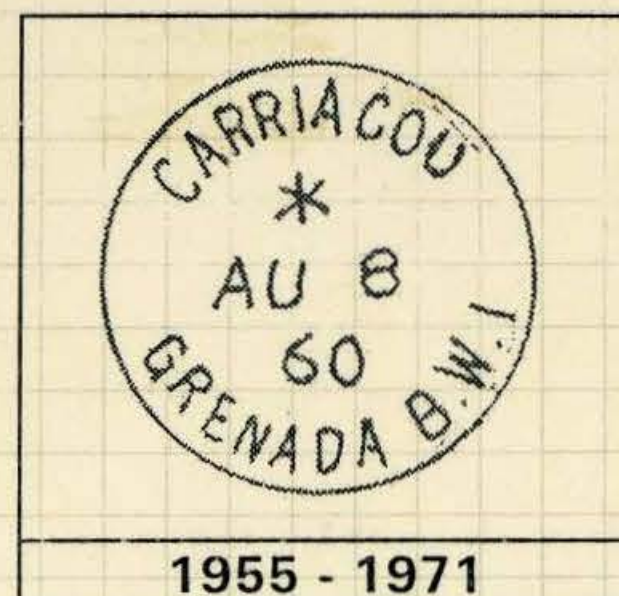
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## Inland Postal System

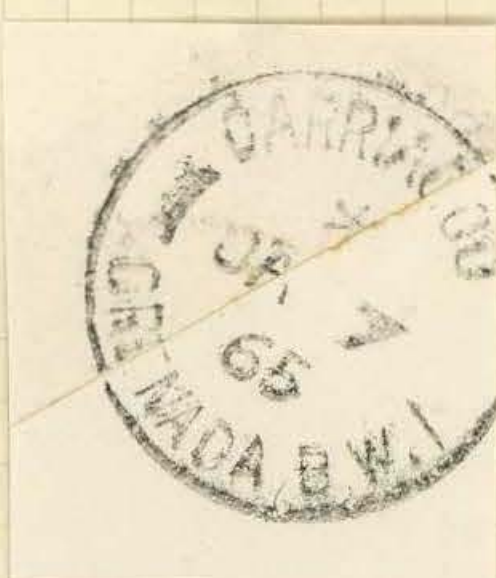
Carriacou lies 17 miles north-east of Grenada in the chain of islands called the Grenadines. The island is hilly and about 7 miles long and a third as wide. The landscape, which is dry and scrubby, is dotted with cactus and acacia, although dry-land flowering plants such as bougainvillea add a splash of colour. Carriacou is an unspoilt and remote island with green hills plunging down to beautiful clean beaches. The population is just 7,000, Hillsborough being its capital, has a lively small port, especially on Monday, which is Market Day.

On Carriacou Atlantic coast and at Tyrell Bay there are small boatyards where boats are built using centuries-old techniques. Everything is done by hand. The carpenters, most of part-Scottish ancestry, finish and caulk the schooners which will sail from island to island with passengers and many different cargo loads.

Hillsborough, the administrative and commercial centre of the island, is an un-spoiled and unhurried place, it has a mix of colourful wooden shops, houses and cement buildings and ramshackle tin structures. Main Street which is parallel to the beach has a few 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings with ground floors of stone and upper floors of wood that once served as warehouses.



Carriacou Post Office is situated at Hillsborough, inside the Government Revenue Office. The post office, is situated near to the jetty, and is open from 8.00 am to 12 noon and from 1.00 to 4.00 pm Mon-Fri.



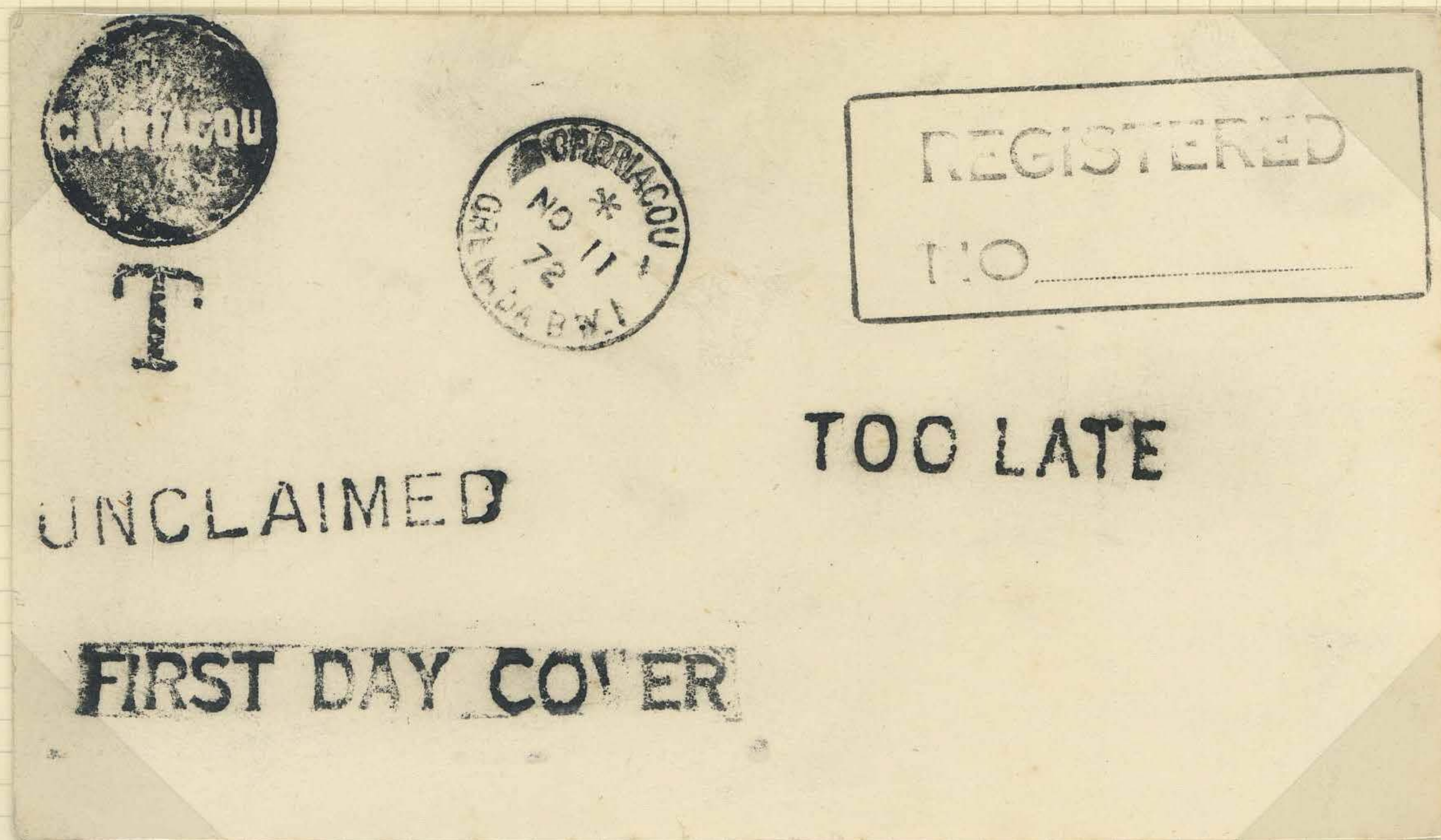
During 1957-1962 the Inland Mail was conveyed between Grenada, Carriacou and Union Island, by twice weekly Auxiliary Schooners, named *Island Pride* and *Faithful Star*. The route from Carriacou to Petit Martinique was twice weekly by the sloop *Daura*. The 1963 mails to Carriacou and Union Island were carried by a contract schooner *Starlight* and to Petit Martinique twice weekly by the sloop *Dove*.



# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System

Carriacou postmarks were applied at the islands capital, Hillsborough, which for many years was the only post office on the island. It was followed by Dover 1937-1946, when it moved to Belvidere 1946-1974, and Belmont 1944-1974, followed by Mount Pleasant 1945-1965, and in 1968 two more sub-post offices were opened, L'Esterre 1968-1974 and Windward 1968-1974.

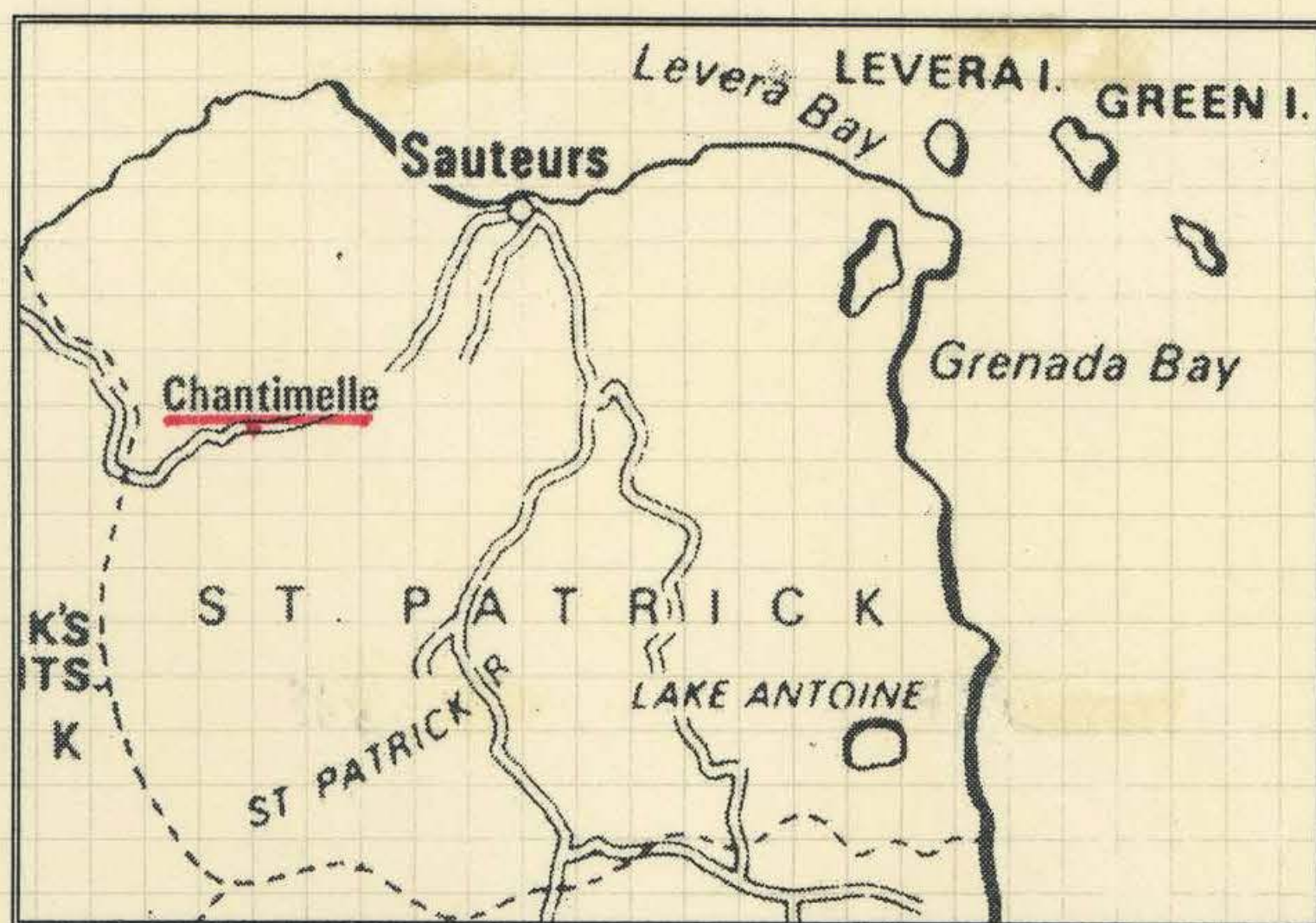


Hillsborough Post Office & Government Revenue Office, Feb. 2000



# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System



Chantimelle is 3 miles south of Sauteurs on the west coast main road. The village skirts Little St. Patrick River which runs into the sea west of Sauteurs. Chantimelle has a fairly high density of housing where a back road leads to the parish capital Sauteurs.

The Post Office was opened on 1 March 1957 and remained opened to Independence on 6 February 1974. The daily mails were received from the south via St. Georges - Happy Hill - Concord - Grand Roy - Gouyave - Victoria - Union - Chantimelle - Sauteurs. In 1958 the postal vans were replaced with Land Rovers who conveyed mails on the above route.



1957 - 1974



A puzzling piece; Chantimelle (5 Jun), St. George's (4 May), Carriacou (7 May).



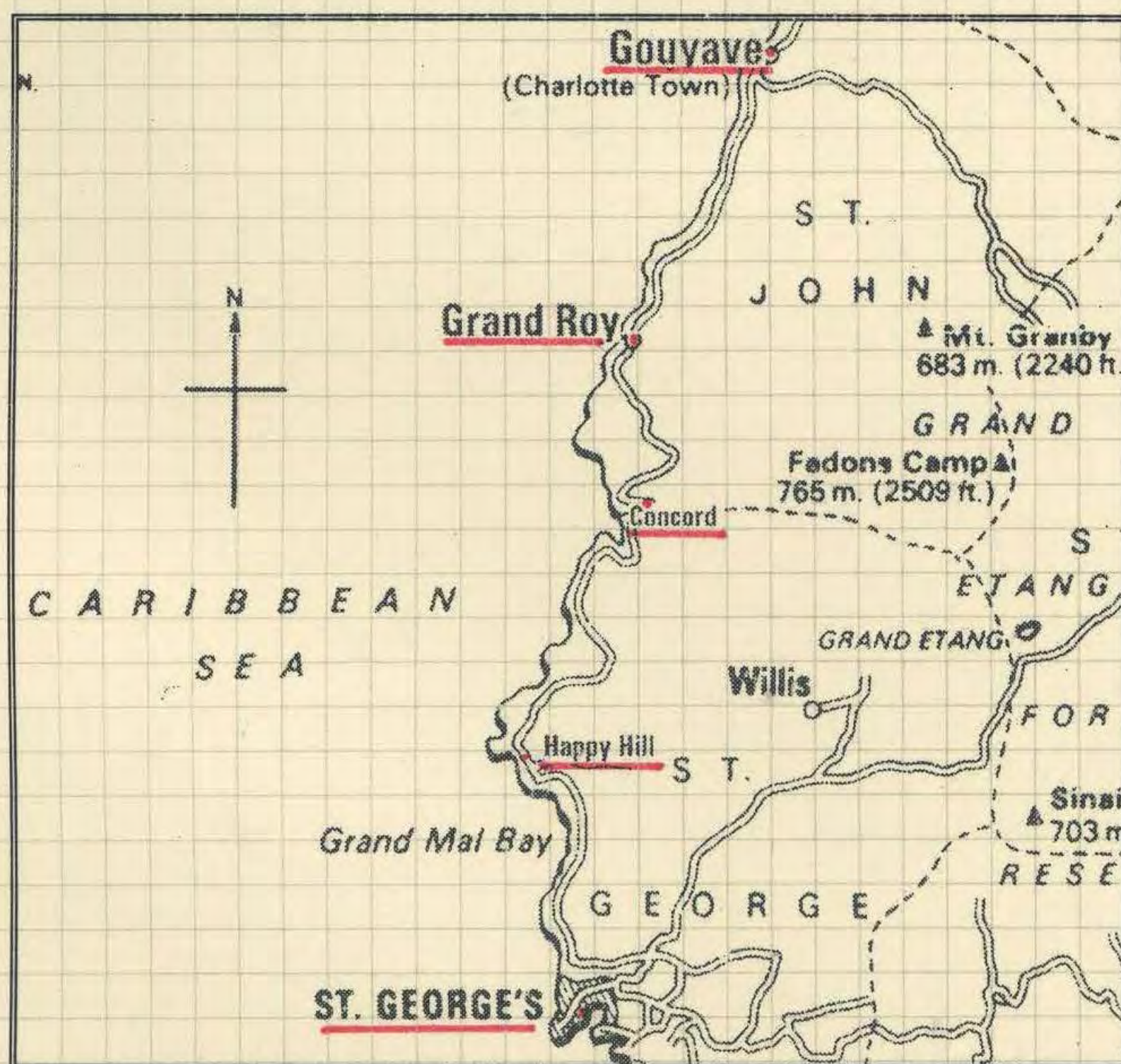
# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System

In 1918 the Inland Mails were made-up at Concord 6.30 am daily into 3 bundles for; (1) Grand Roy, (2) Gouyave, and (3) other parts of the colony through Gouyave. By 1927 Concord Post Office was making two daily dispatches of mail at 8.30 am daily for the south at (1) Happy Hill, (2) St. George's and other parts of the colony through St. George's, and at 2.30 pm for northern locations at (1) Grand Roy, (2) Gouyave, (3) Victoria, (4) Union, (5) Sauteurs and other parts of the island through Sauteurs.



On March 1, 1951, a Mail Bus service was started between Gouyave and St. Georges on the main west-coast road, the Mail bus left daily at GPO 10.00 am for Happy Hill, Concord, Grand Roy, Gouyave. On its return journey at 11.00 am it left Gouyave (St. John's) for Grand Roy, Concord, Happy Hill and St. George's.



Mail Bus daily service St. Georges to Gouyave and return.



# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System

Crochu is located in the parish of St. Andrew's and situated on the main east coast road, 1 mile inland from Crochu Point and Harbour. The village has a church, two schools, health centre and post office.

The Post Office was established on 3 January 1903 and has remained in continuous use to Independence on 6 February 1974. During its first year of operation the office sold stamps to the value of £5, despatched 13 Inland registered letters, and 702 Ordinary letters. In 1919 the district postmaster was E. A. Andrews. On 22 Oct. 1950 the postal agency was moved 100 yards to the shop of the new postal agent Miss Rosa Williams who had previously took over from Miss Phyllis Giletirist.



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1903 - 1951



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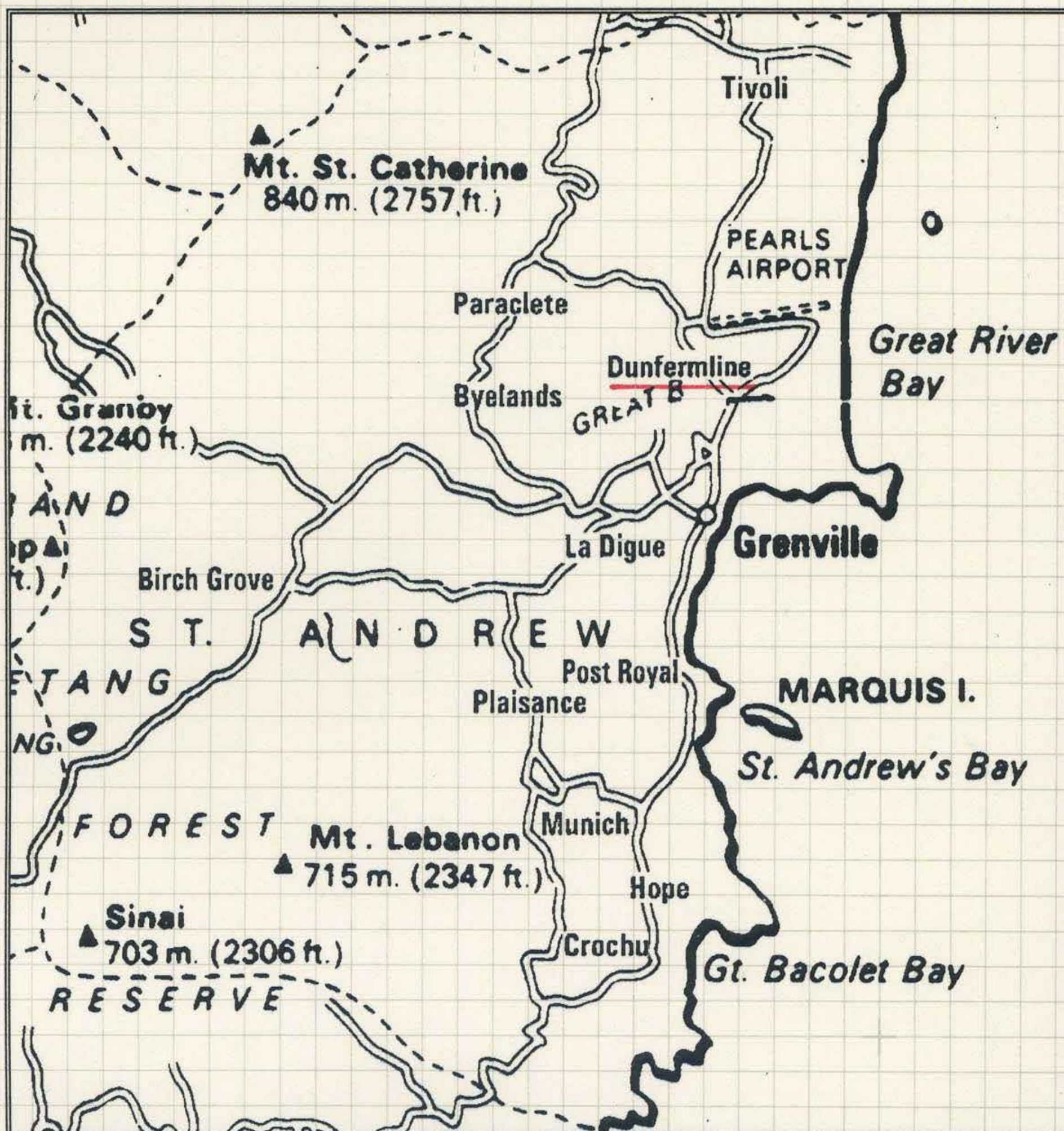
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Crochu Post Office in the period 1905-1918 made-up 2 bundles of mails at 4.00 pm daily for; (1) Grenville, Birch Grove. At 7.30 am daily for (2) St. David's, St. Paul's, St. George's and offices via St. George's.



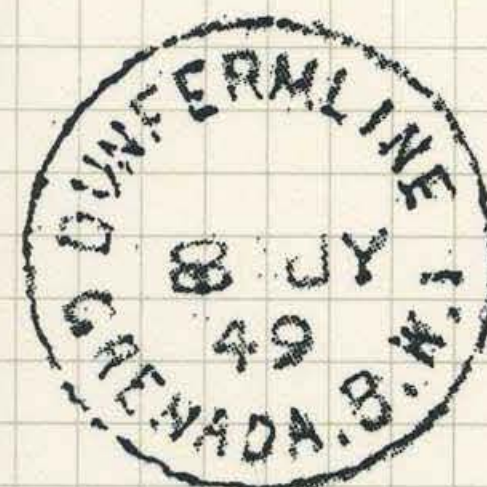
# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System



Dunfermline is situated just north of Grenville in St. Andrew's Parish. The village is spread over two main road on the east coast and has a school and two churches, post office, health centre and nearby Nutmeg and Cocoa Stations. The village is virtually at the end of Pearls Airport which overlooks Great River Bay.

The Post Office (postal station) was first opened on 1 Sep.1927 in the premises of Oliver Berkeley, who was the district postmaster. Postage stamps up to the value of sixpence were sold together with postcards, wrappers and registered envelopes. However registered letters and parcels were not accepted or delivered, these had to be dealt nearby at Grenville Post Office.



1927 - 1953



1961 - 1974





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## Inland Postal System

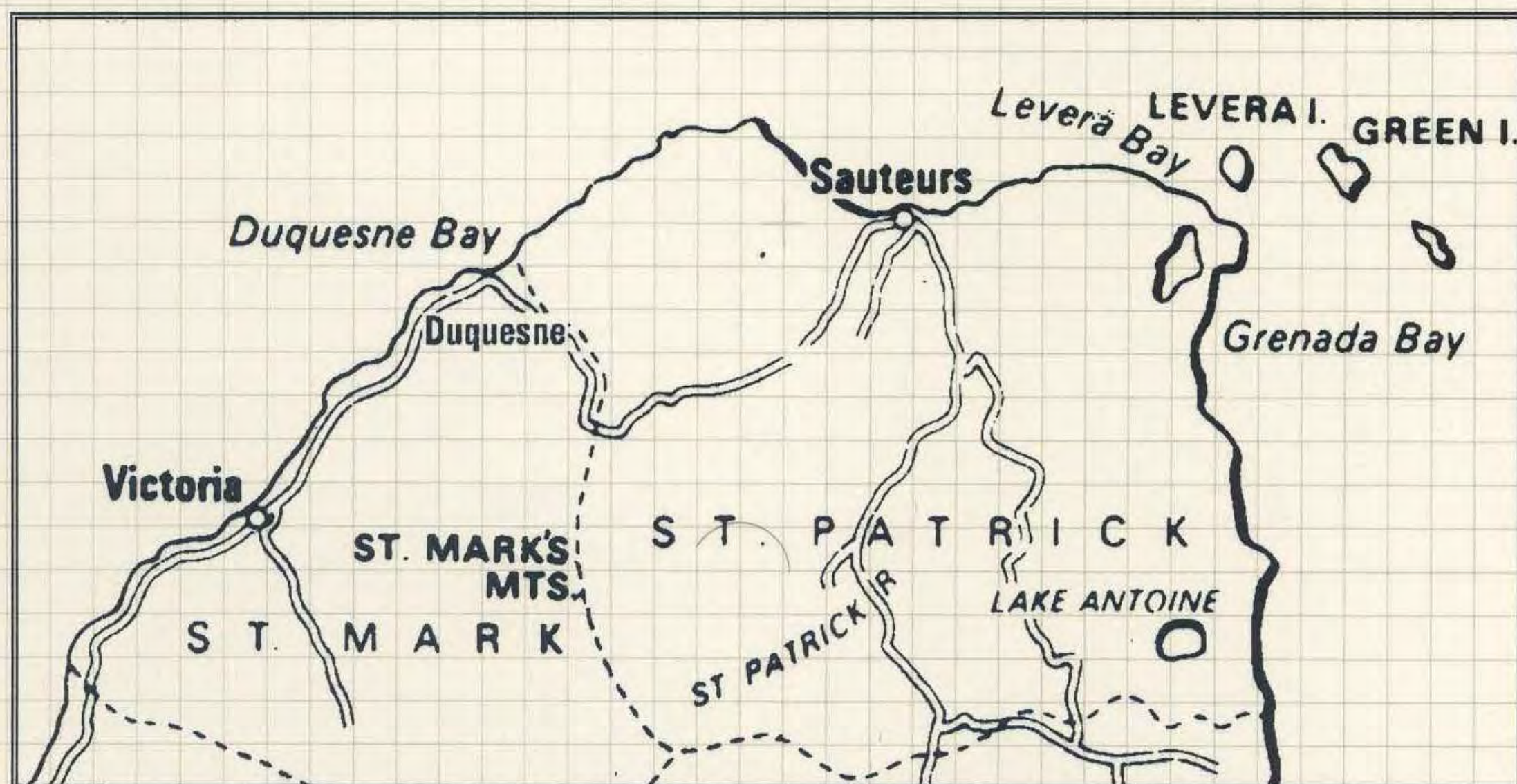
Duquesne is situated in St. Mark's Parish on the West Coast midway between Victoria in the south and Sauteurs in the north. The Post Office was opened 1 November 1969 at the premises of the postal agent Mrs Nella de Allie. This is the only post office to be opened in St. Mark's Parish, the other being at Victoria the capital of the parish.



1969 - 1974



As early as 1932 a Mail and Passenger service was started on the western and northern coast by Motor-Launch "La Perla" calling at Duquesne. The Down route; Sauteurs 7.15 am, Duquesne 7.35 am, Victoria 7.50 am, Gouyave 8.45 am, St. George's 10.00 am. The Up route (except Wed.) Duquesne 4.10 pm, Sauteurs 4.45 pm.



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# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System

Florida is situated in St. John's Parish, and is found east of Gouyave the parish administration centre. Florida village is sandwiched between two rivers, the Red River to its north and the much larger Charlotte River, to the south. The village has two schools, health centre, post office, church, stores and a Nutmeg & Banana Stations.

Florida Post Office (postal station) was started on 1 March 1957, and has used only one datestamp from 1957-1974, Independence.



1958-1974



Florida Post Office (postal station). Feb.2000



Florida Banana Station, where local produce are taken to market. Feb.2000





# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System

Fontenoy in St. George's Parish is located on the west coast main road, midway between St. George's (the capital) and Happy Hill. The village overlooks Grand Mal Bay, and accommodates an Oil & Gas Terminal Building and storage tanks together with sea jetty.

The Post Office (postal station) was established in June 1971, and has employed a single circle datestamp with asterisk above the date.



Fontenoy Post Office, looking north on main road to Happy Hill. Feb. 2000





# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System

Gouyave is the main town situated in St. John's Parish. Its Post Office first opened on 1 Oct. 1861 as the start of the first Inland Post, but financial losses saw its closer on 31 Dec. 1862. Re-established on 1 October 1872, it has been in continues use. Gouyave is the main postal office in this parish and it serves postal stations at Concord (opened Oct. 1890) and Grand Roy (opened April 1900).



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| 1861-61, 1872-86 | 1886 - 1892 | 1892 - 1907 |



In 1884 St. John's (Gouyave) is described as a branch post office, with the duties of the District Postmaster to wait to receive all letter bags on arrival from St. George's which are expected daily from 8 to 9 am. Letter-boes are to be affixed at all the branch offices.



1872



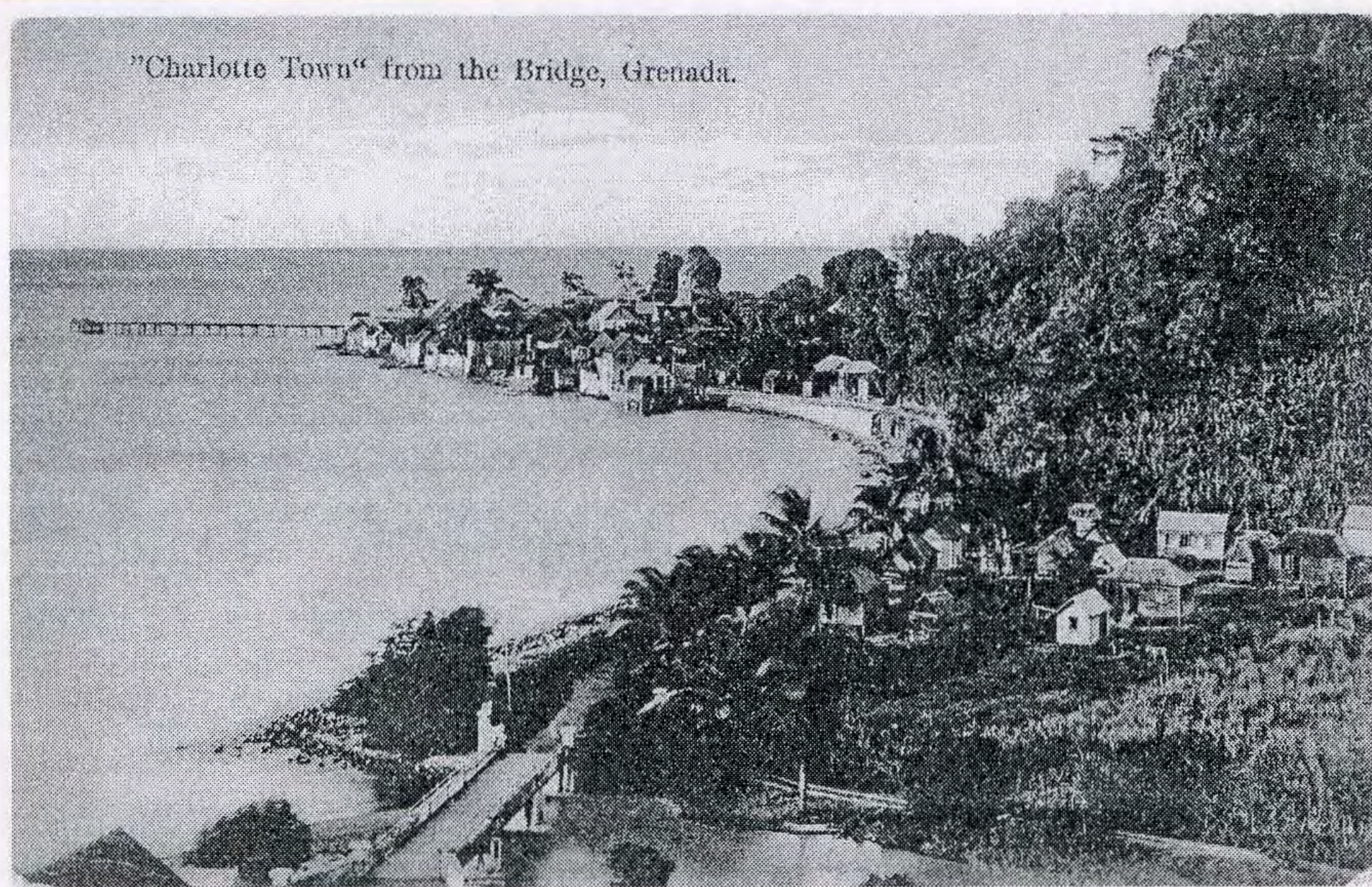
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Gouyave (formerly Charlotte Town) village showing its few houses, parish church, and jetty to accommodate the coastwise steamer and the village fishing vessels.



# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System



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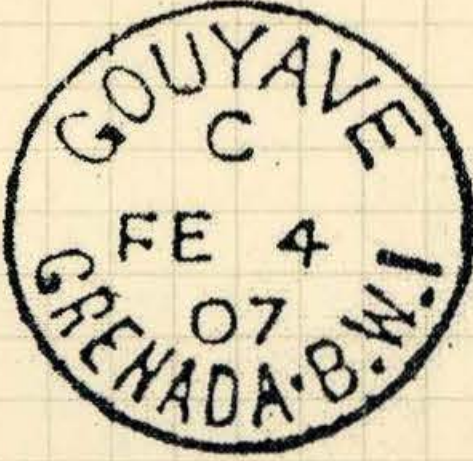

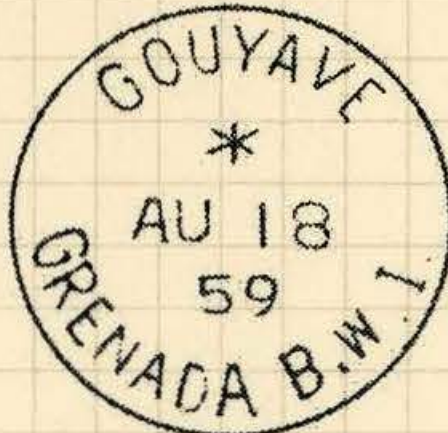



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| 1907 - 1911   | 1917 - 1956  | 1955 - 1968   | 1955 - 1974   |

1896, St.John's to make up the mails daily at 8.00 am and 1.00 pm every alternate Thurs. for; St.George's, St.Andrew's, Snug Corner, St.Paul's, St.David's, Concord, and 2.30 pm daily for; St.Mark's, St.Patrick's, and 2.30 pm every Tuesday for Carriacou.

1910, Inland Mail changes were announced; Gouyave to make-up mails at 9.15 am Thurs., 12.45 pm Thurs., 3.00 pm Fri., other days 2.15 pm for; Victoria, Sauteurs, Hermitage through Sauteurs, at 3.00 pm daily for Grand Roy and Concord, and at 8.00 am daily for St.George's and others part of the colony through the GPO.

1917, a daily service will be by the Launch "Kelvin" which is to leave Sauteurs 7 am, Victoria 7.45 am, Gouyave 8.30 am, St.George's 10 am, and return; St.George's 1.30 pm, Gouyave 3.00 pm, Victoria 3.45 pm, Sauteurs 4.30 pm.

1927, Inland Mails are made up daily at 8.15 am and an additional mail 3.30 pm on Thurs for; St.George's and all offices on the eastern side through St.George's. And 8.00 daily for; Grand Roy, Concord, Happy Hill. And 2.45 daily but 11.45 Wed. for, Victoria, Union, Sauteurs and all offices between there and St.George's.

1932 Mail and Passenger service on western and northern coast by Motor-Launch "La Perla" leaves; Sauteurs 7.15 am, Duquesne 7.35 am, Victoria 7.50 am, Gouyave 8.45 am, St.George's 10.00 am. And return up St.George's 1.45 pm, Gouyave 3.15 pm, Victoria 3.55 pm, Duquesne 4.10 pm, Sauteurs 4.45 pm.

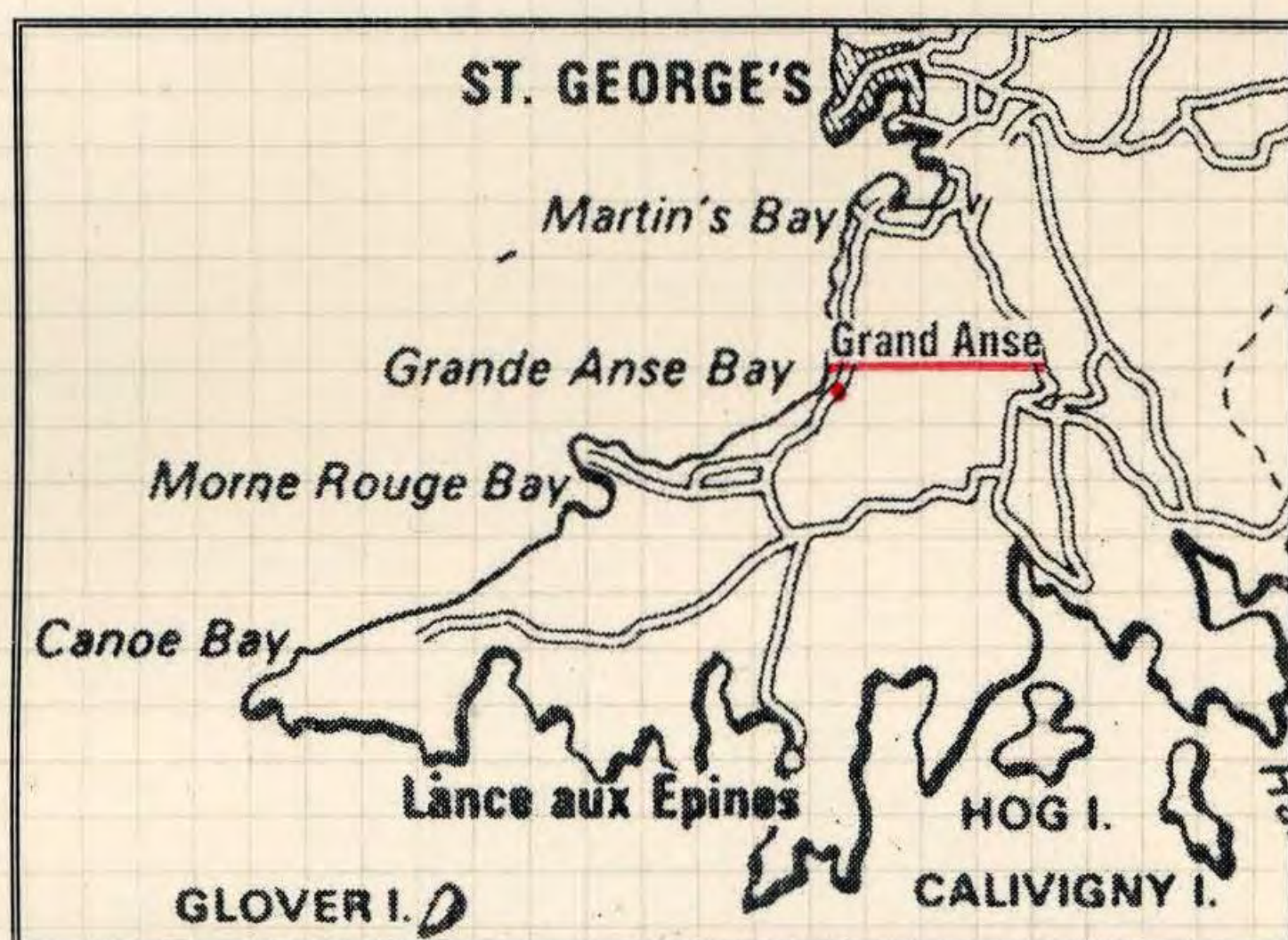


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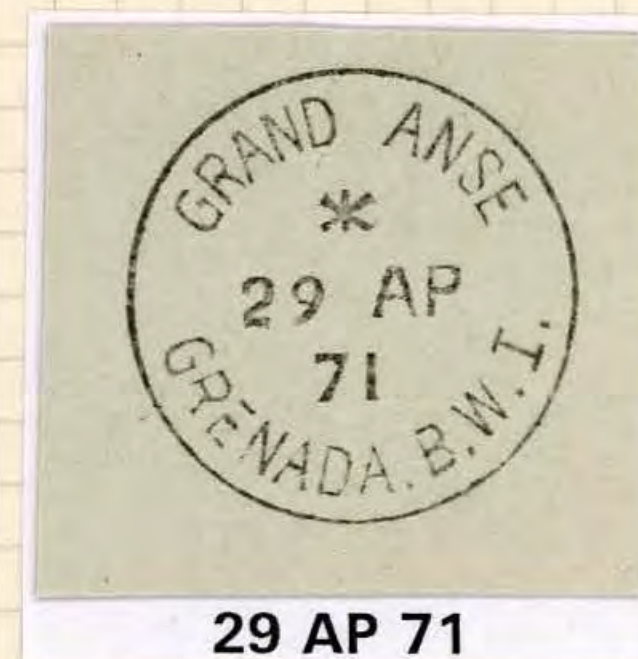
## Inland Postal System

Grand Anse (Grand Cove) is situated just south of the capital St. George's, and the village overlooks one of the finest beach in Grenada. The area as a police station, post office, bank, hotels, beach complex's, restaurant's, and night club, shops, schools, college, health centre and nearby radio station, all centred around the tourist industry.

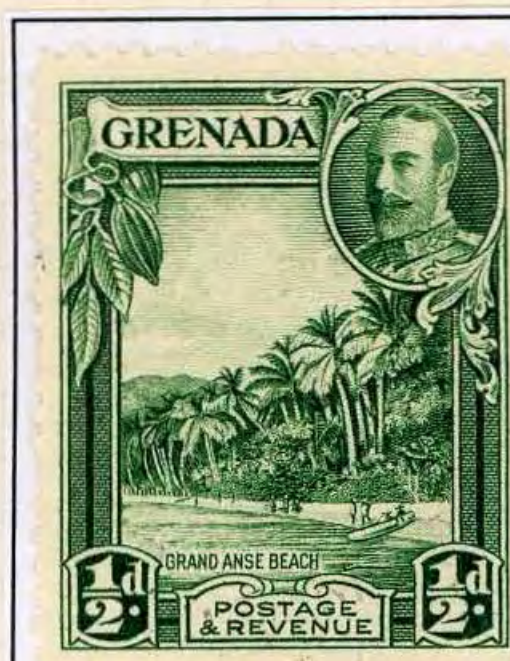
Grand Anse Post Office (postal station) was opened in Nov. 1948 with J. P. Woodruffe as postal agent. On 20 Oct. 1950 Mrs Louise Payne became the postal agent, and she was replaced by Miss Cynthia De Coteau on 15 Sep. 1957. The office was issued with two datestamps up to Independence on 6 Feb. 1974, the former with GRENADA at the foot of the postmark, the latter with GRENADA B.W.I.



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GRAND ANSE BEACH

Grand Anse Beach, one of the finest in the West Indies, is a long attractive sweep of white sand fronted by turquoise blue waters, stretching over 2 miles in length. Over the years the Beach has become an attraction for adjoining hotels and guest houses, the most expensive fronting the beach. Grand Anse Beach is backed by hills and consequently many of the hotels are terraced along the hillside and have good views. Grand Anse Beach is flanked by coconut trees, and a cool breeze is fed from the sea.

The Post Office is located at the north end of the Beach on the main road south of St. George's, the capital.



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31 MR, 1966



1948 - 1962



1962 - 1974

From 16 May 1955 the Inland Mails were conveyed by two postal vans established at the GPO, one journeyed north around the island along the west coast, the other headed south to Grand Anse, the north to Woborn, Morne Jaloux and Sung Corner all situated in St. George's Parish.



# GRENADA ♦ WEST INDIES

## Inland Postal System

Grand Roy is situated on the west coast south of Gouyave in St. John's Parish. The village has its own fishing Bay which is feed by the Grand Roy River where an inland parallel road has residential housing either side. The village has a Police Station, Post Office, Health Centre, School, Church and a Nutmeg Station.

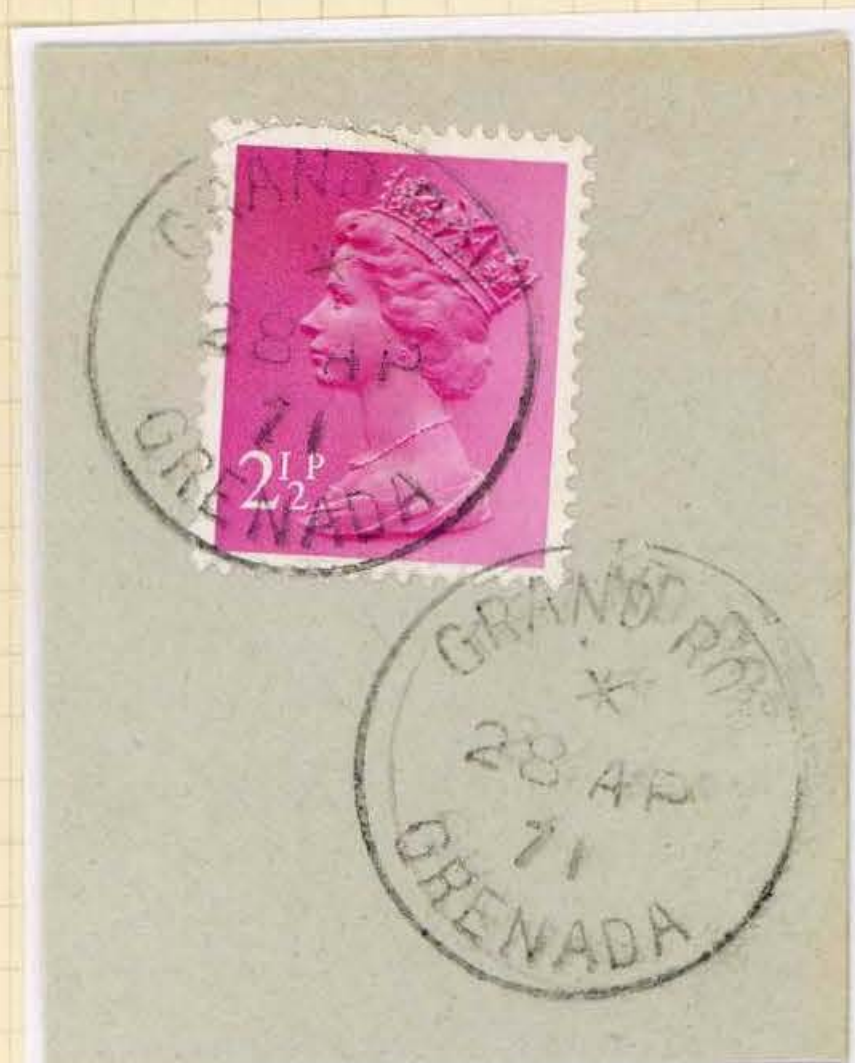
The Post Office was first opened on 2 April 1900 with District Postmaster of John Von Readhead, officiating. The office has remained opened continuously to Feb. 1974, Independence. In 1903 Grand Roy post office despatched 2 registered letters for foreign destinations and 18 for internal delivery. Ordinary letters despatched in 1903 were 767 for foreign lands and 585 inland. In 1919 the District Postmaster was Mr Kelly Thomas. On 17 March 1947 the premises moved to a new Postal Agent, Mrs M. Peters, opposite the old office upon the retirement of Kelly Thomas.



JU 8, 1931



The first postmark employed a hyphen between Grand and Roy, in used for 47 years, this was replaced in 1947 with a similar mark but having an asterisk above the date.



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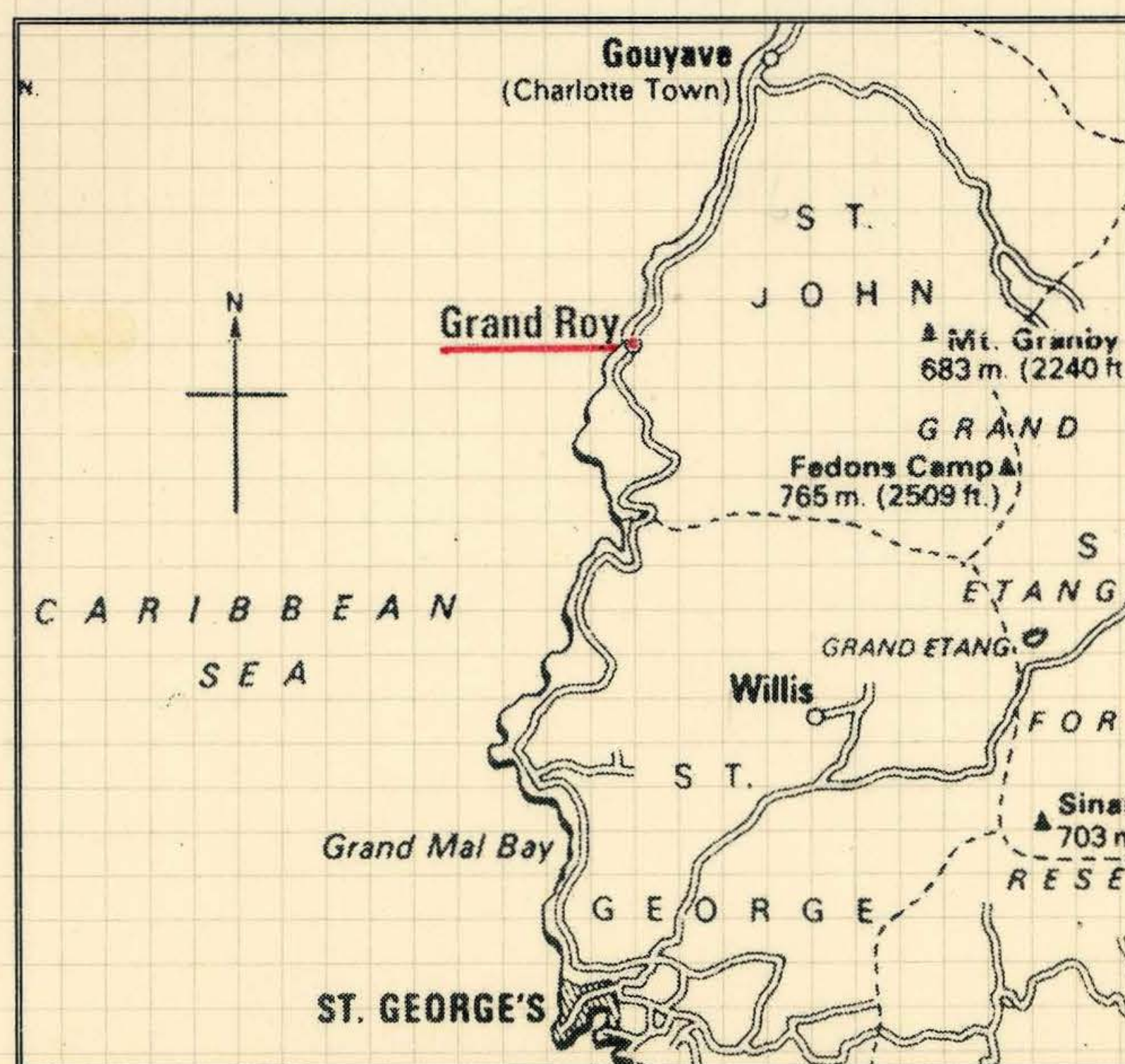
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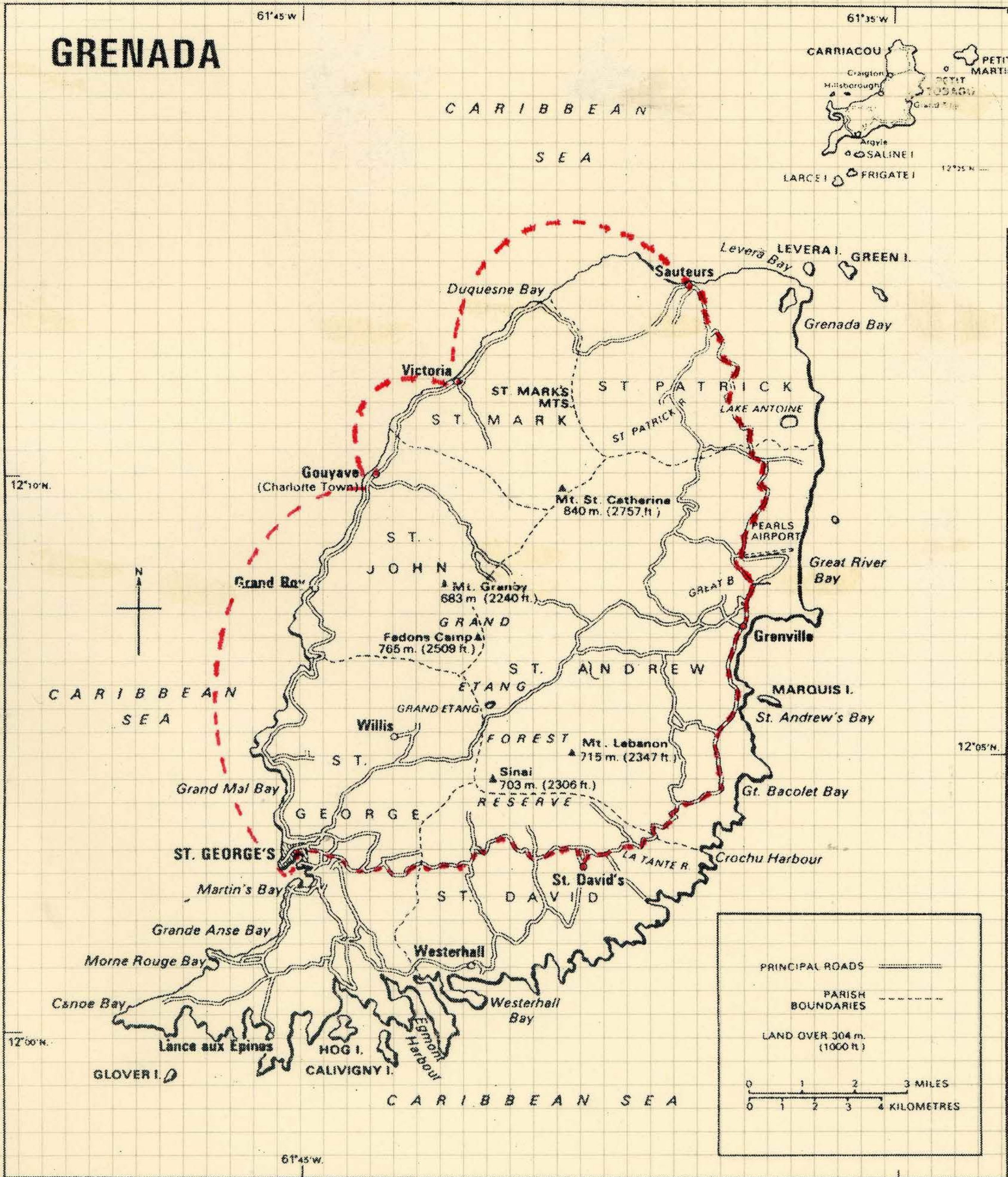




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## Inland Postal System

**Grenville, the second busiest post office in the island received its mails in 1894 daily from GPO St.George's via Sautours. A daily steamer left St.Georges to received and despatched mails for St.John's (Gouyave), St.Mark's (Victoria), St.Patrick's (Sautours) and then by road carriers overland to St.Andrew's (Grenville), Perdmontemps, back to GPO St.George's.**





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Grenville town overlooking Grenville Bay is situated midway on the east-coast main road, in St. Andrew's Parish, the second town of importance to St. George's. The French called it Labaye. The population in 1891 was 1,679, less than Gouyave, because of the situation of the town, as it was built on low-lying swampy land adjoining the beach, and consequently in the early days was not very healthy, so the better class homes are erected on the hills to the west of the town. The bay is protected from the Atlantic by a large coral reef with a narrow and difficult passage through it. However within this natural barrier the water is calm, and there is an excellent jetty at which ships load and discharge their cargoes.

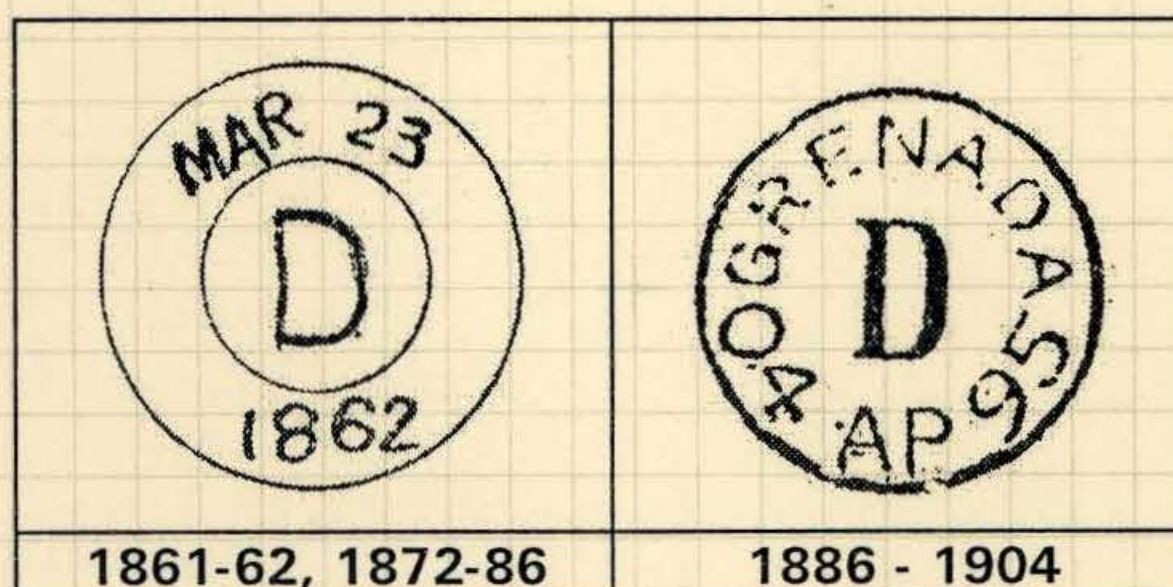
In 1896 the town had a handsome block of public buildings facing the jetty, a market place, two churches, plenty of pure water, a Bank Agency, a telephone exchange and a small library; and shops rebuilt since the great fire of 1886 all of a creditable appearance.

Grenville is 14 miles from the capital, St. George's by road across the centre of the island. This road is well constructed, but is too steep a gradient to be of much use for horse power wheel traffic in 1896, but there is a carriage road along the west coast from the capital to Sauteurs in the north, and then down to Grenville on the east coast a distance of about 20 miles.

The Grenville Post Office is situated inside the parish Revenue Office (treasury) and was opened on 1 Oct. 1861 as part of the inauguration of the Inland Postal System, but it was closed the following year on 31 Dec. 1862, due to high expenditure. Nearly 10 years later, the post office re-opened on 1 Oct. 1872 and continued to do so up to Independence on 6 Feb. 1974.



APR 19, 1873



1861-62, 1872-86

1886 - 1904



7 MY, 1901



15 AP, 1897



NOV 8, 1875



ONE PENNY



29 NO, 1894



1 AP, 1888



19 MY, 1892



16 JU, 1892



20 JY, 1891






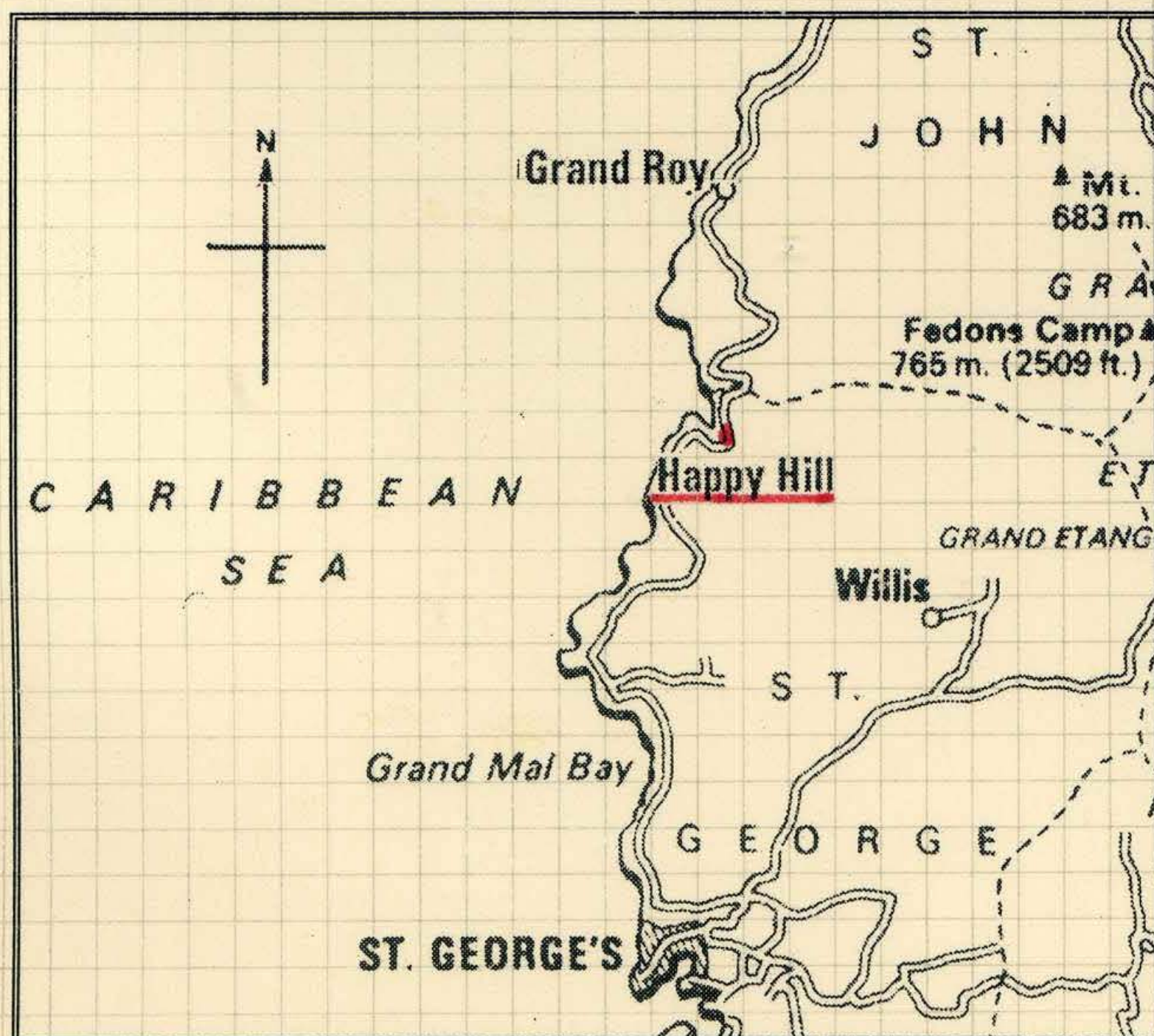
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Happy Hill in St. George's Parish is about midway between the capital St. George's and Grand Roy, and the village is situated on the west coast road overlooking Flamingo Bay and the Caribbean Sea. Happy Hill has a school, health centre, post office, and a store.

Happy Hill Post Office was established on 1 Jan. 1925 and appears to be been in continues use to Independence at Feb. 1974. Like many of the post offices on the island Happy Hill was badly damaged in the hurricane of 22-23 Sep. 1955. On 1 April 1961 Miss Theadora Lynch was appointed the district postal agent, upon the resignation of Mrs Inez Jackson. In the period of study 1925-1974 Happy Hill Post Office was allotted 3 postmarks, each employing a single circle mark with an asterisk above the date.

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| 1927 - 1950  | 1958 - 1967  | 1969 - 1974  |



Happy Hill Postal Station, Grenada, circa 1960

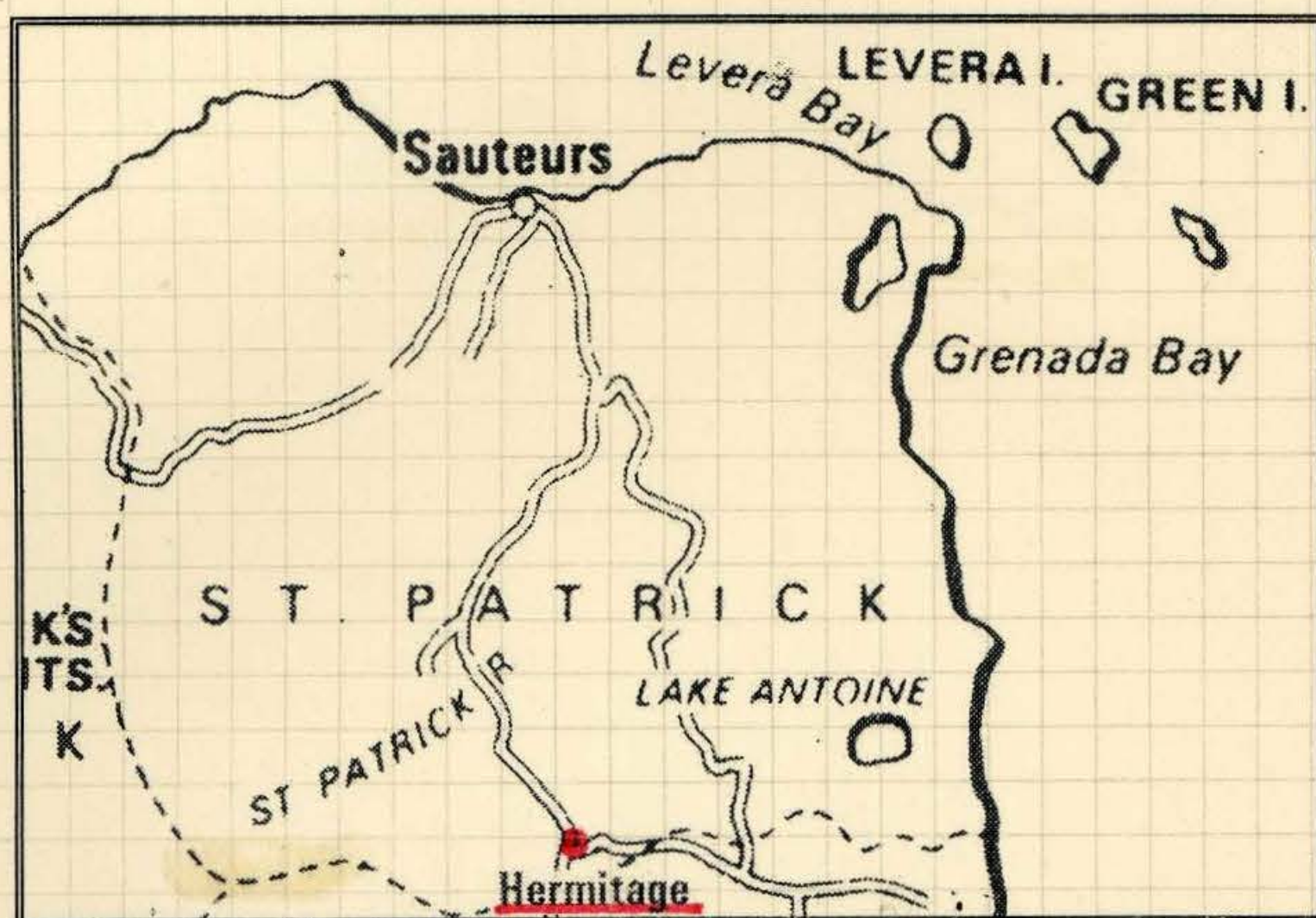


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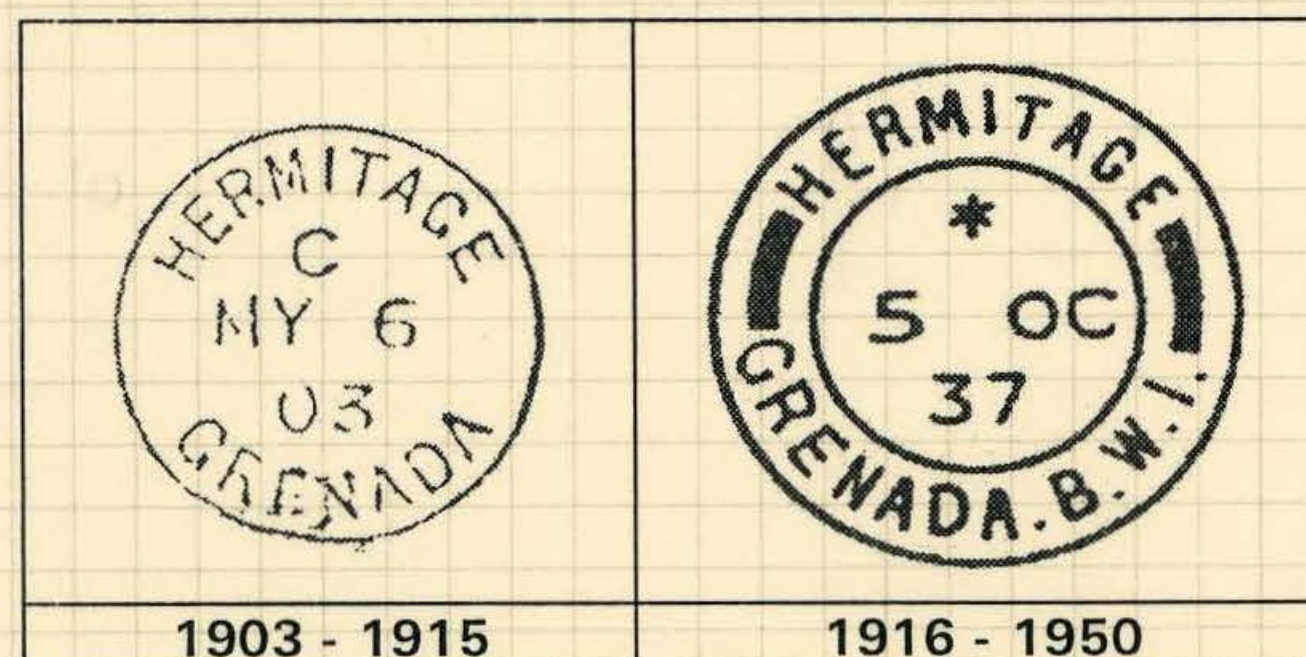
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Hermitage is located 3 miles inland just inside the parish boundary and north of River Antoine situated on the eastern main road about 5 miles south of the parish town capital, Sauteurs. The village accommodates a police station, post office, church, school, health clinic and several nearby Nutmeg Estates.

At its opening on 7 August 1903, the post office sold postage stamps for inland and foreign destination letters, it was able to register letters and handled parcels for local or foreign locations. The first postmaster was P. C. Logie who was still in service in 1919.



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1903 - 1915

1916 - 1950

The first postmark was sent on 23 May 1903, and placed into use in August 1903.



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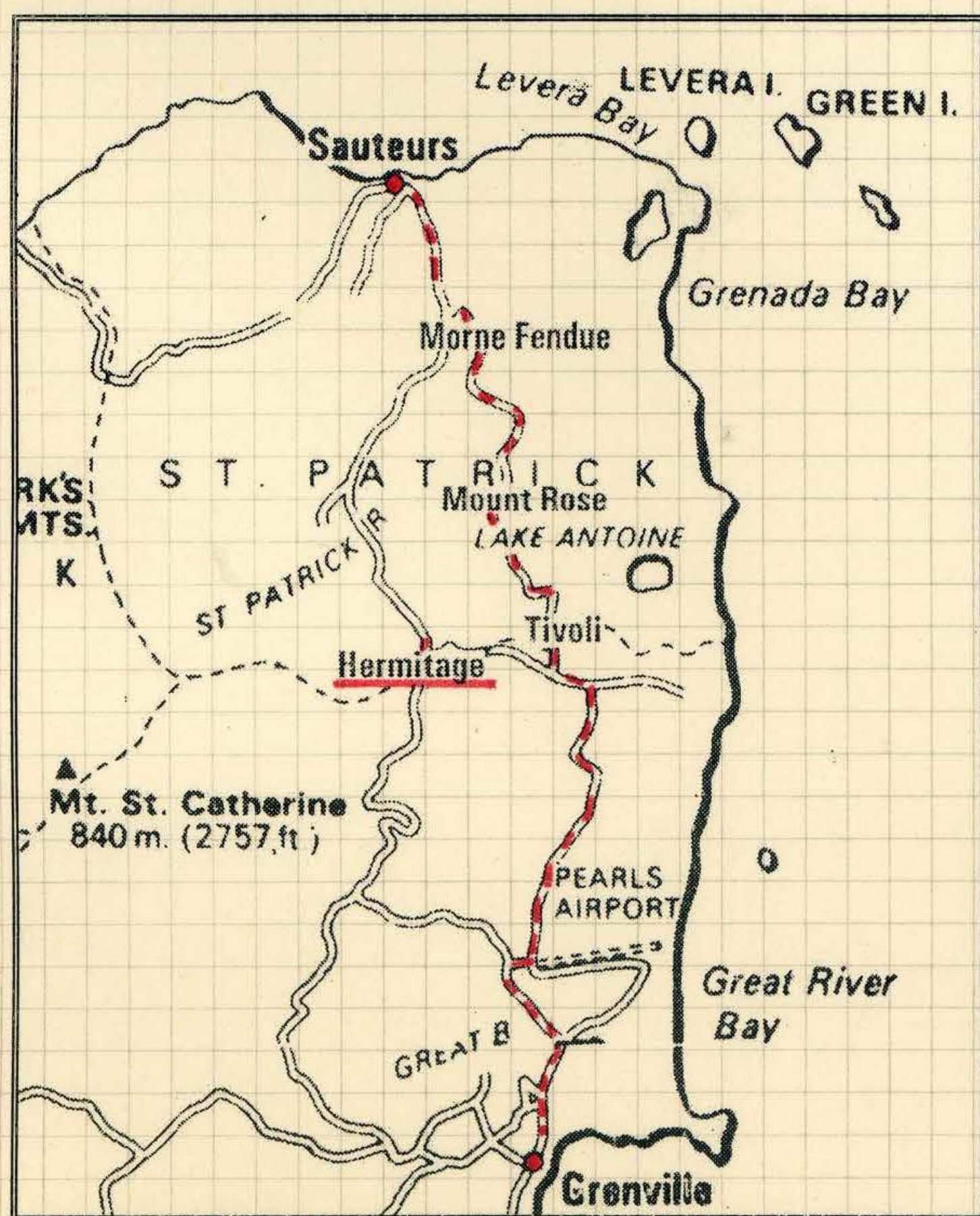


On 1 Jan. 1904 a new mail contract routed the post from the GPO to Sauteurs via Hermitage, which had been opened since August 1903. The mails on an alternative Thursday left early at GPO St. George's for St. David's and Grenville and then to Hermitage and Sauteurs for fortnightly local steamer connection to Carriacou. This local fortnightly coastal service coincided with the RMSP Inter-island and transatlantic services.

In 1905 Hermitage made-up mails for the district post offices into 2 bundles for north and south direction; (1) 2.00 pm daily except alternative Thurs at 11.30 am for Sauteurs. (2) 1.00 pm Tue, Thurs, Sat except alternative Thurs at 11.00 am for Grenville. These mails were conveyed by a single horse vehicle.

In 1910 the Hermitage mail was despatched 2.00 pm daily for Sauteurs and northern offices, and 7.30 am on Tue, Thurs, Sat for Grenville and southern offices. The single horse vehicle was replaced on 16 April 1914 by a motor car service. While the motor car service was itself replaced in 1932 by a motor bus mail service on the eastern side of Grenada, leaving GPO St. Georges for St. David's, Grenville and Sauteurs.

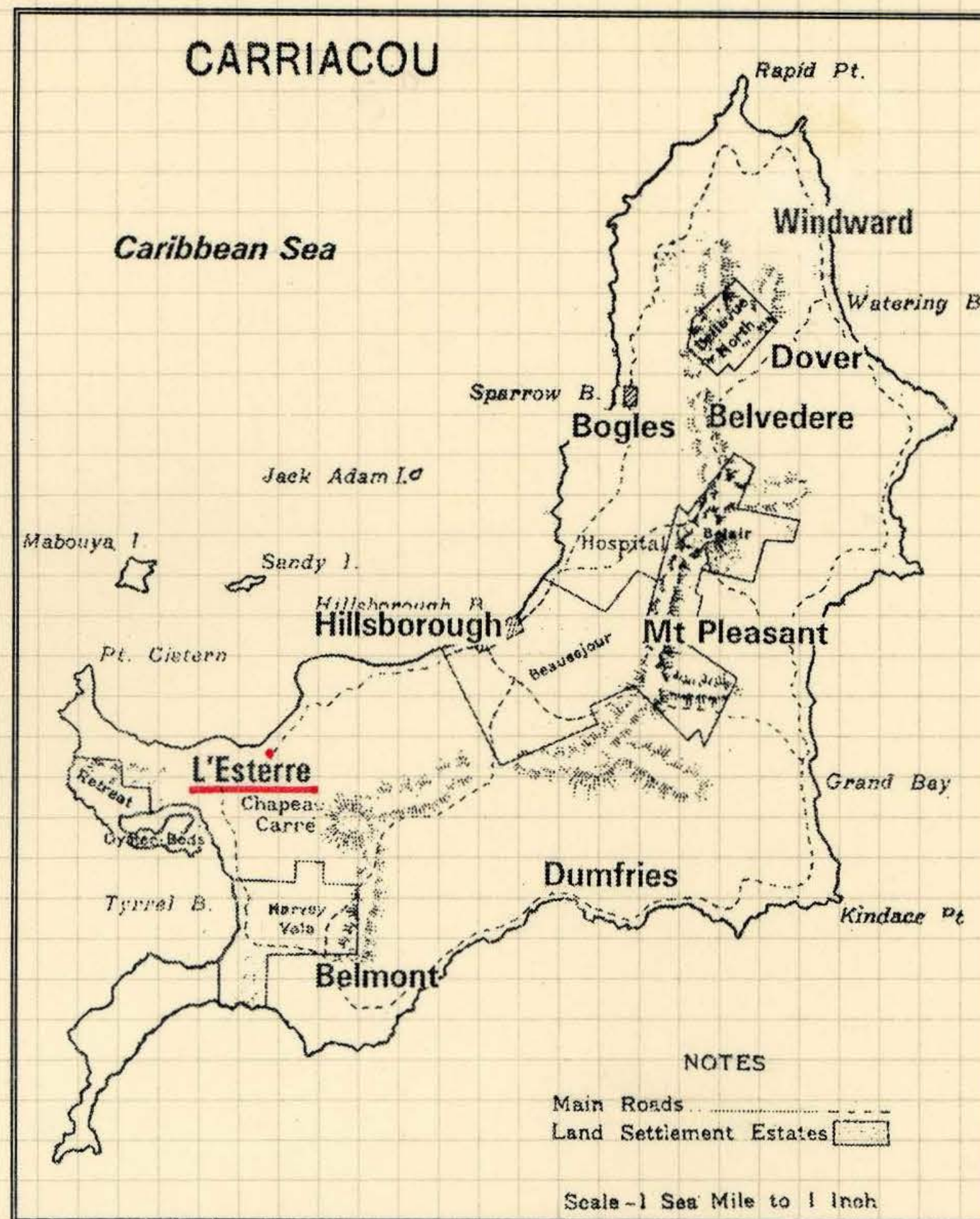
On 16 May 1955 the Inland mail was conveyed by 2 postal vans from GPO St. George's, one going on the west coast road, the other on the east coast road. For the first time Hermitage was not on the main postal route, but a Carrier conveyed the mails from Hermitage to Tivoli for delivery to the van at 11.45 am, while the mails from La Digue and Birch Grove conveyed to Grenville post office for delivery at 12.15 pm.





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L'Esterre lies south of the island's capital Hillsborough, and is situated on the southern main road. The Post Office was established on 1 Nov.1968 and continued in use to Independence in Feb.1974.



L'Esterre is a small village south-west of the airport that retains a bit of French influence, most noticeably in the French patois that many of the older villagers still speak. The village's main sight is the home of the Carriacou artist, Canute Caliste, who paints mermaids and sailing vessels.

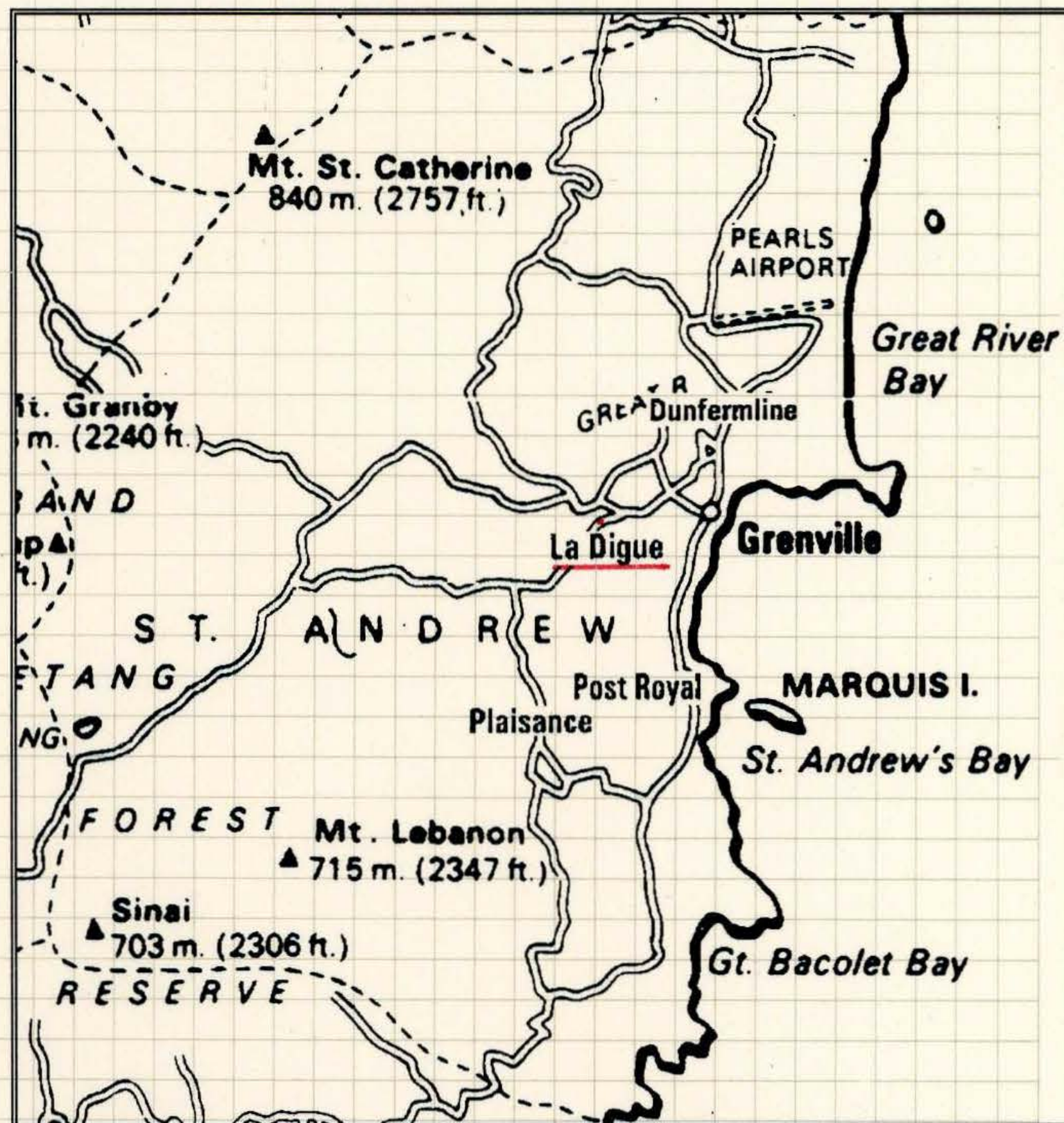


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La Digue is located just south of Grenville. La Digue Post Office (postal station) was opened 3 Jan.1946 with Miss Vera Wells appointed as Postal Agent. The office had for sale, postage and revenue stamps, and was able to receive and deliver ordinary letters. The villages served by La Digue office were, Mt St.John, Mt St.Evans, La Digue, Holy Innocents, Richmond, Bellevue, De Gras and Dry River.

The office was damaged in the hurricane of 22-23 Sep.1955, but was re-opened shortly afterwards and remained so to Independence on 6 Feb.1974.



1946 - 1961



1954 - 1974





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La Taste village is located on the main east coast road about 5 miles south of Sauteurs in St. Patrick's Parish. The village is to the north of the High Cliff Point which juts out into the Atlantic Sea.

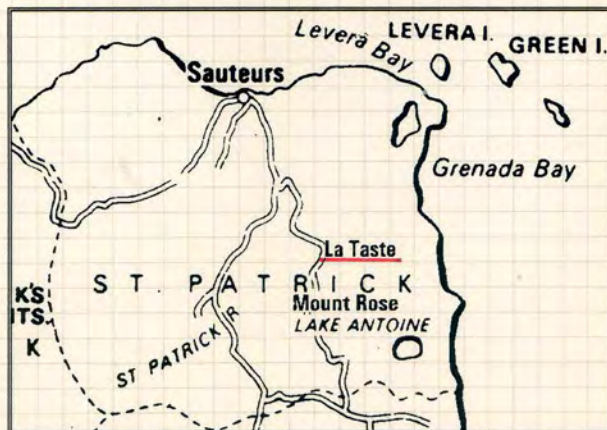
The Post Office or Postal Station opened in July 1946 when the post office at Mt Rose closed and transferred its business just north to the next village of La Taste. This post office was appointed a postal agent, Mrs Elvarina Louison, who in turn was superseded by Mrs Lucille Louison.



1946 - 1974



On 1 July 1955 mails leaving Sauteurs at 7.30 am daily called at La Taste 7.45, Dunfermline 8.00, Grenville 8.15, Hope 8.30, Crochu 8.40, St. David's 8.55, Corinth 9.05, Perdmontemps 9.15, St. Paul's 9.25, GPO St. George's 9.35 am. The postal van would leave the GPO at 2.00 pm daily for St. Paul's 2.10, Perdmontemps 2.20, Corinth 2.30, St. David's 2.40, Crochu 2.55, Hope 3.05, Grenville 3.20, Dunfermline 3.35, La Taste 3.45, Sauteurs 4.00 pm.





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Mount Pleasant in Carriacou is situated on the east coast road in the centre of the island, overlooking Grand Bay. The Post Office (postal station) was established in 1945 and remained in use until it closed in 1965.



Mount Pleasant Sub Post Office (postal station). Feb.2000

