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EDITORIAL.

The Board of Trustees has cast their ballots for the officers of the Group for 1964, and Byron R. Cameron has been elected President, Gale J. Raymond has been elected Vice-President, while Reg H. Lant and I have been elected to succeed ourselves as Secty-Treasurer and Editor, respectively. We feel that we will have a good year with these officers at the helm. Reg Lant has done an impressive job as Secty-Treasurer for the past three years, (gosh, it has been three years, hasn't it, tempus fidgets), and we know that he can be depended on to carry on again. Byron and Gale are both dynamic philatelists and will contribute much to the Group. Our members have responded remarkably to our requests for articles in their particular fields, and we look forward to a lot of philatelic pleasure this year.

Byron Cameron found an old book of World Geography some time back, published in 1802, and thought it so interesting that he extracted parts of it relating to the B.W.I., stencilled it and sent the stencils over to us for mimeographing. The only difficulty was that those stencils were made for an A.B. Dick machine, a "four-holer", whereas the machine I have is a "seven-holer", a "Gestetner". What to do!! We finally found a "four-holer" at the School Administration Office and the Superintendent of schools was kind enough to let us use it. The brochure is being sent out with this Journal and we feel that it will be both interesting and amusing to all of the Group members. Let us know how you like it, as while it is not of a philatelic nature, it does describe conditions and customs in our areas of collecting in the early days.

We have run out of copies of our Constitution and By-Laws, and before reprinting it, we think that it should be revised to include certain amendments and changes that have been made since it was written. It is the Editor's suggestion that the President appoint a committee to take care of this matter, thereafter presenting it to the membership for approval.

A. N. Johnson.

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Robert Lovett reports that he has received the following literature for the Library from Stan Durnin:

- 1 - 1958 Post Office Guide of Jamaica.
- 2 - 1960 Catalogue of London International Stamp Exhibition.
- Volume 1, No. 1 (Nov 1958) through Volume 5, No. 6, (Dec 1962), of the Journal of the Queen Elizabeth Philatelic Society.

Many thanks Stan. Does anyone else have any literature in duplication, or that they are finished with. If so, send it to Robert Lovett, Librarian, R. D. No. 1, Newtown Pennsylvania, so the rest of the Gro up may use it.

NEW MEMBERS:

HALWARD, PHILIP, 34 Malvern Way, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts, England, occupation, Company Director and Editor of the "West End Philatelist". Collects B. W. I., K.G. VI, Specialties, Leeward Islands, Bahamas, Grenada De La Rue 10/-.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

The applicants listed below have applied for membership in the Group. In accordance with the Constitution, their names are hereby published. If no adverse reports are received by the Secretary within thirty days, their names will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for full membership:

AIBONG, JOSEPH CHIN, 48 Chacon Street, San Fernando, Trinidad. Occupation, Teacher, collects West Indies, used. Specialty St. Vincent. Member Trinidad Philatelic Society.

CARTWRIGHT, DENNIS GEORGE, 19 Eastfield Avenue, Basingstoke, Hants, England. Occupation, Civil Engineer. Collects West Indies, specialties, Postmarks and Flaws. Member of Basingstoke P. S., K.G. VI Collector's Society.

PIERCE, ARTHUR D., P. O. Box 303, Manchester Center, Vt., occupation, Author and lecturer, Collects, St. Vincent, B.W.I. cancels, Mexico early Cancels. Member A.P.S., Collectors Club, Society of Philatelic Historians, B.W.I. Study Circle.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS, CORRECTION TO MEMBERSHIP LIST, ETC:

Vere N. F. Surtees that his interest listing be changed as follows: Collects everything in Jamaica up to Independence, Antigua, Bahamas, St. Vincent, Q.V. issues and all postmarks, Barbados, St. Lucia and Bermuda, postmarks only. Also general collections of British Guiana, Chile, Peru, early Norway, Sudan, Imperial Russia and early Newfoundland.

John Medland, change address to 4711 Pilot House Road, West Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

John F. Ayre: advises that his street number has been changed from 175 to 179A, also add to his membership listing: Member Royal Philatelic Society of London.

V. R. Willemsen advises that his membership listing should be amended to: Member Royal Philatelic Society of London, Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and V.P. of the Canadian Branch of the Insurance and Banking Philatelic Society of London.

NEW ISSUES, NEW PRINTINGS, ETC.

ST. LUCIA. Details of the forthcoming issue of St. Lucia. Printed by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., with the first appearance of a new portrait of the Queen, painted by A. G. Davidson Houston, for the Royal Welch Fusiliers. This portrait will be used for all the low values and the top value, \$2.50. Remaining values will have the following designs: 12¢, Fishing boats; 15¢, Pigeon Island; 25¢, Reduit Beach; 35¢, Castries Island; 50¢, Pitons; \$1.00, Vigie Beach.

Bahamas, New Constitution overprint, on current definitive issue, all values.

Further printings of Current issues: Jamaica, 1d., 2d., 2¹/₂d., 3d., 5d., 8d., 1/-, 1/3, 2/-.

British Guiana stamps of the current issue will be changed from Script to Block watermark on the following values: 24¢, 36¢, \$1.00, \$2.00, effective Dec. 10th.

BERMUDA * BASE CENSOR.

By L. Arthur Courtney.

I have been trying to place the numbers of the Base Censor Bermuda, and hope that anyone reading these notes who can add information will come forward with such.

I feel that it is necessary to give some of the background to the formation of this base and the type of work that it achieved.

With the start of World War II, a great need was required to find enemy agents working in the U. S. A. and South America. An organization called B.S.C., (British Security Co-ordination) was set up on the 35th and 36th floors of the International Building in Rockefeller Center, New York City. Mr. Churchill appointed Mr. (Later Sir) William Stephenson to organize B.S.C. and it was done under the guise of the British Passport Control Office. (Sir) William Stephenson, a Canadian, was an admirable choice for his knowledge of American affairs was to put him in good stead as the U.S.A. at that time was not involved in the conflict. B.S.C. was organized with a full knowledge of President Roosevelt, and he appointed Gen. William Donovan to form a similar organization in the U.S.A. J. Edgar Hoover of the F. B. I. was brought into the picture as were the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Many volumes could be written on B.S.C., for although created in 1941, the period of Dunkirk, it was dependent on the Bermuda Station Censor for lots of its information. Mr. Edwin (Later Sir), Herbert of the Imperial Censorships, England, organized this Bermuda Base and appointed the late Charles-des-Gros, then Chairman of Southey's as head and William Hill Wood, of Morgan Grenfell, the London Banks, as assistant.

Personnel were sent from England who were truly skilled and handled all mails from the American mail-carrying clipper aircraft and ships calling on voyages to and from Europe.

At a later date F.B.I. G-men were sent to Bermuda Station for instructions in the technique of mail examination which, heretofore, was mostly executed by women. These women had great experience in this work of unsealing letters and even diplomatic bags, which on arrival at their destination, were impervious to either chemical test or ultra-violet ray. When the assistant director of the Washington Headquarters Bureau was recruiting for a staff for a similar organization, it was the personnel of Stevenson's Bermuda Station that gave them a rough and ready rule to go by. That is that a girl with neat ankles would most likely possess the right dexterity for the job, and this leads to an amusing incident - no mention of the job could be disclosed to the applicants at this stage other than being advised that they might be employed in South America. The minute inspection of their ankles by an elderly G-man naturally caused a lot of uneasiness and thoughts of what might be expected of them. They were assured that it was not that kind of a job!

Bermuda Base was now under Mr. Charles Wathens Mence and his indefatigable assistant, Miss Nirdya Gardner, whose information was responsible for the apprehension of many enemy agents and their subsequent trials in the U. S. A. The mystery and intrigue of this Base and its liaison with B.S.C. operating in the U.S.A. before that country's entrance into W.W.II has always fascinated me, and this fascination grows as I uncover, bit by bit, more pertinent information relative to the operation. Surely this organization was one of the unknown gigantic battles fought in a twilight of peace before the U.S.A. could openly help the Allied cause, or a Britain standing alone after France had just made her exit.

The chief Censor Office was based at Hamilton, (in the Princess Hotel just west of Hamilton overlooking the Harbour - both offices and accommodations being in the hotel). Censor numbers 1 through 50 were sent out from the U.K. and the circular stamps with

a central number were used in many coloured inks, i.e., blue, green, black, purple, violet, red, magenta. As stated in Mr. Ludington's book on Bermuda, official information as to where an exact number was used has not been possible to get - perhaps no records were kept and not all were used for mailing purposes. Numbers 2, 3 and 4, the commonest, were used at Hamilton, while Number 39 also did service from that location. Number 46 was for the Defense Security Officer at Hamilton. Number 23 was from St. Georges Post Office, and I have a cover bearing Number 43 used at Mangrove Bay.

I hope that these notes reach a few people who worked for this organization. I have found one who is still reluctant to give information as she has signed the Official Secrets Act and naturally reluctant to give information. I think that enough is now known of the work of this organization and after the passing years, the veil of security has now been lifted. Should any of you share this fascination with me, please feel free to contact me either direct or through our Editor.

As a footnote of interest, I can say that a few of the "censorettes" as they were locally known, married Bermudians and settled there, but most returned to England.

Added as a postscript I can now list details of U.K. Army Form P.C. 90:

Code	Location	Code	Location
C/	Bermuda	KK/	Palestine
D/	Jamaica	L/	Ceylon
ID/	Jamaica	M/	Cyprus
DB/	Canada	N/	Uganda
DC/	Newfoundland	O/	Northern Rhodesia
DD/	Malta	OO/	Gold Coast
DE/	Mozambique to Rhodesia.	PP/	Nigeria
DDA/	New Zealand	QG/	Sierra Leone
DH/	India DDA/ - DDB/ - etc/	R/	Southern Rhodesia
IA/	Gibraltar	NN/	Gambia
II/	British Guiana	TT/	St. Lucia
IE/	Trinidad		

Any additions would be greatly appreciated.

ST. LUCIA POSTAL CENSOR

By. L. Arthur Courtney.

The articles from the St. Lucia Philatelist, pages 11 and 14 inclusive, are an interesting study of the U.S.A. A.P.O. on that little island and the type of Censorship cancellations used there. I pose the following question - could the above all be caused by the following:

With the fall of France, the French Government decided to ship its gold reserves of 245 million dollars to the Island of Martinique. Transported on the EMIL BERTENE and escort ships, the reserves arrived and were housed in the old Fort Desaix, where it was under a strong guard. At that time the island was under the administration of Admiral Georges Robert, a great loyalist to Marshall Petain. This was the situation in 1940-41 and was of great concern to Mr. Churchill, who informed President Roosevelt and it was decided to send a U.K. military mission to operate from St. Lucia. This mission was preceded by the dispatch of Free French agents to Martinique to find the 'lay of the land'. Later, DeGaulist troops were sent in. Disaster occurred at Oran e Dakar and it was felt unwise to proceed, but perhaps a tighter blockade would dispose Admiral Georges Robert - which it did, causing him to resign.

President Roosevelt, being informed of these details, made arrangements for the transfer of 30 destroyers to the U.K., for bases in the Caribbean. However, apart from this military mission, no U.K. A.P.O.s. are known, but further tracings of postal censor numbers on U.K. Army Form P.C. 90 have revealed TT/ prefix in ink. I am of the opinion that this Postal Censor operated from Castries Post Office and did not go through the Bermuda Base Censor, and was for civilian use. (Have cover from Soufriere St. Lucia to New York City, apparently civilian with P.C.90 "OPENED BY EXAMINER", bearing TT/5 in manuscript, Editor).

With the coming of the U.S.A. forces, they used their own military APO censors.

Can any member shed any light on the role played by St. Lucia in W.W.II?

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Dr. Ed Doak has sent the following listings of postoffices in St. Vincent and St. Kitts which were forwarded to him by Mr. J. Chin Aleong, of San Fernando, Trinidad, one of our latest applicants for Membership:

ST. VINCENT:

KINGSTOWN	CALLIAGUA	STUBBS	MESOPOTAMIA
BIABOU	NEW GROUNDS	SION HILL	COLONARIE
ARNOS VALE	ORANGE HILL	EVESHAM	GEORGETOWN
SANDY BAY	BYERA HILL	PROSPECT	LOWMANS (WINDWARD)
EDINBORO	PAGET FARM	LOWMANS H ILL	BUCCAMENT
LAYOU	BARROUALLIE	TROUMACA	CUMBERLAND
CHATEAUBELAIR	QUESTELLES	SPRING VILLAGE	ROSE HALL
BEQUIA	UN ION ISLAND	MUSTIQUE	MAY REAU
CANOUAN			

ST. KITTS:

- BASSETERRE
- SANDY POINT
- CAYON
- DIEPPE BAY
- OLD ROAD.

NEVIS:

- CHARLESTOWN
- GINGERLAND

ANGUILLA:

- VALLEY

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Dr. Lockie advises us of two corrections that should be made to his Brochure, "Air Mails of the West Indies", as follows:

In the preface, first line of the second paragraph, should read "(see Bahamas)" not Barbados.

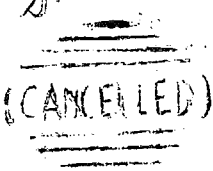
On page 13, item 2. The original cachet has no "December 10" on it.

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The grim expression of George Washington on the recent five cent stamp would indicate that he has learned what has become of the country since he left office.

"SPECIMEN" STAMPS OF ST. LUCIA.

By Robert J. Devaux.

1860	Perkins Bacon	1d. 4d. 6d.	<i>Specimen</i>	in manuscript black or red	25-50
"	"	1d. 4d. 6d.	 (CANCELLED)	Cancellation in black	6 only.
1863	De La Rue	1d. 4d. 6d.	SPECIMEN	Printed in black	50-80
"	"	Black Lake Indigo	SPECIMEN	" " " (Proofs)	6 only.
1864	" (Perf 12 $\frac{1}{2}$)	1d. (?) 4d. 6d. 1/- (?)		Specimen printed in black	80-100
"	" (Perf 14)	1/- (?)		Cancelled (?)	(?)
1881	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.		Specimen printed in black	80-100
1882-84	"	1d. 4d. 6d. 1/-		" " " "	100-106
1882-86	Typeset Die 1	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. 4d.	SPECIMEN	$2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. " " "	106-306
1887	"	1d. 3d. 6d. 1/-	SPECIMEN	$2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. " " "	306-400
1891-98	" 2	2d. 5/- 10/-	SPECIMEN	$2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. " " "	400-600
1902	Commemorative	2d.	SPECIMEN	$2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. " " "	Vertically 700
1902-03	Edward VII	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1d. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 3d. 1/-	SPECIMEN	$2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. " " "	750

1904-09	Edward VII	6d. 5/-	SPECIMEN	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm	Printed in black	700-800
1907-09		$\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1d. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 3d. 6d. 1/- 5/-	SPECIMEN	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm	" " "	700-800
1910	" "	6d.	SPECIMEN	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm.	" " "	700-800
1912-19	George V	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1d. 2d. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 3d. 4d. 4d. 6d. 1/- 2/6 5/-	SPECIMEN	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm.	" " or red	700-800
1916	War Tax	1d.	SPECIMEN	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm.	" "(London)	600-700
1920	George V	1/-	SPECIMEN	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm.	" "	600-700
1921-26	" "	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1d. 2d. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 3d. 4d. 1/- 2/6 5/- 4d.	SPECIMEN	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm.	" "	600-700
1922-26	" "	1d. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 3d.	SPECIMEN	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm	" "	500-600

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When a tourist couple visited a Moorish palace in Spain, they were shown an ancient clock that not only marked the hour locally, but also gave the time in several other world capitals.

"Where is Washington?" the wife asked.

The guide was primed for that one. "Of course," he said with quiet superiority, "when this clock was made, there was no America."

THE CURRENT DATESTAMPS OF BERMUDA.

By Jack Arnell.

Since the closing of the Devonshire North Sub Post Office on the 30th September, 1959, Bermuda has had thirteen offices in operation. These are the General Post Office in Hamilton, eleven sub Post Offices in the parishes and the Perot Post Office, which is also in Hamilton.

The Sub Post Offices from east to west are:

St. Georges	Paget
Bailey's Bay	Warwick
Harrington Sound	Southampton
Crawl	Somerset Bridge
Flatts	Mangrove Bay
Devonshire South	

These offices vary in size with St. Georges and Mangrove Bay being the largest with three or four wickets for handling the different types of postal business. Paget and Harrington Sound are next in line, while the others taper away to a single counter with a postmistress on duty alone.

The Perot Post Office has an unusual status in that it is operated by the Corporation of Hamilton for the benefit of tourists in the old building which William Perot was using when he created his first prepaid adhesives. While it functions under the authority of the Bermuda government, it does not have the approval of the General Post Office in Bermuda. It is only permitted to sell stamps and accept letters and postcards, which after cancelling are taken to the G. P. O. Red ink, instead of black, is used on its datestamps as the insistence of Mr. Manuel, the Colonial Postmaster. It is not even listed under the Post Office in the Government listings in the telephone book, but instead appears in the alphabetical section under the Ps.

All the offices use handstamps and the number in each varies from one in the smaller Sub Post Offices to eleven (excluding the special ones) at the General Post Office. In addition, there are two cancelling machines at Hamilton and one at St. Georges. In the earlier days, the datestamps were made so that the date, month, year and collection letter were inserted in slots provided for the purpose using movable type. This led to an occasional error, such as the figures being put in sideways or upside down. In the last several types of handstamps, the date, etc. have been on rotatable cylinders, which can be moved when a lock is released.

The handstamps of the slot type were kept in use until the postmark became so badly damaged that it had to be replaced. With the current varieties, the period of use is determined by the number of years cut into that part of the cylinder. This is only about twelve years, as the two numbers representing the year are on the same cylinder and move together, instead of being separate as was in the case with some of the earlier models of cylinder handstamps. During the summer of each year, the General Post Office checks all the handstamps in use in the Island to see if they will still be usable in the following year. If the year figures are running out, new handstamps are ordered from the G. P. O. in London.

It is the view of the Bermuda postal authorities that one handstamp is as good as the next as long as it is valid from the point of view of legibility and shows the correct date. As a result, the design is apparently left to the supplier and no record is kept of when new handstamps are either received or put into service. This appears to be equally true in the General P. O. and the Sub Post Offices.

Because of this casual approach to the replacement of handstamps, there was some surprise in Bermuda a few years ago when the first H15 (Ludington's nomenclature) handstamps were received and were found to be larger than the previous ones. Now they are preferred because their larger size makes for better legibility. Through an oversight, four of these handstamps were made for Hamilton without the provision of a Collection Letter (Type H15a). These are now used for special purposes, such as philatelic mail, letter bills and the postmarking of letters missed by the cancelling machines, where no time recording is required or possible.

Collection letters are an interesting aspect of the Bermuda handstamps. This subject was treated quite exhaustively by Ludington in the January 1963 issue of the Journal and so no additional notes will be included here. It is the normal practice in Bermuda to use only the three letters A, B and C. According to Mr. Manuel, the Colonial Postmaster, when I saw him on the 7th December 1963, these letters currently have the following significance:

- A - Collections up to 11:30 am (Air Mail Closing).
- B - Collections between 11:30 am and 2:30 pm (Local Mail closing).
- C - Collections after 2:30 pm and including 5:00 pm. Any collection after 5:00 pm is postmarked with the following day's date.

One exception to the above occurs at present on Mondays and Wednesdays. On these two days, there is a late flight north by British Overseas Airways and Air Mail for these flights is closed at 3:00 pm. As a result, on Mondays and Wednesdays the collection letter C is only used between 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm, with the collection letter D being used between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. This applies only to the G.P.O. in Hamilton.

As noted in Ludington's article, there are other collection letters on the handstamps. These are E, F, G, X, and possibly one or two more, a solid rectangle and a blank space. None of these has any significance in any of the Bermuda Post Offices and one or other of them may appear when a handstamp is used for parcels or other cancellations, which are not related to the collection times.

The three stamp cancelling machines, the two in Hamilton and the one in St. Georges, normally all carry the slogan, "COME TO BERMUDA THE ISLES OF REST" (M₅ in Hamilton and M₄ in St. Georges). In Hamilton, one machine is used for overseas mail and the other for local mail. During the month of December each year, the slogan is changed on the machine for local mail to "POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS" (M₁₂). This latter slogan should never be found on overseas mail, although undoubtedly an occasional slip is made.

In describing the current datestamps, the classification used in Ludington's "BERMUDA" has been followed and any reference to him will be found in that book. New datestamps which are described here for the first time are marked with an asterisk thus (*).

HAMILTON

There are nineteen datestamps in use in the various sections of the G.P.O. in Hamilton. Of these, two are cancelling machines, eleven are HAMILTON handstamps of various types, three read PARCEL POST G.P.O., and there are one each of REGISTERED G.P.O., AIR MAIL G.P.O., and PAQUEBOT.

Machine Cancellations.

During December 1963, Datestamp M_{5a} with 3mm letters was in use with Slogan M₁₂ for cancelling the local mail. This datestamp is described in Ludington's "BERMUDA", Since

its publication, Datestamp M5c has been replaced by Datestamp M5d(*), which is currently in use with Slogan M5 on overseas mail. This may be recognized by its 2.75mm letters, an H-B distance of 5mm, and the letters TON properly aligned.

Handstamps Type H12.

The single handstamp of this type, which was introduced in 1939, continues in use. It is characterized by a single circle 25.5mm in diameter with letters 3mm high. The crosses at each end of the date line are low and the right one is tilted to the right.

Type H14.

Two handstamps of this variety are in use. Ludington's Handstamp II is used for Parcel Post and will be found with a collection letter, such as F. The other one has not been described by Ludington and is therefore designated Handstamp III(*). This type is similar to Type H12, being of the same design and diameter. However, the letters are only 2.5mm high and give the appearance of being more widely spaced because of their smaller size. The two handstamps can be easily identified by the positions of the crosses at the ends of the date line.

Handstamp II - Crosses are upright and low with their centers just above the line drawn along the bottom of the date.

Handstamp III(*) Crosses are both tilted outward, the right more than the left. Left cross is fairly well centered on the date, while the right one is just above a line drawn along the bottom of the date line.

Type H15.

There are five of these larger size datestamps, which are immediately recognizable from the 30mm diameters and collection letters. Only one of these was in use when Ludington illustrated the variety in the book. This one has been designated Handstamp I. The others have been arranged in what I believe is their order of their appearance. For example, I have covers with Handstamp II(*) dated December 1961 and of Handstamp III(*) dated early in 1963. Not having the other two with such dates, I assume that they have only been brought into use during the latter part of 1963. There are many differences between these handstamps and the following have been selected for purposes of identification. All relate to where an extension of a letter in Hamilton passes through BERMUDA or to other characteristics.

<u>Extension of:</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II(*)</u>	<u>III(*)</u>	<u>IV(*)</u>	<u>V(*)</u>
l.leg H	r.btm. A	l.btm. A	l.btm. A	left A	l.btm. A
r.leg H	r.btm. A	left A	right D	right D	left A
r.leg M	left U	center U	left U	center U	right U
I	center M	right M	l.leg M	r.leg M	left M
T	r.top E	left R	r.top E	left R	left R
r.leg N	cross/B	B/E	right B	left B	right B
shape	small	narrow	broad	narrow	broed
H-N	26.0mm	24.5mm	24.5mm	25.0mm	25.0mm
B-A	25.0mm	25.0mm	24.5mm	24.5mm	24.0mm

The left bottom corner of the B in BERMUDA is damaged in Handstamp II(*) and has been for some time. The top of the left leg of the H in HAMILTON in Handstamp III(*) appears to have been broken off about the beginning of December 1963 and this gives the letter a distorted look.

Type H15a

The three handstamps recorded by Ludington are still in use. He notes that these can be differentiated by the extension of the T, which in Handstamp I touches the right side of the R in BERMUDA, in Handstamp II touches the left side of the M, and in Handstamp III passes through the left side of the R.

PARCEL POST G. P. O.

These Handstamps consist of one Type H14 and two type H15. Ludington has recorded one of each type. The two Type H15 are readily identified by the following:

	I(*)	II(*)
Extension of L	r.side U	l.side D
Extension of T	r.side E	l.side R
Crosses	small erect	heavy tilted.

REGISTERED G. P. O. and AIR MAIL G. P. O.

These are both Type H12 and are recorded by Ludington.

PAQUEBOT

This is the PQ4 recorded by Ludington.

ST. GEORGES

There are three datestamps in current use. One is the cancelling machine referred to earlier and the other two are Type H12 handstamps. These have been in use since 1940 and have been described by Ludington. The recognizable differences are the distance between the bottom of the T in ST. and the bottom corner of the first E in GEORGES (I - 4.5mm and II 5.25mm) and the distance from the tip of the upper loop of the S of GEORGES to the bottom of the right leg in A in BERMUDA (I - 11.75mm and II - 10.25mm).

BAILEY'S BAY

This is a very small Sub Post Office and only has one handstamp, the Type H12a put into use in 1940.

HARRINGTON SOUND

Serving several hotels and guest houses, as well as the residential section of Tucker's Town, this is a fairly busy office. There are three handstamps in current use, one each of Types H12a, H12b and H15(*). The first two are illustrated in Ludington's "BERMUDA", while the third is a recent addition.

CRAWL

This is another very small office and still uses only the Type H12a, which dates back to 1940.

FLATS

This office serves a busy little community and has two vintage handstamps in current use. One of these is a Type 12 and the other a Type H12c, both of which are illustrated in Ludington's "BERMUDA".

DEVON SHIRE SOUTH

This is another very small office and has only one handstamp, a Type H12b, which was put into use in 1950.

PAGET

This is another of the larger offices and has three handstamps in use. One is the two-circle Type 13a without a collection letter, which is illustrated in Ludington's "BERMUDA". The other two are Type H15, one of which was recorded by Ludington. There are a number of small differences between these two, the most distinctive of which seem to be:

<u>EXTENSION of</u>	<u>I(*)</u>	<u>II(*)</u>
P in PAGET	r. side D	l. side D
T in PAGET	center E	r. side B

Also the A in Paget is broader at the top in Handstamp II(*).

WARWICK

This office continues to use the two Type 12 handstamps, one of which (Handstamp II) was described by Ludington. Handstamp I was replaced a few years ago by Handstamp III(*), which is very similar to I. The present two are easily differentiated by the overall width of the first W, which is 2.75mm in Handstamp II and 3.25mm in Handstamp III(*). Other details of this latter handstamp are a more circular C, a distance from the tip of the arm of the K to the right bottom of the A of 11mm, and wider lettering than the other two.

SOUTHAMPTON

This is another very small Sub Post Office and has only the two-circle Type H13 handstamp, which is illustrated in Ludington's "BERMUDA".

SOMERSET RIDGE

This is the fifth of the very small offices on the Island and is the only datestamp in use. According to the Postmistress, this replaced the previous handstamp, which was removed from the office some time in 1962. She could not remember when and implied that she had more important things to think about. Her memory is short because I have a cover with this postmark dated July 1961.

MANGROVE BAY

This Sub Post Office is at the opposite end of Bermuda from St. Georges and handles a large amount of mail because of the community around it and the Free Port, which has been established in the old naval base at Ireland Island. It has two Type H15 handstamps in current use, one of which was recorded by Ludington. These are the most difficult to differentiate of any of the handstamps because the variations are very minor. Dimensionally, they are almost identical and the only significant differences appear to be:

<u>Extension of:</u>	<u>I(*)</u>	<u>II(*)</u>
Y in BAY	Bottom left cross	Cross/B
l. side A in Bermuda.	right side G	center/R

BERMUDA POST OFFICE

This office continues to use the two Type H15 handstamps recorded by Ludington. These are distinguishable by the fact that the extension of the P in POST passes through the D in BERMUDA in Handstamp I, while in Handstamp II, it passes through the M. Red ink is used regularly with these handstamps.

This has been an attempt to update Ludington's "BERMUDA", as a number of new datestamps have been introduced since that book went to press. Also one or two earlier datestamps, which were overlooked previously, have been recognized as separate varieties. I must acknowledge the help of Morris Ludington, as he made his latest information available to me and in this I found two new varieties of datestamps I had overlooked.

No attempt has been made here to date the introduction of the newer Type H15 handstamps, although it is my hope to do this in the near future. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM ANY OF THE MEMBERS AS TO THE EARLIEST DATES THEY HAVE ON ANY OF THESE HANDSTAMPS.

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NEW ISSUES, NEW PRINTINGS, ETC.

BAHAMAS: The New Constitution overprinted issue, consisting of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 10d., 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and 1 pound, with the overprint, "NEW CONSTITUTION/1964", in sheets of 60 stamps, was issued on January 7th, 1964. Size 40mm x 24mm, on CA (Block capitals) watermarked paper, printed by Bradbury Wilkinson & Co.

JAMAICA will issue a new definitive issue, designed by V. Whiteley and printed by Harrison and Sons Ltd, by the photogravure process. Size, 1d to 8d - 25 x 29mm, while the 9d. to 1 pound values will measure 35mm x 29 mm, perforation to perforation, in sheets of 60. The new watermark, which harks back to early times, will be a pineapple. Values and designs as follows:

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|--------------------|---|---------|---|
| 1d. | Lignum Vitae - National flower. | 9d. | Gypsum industry. |
| 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. | Ackee - National fruit. | 1/- | National Stadium. |
| 2d. | Mahoe (Blue) - National Tree. | 1/6 | Palisades international airport. |
| 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. | Land shells. | 2/- | Bauxite mining. |
| 3d. | National Flag over silhouette of Jamaica. | 3/- | Blue Marlin sport fishing. |
| 4d. | Sea Shell. | 5/- | Port Royal exploration of sunken city. |
| 6d. | Butterfly. | 10/- | Arms of Jamaica. |
| 8d. | Doctor Bird. | 1 pound | Portrait of Her Majesty the Queen with National Flag. |

The release date to be announced.

FURTHER PRINTINGS OF CURRENT ISSUES:

ST. KITTS, 19th November - 1 cent, 5 and 24 cents.

BRITISH GULIANA, 26th November - 3 cents.

ST. VINCENT, 14 January, 10, 15, 25 and 50 cents.

BARBADOS, 14 January, 3, 4, 12, 48, 60 cents and \$2.40

TRINIDAD, 7th January, 8, 10 and 12 cents.

JAMAICA JOTTIN GS.

By Robert Topaz.

T.R.D.S: The following TRD's were noted for the first time to this compiler during the last couple of months:

- ARCADIA St. Thomas parish, violet ink, *'s at side, type 37 or variety
The forwarding offices are Bowden and Port Morant. 22 NOV. 63.
- BARBARY HALL see above 14 DEC 63.
- BATH MOUNTAIN as above 3 DEC 63.
Although noted by me for the first time, this is not a new mark as it has been recorded at least as early as 26 June, 1963. Forwarding offices are Lucea and Mo. Bay.
- HIGHLAND HEAD as above 25 Nov 63.

It looks as if all the new TRD's have dropped the "W.I." from Jamaica, just as the government has dropped it from their addresses.

In addition to the above, it looks as if the following towns, at least, were still using TRD's during the Nov.-Dec. period of 1963:

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|----------------------|-------------|
| BOULEVARD | SUMMERFIELD |
| ELLCRESS | TORRINGTON |
| GARDEN HILL | THORNTON |
| GARRISON POST OFFICE | WHITE RIVER |
| MAHAGA | TPO # 5. |

Some of these offices have been using their Temporary stamps for almost a year.

Modern Single Rings: The following single rings were noted for the first time during this period:

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|-----------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| Bailey's Vale with asterisk | NO 29 63 | Goshen with asterisk | 16 DE 63 |
| Bensonton W/O " | 2 DE 63 | Iron Mtn " " | 10 DE 63 |
| Christiana W/O " | 7 DE 63 | Kirkvine " " | 16 DE 63 |
| Four Paths with " | 5 DE 63 | St. Dacre " " | 18 NO 63 |
| | | Schoolfield with " | 20 NO 63 |

Hutchins Hill is still using violet ink in Nov. 1963 and for some reason Old Mountain was using violet ink in Nov. after using black ink way back in June 62.

Obliterators: Russell Gibson requests that the two obliterators - 642/04 and C/24 be deleted from the master listing as the inclusion of these two numbers was unfounded. Also A42/26 has been reported, so add this to the listing if you have not done so.

Our good friend Nat Surtees sends further information and pictures on the newly publicized first type of Kingston strike. This strike has never been pictured in print, but we shall try to do it one of these days. The two marks known are dated 11 June 1807 and 18 Nov. 1805. The clearer of the two strikes is on one of the General Nugent covers from the Caymans.

Surtees also reports the type T 2 straight line marking for Port Maria, spelled Port Mara, dated December 1803, was among the items auctioned at the Urwick auction several years ago.

Al Johnson reports the following changes in the "A" town listings:

Allman Hills - recorded in May 63, Journals, but left out of the listing	29 JA 63	21 NO 63
Allman Town - B 1 mark		LKD 30 MR 63
Annotto Bay - MSR		LKD 18 NO 63

A new slogan, handstamped on Kingston mail has been noted. It consists of a handstamped rectangle, approximately 60 mm long and 30 mm high, reading:

<p>Human Rights DAY 10th December</p>

Noted in both violet and black inks - either on face or back of mail going through Kingston - between the 4th and 9th of December, 1963. The capital letters are about 5mm high.

My many thanks to all of you who were so kind as to send me greeting cards for the Christmas season. Thank you all.

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SWAP COLUMN.

Have received no "Swap" items for this issue. If you are looking for something, send the information in. Its free, and might get results.

Wanted, GIBRALTAR CAMP, Jamaica cancellations, any type, on or off cover.
Al Johnson.

PERSONAL MENTION:

JACK ARNELL writes that he has changed jobs and now works for the Canadian Navy instead of the Air Force. He is Scientific Advisor to the Chief of the Naval Staff, R.C.N. Congratulations, Jack.

JOHN AYRE and Mrs. Ayre leaving for Ocho Rios, Jamaica on Feb. 8th, for a few weeks holiday. Good hunting, John.

BYRON CAMERON and Mary took a little trip through the Caribbean recently.. Looks to me like this is a postmans holiday for Byron. Joan and I are going down there about June and will come by your place on the way, so save some Turtle steaks and Caymanian lobsters for us.

JIM CAMPBELL and Carrie write that they will be down in this neck of the woods soon. Jim is much better now and can travel well. Glad to see your rapid recovery from that busted neck, Jim.

STAN DURNIN and Elaine are moving about again, he will be on a six to eight week trip away from home.

PHILIP HALWARD WRITES that the fog in Rickmansworth has closed him in. We, on the Gulf Coast have been experiencing the same thing for the past three weeks, Phil, and we are fogbound too.

DR. JOHN LOCKIE writes that he is going to be visiting in the West Indies during February, Barbados, St. Lucia, Grenada and others.

TOMMY THOMPSON hasn't checked in lately. How are the Montserrats coming, Tommy?

BOB TOPAZ is a busy little man these days, what with the Jamaica Jottings and the Jamaica cancellation articles. Anyone having information on unique or unusual Jamaican cancellations, notify Bob, so he can include them in the article.

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We have a letter from Dennis Cartwright reporting on the SNUG CORNER, Grenada postmarked which appeared last year reading SUNG Corner, Dennis states that this is a new steeldie, with measurements: 24mm in diameter and letters 3 1/2 mm high, whereas the old one measured 25mm diameter with letters 3 1/2 mm high. New strike looks thus:



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Dick Thayer writes that he has had a letter from Everard Aguilar regarding the rain damage that was a result of backlash from Hurricane Floram consisting of around 42 inches of rain around Kingston, St. Andrew, Portland and St. Mary parishes.

"I am glad to say that we are getting over the heavy rain damage we had last year, and one can see a good amount of this in the roads, bridges, etc. I think most of the gardens took a very bad battering. We lost a number of our plants, but these are coming back and look first class."

Understand that a good deal of damage was done, and that the road to Fern Gully and other places in that area were closed for some time.

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Your Editor has received over the course of a year in a number of auctions, a lot of philatelic material, mostly postal stationery of a world wide nature. A large number of post cards, etc. Anyone interested in this type of material, may by writing me, have what of this material they can use. Let me know what other countries you collect, than B.W.I., and will be glad to send what you are interested in.

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A lion caught and ate a bull and felt so good about the feast, that he roared. A hunter heard him and came over and shot him. The obvious lesson to be learned from this is "If you are full of bull, it's best to keep your mouth shut."

BAHAMAS NEWS AND NOTES.

By Gale J. Raymond.

The "NEW CONSTITUTION" overprints made their appearance on January 7, and news from Nassau is that a set on the same theme will appear in 1965. The new pictorial definitive set is due by or before then. Even more interesting is information from Nassau that a special commemorative stamp will be issued this year, (in honor of the 50th anniversary of the first undersea motion pictures, (made by explorer J. E. Williamson, in the Bahamas) and the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the world's first undersea post office, "SEA FLOOR, BAHAMAS", in the Williamson Photosphere. This is quite a lot of information to cram into one postage stamp, surely a 2 or 3 stamp set would have been justified. The occasion may call for at least a brief re-opening of the Sea Floor post office. There is some pressure now on, as well, for a Bahamas stamp depicting its first Governor, Captain Woodes Rogers, one of the most picturesque and adventurous privateers in the world history.

The new Bahamas Cabinet has for the first time a Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Roy Solomon, with Claude Saunders continuing as Postmaster General.

Freeport has run out of registry-labels, as in January it was using the old SHIRLEY STREET/P.O..BAHAMAS labels, with Shirley Street scratched out and Freeport written in by hand. Eddie Adelson reports a machine-cancel is now used at Freeport, and I have had recent mail in from MACKEY STREET and WEST END with new machine cancellations, seven wavy lines at right. Eddie reports earliest dates at West End and Freeport as 16 Nov. 1963.

Yet another new stamp is due from the Bahamas, a 6d. "Shakespeare" issue, probably about 23 April, when England issues theirs.

BINNACLE HILL (Acklins Island) opened a post office on 1 Nov. 1963, using a TRD briefly. In December a 30mm. steel-die datestamp arrived and was placed in use immediately. The Commissioner picked up the TRD and has returned it to the G.P.O. Nassau, and apparently the same dates and situation applies for the new P.O. just a few miles further south on Acklins Island at SALINA POINT. Binnacle Hill has a population of 36. With the rapidly expanding communities in the Bahamas, many with hundreds of residents already, surely new post offices will be opening now more regularly.

Pamela Taylor has come up with photostats from a fascinating old book, "AN ALMANACK FOR 1871 WITH A GUIDE TO THE BAHAMAS, NASSAU DIRECTORY", 1870 Nassau Guardian). The Post Office Section includes a page of postal rates then current, and it was particularly interesting to note that rates did then go as high as One Pound, this for a 9½ to 10 oz. packet mail letter to the United Kingdom, as against only 5 shilling for the same letter by ship mail. Can any reader give an explanation of the difference in the two categories?

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DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE. Please send them in to Reg H. Lant, 164 Highbourne Road, Toronto 7, Ont. Canada, if you haven't already done so.

A CHRONOLOGICAL POSTMARK HISTORY OF THE
POST TOWNS OF JAMAICA - continued.
by Robert Topaz.

BAGNALS in St Mary Parish opened between 1810-1818

Listed as being open in 1818 and also in 1833. T2 renewals supposedly sent out.
No recorded marks - Dec. '63.

BAILEY'S VALE IN St Mary Parish opened 11 Nov. 1949

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|------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| 1. TRD Type 37 | violet ink | 11 NO 49 | 9 MY 50 |
| 2. Oval - Registered defaced | violet | 27 NO 50 | 3 FE 53 |
| | black | 25 JY 59 | 13 MR 62 |
| 3. TRD Type 37ga | black | 5 JY 61 | 24 OC 61 |

BAILLIE'S TAVERN in St. Catherine Parish opened before 1810

This postoffice was opened and closed before 1810. Rodney Hall took over the post office. No marks recorded although Ti or T2 might be possible.

BALACLAVA in St. Elizabeth Parish opened in 1875.

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|-----------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. A 79 | type K oblit | 1876 | 1895 |
| 2. S.R. | 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm index B | JU 18 88 | SP 20 95 |
| 3. D.R. | 28mm 3mm dots | JA 6 96 | JY 21 24 |
| 4. D.R. | 27mm 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm | FE 20 25 | JA 17 35 |
| 5. D.R. | 29mm 3mm
Probably recut. | MY 27 37 | DE 27 62 |
| 6. B 1 | * | JY 18 39 | JA 2 63 |
| 7. B 3 | | DE 1 52 | AU 15 53 |
| 8. T.S.D. | * | AU 21 57 | OC 22 57 |

BALACLAVA RAILWAY at Balaclava opened about 1895

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|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| 1. RR Type 1 | blue ink | DE 01 | 30 OC 20 |
| | red ink | 22 AU 02 | 27 FE 06 |
| 2. RR type 2 | blue ink | 27 FE 21 | 9 OC 23 |
| | violet ink | 11 JU 27 | |

In the above strike the word GOVERNMENT is spelled out.

BALCARRES in Portland Parish opened 8 Jan. 1913.

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|----------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| 1. TRD type 16 | violet ink | 8 JA 13 | 13 SP 15 |
| 2. D.R. | 29mm 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm | MR 28 21 | MY 21 42 |
| 3. Oval | "Registered"
defaced | OC 15 51 | DE 1 56
MR 15 57 |

BALCARRES continued

- 4. TSD * 13 AU 57 JY 28 61
- 5. MSR * NO 26 62

BAMBOO in St. Ann Parish opened 9 Oct. 1896.

- 1. TRD type 8 black ink 96
- 2. D.R. 27mm, 3mm dots DE 23 96 AP 19 18
- 3. D.R. 27mm 3mm JY 23 32 JU 25 51
This mark very worn-inner line almost gone- may be #2
- 4. B 4 * DE 16 51 JU 4 63

BANANA GROUND IN Manchester Parish opened 5 Aug. 1923.

- 1. TRD type 21 violet ink 3 SP 23 DE 29 23
- 2. D.R. 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm 21mm OC 20 24 JU 25 63
This mark is known in blue ink in Oct. or Nov. of 1924, and also in violet ink on OC 20 24. Apparently recut in mid 1930's.

BANBURY in St. Catherine Parish opened 1961

- 1. TYD type 37 violet ink 22 MY 61 AP 19 62

BANGOR RIDGE in Portland parish opened 3 Dec., 1934.

- 1. D.R. 29mm 3mm DE 5 35 JU 4 62
- 2. MSR 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm * black ink JA 20 61

BARKING LODGE in St. Thomas parish opened 22 Dec 1953.

- 1. TRD type 37 violet ink 22 JA 54 1 JU 54
- 2. MSR * violet ink 1 SP 54 30 DE 54
black ink 18 MY 55 FE 12 61

BARNSTAPLE in St. Amm parish opened 1958

- 1. TRD type 37 violet ink 17 AP 58 1 SP 58
- 2. MSR * 8 OC 59 27 JU 62

BARTONS in St. Catherine Parish opened 20 JY 1896.

- 1. TRD type 8 black ink 3 AU 96 2 NO 96
- 2. D.R. 27mm 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm 22 FE 97 28 NO 14
- 3. D.R. 28mm 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm 16 OC 34 3 FE 53
- 4. MSR * 2 NO 54 17 JU 63

BATH

in St. Thomas parish

opened before 1800

- 1. T 2
 - 2. E 3
 - 3. P 2
 - 4. P 3
 - 5. A29 type H obliterator
 - 6. S.R. 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm Index "C"
 - 7. S.C. Type 2
 - 8. D.R. 28mm 3mm
 - 9. D.R. 27mm 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm
 - 10. B 4 *
 - 11. MSR *
- 20 SE 40
blue ink 8 OC 47
25 DE 51
- 31 MY 59
28 OC 47
25 JA 55
- 59
- MR 4 85
- 5 MY 90
- Known used in 1923
- 16 MR 20
- 6 DE 51
- 24 OC 42
- 25 JY 52
- 22 JY 60
- 4 FE 21
- 2 NO 35
- 19 SP 62
- 27 MR 63

BAULK

in Hanover Parish

Opened 11 Feb., 1963

- 1. TRD type 37 violet ink 16 FE 63

BECKFORD KRAAL

in Clarendon parish

opened 27 June, 1927.

- 1. TRD type 23 violet ink 10 AU (27)
- 2. D.R. 28mm 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm 20 OC 27

BEECHER TOWN

in St. Ann parish

opened 1962.

- 1. TRD type 37g violet ink 14 AP 62 21 AP 62

BEESTON SPRING

in Westmoreland parish

opened 22 Sep. 1928

- 1. TRD type 23 violet ink 10 FE 27 28 JY 31
- 2. D.R. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm 2 3/4mm 18 DE 40 6 SE 63

BELFIELD

in St. Mary Parish

opened 18 Nov., 1908

- 1. TRD type 14 violet ink 1 MR 09
black ink 12 MY 09
- 2. D.R. 28mm 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ mm 17 JY 18 10 OC 32
- 3. D.R. 30mm 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm DE 12 46 SP 20 63

BELLAS GATE in St. Catherine parish opened 4 Aug. 1923.

- 1. TRD type 25 violet ink 28 SP 23 26 FE 24
- 2. D.R. 27mm 3 1/2mm 2 JY 25 19 MR 35
- 3. B 1 * 11 JY 51 3 JU 63

BELVEDERE in St. Andrew parish opened 7 Feb. 1896

- 1. TRD type 8 black ink 11 MY 96 1 SP 96
- 2. D.R. 30mm 2 1/2mm dots 2 JA 97 10 SP 01

Name changed to Red Hills - 1 Feb., 1922.

BENBOW in St. Catherine parish opened 4 Feb. 1946.

- 1. TRD type 42 violet ink 4 FE 46 8 JU 46
- 2. B 1 (issued 24 DE 46 * violet ink 12 DE 47 28 JA 48
15 NO 49 17 SP 63)

BENSONTON in St. Ann parish opened 6 Dec. 1894

- 1. TRD type 8 black ink 94 JU 95
- 2. D.R. 28mm 3mm dots 31 JA 96 1 AP 26
Closed 27 JA 1900 - reopened 26 Feb. 1914.
- 3. TRD type 18 violet ink 9 JU 14 14 SP 14
Note the #2 strike was used after reopening.
- 4. D.R. 29mm 3 1/2mm 28 JU 24
- 5. B 1 * 5 FE 53 7 AP 61

BERMADY in St. Catherine parish opened 3 Dec. 1942.

- 1. TRD type 37 violet ink 23 DE 42 23 FE 43
- 2. B 2 (issued 3 DE 43) 2 FE 44 2 JU 54
Closed in 1956 - moved and renamed Treadways.

BERRY HILL in St. Catherine parish opened 2 Aug. 1951.

- 1. TRD type 36 violet ink 8 AU 51 9 AU 51
- 2. B 4 * 29 AP 52 11 AU 60

BETHEL TOWN in Westmoreland parish opened 24 Aug. 1891

- 1. TRD type 5 blue-violet ink undated
- 2. D.R. 26mm 2 3/4mm 16 MR 95 JA 1 34

This office was supposed to have closed in 1899 and reopened in Feb. 1923. Apparently this mark was still around even though a TRD was made.

BETHEL TOWN continued:

- 3. TRD type 25 variant about 45 x 25mm black ink 27 MR 23 25 FE 28
- 4. D.R. 29mm 3¹/₂mm 22 DE 39 29 OC 62
- 5. B 1 * JY 15 61

BETHSALEM in St. Elizabeth parish opened 13 July, 1955.

- 1. TRD type violet ink 20 JY 55 25 OC 55
TRD reads "Bethsalem Postal Agency"
- 2. MSR * violet ink 15 FE 56 3 AU 57
black ink 18 NO 57 14 AU 61

BEVERLEY in St. Ann parish opened 16 Dec, 1955

- 1. MSR * 16 DE 55 6 JU 63
Formerly Pleasant Valley

BICKERSMITH in St. James parish opened Dec. 1962/

- 1. TRD Reported by Aguilar in West Indies Stamps - not recorded.

BICKERSTETH in St. James parish

- 1. MSR 5 SP 63

BIG PEAR TREE in St. Andrew parish

- 1. TRD type 37g violet ink 25 SP 61

BIGWOODS in Westmoreland parish opened 25 Nov. 1947

- 1. TRD type 37 violet ink 13 DE 47 8 MR 48
- 2. B 1 (issued 19 AP 48) * violet ink 11 OC 48
* black ink 13 MR 51 4 FE 53

BIRD'S HILL in Clarendon parish opened 14 Jan 1946

- 1. TRD type 37d violet ink 14 JA 46 25 JY 46
- 2. B 1 * violet ink 30 JU 52 17 JU 53
* black ink 1 JU 54 4 DE 57

BLACK HEATH in St. Ann parish

No marks recorded - probably predecessor of Moneague.

BLACK HILL in Portland parish opened 1957

- 1. TRD type 37c violet ink 25 NO 57 2 AU 58
- 2. MSR 24mm * 1 JU 59 27 AP 62

BLACKNESS

in Westmoreland parish

opened 10 Dec. 1956

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|----------------|------------|----------|----------|
| 1. TRD type 37 | violet ink | 13 DE 56 | 26 JU 57 |
| 2. MSR * | violet ink | | AU 29 58 |
| | black ink | 8 AU 57 | 10 JU 63 |

BLACK RIVER

in St. Elizabeth parish

opened before 1774.

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|-----------------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 1. T 1 | | 1774 | 2 JY 1794 |
| 2. T 2 (Foster T 3) | | 24 JY 06 | |
| 3. P 2 | | 21 AU 47 | 5 AU 59 |
| 4. S.R. 22mm | | 18 OC 59 | 82 |
| 5. A30 oblit. type H | | 59 | 7 DE 68 |
| 6. S.C. type 1 | Index A | 2 AP 91 | 16 MA 99 |
| | B | 21 FE 83 | 4 JA 05 |
| | C | 13 OC 84 | 1 OC 13 |
| | - | 4 AP 92 | 15 SP 13 |
| 7. D.R. 28mm 3mm dots | | 17 FE 14 | 18 AU 25 |
| 8. D.R. 27mm 3mm - | | 25 AP 23 | 29 NO 33 |
| 9. D.R. 29mm 2 3/4mm | | 23 MY 38 | 21 FE 57 |
| 10. B 3 | | 3 JY 53 | 10 MR 54 |
| 11. B 3 * | | 19 AU 59 | 18 DE 62 |
| 12. MSR 24mm * | | 8 AU 57 | 14 OC 61 |

BLACKSTONEEDGE

in St. Ann parish

opened 23 June 1927

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|--|--|-----------|----------|
| 1. TRD type 23 (22mm high) black ink | | 2 AU (27) | 10 AU 27 |
| 2. TRD type 25 | | 8 AU 35 | |
| 3. D.R. 28 ¹ / ₂ mm 3 ¹ / ₄ mm | | 24 AU 28 | 4 JU 63 |
- This mark apparently recut.

BLAIRS HILL

in Hanover parish

opened Sept 10, 1947

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|------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| 1. TRD type 37 | violet ink | 19 SP 47 | 20 SP 47 |
| 2. B 1 (sent out 19 AP 48) * | violet ink | 19 AP 48 | 14 JY 48 |
| | black ink | 10 JY 51 | 17 JU 63 |

BLUEFIELDS in Westmoreland parish opened 1 Jan 1866

- 1. S.R. 23mm 20 JY 91 29 JY 04
- 2. A58 type J obliterator
- 3. D.R. 28mm 2 1/2mm dots 30 JA 05 15 AP 29
Wide spacing between rings
- 4. D.R. 28mm 2 1/2mm 26 MR 40 31 JA 53
Probably a recut of prior mark
- 5. B 3x 20 DE 54 13 JU 63
Postoffice supposedly closed between 1869 and 1871

BLUE MOUNTAIN in Westmoreland parish opened before 1810
Near the office of Petersfield, no marks recorded.

BLUE MOUNTAIN VALLEY in St. Thomas parish opened 1873.

- 1. S.R. 24mm Index A 18 AU 84 3 FE 06
- 2. G 15 oblit type O 18 AU 84
Postoffice about six miles from Morant Bay - closed.

BOG HOLE in Clarendon parish opened July 1961

- 1. TRD type 37 f violet ink 8 JU 61

BOGUE in St Elizabeth parish opened 19 March, 1954.

- 1. TRD type 37 violet ink 22 MR 54 31 MY 54
- 2. MSR * 1 SP 54 14 SP 62

BOG WALK in St. Catherine parish opened 1890

- 1. TRD type 3 blue ink 27 JU 91 30 MY 92
- 2. D.R. 25mm 3mm 14 JY 92 24 DE 10
- 3. D.R. 26mm 2 1/2mm 20 AU 92 26 MR 03
- 4. D.R. 28mm 2mm dots 22 NO 16 5 DE 30
- 5. D.R. 28 1/2mm 3mm 4 MY 29 1 SP 55
- 6. B 1 * 7 JU 45 4 JU 63

Bog Walk RR

BOHEMIA in St. Ann parish opened Oct. 12, 1962.

- 1. TRD type 37 g violet ink 5 NO 62 10 JU 63
- 2. MSR 24mm 21 JU 63 3 JY 63

BOIS CONTENT in St. Catherine parish opened 1959

- 1. TRD type 37 g black ink 3 JU 60 24 JA 61
- 2. TRD type 37 g violet ink 3 MR 61 23 MY 61
- 3. MSR 23 1/2 mm * new stamp reading WI 13 JY 61 1 JU 62

BOMB AY in Manchester parish opened 27 June 1946.

- 1. TRD type 41 violet ink 27 JA 46 7 JA 48
- 1. B 1 * violet ink noted
- black ink 2 FE 53 4 SP 62

BONNY GATE in St. Mary parish opened 20 Dec., 1911.

- 1. TRD type 15 black ink 20 JA 12 7 FE 12
- 2. TRD type 16 5 JU 12
- 3. D.R. 28mm 2 1/2 mm 28 MY 17 23 NO 39
- 4. B 1 * 14 JA 44 30 AU 55
- 5. MSR 24mm * 14 NO 56 21 JY 60

BORDER in St. Andrew parish opened 31 March 1938

- 1. D.R. 29mm 2 3/4 mm 27 FE 39 28 MY 62

BOROBIDGE in St. Ann parish opened 7 Oct., 1896

- 1. TRD type 8 black ink 11 OC 96
 - 2. D.R. 27 1/2 mm 3mm dots 28 DE 96 11 DE 62
- Spelled Boroughbridge, apparently in error, all other sources including Postal Guides show Borobridge.

BOSCOBEL in St. Mary parish opened 1939

- 1. B 1 * JY 18 42 MR 14 61
- Spelled "Boscabel" in error.

BOULEVARD in Kingston parish opened Dec 1962.

- 1. TRD type 37 violet ink 1 JA 63 23 JU 63

BOUNDBROOK

in Portland parish

opened 16 Dec., 1957

- 1. TRD type 37 o violet ink 27 DE 57 8 AP 58
- 2. MSR 2 1/4mm * 24 SE 58 6 MR 63

BOWDEN

in St. Thomas parish

opened 13 May, 1896.

- 1. TRD type 8 black ink 29 MY 96 9 JU 00?
- 2. D.R. 27mm 3mm dots 30 DE 96 7 SE 96
- 3. D.R. 28mm 2mm 26 JY 15 30 AU 17
- 4. S.R. 29mm 3 1/2mm dots 29 NO 23 19 OC 62

This last mark has all of the characteristic appearances of a double ring but always appears as a single ring - several other towns have this same type. The year is expressed in four digits in this mark but most often the last two digits are missing or quite faint.

BRAE HEAD

in Clarendon parish

Opened -----

- 1. TRD type 37 violet ink 8 MY 59 26 OC 59
- black ink noted.

BRAES RIVER

in St. Elizabeth parish

opened 16 June 1897

- 1. TRD type 8 black ink 19 JY 97 OC 97
- Spelled Braze River
- 2. D.R. 27mm 2 1/2mm dots 24 FE 98 1 AP 05
- 3. D.R. 28mm 3 1/2mm 30 JA 32 22 JY 55
- 4. MSR 2 1/4mm * 26 SP 58 29 DE 62

BRAETON

in St Catherine parish

opened 14 June, 1946

- 1. TRD type 43 violet ink 19 JU 46 9 SP 46
- 2. B 1 * violet ink 24 DE 47
- black ink 10 DE 51 7 JU 63
- B 1 mark given out on 26 Dec., 1946.
- 3. MSR 15 JU 63

BRAIN ERD

in St. Mary parish

opened 16 April, 1909

- 1. TRD type 14 violet ink 3 MR ?
- spelled "Brebard"
- 2. D.R. 28mm 2 1/2mm 29 AU 21 20 AP 38
- This mark started out with narrow spacing between rings and when recut shows an appreciably wider space.
- 3. B 1 * 22 MY 45 3 JY 62

BRANDON HILL in St. Andrew parish opened Feb. 12, 1946.

1. TRD type 37 violet ink 12 FE 46 11 NO 46

2. B 1 * 8 OC 51 5 AP 61

B 1 mark given out on 22 Dec. 1946

BRIGGS PARK in St. Ann parish opened 5 March, 1952.

1. Special TRD 63 x 42 mm, oblong in violet ink used only for 1st Caribbean Boy Scout Jamboree at Briggs Park - one day of use only - 5 MR 52.

BRIGHTON in St. Elizabeth parish opened 31 July, 1928

1. TRD type 23 violet ink 7 DE 28

2. D.R. 28¹/₂mm 3¹/₂mm 23 SP 41

3. MSR 24mm * 7 JU 54 24 MR 61

BRIXTON HILL in Clarendon parish opened March 16, 1951.

1. TRD type 43 violet ink 22 MR 51 13 DE 51

2. B 4 * 11 MR 53 29 DE 61

BROADGATE in St. Mary parish opened 3 Nov., 1920

1. TRD type 21 in black ink 14 FE 21 23 FE 21

2. D.R. 28mm 2mm noted
Closed 3 Sept., 1924

BROADLEAF in Manchester parish opened 18 March 1949.

1. TRD type 43 violet ink 18 MR 49 9 MY 50

2. Oval violet ink 21 NO 50
black ink 30 JY 52 16 DE 58

The word "Registered" was defaced but the defacement gradually wore off so that by the late 1950's the word Registration shows again quite clearly.

3. TRD type 37 f (T.W.I.) violet ink 13 AP 59

BROMPTON in Trelawney parish opened 5 Dec., 1956.

1. TRD type 37 violet ink 8 DE 56 13 JY 57
Name changed to Old Mountain - 1 August 1957.

BROWN'S HALL in St. Catherine parish opened 12 Sept., 1921

1. TRD type 21 violet ink 7 JA 22(printed 21)

2. D.R. 29mm 3mm 22 OC 35 19 JU 63

<u>BROWN'S TOWN</u>	in St. Ann parish		opened 14 Oct., 1853.
1. P 7		23 JU 57	8 DE 57
2. S.R. 21mm Hyphen after "Browns"		59	6 SP 82
3. A31 obliterator type H		1 MR 59	82
4. S.C. type 1 A index		2 MR 83	14 SE 12
5. D.R. 28mm 3mm widely spaced circles		8 MR 15	13 AP 19
6. D.R. 28mm 3mm very narrow circle spacing apostrophe after "n"		27 FE 23	23 FE 63
7. D.R. 29mm 3 1/2mm		21 JA 51	
8. B 1		22 JU 40	26 NO 62
9 MSR Dated electric canceller 22mm		12 JY 60	9 JU 62

The above mark is apparently used with an electric cancelling machine and used a seven bar wavy line cancelling mark in conjunction with a single ring date mark which also carried the time of day. The bars are broken into several segments. This same device was also used with the "Independence" slogan substituted for the wavy bars.

<u>BUFF BAY</u>	in Portland parish		opened before 1810
1. All of the straight line cancels are possible - none recorded.			
2. P 2		6 JA 47	6 SP 48
3. P 6		18 MR 56	7 JU 61
4. S.R. 24mm		76	8 FE 13
5. A 32 obliterator type H	Possibly used as late as	22 MY 14	92
6. D.R. 28 1/2mm 3mm dots		2 JU 15	22 SP 25
7. D.R. 28mm 3 1/2mm		14 DE 25	26 NO 62
8. Oval defaced		9 JY 50	13 JY 50
9. Oval not defaced		4 AP 51	22 SP 62

This mark was used in conjunction with Registered letters only in this state - one of the few towns which went to using this mark for the purpose intended.

10. MSR *		27 SP 56	16 SE 63
<u>BUFF BAY RAILWAY</u>	at Buff Bay		opened before 1900.
1. R.R. Type 1 Blue ink		24 AU 01	11 JU 21
2. R.R. Type 2 (Gov't.) Blue ink		1 JU 15	5 OC 23
3. R.R. Type 2 as above but no crosses on sides.		28 JY 20	28 JU 24

BULL BAY in St. Andrew parish opened about 1876

1. S.R. 23mm 3mm 5 JU 86 7 MY 06

2. 615 obliterator type 0

3. D.R. 29mm 3 1/2mm 21 OC 41 6 SP 63

Noted without year plug in mark.
Long stretches between noted dates would indicate a closing during this period.

BULL HEAD in Clarendon parish opened 1957.

1. TRD type 38 d * violet ink 8 AP 57 11 FE 59

2. MSR 24mm * 31 JA 61 14 NO 62

BULL SAVANNAH in St. Elizabeth parish

1. MSR 24mm * 2 SP 54 5 FE 62

Seen with * and date plug reversed.

BUNKA TREE in St. Mary parish opened 1961.

1. TRD type 37 g * violet ink 10 MY 61 2 JU 62

2. MSR 24 1/2mm * 22 OC 62

BUNKERS HILL in Trelawney parish opened 23 Jan 1939.

1. D.R. 30mm 3mm 30 DE 39 16 MR 61

BURNT SAVANNAH in St. Elizabeth parish opened 15 March, 1946.

1. TRD type 37 a violet ink 15 MR 46 2 DE 46

2. B 1 * 21 JY 51 25 MY 53
The steel die was supposed to have been issued on 23 DEC., 1946.

BUSHY PARK in St. Catherine parish opened 17 May, 1906

1. TRD type 13 8 JU 06

2. D.R. 27mm 2 3/4mm dots 5 AU 06 14 AP 21

28mm 2 3/4mm dots 9 AP 23 13 FE 39

Possibly the size difference is from recutting.

3. B 1 * 13 MY 40 4 JU 63

Frequently seen with slugs interchanged

BUSHY PARK RAILWAY in St. Catherine parish opened before 1900.

1. R.R. type 1 Blue ink 30 OC 01 12

Red ink 29 JA 06

2. R.R. type 3 Blue ink 20 JA 06
This is as type 1 but has the word "Station" added after the town name.

3. R.R. type 2 Blue ink 26 JY 19 7 DE 23

20 JU 17 24 JU 23

as above but no crosses at sides.

BUXTON TOWN

in St. Catherine parish

opened 1954

1. MSR 24mm * 1 SP 54 2 JA 62

BYBROOK

in Portland parish

opened October, 1913.

1. D.R. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm 15 JA 18 16 SP 18
Moved to Skibo on 1 May, 1924 - office reopened March 1959.
2. TRD type 35 violet ink 10 DE 59
3. MSR 24mm * JA 60 5 MY 61
Skibo is the forwarding station for this office

BYNDLOSS

in Portland parish

opened Jan. 1959.

1. TRD type 37 f violet ink 23 JA 59 11 JU 59
2. MSR 24mm * 12 JA 62 6 JU 63