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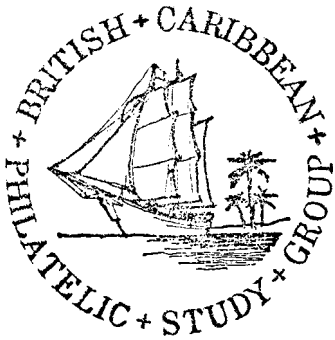
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RESIDENTS OF MONTSERRAT'S CORK HILL DISTRICT NOW HAVE THEIR OWN POST OFFICE
IN THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. CATHERINE BARZEY. --*Photograph by Paul E.W. White*

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Once again your Editor takes over this page. Stan is now in the process of returning to the U.S.A., having served out his overseas tour of duty in Saudi Arabia. His new station is to be Cannon Air Force Base, which is located near Clovis, New Mexico. This is some 200 miles east of Albuquerque, which is the nearest to us that any member of our Group has dwelled. Perhaps we will lose some of our sense of isolation knowing that in 4 to 5 hours of driving time we can find a kindred soul who speaks our language. We love living here in high desert country with its clean dry air, brilliant sunshine and views that stretch out forever, still at times we wish some of the locals collected BWI.

We are scheduled to leave for London and PHILYMPIA on September 15th, and will be away from home for nearly seven weeks. This makes it impossible for us to make up the October Journal on a normal schedule. We will try to move up the publication date for this issue to mail it out in September before we leave. It may not be possible to produce the normal number of pages and meet this deadline, but we will do our best and trust that none of you will be too unhappy with us.

Many highly favorable comments regarding the new look of this Journal have come our way. Naturally, we are delighted to know that our efforts are appreciated by the members. However, we feel that much credit is to be given to those who supply us with the copy without which there could be no Journal. Our thanks to those who help us make this an ever-improving publication.

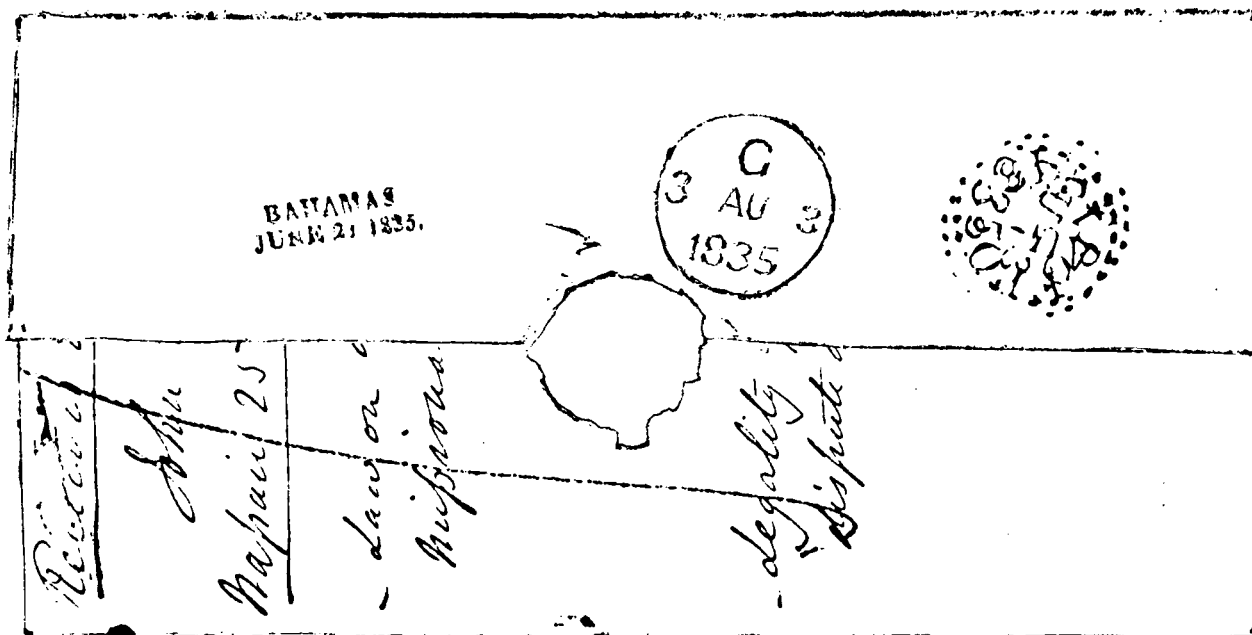
Bob Topaz is still greatly in need of material of all kinds to sell in our next Mail Auction Sale. This is an easy way to help your Group while turning unwanted material into cash. Your junk may turn out to be the very thing that some other member has long been seeking. Of course, if you are feeling real generous you can donate a Lot or Two to the Group and help us keep the treasury in good shape.

Fred

NEW BAHAMAS STRAIGHT-LINE MARKS

by JOHN F. AYRE

Some months ago while looking through *The Bahama Islands* by Morris Ludington and Gale Raymond, I noted that two types of straight-line "BAHAMAS" marks in my collection are not listed. In correspondence with Morris Ludington I discussed these, and he stated that he had not seen either of them before, and suggested that I report them in our Journal. In the article which follows, I will show an illustration of each and give the pertinent details.



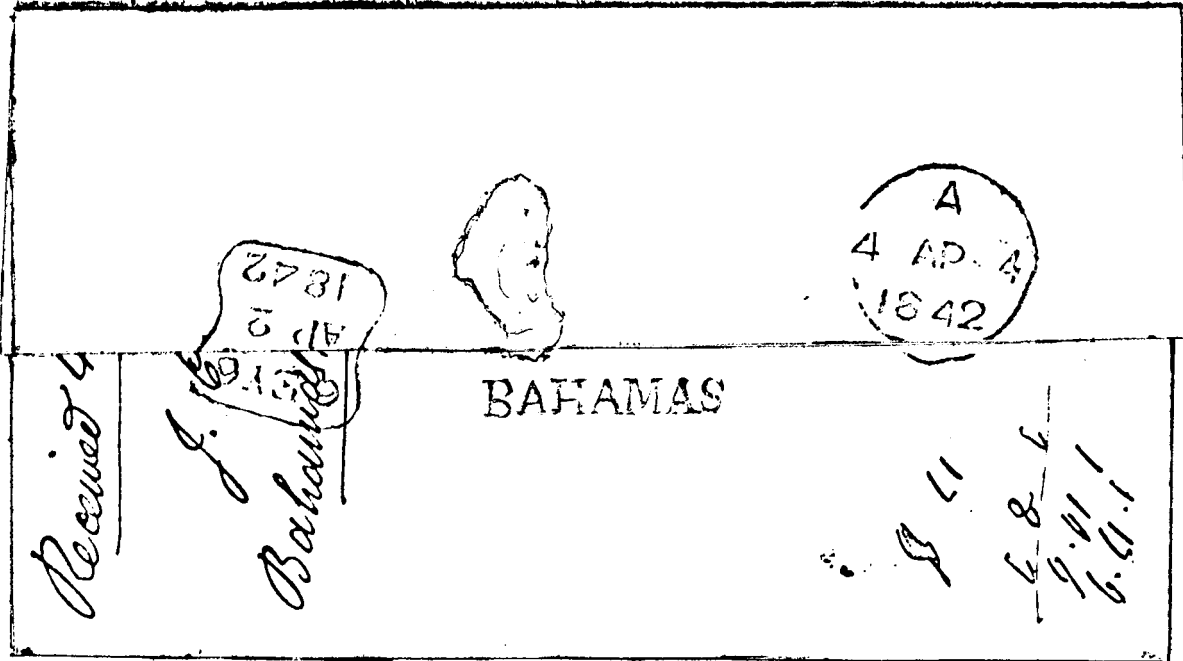
Shown above is the reverse side of a single sheet entire letter from John Crofts of Nassau to London, bearing the strike of a two-line BAHAMAS over the date, JUNE 21 1835. BAHAMAS measures 17.5mm x 2.25mm, the date measures 22.5mm x 2.25mm, and the overall height is 6mm. The postal rate is 2/2 and, as usual, is in manuscript. The date of arrival is 3 AU 1835.

Interestingly, a cover having what appears to be the same two-line mark was offered for sale in the May 12, 1970 Robson Lowe auction of the collections of our late member, Bill Stitt. The strike is dated MAR 1 1835, and the description states in part "A type not seen by us before". Since fewer letters and figures are required for this date, the date line is naturally shorter than that on my cover.

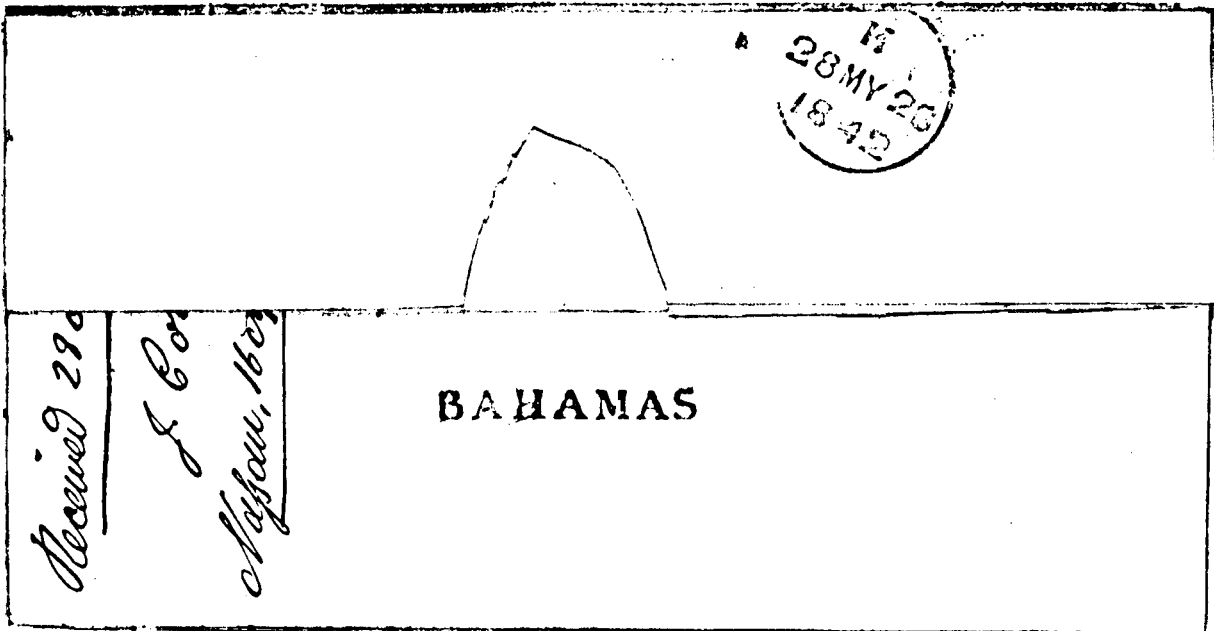
Morris Ludington comments "I have found out that ALL the straight-line marks used on outgoing letters after 1830-31 must have been put on in Nassau. Although the postmaster at Crooked Island was still "Deputy PMG in the Bahamas" (G.P.O. London appointment), and "Acting PMG for the Bahamas" (Colonial appointment), the only work he did was to receive and forward incoming Packet Mail. All outgoing mail was sent directly from Nassau to Kingston, Jamaica up to 1835, or to Havana after that year to catch the homeward bound Packets."

On page 108, overleaf, the second of my 'unlisted' straight-line marks is illustrated. It reads "BAHAMAS", measuring 29.5mm x 4mm, and is on a part letter from J. Corlett with date, March 5th 1842. It was received in London 4 AP 1842. The 1/- rate is in manuscript. Regarding this letter Morris says "Your 1842 letter with the large type "BAHAMAS" measuring 29.5mm x 4mm is one month earlier than one I have from Tampico,

Mexico to London with the regular larger type "BAHAMAS" straight-line measuring 35mm x 3.75mm. I do not know yet where or why a letter from Tampico was transferred in the Bahamas to another steamer going directly to England. At a later date I believe the RMSF Co. ran steamers each month between England and the Gulf of Mexico, but this was after they reorganized these services in 1847, and many of the earlier routes were completely different. Your 29.5mm type could only have been in use for a few months after March 1842, for the circular datestamp "NASSAU-NEW PROVIDENCE" in serified capitals was sent out in June 1842 and was in use by October. The impression of your 29.5mm "BAHAMAS" looks as if the handstamp had not been used very much, whereas that of my 35mm one shows obvious signs of wear, not unnaturally, as it had been in use for 40 years"



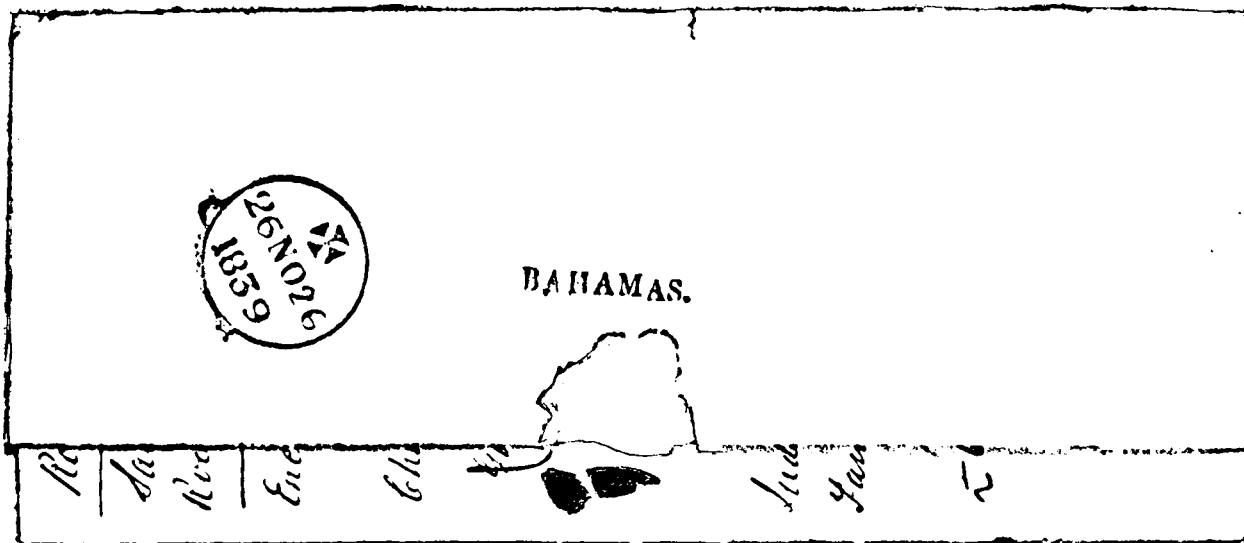
Shown below is a letter bearing the Ludington-Raymond type B1 straight-line "BAHAMAS". It does differ in the shape of some of the letters from the illustration of the type



B1 in the Ludington-Raymond book, but in making my identification I have assumed that the illustration in the book is not an exact reproduction, but rather an artist's sketch.

Dimensions of the type B1 are 35mm x 3.75mm. The strike shown here is in black ink, but it is also known in red.

Below is shown a strike of the type B2 Straight-line "BAHAMAS" which measures 22.5 x 3mm. It will be noted that the "AS" of "BAHAMAS" is dropped below the alignment of the other letters. A letter illustrated on page 1 of the Ludington-Raymond book has a strike of this mark used about six months later in 1840 which shows all of the letters aligned. Our Editor has commented on this and alignment differences in the two known strikes of the new double line mark to Morris Ludington who replied "The Deputy Postmaster at Nassau for many years, until he died in 1837, was Neil McQueen,

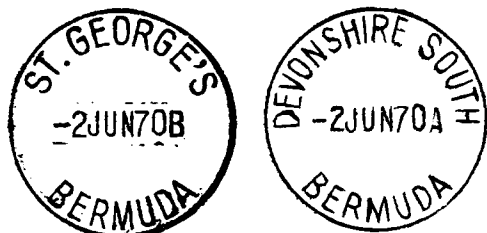


the publisher, editor and printer of the *Bahamas Royal Gazette*. I strongly suspect that only Type B1 was a regular cast handstamp supplied by London, and that Type B2 and the two new Types were made by McQueen himself from loose type in stock. (The date line in the 2-line Type would naturally have to be loose type). I do not know how he set up the handstamps or what material he used in the forme to hold the type, but obviously it did not do the job well, hence the three different marks used between 1835 and 1842, because it looks as if their dates of use do not overlap, except, of course, with the B1 which survived until 1845."

Morris adds "When I was in Nassau at the end of April (1970) I checked the dates of John Ayre's two covers and the Stitt cover, and they all coincide with the departures of the Government schooner taking the Packet Mail to Jamaica (Stitt's cover) or to Havana. So there is no doubt that they are genuine."

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO "CURRENT BERMUDA CDS MARKINGS"----

Several errors crept into the penultimate paragraph on page 36 of the April Journal. In describing the differences between the three Hamilton Type H15a handstamps, the second sentence should read "In I they are approximately in line with the date line."; the third sentence should read "In II they are both askew," etc.; and in the final sentence "right side of the R" and "left side of the R" should be interchanged.



A note from Geoff Osborn advises us that ST. GEORGE'S and DEVONSHIRE SOUTH have Type H15c datestamps in use at the present time. Geoff has kindly provided strikes for the illustrations above.

SOME NEW ANTIGUA DATA

by GEORGE W. BOWMAN

It was my recent good fortune to acquire on loan half-a-dozen microfilm reels of the *Leeward Islands Gazette* covering the years 1901 through 1921. The information that I extracted from this newspaper relating to the village sub-post offices, or SPO's, in operation in Antigua during that twenty year period may be of value to other members of our Group. With the hope of clearing up many of the nebulous points that now exist concerning these village offices, or in any event stimulating thoughtful discussion thereof, I submit the following summaries of many of the philatelically oriented announcements that appear in the *Gazette*, with my own comments as appropriate.

The great majority of this data takes the form of either a "Post Office Notice" or an official announcement of the Colonial Secretary of the Leeward Islands, in which is described "His Excellency the Governor's" appointments to positions of authority. It must be remembered that, in the case of appointments of sub-postmasters, no clues are to be found in the wording of the announcements to indicate that the appointment also signified the official date of opening of that SPO. Therefore, the main purpose of this analysis cannot be to determine the exact opening date of an office, but only to discover what offices were in operation, or can be inferred to have been in operation, during a certain span of years.

The items quoted are arranged in order by date for each SPO, and the name of the SPO is given exactly as specified in the newspaper. LIG stands for *Leeward Islands Gazette*, W/N means Whole Number, CSO is Colonial Secretary's Office, and PMR stands for Postmaster's Report. Thus, PMR 1915/1916 means "Antigua Postmaster's Report for the Years 1915/1916." The PMR's appear as supplements to specific issues of the *Gazette*; some of them, as noted later, are not included in the newspaper and perhaps were never written at all.

SPO: ALL SAINTS

(Comment: Mr. E. Matthias appointed sub-postmaster some date prior to 3 June 1909.)

LIG, 8 JUL 1909, W/N 31: CSO, 3 JUL 1909: Acting Governor accepts resignation of Mr. E. Matthias; appoints Mr. M. Swift to be sub-postmaster.

PMR 1912/1913: Mr. Swift takes vacation from 1 JAN 1913 to 31 MAR 1913, during which time Mr. P. Edwards assumes duties of sub-postmaster.

PMR 1913/1914: Mr. Swift goes on vacation from 9 FEB to 22 FEB 1914; again Mr. Edwards takes over as sub-postmaster.

PMR 1914/1915: On 15 JUL 1914, Mr. Swift resigns and is replaced by Mrs. M.E. Dickson.

LIG, 29 OCT 1914, W/N 55: CSO, 26 OCT 1914: Governor confirms Mrs. M.E. Dickson in her appointment as sub-postmistress.

PMR 1918/1919: Mrs. Dickson goes on leave from 15 JUN to 14 SEP 1918. Miss Irene Edwards acts as sub-postmistress while Mrs. Dickson is on vacation.

SPO: BARNES HILL

LIG, 4 AUG 1910, W/N 38: CSO, 2 AUG 1910: Governor appoints Miss A.M. James as sub-postmistress, Barnes Hill, effective 16 JUN 1910.

LIG, 7 MAY 1914, W/N 20: CSO, 4 MAY 1914: Governor appoints Miss Charlotte Wilkins as sub-postmistress, effective 1 APR 1914.

LIG, 16 JUL 1914, W/N 31: CSO, 14 JUL 1914: Miss Charlotte Wilkins resigns as of 30 JUN 1914. Governor appoints Miss Beatrice Davis as sub-postmistress.

(Comment: Subsequently Miss Wilkins was evidently re-appointed, but *Gazette* shows no such action.)

LIG, 19 JUL 1917, W/N 29: CSO, 17 JUL 1917: Miss Charlotte Wilkins takes a month's leave, effective 5 JUL 1917. Governor appoints Edith Barnes as sub-postmistress while Miss Wilkins is absent.

LIG, 27 SEP 1917, W/N 39: CSO, 25 SEP 1917: Governor appoints Edith Barnes as sub-postmistress, as of 16 AUG 1917.

(Comment: Miss Wilkins evidently deserted her post, having failed to return from vacation.)

SPO: BETHESDA

(Comment: Prior to an unestablished date in 1908, Miss H.A. Piper was appointed sub-postmistress of Bethesda.)

PMR 1907/1908: During 1908 Miss Piper vacated her post as sub-postmistress and went to Montserrat. Miss Eliza Romeo was appointed temporary sub-postmistress.

LIG, 6 MAY 1909, W/N 21: CSO, 4 MAY 1909: Acting Governor appoints Mr. A.F. Elmes as sub-postmaster with effect from 1 MAY 1909.

LIG, 13 JUL 1911, W/N 32: CSO, 6 JUL 1911: Governor confirms Mr. Alfred Lumsby's appointment as Bethesda sub-postmaster.

SPO: BOLANS

(Comment: Mrs. E. Glanville was appointed sub-postmistress at some time prior to 1 JAN 1918.)

LIG, 22 JAN 1914, W/N 4: CSO, 19 JAN 1914: Secretary of State for the Colonies approves that salary of Bolans sub-postmistress be increased to £6 a year.

PMR 1917/1918: Mrs. Glanville takes vacation from 1 JAN to 31 MAR 1918. In her absence Miss Edith Sebastian acts as sub-postmistress.

SPO: FREETOWN

(Comment: Mrs. A.R. Kirby was appointed sub-postmistress sometime prior to 1 APR 1907.)

PMR 1907/1908: Mrs. Kirby resigns and the Rev. W.A. Unsworth is appointed sub-postmaster at Freetown, effective 1 APR 1907.

LIG, 5 DEC 1907, W/N 50: CSO, 2 DEC 1907: Rev. Unsworth is granted leave of absence for 15 days effective 1 DEC 1907.

PMR 1907/1908: Rev. Unsworth is again on leave from 24 JAN to 8 FEB 1908.

(Comment: In this period Mr. T.N. Kirnon was evidently appointed as Freetown sub-postmaster. *Gazette* makes no reference to such appointment.)

LIG, 15 JUL 1909, W/N 32: CSO, 9 JUL 1909: Mr. T.N. Kirnon goes on three weeks' leave effective 12 JUL 1909. While he is absent Rev. Unsworth takes his place.

PMR 1909/1910: Mr. C.L. Williams appointed sub-postmaster, effective 1 FEB 1910.

PMR 1912/1913: Miss Hilda Christian appointed sub-postmistress with effect from 16 APR 1913, vice Mr. C.L. Williams, resigned.

LIG, 7 MAY 1914, W/N 20: CSO, 4 MAY 1914: Governor appoints Mr. J.P. Hodge as sub-postmaster, effective 1 APR 1914.

PMR 1917/1918: Miss Marion Thomas appointed sub-postmistress at Freetown with effect from 1 APR 1918.

PMR 1918/1919: Miss Thomas takes leave from 16 APR to 4 JUN 1919. Miss C. Elmes acts as sub-postmistress during Miss Thomas' absence.

PMR 1918/1919: On 24 July 1919 Miss Thomas retires due to ill health. Miss E. Brookes is appointed sub-postmistress.

SPO: NEWFIELD

(Comment: At some time prior to 24 APR 1914, Miss M.L. Brookes was appointed sub-postmistress.)

PMR 1914/1915: Miss M.L. Brookes, Newfield sub-postmistress died on 24 APR 1914.

LIG, 14 MAY 1914, W/N 22: Governor appoints Miss Alice Brookes as sub-postmistress, effective 25 APR 1914.

PMR 1917/1918: Miss Alice Brookes took sick leaves (18 OCT - 2 DEC 1917 and 17 DEC 1917 - 27 JAN 1918). In both instances Miss Mary Hamilton acted in her place.

SPO: OLD ROAD

(Comment: Miss M.E. Peters was appointed sub-postmistress at some point prior to 20 DEC 1909.)

LIG, 23 DEC 1909, W/N 58: CSO, 14 DEC 1909: Miss M.E. Peters, sub postmistress, Old Road, takes vacation from 20 DEC 1909 to 4 FEB 1910.

LIG, 11 JUL 1912, W/N 33: CSO, 3 JUL 1912: Acting Governor grants Miss Peters six months' vacation effective 1 JUL 1912.

PMR 1912/1913: While Miss Peters was on vacation Mrs. Beatrice Francis acted as sub-postmistress from 1 JUL to 31 DEC 1912. However, Miss Peters failed to return (deserted), and Miss C. Byam was appointed sub-postmistress with effect from 1 JAN 1913.

LIG, 7 MAY 1914, W/N 20: CSO, 4 MAY 1914: Mr. C.W.T. Michael appointed by Governor as sub-postmaster, effective 1 APR 1914.

SPO: PARHAM

(Comment: Mrs. Gardener evidently was appointed sub-postmistress at Parham sometime prior to an unspecified date in 1908.)

PMR 1907/1908: Antigua Postmaster states in his report "Sub-postmistress of Parham, Mrs. Gardener, was granted one month's leave of absence, but I regret to say she died suddenly the 15th March 1908."

(Comment: Very shortly after Mrs. Gardener's death, Miss Dorne must have been appointed as sub-postmistress, but this is not stated in the *Gazette*.)

LIG, 9 JUL 1908, W/N 31: CSO, 7 JUL 1908: Governor appoints, on 3 months' probation from 1 JUL 1908, Mrs. Ida L. Allen to be Telephone Exchange Operator and sub-postmistress, Parham. Mrs. Allen replaces Miss Dorne, who resigned the position to accept an appointment as Head Operator, St. John's Telephone Exchange.

LIG, 15 OCT 1908, W/N 46: On 15 OCT 1908 Governor confirms Mrs. Allen's appointment.

LIG, 29 AUG 1912, W/N 41: CSO, 21 AUG 1912: Mrs. Allen takes 3 weeks' vacation as of 18 JUL 1912. Governor appoints Miss E. Martin, Assistant Telephone Operator at St. John's to be Parham sub-postmistress during Mrs. Allen's absence.

SPO: ST. JAMES

(Comment: Prior to 4 JAN 1913, Miss Florence Hill was appointed sub-postmistress.)

LIG, 16 JAN 1913, W/N 3: CSO, 7 JAN 1913: Governor grants Miss Florence Hill, District sub-postmistress at St. James, vacation from 4 JAN to 16 JAN 1913. During that time Miss Marie Peters acted as District sub-postmistress.

(Comment: This is the only entry where I noted the title "District Sub-postmaster/postmistress" specified instead of just "Sub-postmaster/postmistress".)

LIG, 7 MAY 1914, W/N 20: CSO, 4 MAY 1914: Governor appoints Mr. R.E. James as sub-postmaster, effective 1 APR 1914.

SPO: ST. STEPHENS

(Comment: Mrs. Marion Ledeatt appointed sub-postmistress prior to 4 AUG 1906.)

LIG, 6 AUG 1906, W/N 38: CSO, 12 AUG 1906: Governor grants to Mrs. Ledeatt, Assistant Registrar for Parish of St. Phillip and sub-postmistress of St. Stephens, a month's vacation effective 4 AUG 1906. Appoints Rev. F.E.L. Gower to act as Assistant Registrar of St. Phillip Parish, and Mr. C. Hobson to act as sub-postmaster of St. Stephens.

LIG, 2 JUN 1910, W/N 29: CSO, 24 MAY 1910: Governor grants to Mrs. Ledeatt, who still holds same two jobs noted above, six months' leave of absence effective 1 JUN 1910. Appoints Mr. C. Hobson to fill both positions during that period.

(Comment: Mr. T.J.N. Stratton must have been appointed sub-postmaster in this period, but I can find no record of such action in the *Gazette*.)

PMR 1918/1919: Mr. T.J.N. Stratton, sub-postmaster, died on 12 MAY 1918 and was succeeded by Mr. E.A. Hill.

LIG, 30 MAY 1918, W/N 25: CSO, 28 MAY 1918: Acting Governor appoints Mr. E.A. Hill to be sub-postmaster.

(END OF CHRONOLOGY)

Nowhere in this run of microfilm did I see a reference to the SPO's at English Harbor, St. Mary's, St. Peter's or St. Paul's. In the case of English Harbor this is quite surprising. It is known that the office was in operation long before the turn of the century, closed for a while (approximately 1886?), and is thought to have re-opened around 1909 or 1910, and then closed permanently in the early 1930's. True, it is conceivable that the same person acted as sub-postmaster there during the period of the microfilm span when the office was open, but why, if English Harbor re-opened in 1909-1910, did not the *Gazette* officially announce the fact and the appointment of a sub-postmaster? English Harbor obviously was the eleventh SPO during the years 1909-1919, but was it Number 11 in 1907 and 1908?

Assume for a moment that it was not. Then another SPO must have been in existence to take claim as Number 11. If we assume that all offices (except English Harbor) shown on the table were in operation in 1907-1908, then during those two years Number 11 must have been one of the "Saints"--Peter, Paul or Mary.

Postal markings of this trio of "Saints" are not known for their availability. I have no examples of Paul or Mary, and my only copy of Peter has an illegible year date, but appears on the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d bi-colored "Seal" Issue of 1903. Stanley Durnin has stated in W/N 6 and 7 of our BCP Journal that he possesses strikes of St. Peter's from DEC 7 1898 to ? 19 1930; he also reported a St. Mary's mark of OCT 13 1905. In a later issue of the BCPJ he records an example of St. Mary's as late as JAN 12 1929. Col. Fred Seifert tells me he has St. Peter's used as late as JAN 7 1931, and strikes of St. Mary's used well into the 1920's.

It has been proposed by many Antigua philatelists that St. Peter's and St. Mary's were former names for Parham and Old Road, respectively. But since the range of postmarks for St. Peter's and St. Mary's extends, as noted above, from 1898 to 1931 (and thereby leads us to assume that strikes were made with regularity at both facilities in the intervening years), we have the strange situation where each SPO had an alternate name during the same span of time! Parham is officially mentioned in the *Gazette* in 1908 and 1912; Old Road is officially named Old Road regularly between 1909 and 1914.

Therefore, I am forced to conclude that the statements appearing in early issues of the BWISC Bulletin and the BCPSG Journal, theorizing that St. Peter's became Parham and that St. Mary's became Old Road, are in reality incorrect. I propose that St. Peter's really was Parham all along, and that St. Mary's really was Old Road all along, and although the cancellation strikes of both facilities appear as "St. ----", the offices were known officially as Parham and Old Road. If such were not the case, we would then have thirteen SPO's, violating the infallible rule that only eleven existed. If any reader of this Journal possesses examples of cancellations between 1908 and 1914, specifically struck as PARHAM or OLD ROAD, my theory goes up in smoke--unless we can accept the rather ridiculous (but not impossible) explanation that each of those SPO's utilized two separate cancellers with different names.

The big mystery, however, shows up in the case of St. Paul's--or to put it a better way, in the failure of St. Paul's to show up at all. In *BWISC Bulletin No.9* (April 1956), it was proposed that St. Paul's operated until at least 1909, and perhaps later. Stan Durnin's example of that SPO is dated SEP 4 1905; Col. Fred Seifert has reported in W/N 52 of this Journal a St. Paul's strike bearing the year 1913, on a Leeward Islands adhesive released in 1912. Therefore, it is possible that St. Paul's was the eleventh SPO in 1907-1908, still assuming (1) that English Harbor was not, and (2) that all of the other offices on the chart were operating. However, after English Harbor opened (1909-1910?) St. Paul's could not have existed as a separate SPO, else we again violate our "Rule of Eleven".

A possible explanation is that ST. PAUL'S and BETHESDA were one and the same office. The first official *Gazette* mention of Bethesda, as Bethesda, was in 1908. But a St. Paul's cancellation exists as late as 1913. The identical situation could have existed here that I proposed with regard to the "Peter/Parham" and "Mary/Old Road" theory--that the canceller specified one name, while the official SPO designation per the *Gazette* was another. I am inclined to believe that this situation existed only through 1913, and that after 1913 this SPO used a Bethesda postmark, since I have not heard of examples of the St. Paul's cancellation subsequent to that year. To disprove this belief, does any reader possess a St. Paul's mark after 1913, or one from Bethesda before 1913?

I now offer two comments which I consider bolsters to my theory that the three "Saints", although striking St. Whatever in their postmarks, were officially recognized *Gazette*-wise as Parham, Old Road, and possibly Bethesda.

1. The *Leeward Islands Statutory Rules and Orders of 1928, No.14*, lists the following SPO's:

ALL SAINTS	BETHESDA	FREETOWN	PARHAM
BARBUDA	BOLANS	NEWFIELD	ST. JAMES
BARNES HILL	ENGLISH HARBOR	OLD ROAD	ST. STEPHENS

Note that, with the exception of Barbuda which is believed to have opened in 1922, these offices are identical to my original eleven. And yet, we have that St. Mary's mark of 1929 and that St. Peter's mark of 1931!

2. Of all eleven SPO's listed on my chart, Bethesda is the only one (with the exception of English Harbor) located in St. Paul's Parish.

The *Gazette*, as can be seen from the chronology and the table, makes no mention whatsoever of any SPO activity during the years 1901 through 1905. What do we know of SPO's during those five years? Very little. It is thought that All Saints commenced operation in 1900, and has existed continuously to this day. I have suggested that Parham and Old Road were operating then, but used cancellers reading St. Peter's and St. Mary's, and that St. Paul's postmarks emanated from Bethesda. However, it cannot be proved by the *Gazettes* included in this microfilm run that SPO's existed at St. Stephens prior to 1906, Freetown prior to 1907, Barnes Hill prior to 1910, St. James prior to 1913, and Bolans and Newfield prior to 1914.

It is theorized by Peter Jaffé, as reported in W/N No.41 of this Journal, that eleven SPO's existed in 1903-1904, although in the same article it was argued by others that this figure was too high. But if Jaffé is correct, and if English Harbour did not re-open until around 1909, what was the eleventh office?

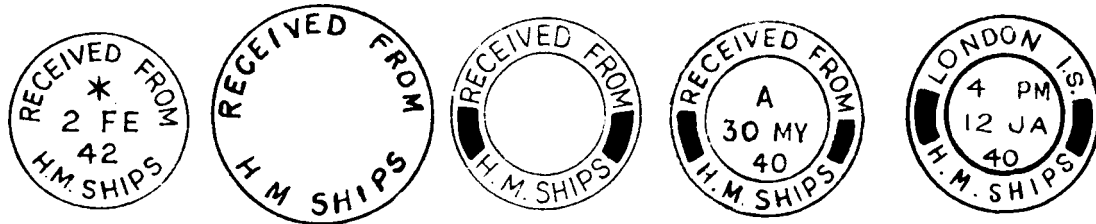
It is truly unfortunate that the noted Antigua PMR's did not specify, in addition to the number of SPO's in operation during the year, their names as well. If such were the case, the puzzle would be considerably easier to solve. All that can be accomplished is theoretical analysis, based upon items printed in the *Gazette* and supplemented by a good deal of guesswork. However, within the next six months I hope to have the opportunity to view *Gazette microfilms* from 1872 through 1900, and from 1922 through 1943. Upon completing my analysis of these periods, I will be pleased to again report my findings in this Journal.

In submitting this article, I would welcome comments from any member who has additional information or theories which would be of benefit to all philatelists pursuing the postal history of Antigua.

REPORT FROM TRINIDAD

The lead article in the February-May 1970 issue of *The New Mexico Philatelist* bears the title "ASPHALT - AN ISLAND - AND STAMPS", and was written by Dan Warren. It summarizes the events leading to the establishment of Inland Postal Services in Trinidad, and tells something of the early stamp issues.

On page 53 of the April 1970 *Journal*, this column reported the finding by Bill Matthews of a World War II vintage Birmingham type postmark on a T & T adhesive which seemed to read RECEIVED FROM/H.M. SHIPS. While the article was being printed, your Editor browsed through his copy of *The Maritime Postal History of the British Islands* by Alan Robertson and discovered three pages listing and illustrating sixty-two different handstamps and machine markings used on Naval Mail between 1915 and 1957. Through 1942 the marks all have "H.M. SHIPS" in their makeup, while from 1943 on this is changed to "Maritime Mail". Shown below are three types of Birmingham mark included in this listing. All marks are credited to London, although the author indicates that "At the beginning of World War II, all naval mail was handled by two main sorting offices at London and Edinburgh."



Correspondence regarding the above was also received from Joe Chin Aleong and René Leotaud. Joe stated that he doubted the mark was of Trinidad origin, while René provided an illustration of a cover to Port of Spain endorsed "On Active Service" and unfranked, bearing a strike of the central of the three Birmingham marks shown above. The date and index letter are omitted from the strike.

Also in the April *Journal*, page 53, it was mentioned that the Agent's press release on the T & T Carnival issue gave a different printer than the imprint at the bottom of the stamp sheets. John Muntinga asked J. Enschedé & Zonen about this, and their reply was: "The Carnival issue was not printed by Joh. Enschedé & Zonen, Haarlem, Holland. The House of Questa means that the issue was printed by Messrs. Questa Colour Security Printers Ltd. in England".

Harold Box reports in the May-June 1970 issue of the *Trinidad Philatelic Society Bulletin* that a Postal Agency was established at L'ANSE FOURMI, Tobago, 1 JUN 1970, to be conducted by Mr. Amos James at his premises, L'Anse Fourmi.

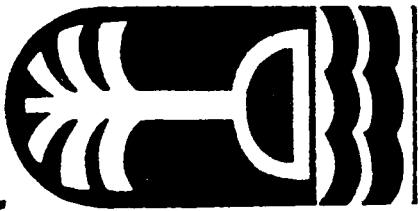
MISSENT MARKS OF THE BWI----

Dr. John Lockie has discovered another "MISSENT TO" mark to add to our growing list of these uncommon species. Two strikes of the MISSENT TO ST. VINCENT stamp shown here are found on a cover from Jamaica to St. Lucia which went astray. A backstamp of the G.P.O. St. Vincent tells us that the mark was used on 16 JY 1929. Of greatest interest to John is the fact that the cover was underpaid and received a strike of the very rare boxed "Postage due/ld/St. Lucia", one of the family of handstamps which were precursors of the type set 1d and 2d Postage Due labels.

HELP US GROW! USE THE APPLICATION SENT WITH THE FEBRUARY JOURNAL TO SIGN UP A MEMBER!

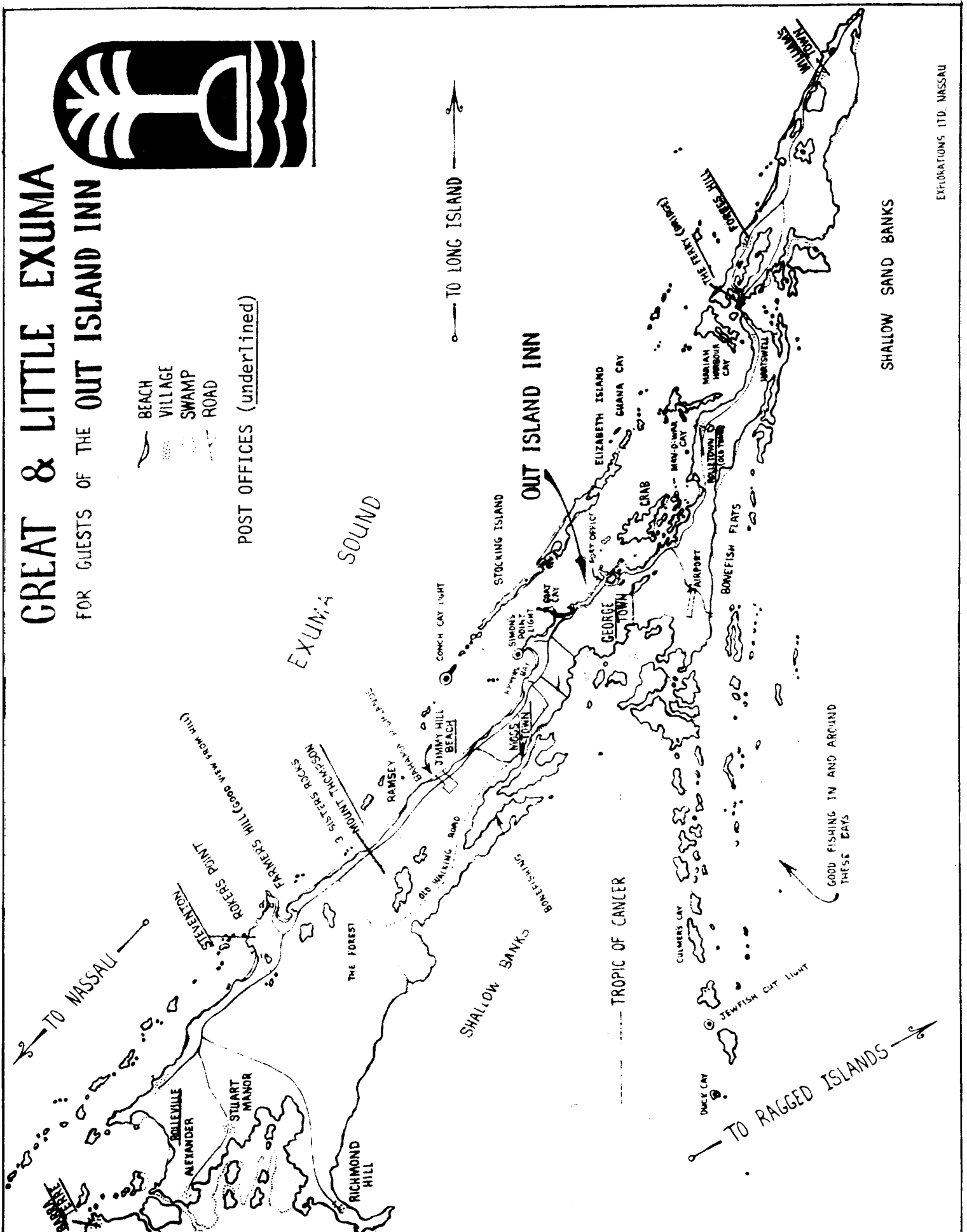
GREAT & LITTLE EXUMA

FOR GUESTS OF THE **OUT ISLAND INN**



- BEACH
- VILLAGE
- SWAMP
- ROAD

POST OFFICES (underlined)

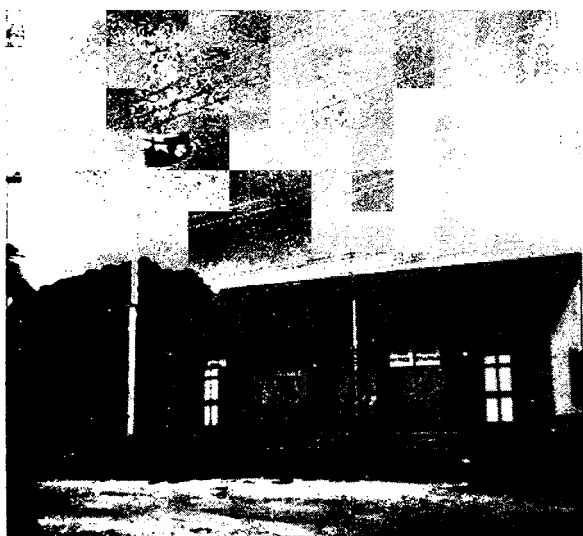


RAMBLIN' AROUND ON EXUMA, BAHAMAS

by GALE RAYMOND

After our exciting Gambier caper in November of 1969, many of the participating group scattered all over the Western Hemisphere. It was my good fortune to wend my way to the island of Great Exuma in the southern sector of the Bahamas.

This is the largest of a quite long chain of fantastically beautiful islands and cays. There are literally hundreds of miles of gorgeous white sand beaches, many untouched by human feet for years. Fortunately, the tourist trade has made only a small inroad as yet, and in general these islands are much as they were in the old pirate days. At one time Great Exuma held many sea-island-cotton plantations, but now most of the old plantation homes are gone, and only simple agriculture and fishing support the populace. There have been a few mail-order real estate developments which in time may change the quiet ways of the island, but this obviously lies many years ahead.



GEORGE TOWN POST OFFICE

MISSENT TO BAHAMAS

Addressee Gone Away
No Forwarding Address

NO SUCH COMPANY
IN THIS AREA.

UNCLAIMED

AIR MAIL

ADDRESSEE UNKNOWN



REFUSED



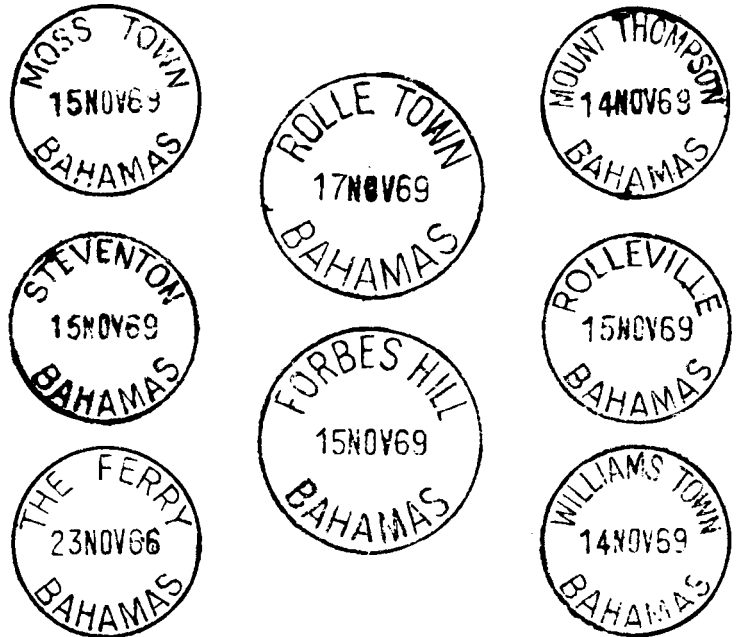
Despite many other involvements, such as church work, Masonry, skin-diving, as well as just plain loafing, I somehow found time to visit most of the post offices and sub-post offices. The main post office on the island, GEORGE TOWN, is located in the same building as the office of Island Commissioner, D.W. Pratt, an old acquaintance from Cat Island, who also serves as District Postmaster. The postal clerk is Andrew Musgrove. Air Mail arrives every day except Sunday from Nassau, and boat mail once weekly by *M/V Air Pheasant*. Scrounging around inside the post office, I found quite a few interesting postal markings, but the most intriguing was one bearing the inscription MISSENT TO BAHAMAS. This stamp was very old, and had no appearance of ever having been previously utilized. There were two standard steel-die datestamps (Type 7) in use which differ in letter size and spacings. Because of the faster service it can give, this office handles the vast majority of outgoing mail. To some degree the sub-post offices function largely as mail distribution points.

MOSS TOWN: Kendal Marshall holds forth here as schoolmaster and postmaster. Located on the western slope of the island, the large schoolhouse/post office overlooks a magnificent view. This facility serves some 100 families in the area, with the mail arriving once a week by truck from George Town. A Type 7 CDS was in use, and there was only a handful of postage stamps in stock.

MOUNT THOMPSON: This is quite an old settlement, flanking both sides of a rocky ridge. It was my great pleasure to spend quite a bit of time with the elderly and highly respected postmaster here, Rev. C.N. Rolle. The standard Type 7 circular datestamp was still in use. However, inquiry brought forth the information that the old TRD still existed in the village, although no longer legible or usable. It no longer had a handle, and it had been occupied for many years by bugs of uncertain type and vintage. I understand this old TRD is no longer available.



PROF. FERGUSON AND STEVENTON P.O.



STEVENTON: This again is a schoolhouse, with Professor P.E. Ferguson in charge as the area postmaster for the northern end of Great Exuma. Old maps show Rokers Point, very close-by, as a post office point (1926). However, this was the name of an area rather than a specific village, and Steventon has always been the post office here. In a word, it is pointless to search for any postmark inscribed "Rokers Point"!

ROLLEVILLE: This is a sleepy little village on the northern tip of Great Exuma, sloping down from a hilltop to a beautiful bay. The temporary Head-teacher, Mr. A. Dames, serves additionally as postmaster. I made inquiry about a cover in my possession that is cancelled in manuscript "Rolleville, Exuma, 6 Sep. 1967" on which the 15-cent stamp has been "demonetized" to 4 cents. (See page 14, FEB 1970 BCPJ). I was told that a very temporary teacher was then in charge during an illness of the regular teacher. The latter had the datestamp with him, and for lack of anything else to use the acting postmaster cancelled all letters in manuscript with a ball-point pen. As 4-cent stamps were needed for local and inter-island letters, when supplies ran out it seemed perfectly logical to scratch out the value on 15-cent stamps and substitute the figure 4-cents! The stamps were actually sold for 4 cents each, for better or for worse. Needless to say, this temporary situation was rather quickly resolved.

BERRATERRE: This post office is located on a small island just north of Great Exuma. Owing to rough seas, which just a few days previously had caused the drowning of two men, I was not able to reach it. However, a bit later I managed to send a few covers to Miss Taylor, the sub-postmistress, who cancelled them with her usual Type 7 CDS.

FARMERS CAY: Farmers Cay is rather a good distance more up the long chain of small islands north of Great Exuma. To visit it would have required a long trip by native fishing boat, which I was not prepared to undertake in terms of time and rough seas.

ROLLETOWN: Heading south from George Town, I found this village high on top of a hill, overlooking one of the most breath-taking island views I have ever seen. Over 200 people live in this area, site in the 1800's of the old Rolle Plantation, from which most of the inhabitants took their name. Mrs. I.R. Rolle is now sub-postmistress, after the decease of her husband who built the post office at one end of their large veranda type porch. Like other post offices beyond George Town, this office receives incoming mail once weekly on Thursday. A large 30mm Type 8 CDS was in use and was the only mark available.



THE NEAT RESIDENCE OF MRS. I.R. ROLLE
ALSO HOUSES THE ROLLETOWN POST OFFICE



FOR MAIL OR DRINK W.C. FERGUSON CAN
SERVE ALL YOUR NEEDS AT FORBES HILL

FORBES HILL: W.C. Ferguson is postmaster of this post office on Little Exuma which is contained in a cigar box at his "Club Palm Tree", the local bar. Thus his more than 200 postal patrons are insured of at least one happy mail day a week! Here too, the Type 8, 30mm CDS was the only mark available.

THE FERRY: Although I tried several times, I never found this post office open as Allen Dames, sub-postmaster, was trapped by high seas on a small cay some 4 or 5 miles offshore. I did learn, though, that the Type 7 datestamp was still in use here. This village was named for a ferry barge that until very recently was used to bring people and an occasional car over from Great Exuma to Little Exuma, or vice-versa. It is a most attractive little village with literally thousands of flowering bushes and vines.

WILLIAMS TOWN: At the far south end of Little Exuma, at last I came to Williams Town. Thomas Dorsett is postmaster here in the most fascinating tiny general store I have ever seen. The ink pad was utterly dry, so I donated my own blue-ink rubberstamp pad, in the interest of postal efficiency, and Mr. Dorsett was delighted to have it. Thus you now know why brilliant blue brightens the mail from old Williams Town! I had the opportunity here of exploring one of the old plantation homes, now much fallen into disrepair and inhabited solely by goats.

STANIEL CAY: This is another distant post office in the far northern chain of the Exuma cays. It was established on 5 October 1969 and uses a new Type C-5 TRD as was reported in the February 1970 *Journal*. Time and weather prevented me from going there.

I strongly recommend these beautiful islands for those who like to get away from it all.

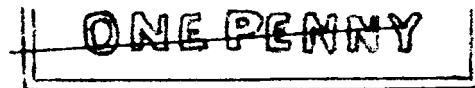
The people were extremely pleasant, friendly and helpful, and were so sincerely hospitable that no one knew that I had run out of money 3 days previously! My waistline attests to the fact that I missed nary a meal!

ANTIGUA ADDENDA by WILLIAM G. CORNELL

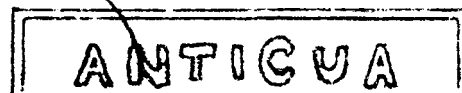
The Victorian 1d stamps of 1863-86 were printed from a single plate in sheets of 120, with 10 horizontal rows of 12 stamps each. The sheet is enclosed in selvedge which is unmarked except for horizontal and vertical guide lines which are variable, according to Nat Surtees (*Journal*, March 1962). The location of the two adjacent re-entries on Stamps 8 and 20 has been known for some time (Melville's *Antigua*, 1928) from marginal blocks and sheets. The prominent diagonal scratch on the adjacent stamps, 88 and 100, has also been identified in the past (C.W. Meredith, *BWISC Bulletin*, January 1956). For some time I have been aware of other constant plate scratches without knowing the locations of them in the sheet. Recently, I acquired a full sheet of S.G.25 and have located eight plate scratches, as described below.

Sheet locations of these eight plate scratches and two re-entries are as follows:

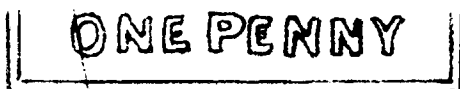
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8	Re-entry	1	8
20	Re-entry	2	8
45	Scratch	4	9
51	Scratch	5	3
59	Scratch	5	11
71	Scratch	6	11
88	Scratch	8	4
100	Scratch	9	4
101	Scratch	9	5
105	Scratch	9	9



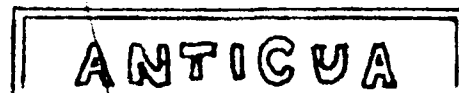
STAMP 45



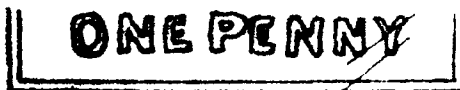
STAMP 51



STAMP 59



STAMP 71 (TOP)



STAMP 71 (BOTTOM)

Stamp 45 has a long linear diagonal scratch thru all letters of ONE PENNY. Stamp 51 has a curvilinear, concave-downwards scratch extending from the top margin down into the N of ANTIGUA. The adjacent stamps 59 and 71 have a common linear diagonal scratch extending from the O of ONE on Stamp 59, across the margin, and thru the first

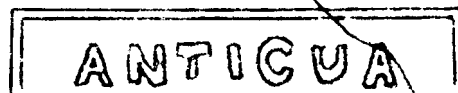
A of ANTIGUA on stamp 71. In addition, Stamp 71 has two linear diagonal scratches which are roughly parallel, the upper scratch cutting thru NY of PENNY, and the lower one extending from the bottom margin to the Y of PENNY.

The prominent scratch on Stamps 88 and 100 stops in the right margin of Stamp 100, but reappears on Stamp 101 on the engine turning below the first A of ANTIGUA, and cuts across the Queen's forehead. The scratch on Stamp 101 is less prominent and harder to see due to the various lines of shading. The scratch on Stamp 88 is linear,

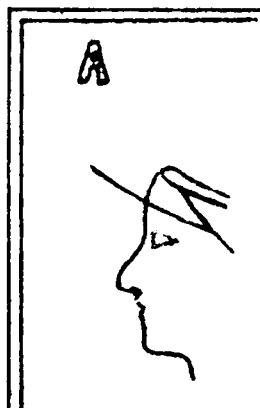
and extends across the bottom margin into Stamp 100, on which it cuts across the last A of ANTIGUA in a concave-downwards curve, which straightens out into an extension of the linear scratch of Stamp 88 as it leaves Stamp 100. The scratch picks up again on Stamp 101, on which it is a concave-upwards curve.



STAMP 88



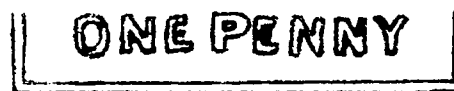
STAMP 100



STAMP 101



STAMP 105 (TOP)



STAMP 105 (BOTTOM)

The last of the plate scratches is found on Stamp 105, where a linear diagonal scratch extends from the top margin down into the T of ANTIGUA. In the E of PENNY, a light blotch of red occurs in the vertical stroke of the E, opposite the center stroke, and centered slightly below its centerline. Any corroborative or other comments on the above will be much appreciated. Who has found additional flaws on the Victorian 1d?

George Bowman called my attention to an error in the list of Antigua 1966-70 definitive printings given in the February *Journal*. Thus, the 6th printing (26 NO 68) consisted only of the ½¢ value, rather than the ½¢ and 6¢ values as listed. The 6¢ value belongs with the 7th printing of all values between ½¢ and 10¢. While talking of printings, the 9th emerged on 6 AP 70, and showed up quickly on the island for once. The 4¢ and 5¢ were printed on glazed paper, perf 13½, this being the first for the glazed paper of the 4¢. This may be the last printing of the "houses" since the new "ships" definitives are now scheduled for mid-August, the delay being due to the printers (House of Questa). This new issue will consist of the present 16 values, plus a 20¢ value. A Barbuda 20¢ value featuring a barracuda was scheduled for release 22 JY 70, while two Dickens Centenary stamps had a release date of 10 JY 70. All three stamps were designed by R. Granger Barrett.

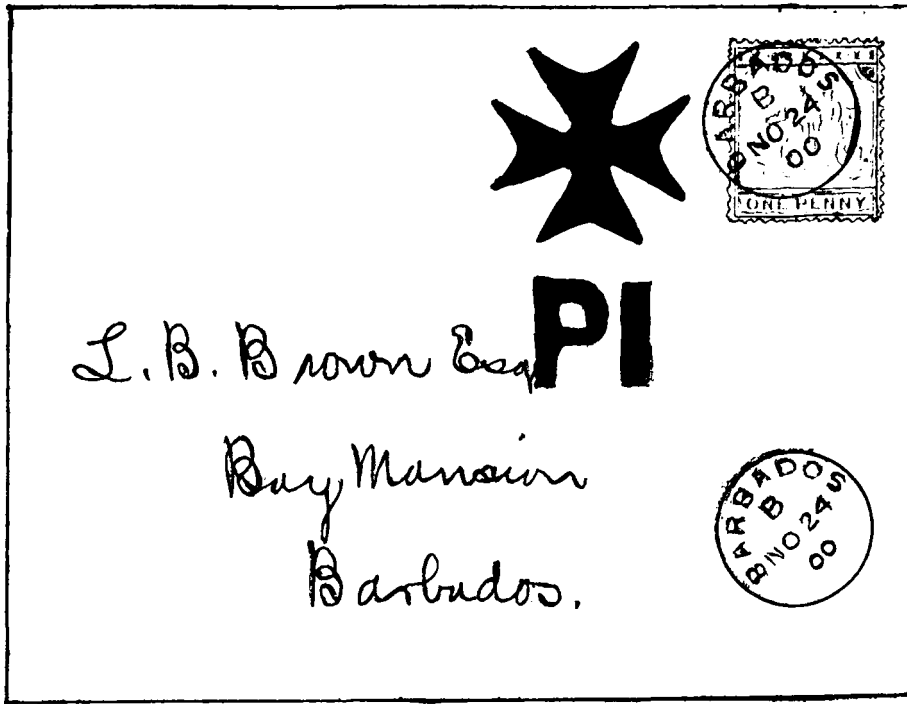
The POSTAGE PAID/MAIL DAMAGED BY EXCESSIVE RAIN/POSTMASTER temporary rubber stamp was used for the second time on 12 MY 70 (initial use was 22 MY 69 as described in the August 1969 *Journal*). Another "flood" occurred on the island. This time the mark was struck in violet instead of black. My cover has a normal St. John's datestamp of the Birmingham B3 Type. George Bowman also has a cover that survived the downpour, his being postmarked at New Winthorpes, 9 MY 70.

As of 23 MY 70, Gil Holmes advised that a strike had been on at the Post Office for over three weeks, leading to all sorts of confusion, but not halting operations.

PELICAN ISLAND HAS COME ASHORE!

by Michael Sheppard

At an auction last Christmas, I was able to pick up the cover front illustrated below. Its striking feature, of course, is the Maltese Cross/PI mark of Pelican Island. In *The Postal Markings of Barbados* by Benwell and Britnor, this mark is designated Type M16, and is reported as known used 24 November 1900.



Pelican Island, just off the mainland of Barbados, near Bridgetown, was the home of a Leper Colony, which in 1900 was used as an isolation center during a small pox epidemic. It apparently also saw a bit of service as Quarantine Station for the Port, for our Editor has an undated map on which it is so designated.

Alas, progress finally brought to an end the isolation of this small bit of real estate. When the Deep Water Harbour was built about ten years ago, Pelican Island disappeared in the reclamation of land.

However, its name lives on, for on the site of it the Government erected a Shopping Center to cater to visitors to Barbados. Here the arts and crafts of the Island can be purchased by the many tourists who arrive on cruise ships. This enterprise is known as Pelican Village.

I have only heard of one other specimen of the Pelican Island mark, and would be glad to hear if any members have strikes, and if so the dates of use. Can anyone tell me if this was a special mark used only during the small pox epidemic?

CORRECTIONS TO JAMAICA POSTMARK LISTINGS:

Reg Lant calls our attention to an error in the listing for RIVERSDALE on page 11 of the February 1969 *Journal*. The late date for 2. DR 27mm should be 16 MY 35. Reg can extend the use of 3. DR 30mm to 6 JA 69.

Reg questions the asterisk on the B3 mark of SPOT VALLEY (page 108, June 1969 *Journal*). His lone strike of this mark, in black, has no asterisk, and he wonders if he has a unique copy or if the listing is in error. Your Editor's violet strike is also without the asterisk, so it appears that the listing is incorrect. Does anyone have strikes with an asterisk?

NEW SUB-POST OFFICE FOR MONTSERRAT

On July 1st, 1970 a new Sub-Post Office was opened at CORK HILL, Montserrat. Details of the opening have been provided by Paul White and Dr. Gus McVicker in the form of newspaper clippings.

The *Montserrat Mirror* in its issue of May 23rd carried an announcement by the Ministry of Finance at Plymouth, inviting applications from "suitable residents in the Cork Hill District" for the post of Sub-Postmaster, Cork Hill. It indicated that the post carries a salary of \$720 (\$360 U.S., £150) per annum and is nonpensionable. It further indicated that preference would be given to applicants occupying premises which in the opinion of the Postmaster were suitable for conducting the business of a Sub-Post Office. Closing date for applications was May 28th, 1970.



The same newspaper reported details of the opening of the Cork Hill Sub-Post Office in its issue of July 4th, 1970. Here is the story in its entirety:

"A.G. OPENS SUB-POST OFFICE. The Honourable Attorney General Mr. Basil Dias was the first Customer at the Cork Hill Sub-Post Office which opened on Wednesday. The Postmistress (*sic*) General Mrs. Ulina Meade turned up shortly before 9 a.m. to assist the sub-postmistress Mrs. Catherine Barzey and to welcome the Chief Minister who was to have opened the sub-post office by posting the first letter. But the Attorney General, a keen stamp collector had beaten them to it. He arrived at 8.29 a.m. and posted a letter to his son in Canada. A beaming Attorney General told newsmen that he had instructed his son to return the entire envelope to him. The Chief's letter addressed to Dominica was therefore the second. Mrs. Mildred Thomas, posted a letter to St. Vincent to become the third customer just edging before the Minister for Social Services who dropped in a birthday card to his sister in law who lives in the United Kingdom."

Shown on the front cover of this issue is a photograph of Mrs. Barzey's residence in which the new Cork Hill Sub-Post Office is housed. Paul White explains that he took it on 24th June, before confirmation had been given of Mrs. Barzey's appointment, and this accounts for the lack of a Post Office sign on the building. Paul also loaned us the Opening Day Cover from which the illustration of the Cork Hill CDS was taken. Neither Paul or Gus has explained to us where Cork Hill is located, but perhaps we will have that information for the next issue.

NEW ISSUES

ANTIGUA

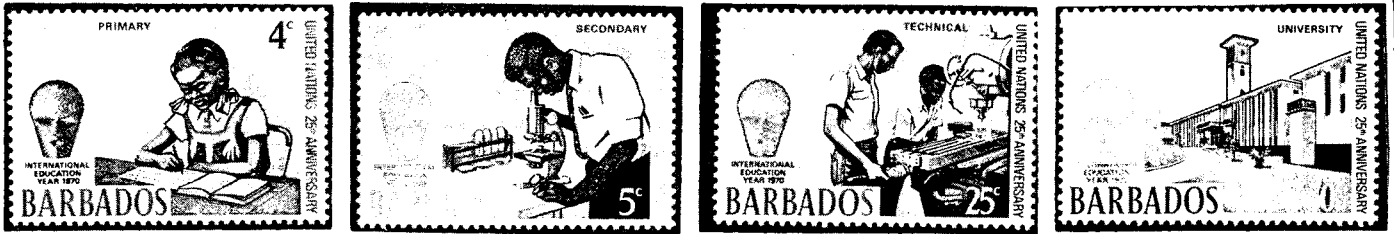
- AUG 70 NEW DEFINITIVE ISSUE. 15 values from ½¢ through \$5, featuring ships.
- 1 OCT 70 CHRISTMAS 1970.
- 1 DEC 70 MILITARY UNIFORMS. 5 values, ½¢-Drummer Boy, 4th King's Own Regiment; 10¢-Private, 4th West Indian Regiment; 20¢-Grenadier Company Officer, 60th Regiment-The Loyal American; 35¢-Light Company Officer, 93rd Regiment, The Sutherland Highlanders; 75¢-Private, 3rd West Indian Regiment. There will also be a souvenir sheet containing two ½¢ stamps and one each of the other values. Designed by P.W. Kingsland. Lithographed by Questa on Block CA paper in sheets of 25 stamps.

BAHAMAS

- 14 JUL 70 GOODWILL CARAVAN ISSUE. (Changed release date.)

BARBADOS

26 JUN 70 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. Four stamps, 4, 5, 25 and 50 cents as shown below. Printed by John Waddington of Kirkstall Ltd. from designs by Victor Whiteley in sheets of 25 stamps on Block CA watermarked paper.



AUG 70 FLOWERS OF BARBADOS. 1, 5, 10, 25 and 35 cents.
70 CHRISTMAS 1970 ISSUE.
71 TOURISM ISSUE.

BARBUDA

10 JUL 70 CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF CHARLES DICKENS. Two stamps, 20c-Oliver Twist in Fagin's thieves kitchen and 75c-Little Nell and View of St. Paul's from Hampstead Heath. Designed by R. Granger Barrett and offset lithographed by Questa Colour Security Printers in sheets of 50 stamps.

15 JUL 70 KINGS AND QUEENS SERIES. Edward III.

22 JUL 70 NEW 20c DEFINITIVE. Depicts a Great Barracuda. Designed by R. Granger Barrett and lithographed by Format International.

1 AUG 70 KINGS AND QUEENS SERIES. Richard II.

BERMUDA

6 JUL 70 NEW DEFINITIVE ISSUE. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 18, 24, 30, 36, 60 cents, \$1.20 and \$1.40 featuring various flowers in designs such as shown below. Designed by William Harrington and photogravure printed by Thos. De La Rue & Co. Ltd. on Block CA watermarked paper in sheets of 25 stamps.



1 OCT 70 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARLIAMENT.

BRITISH HONDURAS

2 JUL 70 HARDWOODS ISSUE. 5, 12, 22 and 25 cents.

2 OCT 70 CHRISTMAS 1970 ISSUE.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

10 AUG 70 CENTENARY OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS. Three stamps, 4c-Hospital Visiting; 10c-First Aid Class; 25c-Large Red Cross and Arms of B.V.I. Designed by R. Granger Barrett and lithographed by Questa in sheets of 25 stamps on Block CA watermarked paper.

16 NOV 70 SPANISH MAIN ISSUE. ½, 10, 30 and 60 cents.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

23 MAR 70 EASTER 1970 ISSUE. (Changed release date).
8 SEP 70 NEW DEFINITIVE ISSUE. As present designs but with new value tablets.
OCT 70 TOURISM ISSUE.

GRENADA

10 JUN 70 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION. 5¢-Parliament of India; 25¢-Parliament of Great Britain; 50¢-Parliament of Canada; 60¢-Parliament of Grenada. Also a souvenir sheet containing one each of the 4 values. Designed by G. Vasarhelyi and printed by Questa.

JAMAICA

70 NEW DEFINITIVES.
70 CENTENARY OF FIRST TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

MONTSERRAT

70 IRISH SETTLERS ISSUE.
70 TOURISM ISSUE. (Planned for September or October release).

ST. KITTS

14 SEP 70 STAMP CENTENARY ISSUE. Four stamps, 1/2¢-One Penny issue of 1870 and G.P.O. St. Kitts of 1970; 20¢ and 25¢-One Penny and Six Pence issues of 1870; 50¢-"An Early Postmark" and Six Pence issue of 1870. Designs by J.E. Cooter. Lithographed by John Waddington in sheets of 50 on Block CA paper.
16 NOV 70 CHRISTMAS 1970 ISSUE.

ST. LUCIA

18 AUG 70 CENTENARY OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY. 10¢ and 25¢-Red Cross Worker holding a Red Cross Emblem; 15¢ and 35¢-Flags of Great Britain, Red Cross and St. Lucia. Designed by R. Granger Barrett and lithographed by John Waddington in sheets of 25 stamps.
70 CHRISTMAS 1970 ISSUE.

ST. VINCENT

7 SEP 70 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL.
23 NOV 70 CHRISTMAS 1970 ISSUE.

TURKS & CAICOS

6 OCT 70 CENTENARY OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.
DEC 70 NEW DEFINITIVE ISSUE.

OUR SECRETARY REPORTS

New Members:

BARCELO, JEAN	BAYLEY, EDMUND A.	BRONNER, FERDINAND F.
FLADUNG, EDWARD G.	GARDNER, MARSHALL C.	KOTCHIE, DEREK E.
MANN, SY	SCHAFFNER, DR. BERTRAM H.	STERN, JAMES F.
TYRWHITT, PHILIP A.	WEDDERBURN-MAXWELL, JANET	WHITE, PAUL E.W.

New Applicants:

CROWE, JOHN B., AFAG - AFAT-7, APO San Francisco 96205. On Active Duty in U.S.A.F. Collects British Colonials, Iceland and U.S. Specialty: Bermuda and Falkland Islands. Sponsored by Fred F. Seifert.

Change of Address:

SAWYER, CHARLES E., 802 Lovett Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006.

VAN WINKLE, DR. WALTON, JR., Palace Apts., 3814 East 4th Street, Tucson, AZ 85716.

NOTE: Because of the early publication date of this issue and erratic mail service from Canada due to work stoppages by Canadian Postal Workers, we have had no report from our Secretary. We believe he may have additional applications for membership, and if the mails come through these will be listed in the next Journal.

PERSONAL MENTION----

DR. ED DOAK'S favorite outdoor pastime, sailing, brought about a near tragedy on the 4th of July. Ed and wife Stacy were heading for the Houston Yacht Club to moor their sailing craft when a sudden storm swamped them, leaving them struggling with the sea with only one cushion life preserver between them. They were about a mile and a half from shore and could not have survived for long had not salvation arrived in the form of a small derelict sailboat whose skipper had abandoned ship and swam ashore when the storm threatened to sweep him out to sea. Ed and Stacy were able to hang onto this welcome visitor until a power boat which had come out to tow it ashore discovered them, and took them aboard.

The better part of a page in the June 23, 1970 issue of *Western Stamp Collector* was devoted to an interview with COLIN BAYLEY by columnist Lorne Bentham. Included was a good photograph of Colin taken during the interview.

REG and HELEN LANT have embarked on another European trip which we trust will have a happier ending than their previous voyage abroad. Highlight of this tour is to be a visit to Oberammergau, Germany, and the renowned Passion Play which is staged at ten year intervals.

We are delighted to report that CHUCK CWIAKALA'S employer has given him a well deserved promotion. The new job is with the International Division of his firm, and has begun with a tour of various Caribbean and Central American countries. Thus far we have had cards or letters from Chuck from the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, San Salvador and Costa Rica. In Jamaica, Chuck met with RONNIE WONG and JOE CHIN ALEONG. Joe was up from Trinidad on business. Chuck also mentions that BERNIE CHIN arrived in Kingston on the day he left for San Salvador.

JOHN MUNTINGA says he is all set for PHILYMPIA and hopes to get in on some of the "room hopping" at the Cumberland even though he will be staying in the home of friends. We can assure John that the only limitation will be the capacity of the rooms and patience of the hotel management!

The latest honor to TOM FOSTER for his Jamaica book is the Postal History Society's Nugent Clougher Award for literature published in 1969. It was presented to Tom at the Congress in Folkestone on 12th June.

CLINT von POHLE did get back to Jamaica as he had been considering doing, but the stay is only of eight weeks duration instead of one year. His School Board would not give the required year's leave of absence, so Clint and his wife had to settle for just the summer vacation period. He is at West Indies College in Mandeville, and expects to be quite busy trying to set their print shop in order.

One of our newest members, DR. BERTRAM SCHAFFNER, says he will be at PHILYMPIA and adds "I am sorry I didn't know of BCPSG long ago."

ED FLADUNG, another new member, also reports he will be PHILYMPIA bound in September.

We note that KAY HOROWICZ is among the well known philatelists comprising the Jury for PHILYMPIA.

AL BRANSTON received double honors recently. First, he was awarded the A.E.P.S. Stamp Cup at the 26th Annual Convention of the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies at Colchester on May 16th. Then he and Mrs. Branston were guests at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

We haven't had a word from DON WELSH for quite some time, but understand that he and family have been vacationing in the Cayman Islands.

KEN and MRS WATSON also chose an island for their holiday, but in this case it was the Island of Skye. Ken says that good weather and excellent food made their stay their a most enjoyable one.

At ELPEX (El Paso, Texas) in May, DAN WARREN took two First Awards, one being for 19th Century Postal Stationery of Trinidad and Tobago. Then in June Dan took the Grand Award at an exhibition in Lubbock, Texas.

ELAINE STRAUSS also took a Grand Award, hers being for a collection of Chicago Street-Car Covers. At the same show PAUL LARSEN received Gold and Bronze Awards for his two entries.

A combined business and pleasure trip to Europe in May enabled BOB TOPAZ to attend a meeting of the BWISC to which he was taken by BERT LATHAM. Bob also managed to take in a Robson Lowe auction. Bob may question our calling the trip one of business and pleasure since it involved conducting business in six countries in two weeks, but the off-duty moments with his fellow philatelists can only be classified as pleasure.

KEN WOOD was one of four Judges of a writing contest sponsored by the Junior Philatelic Society.

Our total of Life Members was recently increased to eight when BILL McFARLAN sent in the required fee. The other seven are: ED ADELSON, TOM BARROW, MORRIS LUDINGTON, BEN RAMKISSOON, GALE RAYMOND, FRED SEIFERT and PAMELA TAYLOR.

JACK ARNELL visited Bermuda in June and got together with GEOFF OSBORN. Anyone in doubt as to what they talked about?

Since Antigua is his specialty, it is only natural that GEORGE BOWMAN chose that bit of Caribbean real estate for his vacation. We have proof that he visited each of the Sub-Post Offices, for he mailed us a cover from each one, including FPO 1046. From experience we know that even finding the S.P.O.'s is a major task, so George gets our congratulations as well as a thank you for remembering us.

ARTHUR SMITH writes that if it comes to a question of higher dues or less Journal he is for increasing the ante. At the moment the situation is still being assessed. We may be able to go through 1971 at our present dues rate, but at best it will involve dipping a bit into our surplus.

For several years DICK HAMILTON has been making up the address labels for mailing out the Journal. Not only has he performed all of the labor involved, but he has also spent quite a bit of his personal funds for Addressograph Plates, labels and postage, with never a claim for reimbursement. Dick finds that he can no longer spare the time for this task, and we have made other arrangements to have it done. On behalf of the Group we extend our sincere thanks to Dick for all of the help he has given us.

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BOB HALLIDAY recently moved his stamp and coin shop in Nassau to a new location on Bay Street, but was hardly prepared for the reception he got. The occupant of an office above him left a water tap running overnight, a rag stopped up the sink drain, and came the deluge! Wetting down may be great for a new boat, but it's a bit rough on mint stamps. Bob lost all of his recent ones, as well as a lot of used stamps which were stained. The owner of the offices upstairs has accepted full responsibility, so Bob will be able to renew his stock, if he can find the material.

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Guyana has finally issued an air letter sheet to replace those remaining from its British Guiana days. Dr. Ben Ramkissoon has shown us a copy. Paper is light blue and the front is bordered by back to back red and green triangles with strips of black, yellow or no color sandwiched in between the backs of the triangles. The colors are those of the flag of Guyana. The reverse has a map of Guyana with the inscription "Co-operative Republic of GUYANA" underneath, all in green ink. It bears no imprinted stamp, postage being paid by affixed adhesives. First day of sale of this sheet was May 26th, 1970. A variety without the black printing on the front has been reported. This leaves the front blank, except for the border.

A recent issue of *Stamps* informed us that a Trinidad & Tobago Study Unit was in the

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process of being organized by a collector in Great Neck, New York. He stated that he had been encouraged to do so by the Postmaster General of those islands. As we have felt that all philatelic aspects of T & T were fairly well covered by the T.P.S., BWISC and BCPSG, we scanned the membership lists of all three to see if the founder of this new society has been enjoying the advantages of membership in any or all. The results were negative.

A registered cover from Marigot, Dominica to Chicago, shown us by Tom Giraldi, has five violet ink strikes of the first TRD we have ever seen from that island. It is a triple ring mark with a thick outer ring of about 38mm diameter, a thin ring just inside this outer ring, and an inner ring of about 25mm diameter. It reads at top BRANCH OFFICE, and at bottom MARIGOT DOMINICA in sans serif, well-spaced 2mm letters. The date -4 JUN 1970 is in the center with the inner ring broken at each side to accommodate it, and is in 3½mm sans serif letters and figures. A boxed MARIGOT/R..... Registration Stamp has the registry number in manuscript on the dotted line. The text of this TRD poses the question of what is meant by Branch Office. Is this a branch of the Marigot Sub-Post Office, or has Marigot been re-designated a Branch Post Office? There is the possibility that the TRD was not meant for postal use, and was used in error or in an emergency, with the Branch Office referring to some other activity. Can any member come up with an answer?

Dr. Ben Ramkisson reports the following slogans from Barbados:

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