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Since we announced our intention to retire as Editor, quite a few members have written us kind words of praise of our past efforts. The general tenor of these has been that we have "created a hard act to follow". While appreciating the sentiments expressed, we hope it is not literally true, and we will do our best to see that it is not. You can help too!

It is essential that we keep our Editor-elect, Jack Arnell, well supplied with material for publication. It takes a lot of articles, personal notes, bits and pieces, etc. to make up an issue, so it's up to us to help Jack fill the pages of each Journal. Send him something today! His address is given at the bottom of page 203 of this issue. One important word: USE AIRMAIL in writing Jack! Surface mail has been taking up to three months to get to Bermuda!

As previously reported, Mark Kellner, who resides in Rego Park, New York, will handle the composing and publishing of the Journal. He and our President, Mark Swetland, are presently looking in the New York-New Jersey area for a printing shop which will provide work of the quality we want at a price we can afford. They are also working on other matters such as state tax exemption and P.O. mailing permits. We will ship the Group's typewriter and addressing machine to Mark when we are through using them.

This transfer of duties will take time, and we hope you will be patient. This very late December issue is being made a larger than usual one, and we suggest that it be considered a double issue to cover February 1974 as well. Our delay in completing this issue was unavoidable, but it does leave Jack and Mark in a poor position to get out an issue prior to April. We feel it would be better to miss an issue than to rush out a poor one merely for the sake of maintaining a schedule. We hope the new team will show us that our act was but a poor sample of that to follow.

Fred

The San Fernando Centenary

by Fred F. Seifert

When the city of San Fernando, Trinidad, celebrated its 100th Anniversary in February 1946, the event was given philatelic recognition by two postmarks. At the G. P. O. in Port of Spain, a boxed slogan "SAN FERNANDO/CENTENARY" (Warren Type 12) was used in the machine canceller. Only two strikes have been seen by this writer, with dates of 19 and 27 FEB 1946, but the slogan may have seen longer use.



At San Fernando, the handstamp shown on the cover illustrated above was employed. While the Trinidad Philatelic Society was active at the time, they made no mention of this mark in their "Trinidad Philatelic Review" of 1946 or 1947. The rarity of this mark leads us to think that it received little or no advance publicity. Its employment remains a mystery. Did the San Fernando Post Office use this stamp in its facility, or was a special office set up at the scene of the celebrations? We find brief mention of this special handstamp in the Bulletin of the Trinidad Philatelic Society for March - April 1962 (New Series No. 14). As a paragraph of an article titled "Just Facts" by Lottie Huggins, we are told: "Trinidad and Tobago had a Centenary on 20th February 1946, but little notice was taken of it. No commemorative stamp was issued, but the Post Office did honour the occasion by postmarking stamps on letters at San Fernando with a special cancellation, consisting of a single-line circle $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches diameter, enclosing the words "SAN FERNANDO" at the top, and "CENTENARY" at the bottom, with the date "FE 20 46" (in two lines) in the centre. I believe the daily papers mentioned this fact, and that was all".

By note, Editor Harold Box mentions having seen a similar mark, but dated "FE 18 46". We have in addition to the illustrated cover of "FE 27 46", another dated "17 FE 46". Thus, this handstamp was in use for at least the period 17 to 27 February 1946.

Had this San Fernando Centenary occurred in the past few years, it would no doubt have been marked by a stamp issue. However, it took place when World War II had but recently ended, and at a time when Britain issued few commemoratives for its colonies, and then only in the form of omnibus issues marking major events, so the special postmarks had to suffice.

SESCAL REPORT

by Stan Durnin

Out of the 109 frames of philatelic material (excluding topicals and junior exhibits) displayed in the Open Class of APS-SESCAL '73 in Los Angeles recently, the BCPSG utilized 30. Out of the 16 exhibitors, BCPSGers numbered four for 25%, and walked off with one APS-SESCAL Vermeil Award -- George Bowman for his "Antigua Postal Markings"; an APS-SESCAL Silver -- Stan Durnin (Leeward Islands - Queen Victoria); an APS-SESCAL Silver-Bronze -- M. Fitz Roett (Airmail History of Trinidad); and an APS-SESCAL Bronze -- Ben Ramkissoon for Postal History of Anguilla. George Bowman's exhibit also earned a BCPSG Silver Medal.

Since this was the 1973 APS Champion of Champions Competition, BCPSG President Mark W. Swetland's "Antigua through the Tercentenary Issue" was entered, having qualified by gaining the Grand Award at ROPEX '73 in Rochester, New York.

Our own "British Caribbean Philatelic Journal", entered in the National Literature Competition, garnered an APS-SESCAL Vermeil Award which was justifiably received by Editor Fred Seifert at the Awards Banquet of the show.



Shown at left, four of the five award winners display their trophies. Seen (left to right) are: Stan Durnin, George Bowman, Fred Seifert, and Fitz Roett. Not present when the photo was taken was the other winner, Ben Ramkissoon.

Our informal 'formal' BCPSG meeting, that took place on the Sunday morning of the show, had as might be expected been preceded by innumerable impromptu get-togethers among the displays and in members' rooms, as well as at a dinner in a 'back room' of one of the many dining facilities of the hotel.

Our on-the-spot BCPSGers, Ben Ramkissoon and Jay Fredrick had arranged for the 'formal' BCPSG meeting, and ably conducted it with some 16 fellow members in attendance. After a self-introduction all around, Jay enlightened and delighted the attendees with a highly informative and knowledgeable presentation of his incomparable collection of British Virgin Islands stamps and postal history material.

The magnetism of a BCPSG meeting was well demonstrated by the presence of members from near and far. From the four corners of North America came Dan Walker (New York City), Byron and Mary Cameron (Fort Lauderdale, Florida), Maurice "Fitz" Roett, (Vancouver, British Columbia), and Eric and Lulu Heyer (San Diego, California). From between these far-flung corners came Gale Raymond and Rick Rodgers (Texas), Fred Seifert (New Mexico), and Stan Durnin (Oregon), while the Californians in attendance included Ben Ramkissoon, Jay Fredrick, Art Maudens, Jack Field, Ronald and Margaret Cottman, Ed Wiesick, and George Bowman. Kathryn Saltzman sought out the meeting and immediately became the 486th member of our Group. Although unable to attend the meeting, Bernie and Marcia Chin made it to the show on the previous day, just to meet and chat with fellow members.

Discussion that followed Jay's BVI presentation centered about finding a successor to Fred as

Journal Editor, and the need for increasing dues to offset increased Journal production and mailing costs. All in attendance agreed that the Journal is the lifeline of the Group and must be maintained at all costs. All agreed that \$7.50 per annum is justified for membership in BCPSG and necessary to maintain the quality and frequency of the Journal.

Future BCPSG annual meetings were touched upon. Our 1974 meeting will take place at the APS-STAMPEDE '74 in Miami, Florida, April 19 - 21, 1974. The Hollywood Stamp Club is host for this event, and their reputation for doing things in a big way assures us a great show as background for our meeting. Eddie Adelson invites all members to be there without fail!

In 1975 we plan to meet at NOJEX in Cranford, New Jersey. Details are not yet available as to dates and place, but presumably the location will be the same as for our previous meeting at NOJEX in October 1971, the Coachman Inn.

There is no limitation on the number of BCPSG meetings that may be held in any year, and if members desire to sponsor regional meetings in their own areas, they are urged to do so.

Commonwealth QE2 Catalogue Released

The 1974 edition of the Commonwealth Catalogue of Queen Elizabeth II Postage Stamps is off the press, and is some 40 pages thicker than the 1973 edition. As with most other products, the price is increased from the £1.80 of last year's book to £2.25, but is still a bargain and the catalogue is, in our opinion, a necessity for those collecting stamps of the current reign.

Prices of the higher value stamps of the earlier QE II definitive sets show general increases of about 8% to 12%, but the lower denominations are generally unchanged. While we have not had time to check completely, we noted no sensational price changes. It would appear that in most cases increases merely reflect the effects of inflation.

An important feature of this catalogue is the completeness of its listings. Color shades and varieties that are ignored by the general catalogues are listed. Knowledge of these items is essential to anyone seeking to assemble a reasonably complete collection, and will often help him acquire such desirable material as 'sleepers' in dealers' stocks or in club circuit books. A stamp selling for pennies under its general catalogue number may be a valuable variety!

From a durability viewpoint, the cover of the 1974 edition is considerably inferior to that of its 1973 predecessor. It is of a stiff cardboard which cracks when bent, its only redeeming feature being the multi-colored illustrations of stamps which it bears. The less ornate 1973 cover of plasticized cloth was far more practical. There has also been a change in printers from Waterlow & Sons Ltd. to Lonsdale Universal Printing Ltd. The new printer has been a mite careless in workmanship, and we note several inverted illustrations, while some others are a bit askew. However, the printing is excellent and illustrations very legible.

For British Caribbean collectors, a new name, Belize, appears in this catalogue. A note at the end of the British Honduras section refers the reader to Belize for subsequent issues.

The comments which we made in reviewing the 1973 edition regarding the manner in which a few dubious issues of stamps are catalogued (pages 23-24, BCPJ W/N 71) also apply to this edition. Nevertheless, we consider the Commonwealth QE II Catalogue a most useful book which we can highly recommend to our readers. F. F. S.

NOTES ON BARBADOS

by Fitz Roett

The object of these few notes is to pass on a number of observations which may be of interest to fellow members. Since I do not possess a complete set of the BCP Journal, some of what follows may have been reported previously, but it is hoped that such is not the case. All of the items listed are in my collection. The postmark numbers to which reference is made are those listed in "The Postal Markings of Barbados" by Benwell and Britnor.

1. Type C.7a postmark on a card and dated 5 OC 05 7.00 a.m. This would be the earliest date known (EDK), preceding the former one by about three months.
2. Type A.2 on cover dated 14 AUG 1957, thus extending its usage by over three years.
3. Type M.11 on cover dated 10 AP 42. This would be the EDK, pre-dating the former one by about a month.
4. A new MISSENT TO BARBADOS mark on a cover from Trinidad to England which is dated 30 DEC 1955. This mark is similar to Type M.5c, but the overall length is 46 mm, with the letters thicker and the 'O's' of "TO" and "BARBADOS" being round. (The illustration of Type M.5c in Benwell & Britnor is 43 mm long and shows oval "O's").
5. I recently acquired a cover bearing what appears to be a BLACK ROCK registration mark, but it is not mentioned in the Benwell and Britnor book. The cover is dated DE 11, 1956, and there are two strikes (one above the other) of a single line BLACK ROCK, 27 mm in length, in sans serif capitals 3 mm high. Both strikes are in purple, and between them is a number in manuscript. The cover also bears a strike of R.8, which seems to prove that this Black Rock mark was used for registration. Incidentally, my latest strike of the Type R.8 mark is 18 MAR 1971.
6. In the April 1970 BCP Journal, Ben Ramkissoon reported on the 4¢/5¢ provisional stamp of Barbados and discussed a number of varieties including missing, double and misplaced overprints. In a later issue, mention was made of the damaged type variety - the broken serif of "X" on Row 4, Numbers 5 and 10, and Row 9, Numbers 5 and 10. I can now report the existence of the double overprint variety with both surcharges showing the broken serif of "X". It appears that this variety is quite scarce, and thus far I have noticed only two other examples in auction catalogues.

BCPSG MEETS AT APS-STAMPEDE '74 ----

A note from George A. Blizil, General Chairman of APS-STAMPEDE '74, advises us that a one hour meeting has been scheduled for BCPSG, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20th, 1974. During the meeting there will be a slide presentation on Barbados Postal History by Fred Seifert. The Exhibition runs from Friday through Sunday, April 19-21, 1974.

The Everglades Hotel is making special room rates available to those attending the show. A single room will cost \$13.00 per night, while a double will cost \$17.00. Those who wish to take advantage of these rates should write the Sales Office, Everglades Hotel, P.O. Box 3621 Miami, Florida 33101, specifying that they will be attending the American Philatelic Society meeting at the hotel. See you there!

Barbuda Bounces Back

by Fred F. Seifert

The Antigua Government seems determined to use Barbuda to get more philatelic income. It will be recalled that between 1968 and 1971, some 90 stamps bearing the name of that small island dependency of Antigua flooded the philatelic market. The deluge of adhesives came to a sudden halt late in 1971, probably because Antigua found that the London agent who handled the design, preparation, and philatelic distribution of these stamps was getting most of the profits. Philatelists who sent orders for these stamps to the Postmaster of Barbuda, were told to order them from the G.P.O. at St. John's, Antigua. A friend who visited the Barbuda Post Office while these issues were supposedly in use there, found only Antigua definitives on sale. Since the stamps were valid for use both on Barbuda and Antigua and did see at least a small amount of commercial use, they undoubtedly were postage stamps, but tainted by their blatantly philatelic nature.

Now Antigua is at it again, but apparently it learned a lesson or two from its last experience, and is trying a new tack. Their new venture started with release on 14 November 1973 of the 35¢ and \$2 Royal Wedding stamps of Antigua overprinted Barbuda. At the same time it was announced that these two stamps would be followed shortly by "the full range of denominations required postally, overprinted on the definitive or other stamps of Antigua".

Barbuda's press release asserts "The new Barbuda postage stamps are continuous from the Barbuda postal issues of 1922-1924 which were overprints on Leeward Islands stamps; unlike issues inscribed Barbuda produced by contract between 1968 and 1971 which were mainly philatelic and saw primarily Antiguan usage." This smacks of a convenient way to sweep the 1968-1971 wallpaper under the rug. Whether philatelists will give the new overprints of Barbuda a friendly reception remains to be seen. Incidentally, while the 1922-1924 set now enjoys acceptance by philatelists, this was not the case when it first appeared. For quite a few years after the set was issued, it was viewed with suspicion by both collectors and dealers. However, after fifty years it is solidly entrenched in the catalogues, and it commands a good price. Time seems to hallow most things, and collectors forgive or forget!

The new Barbuda overprints are not being distributed by outside agents or agencies, sales of them being made directly from the Philatelic Bureau of the Barbuda Post Office. That office states: "The stamps of Barbuda are produced as an integral part of the expanded postal services and communications essential to the development of Barbuda. Overseas philatelic orders will always be considered secondary to postal requirements".

OPPOSITION SAYS GRENADA'S POSTAL SERVICE IN UTTER CHAOS ----

Dan Walker supplies a clipping from "The Torchlight", Grenada's opposition newspaper, dated 22 August 1973. It reports that Former Controller of Inland Revenue, Alfred De Bellotte, is now acting Postmaster General. It says he assumed his new post at a time when the Grenada postal service is in utter chaos.

Sources close to that department have advised that the staff of the G.P.O. have pledged their cooperation in the hope that De Bellotte can remedy the situation, the paper reports.

De Bellotte replaced T.C. Payne, who had been Acting PMG for two years after the transfer of former PMG Lawrence Fletcher to another government position.

BVI Rates Rise

by Charles Ricksecker

On my most recent visit to Tortola, I was surprised to note that several important changes in B. V. I. postal operations have taken place. Most importantly, as of 15th September 1973, all classes of postal rates have been revised. Domestic mail was raised from 4¢ to 5¢. Airmail to all destinations within the Eastern Caribbean is now a uniform 12¢. It had been 10¢ to St. Thomas, and 15¢ to St. Kitts and the other British Islands. Airmail to the USA went up from 15¢ to 18¢ per half ounce. Airmail to the U. K. is 25¢ per half ounce.

The registration fee has been dropped from 50¢ to 25¢. When added to the half ounce and one ounce air rates to the USA, this makes total postage for such mail 43¢ and 61¢. These odd rates cause some complications, particularly because there is no 18¢ definitive. Most likely a definitive of that value will be forthcoming.

Virgin Islands Statutory Rules and Orders No. 19 of 1973 (Post Office Rules) was mentioned in the last Journal (page 157). I note that an entire section of that publication deals with postal stationery, but none of any type is available through the post office. No provision is made for meters. Official letters sent within the Colony require no adhesives, provided they bear the appropriate initialed oval handstamp. Those destined for other countries must be franked by postage stamps of the proper amount.

A new sub-post office has been opened at CARROT BAY, Tortola. I have sent a cover there for posting, but it has not come back as yet. New street-side drop mail boxes have been installed in at least three locations. Two are in Road Town, one to the north at Fleming Street and another to the south at McNamara. A third is at SEA COW'S BAY, a village which was supposed to be scheduled for its own sub-post office. These street letter boxes are painted a bright red as those in the U. K. A letter dropped into the one at Fleming Street produced only a very ordinary cover with the usual smeared ROADTOWN cds.

JAMAICA'S NEW CUSTOMS TARIFF IMPOSES DUTY ON STAMP IMPORTS ----

The Jamaica Philatelic Society's Newsletter for October 1973 reports that the Government of Jamaica has instituted a new Customs Tariff which includes the imposition of duty on postage stamps imported into the country. This has caused the JPS to cancel plans for obtaining New Issues directly from other Commonwealth Caribbean Countries for its members.

Other countries which have imposed such import duties have found that the revenue obtained has been so small as to barely cover the cost of collection. Additionally, being a stamp exporter itself, Jamaica could lose more than it makes if other countries reciprocate.

DEATH TAKES FOUR CANADIAN MEMBERS IN 1973 ----

Earlier this year we recorded the passing of G. Scott Brooks of Montreal. Now we have the sad duty of reporting the deaths of three additional Canadian BCPSGers, all three of whom were Charter Members of our Group. William Butler of Toronto died on 15 November 1973 according to Eric Heyer with whom he corresponded regularly. James A. Campbell, London, Ontario, passed away on 8 April 1973, according to Mrs. Campbell. Arthur G. Robinson of Calgary lost a nine year battle with cancer on 20 October 1973. They will be sorely missed.

CATALOGUE OF MAIL/FLOOR AUCTION SALE AT APS-STAMPEDE-'74

Auction will be held during APS-Stampede-'74 in Miami, April 19-21, 1974. Exact date and place of the sale has not yet been determined, but those attending the show may get details at the Bahamas Stamps bourse stand of Eddie Adelson in the exhibition area.

- 1 BWI REVENUES - An interesting lot of 33 stamps cont. various Revenues, Stamp Duty, Marine Insurance (T&T), Telegraphs, etc. from various islands, plus Br. Hond., Sc.#'s 49 and 50 (SG 57 and 58), and unused copies of Dominica SG R2, St. Lucia SG F17, and St. Christopher SG R3 and R6. EST. \$8.00
- 2 BWI FDC's - 11 covers each with complete set of 4 Churchill Comms. Includes Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Caymans, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and Virgin Islands. All are in excellent condition. EST. \$10.00
- 3 BWI DIRIGIBLE COVERS - A cacheted cover New York to Bermuda, 15 AP 25, backstamp of Bermuda on 22nd. Cachet of Dirigible Los Angeles. Second cover Bermuda to Puerto Rico, pmkd in Bermuda 16 April 1925 and marked per Dirigible Los Angeles, with violet ink and black ink stamps reading "Bermuda First/Overseas Airmail". Apparently it was backstamped in Puerto Rico on 7 May 1925, but strike is very faint. EST. \$10.00
- 4 US ARMED FORCES IN BWI - Six covers dated 1941 from B. Guiana, Trinidad (APO 803), St. Lucia, Antigua, Jamaica (APO 804), with all diff. multicolor cachets. EST. \$10.00
- 5 DANISH WEST INDIES - Two covers both addressed to St. Thomas bearing bisects Sc.18a on small, neat, faintly discolored covers-G to EX condition. Dated 1903. EST. \$4.00
- 6 US FORCES IN NEWFOUNDLAND - First Day airmail cover from US Naval Air Station at Argentia, dated 15 JUL 1941, addressed to Scranton, PA. Franked with a bi-color 6¢ US airmail. Cds reads APO 801A. Circ. censor mark on face. Cachet. EST. \$7.50
- 7 ANTIGUA FDC's - Two covers with comp. sets of Nelson's Dockyard issue (1961) and the Postage Stamp Commemorative issue (1962). Excellent condition. EST. \$4.00
- 8 ANTIGUA - Four covers from All Saints, Freetown, Gray's Farm, and Parham, all with clear 1955 postmarks. All in excellent condition. EST. \$2.50
- 9 BAHAMAS FDC - Large Official Registered cover edged in black bearing a copy of Sc.96 (SG 145), perfs slightly damaged, addr. to NY. Nassau cds, 3 MR 36. EST. \$10.00
- 10 BAHAMAS USED - A complete set of 1965 pictorials, Sc.204-218 (SG 247-261), in F-VF lightly cancelled condition. CAT. \$16.07
- 11 BAHAMAS USED - Complete set of 1966 currency overprints, Sc.230-244 (SG 273-287) in VF lightly cancelled condition. 1972 CAT. \$18.64
- 12 BAHAMAS COVER - Printed cachet of Cat Cay Marlin and Tuna Tourneys. Has Cat Cay cds of 30 May 1948 and contains card with info on Cat Cay and Tourneys. EST. \$3.00
- 13 BAHAMAS COVER - Postmarked with "THE BIGHT" Type 7I cds of 28 FEB 39, and with extra strike of that cds in clear. To NYC franked by G VI 1½d ultramarine. EST. \$2.50
- 14 BAHAMAS COVER - Has a beautiful strike in violet of ALICE TOWN TRD Type 2C3 dated JUL 9, 1941 which ties a G VI 1½d. A rare and lovely item. EST. \$15.00
- 15 BARBADOS STAMP - Sc.6 (SG 10) with large margins on three sides and good margin on other. Has black ink blotch, possibly a cancel, but may be unused. *CAT. \$9.00
- 16 BARBADOS - Fine used Sc.24 (SG 43b), socked on nose cds "1" 22 MY 72. CAT. \$10.00
- 17 BARBADOS - Unused VF fresh Sc.56 (SG 81), OG hinged, ctrd bit to right. CAT. \$35.00
- 18 BARBADOS - 1907 cover to Mexico with 4 diff comms. incl. Olive Blossom. EST. \$3.00
- 19 BARBADOS - F-VF used set Sc.216-227 (SG 271-282) lightly cancelled. CAT. \$11.20
- 20A BARBADOS - VF used set Sc.257-264 (SG 312-319). Please note that this and Lot 20B, which follows, are identical, being the two halves of a set of pairs. A single bid may be placed on both lots if you want the complete pairs. 1972 CAT. \$6.44
- 20B BARBADOS - A single complete set as Lot 20A. 1972 CAT. \$6.44

- 21 BARBADOS - F-VF used set Sc.267-280 (SG 322-335) light cancels. 1972 CAT. \$6.44
22 BARBADOS - F-VF used set Sc.267a-280B (SG 342-355a) lt. cancels. 1972 CAT. \$10.71
23 BERMUDA - F-VF used set Sc.175-191 (SG 163-179) neat cancels. 1972 CAT. \$15.03
24 BERMUDA - Stamp booklet containing one pane each Sc.118a, Sc.119, Sc.109a, Sc.120Ac, and Sc.121Ab. Unexploded in EX cond. Stapled to right. Cat. value as panes: \$15.50
25 BERMUDA - Stamp booklet with one pane of Sc.121Ab and three panes of Sc.112, as well as two panes of airmail etiquettes. EX unexploded cond. Cat. value as panes: \$10.50
26 BR. GUIANA - F used Sc.64 (SG 70) the 6¢ greenish-blue, perf 12½, with light oblit canc. The perfs are damaged in spots as usual for early B.G. CAT. \$10.00
27 BR. GUIANA - A large commercial cover from contractor at US Naval Base to New York dated 22 MY 42, with 2 copies of the then current BG 6¢ and 1 copy of the 36¢ adhesives. Two strikes of TPO Bartica Steamer on face, plus airmail and censor labels. Backstamp GPO Airmail cds of BG dated same day. EST. \$10.00
28 BR. GUIANA - Large commercial cover from contractor at Naval Air Station to NY with date 8 JY 42. Three nice strikes of TPO Bartica Steamer cancelling 3 diff. stamps, and a censor seal over end is tied with red ink censor mark. Cover is backstamped with the GPO Airmail Section cds. EST. \$10.00
29 BR. GUIANA - A large piece bearing 10 stamps from 1938-52 set incl. 2¢, 6¢, 24¢, pair 48¢, pair 60¢, pair 96¢, and \$1. Neat cancels of Kwakwani cds 7 MY 49. CAT. \$5.15
30 BR. HONDURAS - Fine unused 6d rose, Sc.2 (SG 3). CAT. \$35.00
31 BR. HONDURAS - Specimen - A fine copy of Sc.17 (SG 22) with the Specimen overprint in black ink. No gum. Would catalogue \$85 as normal stamp. EST. \$15.00
32 BR. HONDURAS - VF used set Sc.115-126 (SG 150-161). CAT. \$19.40
33 BR. HONDURAS - F-VF used set Sc.144-155 (SG 179-190), perf. 13. CAT. \$17.17
34 CAYMAN ISLANDS - F-VF copy Sc.12 (SG 12) 1906 Grand Cayman pmk. CAT. \$25.00
35 CAYMAN ISLANDS - F-VF used copy Sc.15 (SG 15) slightly hvy pmk. CAT. \$30.00
36 CAYMAN ISLANDS - VF used copy Sc.17 (SG 17) Georgetown cancel. CAT. \$27.50
37 DOMINICA - F used copy Sc.3 (SG 3), partial heavy A07 oblit cancel. CAT. \$12.00
38 GRENADA POSTMARK - Copy of Sc.7. (SG 12), struck with an almost complete postmark of the straight line Grenada in circle, Index A, dated 27 MR 81. F-VF. EST. \$6.50
39 GRENADA POSTMARK - Copy of Sc.7A (SG 14) with clear distinct double circle F of the first type for Carriacou. EST. \$10.00
40 GRENADA REVENUE - Two used revenues (Ms. cancels), both with errors. One reads SHILLNG instead of SHILLING, the other THRFE instead of THREE. EST. \$5.00
41 GRENADA - Good to fine used copy of Sc.9 (SG 22) with malformed "PENGE" postmarked with straight line Grenada cds dated 1882.

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Antigua Monograph

ANTIGUA SUB-POST OFFICES AND VILLAGE POSTMARKS

The following pages contain the third section of the Antigua Monograph to be published. As previously noted, these sections are being published in random order as completed. Drafting of this section was done by George Bowman, and the following reviewed or contributed to it, or both: Joe Chin Aleong, Bill Cornell, Stan Durnin, Simon Goldblatt, Arthur Griswold, Gil Holmes, Gale Raymond, Fred Seifert, Nat Surtees, Mark Swetland, and Edward Thompson. E.B. Proud kindly granted permission to use material previously published in his excellent publication "Postal History International".

18.2 ANTIGUA SUB-POST OFFICES AND VILLAGE POSTMARKS

At the beginning of the twentieth century, eleven post offices (in addition to the G.P.O. at St. John's) were operating in Antigua. This figure is confirmed by certain information appearing in various issues of the *Leeward Islands Gazette* (LIG), the official newspaper of the colony. In the LIG of 18 October 1886, only nine sub-post offices (SPO's) were listed. These were:

All Saints	Freetown	St. James'
Bolans	Old Road	St. Stephen's
English Harbour	Parham	The Grange

(The name of The Grange was later changed to Newfield.)

Subsequently two more SPO's, Barnes Hill and Bethesda, became operational--the former for the second time--prior to 8 September 1900 ((1)). LIG evidence indicates that the number of SPO's then remained constant at eleven (if Barbuda is ignored) until 1928, when the opening of an office at Green Bay increased the total to an even dozen.

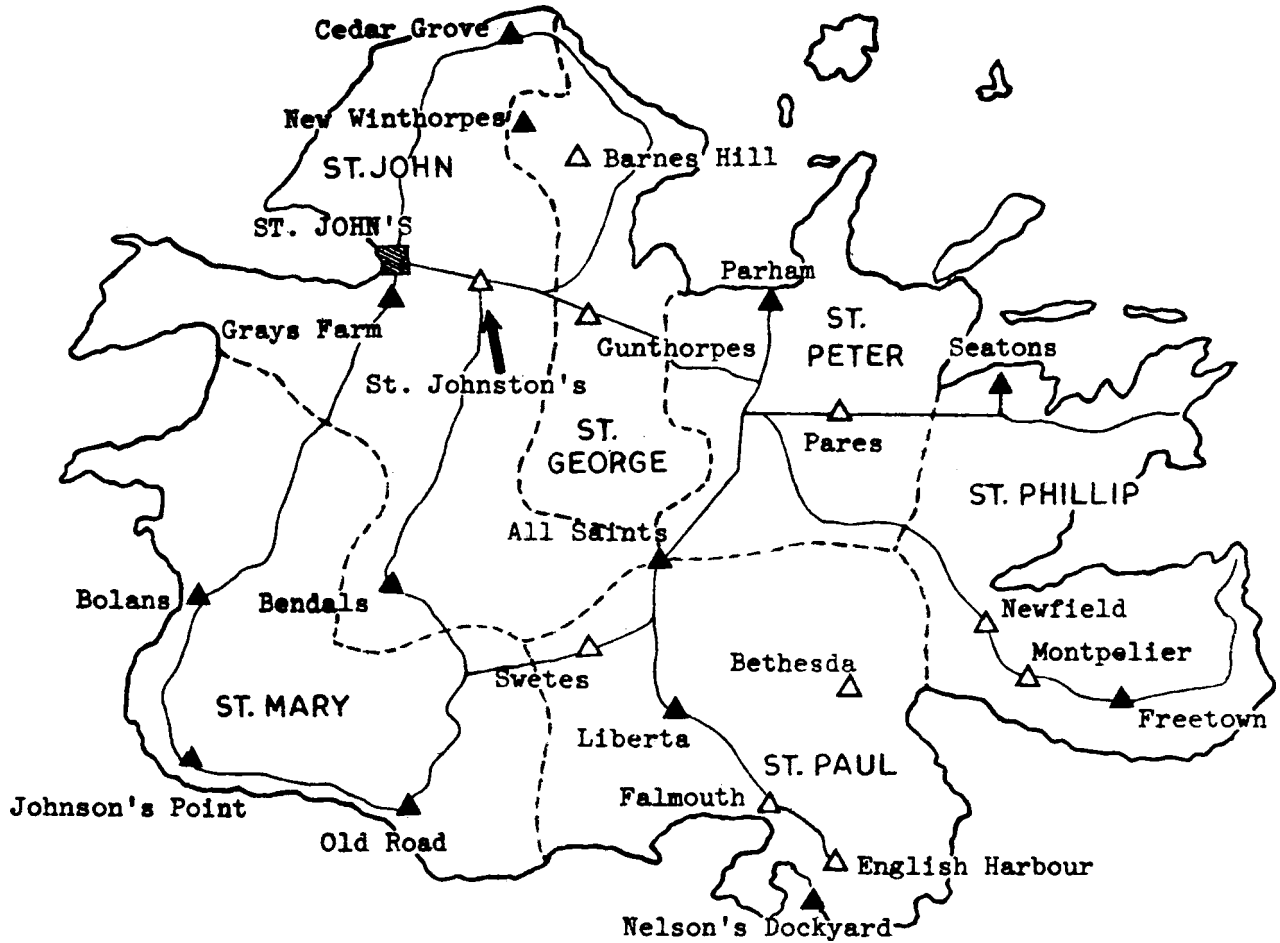
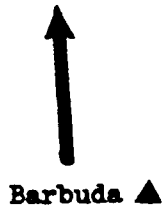
In most cases today, a SPO consists merely of a desk, a cancelling device, and an ink pad, a combination of equipment located in the home of the sub-postmaster/sub-postmistress, in an area set aside for that purpose. The person in charge acts as a collector and distributor of letters brought from and addressed to the villagers. It has not been known what practice was employed regarding stamp cancellation prior to the known dates of SPO cancelling devices. Possibly, pen cancellations were used in some cases, e.g., manuscript SPO name (in full or abbreviated) or date, as known in Dominica and St. Kitts ((2)). Simon Goldblatt states ((3)) that manuscript dates are occasionally seen under strikes of the A02 obliterator on Victorian adhesives. Peter Jaffe reports ((2)) a manuscript 18, perhaps for A18, under a St. John's date stamp, but none are known on cover with identification marks to verify this theory. Revenue usage of Victorian adhesives produced a great many pen cancels with initials and dates, and it is possible that existing SPO pen cancels may have been erroneously so categorized.

Stamps and postal stationery are sold at SPO's, although very seldom is a complete stock of all the current issues maintained, especially in the case of the higher denominations. Money Orders cannot be purchased at the SPO's, being sold only at the GPO in St. John's and at the Branch Office on Barbuda. Registration services, however, are available, and they are described in Section 17.

As compensation for his services, a sub-postmaster receives a small salary. (Very small, particularly in the old days. A LIG of 1914 officially announced that the salary of the Bolans sub-postmistress had been approved for an increase to--not of--£6 per year!) In addition he is usually allowed a flat percentage commission on stamp sales.

SPO's functioning at the present time are covered under Paragraph 18.2.1, while those that are no longer operational are briefly described in 18.2.2. Finally, Paragraph 18.2.3 discusses what few historical facts have emerged concerning the general operation of the Inland Post of Antigua, and provides a chronologically-arranged "SPO History Chart". A "Village Postmark Check List" is also appended, giving Earliest Date Known (EDK) and Latest Date Known (LDK) for each postmark, cross-referenced to the postmark illustrations in the text and to the data sources in the References Section. For Barbuda postmarks see Section 18.3. A location map of all SPO's, past and present, is shown as Figure 1.

((1)) Numbers refer to similarly numbered references at end of this section.



- ST. PETER PARISH NAMES
- ▲ SUB POST OFFICE
- △ FORMER SUB POST OFFICE; NOW CLOSED
- PARISH BOUNDARIES
- MAIN ROADS

FIGURE 1.

FIGURE 2. PARISH LOCATIONS OF ANTIGUA SUB-POST OFFICES

ST. GEORGE

Barnes Hill
Gunthorpes
*New Winthorpes

ST. JOHN

*Bendals
*Green Bay/Grays Farm
*St. James/Cedar Grove
St. Johnston's

ST. MARY

*Bolans
*Johnson's Point
*St. Mary's/Old Road

ST. PAUL

Bethesda
English Harbour/St. Paul's
Falmouth
*Liberta
*Nelson's Dockyard
Swetes

ST. PETER

Pares
*St. Peter's/Parham

ST. PHILIP

*Freetown
Montpelier/St. Philips
*St. Stephens/Seatons
The Grange/Newfield

SS. JOHN, PAUL, & PETER

*All-Saints

BARBUDA

*Codrington (Branch P.O.)

*Offices open in 1973

18.2.1 SUB-POST OFFICES IN OPERATION. There are thirteen active SPO's on Antigua at present. St. John and St. Mary Parish each has three; St. Paul and St. Philip each has two; while one each is located in St. George and St. Peter Parish. All-Saints, a special case, is the first facility to be discussed.

18.2.1.1 ALL-SAINTS. This SPO derives its name from its location at the junction of three saintly-named parishes--John, Paul, and Peter. The office (along with that of Old Road) was in existence at least as early as 1878, for it was mentioned as the site of a "postal receiving officer" in the Antigua Postmaster's Report for that year ((4)). However, it may have been functioning for a considerable period of time previously, due to its geographically important location at the center of the island.



FIGURE 3.



FIGURE 4.

All-Saints is one of five SPO's which have apparently been in continuous operation under one name or another since before the turn of the century. The others are Bolans, St. James', St. Mary's, and St. Peter's. A proof strike of the first All-Saints postmark, a 23 mm diameter cds incorporating code letter C (Figure 3) was sent out from London on 10 October 1898 ((2)). It has an EDK of 22 NO 98 ((1)). This mark was used until 1928 ((5)). A second cds, 23½ mm in diameter, generally similar to the first one, but with an asterisk in lieu of the code letter (Figure 4), made its appearance in 1929 ((6)), and it is still being used today

Mrs. Winifred Chambers is the present All-Saints sub-postmistress. Her facility is a com-

bination post office and telephone exchange, located near the intersection of the main route to St. John's with the Liberta Road.

18.2.1.2 ST. JOHN PARISH

BENDALS. The SPO at Bendals was one of seven new ones established on New Year's Day of 1932, as announced in the LIG of 24 December 1931, the others being Falmouth, Gunthorpes, Johnson's Point, Montpelier, Pares, and St. Johnston's. Bendals' first sub-postmaster was Mr. C. Richards, and its present sub-postmistress is Miss Allison Warner, who serves as the Bendals village school teacher as well.

The only canceller Bendals has ever used is the 23½ mm diameter single-ring cds shown as Figure 5. It is similar to the All-Saints second type, but with different shaped letters, and it incorporates an asterisk. The EDK of this mark is 17 SP 32 ((5)). The SPO is located on the east side of the main route north to St. Johnston's village, in a modest home.



FIGURE 5.



FIGURE 6.



FIGURE 7.



FIGURE 8.

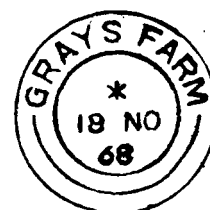


FIGURE 9.

GREEN BAY/GRAYS FARM. A SPO was established 1 October 1928, at the schoolmaster's residence in Green Bay, with Mr. James T. Ambrose as sub-postmaster ((7)). The facility continued in existence until 1945, when it was renamed Grays Farm. It allegedly closed in 1961 due to a burglary resulting in the theft of the post office equipment. The office was reopened in 1967, this time in the grocery store of Mr. Kenneth Richardson, who also served as sub-postmaster ((8)). Continuing to double as a food market, the SPO was later moved to its present location at the intersection of Armstrong Road and Gray Hill Street in the south section of St. John's. The sub-postmistress since February 1969 has been Mrs. Irose Lopes. The SPO handles mail traffic to the southern part of St. John's and to all of Five Islands.

The first Green Bay postmark is shown in Figure 6, a 25½ mm diameter single-ring cds incorporating an asterisk and the words GREEN BAY/ANTIGUA, B.W.I. The known range of usage is 6 MAY 31 ((9)) to 6 DEC 33 ((10)). This postmark is noteworthy in that it has a three-letter month designation (e.g., DEC) instead of the normal two-letter style (e.g., DE).

The first Grays Farm postmark is shown in Figure 7, a Birmingham type canceller with the outer ring having a diameter of 27 mm and with thick arcs at the sides between the rings. It has an index letter, either A or B above the date. With Index A, EDK is 10 OC 49 ((11)), LDK is 25 AP 58 ((5)). With Index B, EDK is 1 NO 46 ((6)), LDK is 7 FE 47 ((12)).

The second Green Bay postmark, shown in Figure 8, was also a Birmingham type, but having line arcs at the sides and an asterisk above the date. This mark had an EDK of 7 OC 60

The second Grays Farm postmark is shown in Figure 9, consisting of a Birmingham type that has a single arc below and no country name. This mark, which is still in use, has an EDK of 6 NO 67 ((6)).

No positive explanation for the chronological alternation of the two SPO names shown on

names shown on these four Green Bay/Grays Farm cancellers. It is possible that there were two additional name changes, once between 1958 and 1960, and again in 1967. The Figure 8 device could be the result of an error in ordering a replacement for the Figure 7 stamp.

ST. JAMES'/CEDAR GROVE. The St. James' SPO was in operation by at least as early as 6 January 1884, at which time it was specified in the LIG under "Antigua Inland Post Amended Regulations". It is highly probable that St. James' was established earlier than 1884, but in no event prior to November 1881, for at that time a list of all SPO's--a list not including St. James'--appeared in the LIG. (See 18.2.1.3 - Bolans.)



FIGURE 10.



FIGURE 11.



FIGURE 12.



FIGURE 13.

The SPO has operated continuously to the present time, with the name being changed to Cedar Grove on 1 January 1932 (15). A Mrs. Frances Barnes was appointed sub-postmistress in 1936 (16), serving in that position until May 1965, when she was replaced by the present sub-postmistress, Miss Edna Joshua. Miss Joshua's home is beautifully situated atop a high hill looking northward to the Hodges Bay area. From her facility mail is sent three days each week to the New Winthorpes SPO, located only a mile to the south.

The first postmark is shown in Figure 10, a single-ring cds of $23\frac{1}{2}$ mm diameter with asterisk, and inscribed ST. JAMES/ANTIGUA. It is known used on 18 FE 29 (14).

The second postmark of this SPO is shown in Figure 11. It is of the same type as the first, but is inscribed CEDAR GROVE/ANTIGUA. Its EDK is 6 OC 32 (5), and it is still in use.

18.2.1.3 ST. MARY PARISH

BOLANS. A SPO has been operating at Bolans continuously, and without name change, since at least as early as 1881. The LIG of 24 November of that year listed the Bolans office and six others (All Saints, Barnes Hill, English Harbour, Old Road, Parham, and The Grange) in a document entitled "Antigua Inland Post Amended Regulations". The Bolans SPO at that time was specified as being in the Police Station. Today this office is a combination postal facility and market situated on the east side of the main road between Jennings and Johnson's Point. It is under the supervision of Mr. Angelo Baretto, a native of Madeira, who was appointed to his position in 1964. (Interestingly, the LIG of 16 January 1936 states that a Mr. A. Baretto was appointed Bolans sub-postmaster on 1 January 1936. Perhaps he was father of the present sub-postmaster.

Except for the name, the Bolans canceller (Figure 12) is identical to that of Bendals. EDK is 1 AP 30 (10).

JOHNSON'S POINT. The Johnson's Point SPO is a yellow schoolish-appearing building which is located on the north side of the Crab Hill-Old Road highway, where it overlooks a picturesque, palm-lined inlet of the Caribbean. A SPO at Johnson's Point was first established on 1 January 1932 (17) and has been functioning without interruption to the present. The sole postmark used has been a single-ring asterisked cds (Figure 13). EDK is 17 SP 32 (5).

A somewhat puzzling situation exists concerning the early history of personnel appointments to this office. The LIG of 6 August 1936 announced that a Mr. L. George was to act as sub-postmaster of Johnson's Point "from 1 August to 15 September 1936 inclusive". Nowhere in subsequent issues of the newspaper is Mr. George's replacement who was due on the 15th of September announced, nor is any reason given for the strange application of a termination date for Mr. George's incumbency!

The SPO is presently operated by a husband-wife team, Mr. and Mrs. C. Prince, who have served as sub-postmaster(s) since 1957. Mr. Prince is Headmaster of the Johnson's Point school which is located just to the right of the SPO building.

ST. MARY'S/OLD ROAD. The village of Old Road, together with All Saints, was specified as being the site of a "receiving officer" in 1878. (See 18.2.1.1 - All Saints.) Thus, with the exception of English Harbour, Old Road and All Saints were the earliest SPO's established on the island. Which of the two came first is open to speculation. The Old Road SPO is additionally mentioned in nineteenth-century LIG's issued in 1881 (where it was defined as located in the "school room"), 1883, 1886, and 1900. Evidence that Old Road has operated continuously from its founding until today is found in twentieth-century LIG's.



FIGURE 14.



FIGURE 15.



FIGURE 16.

From approximately 1905 to 1932, the office utilized a single-ring cds, 25 mm in diameter, with the parish name ST. MARY'S curved around the top of the circle, and an index letter C above the date, as seen in Figure 14 ((18)). A proof strike of this mark establishes that it was sent out from London on 7 November 1904 ((2)). The EDK is 24 JY 05 ((5)), and the LDK is 26 OC 32 ((19)). During those years, however, the SPO was still officially designated Old Road. (There were similar cases of "dual nomenclature" existing at St. Peter's/Parham and perhaps also at St. Paul's/English Harbour.) In later years, from the early thirties onward, the postmark has consisted of the words OLD ROAD in an asterisked single-ring cds as seen in Figure 15. The EDK is 24 SE 32 ((5)), and it is still in use at this writing.

The Old Road SPO today is in the blue-painted residence of Miss Catherine Brand, who has served as sub-postmistress since the early 1950's. From her home there is a beautiful view looking westward along the south coast.

18.2.1.4 ST. PAUL PARISH

LIBERTA. The Liberta SPO was initially established on 15 April 1929, at which time a Mr. G.A. Mead was appointed sub-postmaster ((20)). Today the facility is located in Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Daley's general store, where it has been functioning since 1 October 1949. Prior to that the office operated in the Liberta Police Station.

Liberta utilizes a rather large (27½ mm diameter) single-ring cds (Figure 16). This mark is the only one used at a currently operating SPO that carries the initials B.W.I., and in fact only a few earlier SPO postmarks with B.W.I. included are known. This designation became obsolete with Antigua's independence in 1967. EDK of the Liberta cds is 23 JA 30 ((11)).

NELSON'S DOCKYARD. In conjunction with the ceremonies held on 14 November 1961 commemorating restoration of Nelson's Dockyard at English Harbour, a SPO was opened in the Gate House immediately inside the main gate of the Dockyard. Mr. Duncan Lloyd became its first sub-postmaster, and he still serves in that position in addition to his primary task of selling admission tickets to the Dockyard proper.

The SPO's initial function was to cancel first day covers of the Dockyard Restoration stamp issue (S.G. 140-141), an operation which was performed by a team from the G.P.O. Its only postmark has been a Birmingham line-arc type of 27 mm diameter (Figure 17), the EDK of which is 14 NO 61 ((6)).



FIGURE 17.



FIGURE 18.

18.2.1.5 ST. PHILIP PARISH

FREETOWN. Freetown was functioning as a SPO in 1884 and perhaps earlier, but as in the case of St. James', not as early as 1881. The SPO is mentioned with regularity in LIG's of 1907 through 1919, due to a more-than-usual number of people appointed as sub-postmasters or sub-postmistresses. The office closed on 1 January 1932 ((15)) and apparently reopened in 1948. For most of the time since its reopening, the SPO has been under the supervision of Sub-Postmaster Robert Saunders, who replaced the Rev. Leonard Carty in 1949.

There seems to be an unlimited supply of stamp pad ink at Freetown, for its cds (Figure 18) is almost invariably applied quite heavily, and copies of stamps are seldom found where the postmark is not boldly struck, at least during the tenure of Mr. Saunders. For some unknown reason, the Freetown cds carries an index letter "A" in lieu of an asterisk, and it is the only contemporary Antigua cds to do so. Its EDK is 8 SE 48 ((12)).



FIGURE 19.



FIGURE 20.

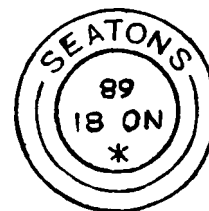


FIGURE 21.

SEATONS. As was the case at St. James' and at Freetown, the SPO at Seatons was apparently founded between 1881 and 1884. However, at that time the facility was officially designated St. Stephen's. Its name was changed to Seatons on 1 January 1932 ((15)), the same day that the St. James' SPO became Cedar Grove.

A 23½ mm diameter cds with the words ST. STEPHENS/ANTIGUA and an asterisk above the date (Figure 19) is known to have been used in the late 1920's ((21)). EDK is 19 JY 28 ((14)). A cds carrying an asterisk and the word SEATONS (Figure 20) was used after the name was changed. Its EDK is 16 SE 32 ((5)).

Seatons closed sometime in 1937, probably prior to 28 September ((22)). It was reopened, the

precise time not being known, but apparently in 1948, still utilizing the Figure 20 cds. This was replaced in 1966 by the postmark of Figure 21, a Birmingham type with a single line-arc at the bottom and no country name, similar to the Grays Farm mark of Figure 9. Today the SPO is in the home of Sub-Postmistress Yvonne Prince (no relation to the Princes operating the SPO at Johnson's Point), and is perched on a high cliff looking north towards Garlings Island and the Atlantic. The Figure 21 cds has an LDK of 2 JA 66 ((6)).

18.2.1.6 ST. GEORGE PARISH

NEW WINTHORPES. New Winthorpes, Antigua's newest SPO (assuming that the 1967 Grays Farm opening is considered a reopening) commands a magnificent view looking northeast to the Atlantic. It is located in the stone block residence of Mrs. Eugenie Hampson, who with the assistance of her son Joseph has held the position of sub-postmistress since the office was founded in 1965.

In addition to serving New Winthorpes, this office also handles mail for the village of Barnes Hill, which until 1932 enjoyed its own post office. New Winthorpes utilizes a 27 mm diameter line-arc Birmingham type cds with asterisk above the date (Figure 22). EDK is 22 JY 65 ((6)). New Winthorpes sometimes uses its Registration Oval postmark (see Section 17) to cancel its mail. This mark is shown in Figure 23. Its EDK is 22 JY 65 ((23)), and it is still in use.



FIGURE 22.



FIGURE 23.



FIGURE 24.



FIGURE 25.

18.2.1.7 ST. PETER PARISH

ST. PETER'S/PARHAM. As a site of postal activity, Parham is first noted in the LIG of 24 November 1881. Whether the office was functional prior to that date is possible but has not been proven. The SPO used a single-ring cds with code letter C and inscribed ST. PETER'S/ANTIGUA (Figure 24) as early as 6 DE 98 and as late as 7 JA 31 ((1)). As was the case with the first type All Saints cds, this St. Peter's postmark is recorded as having been sent out from London on 10 October 1898 ((2)). During the period of use of this mark, the office continued to be designated Parham in the LIG, thus creating the confusing "dual nomenclature" situation which was also present concurrently in St. Mary Parish. (See 18.1.1.3 - St. Mary's /Old Road.) Mark W. Swetland notes interesting combined usage on covers of the St. Peter's cancellation with Parham registration labels ((24)).

Parham's present cds (Figure 25) is a 24 mm diameter, asterisked, single-ring postmark of similar design to the current Bendals mark. EDK is 2 MY 34 ((5)). The office is a combination postal facility/telephone exchange in the home of Miss Ise Simon, who has served as the sub-postmistress since 1955. In 1912, the SPO was moved from its original Parham site to its present location on the north side of the main street of the village. It suffered hurricane damage in 1928 and again in 1950. The latter year's storm completely destroyed the building which was then rebuilt as the existing structure.

As will be noted in Figure 22, SPO postmarks are sometimes found with inverted dates, and while not especially rare these make interesting additions to a postmark collection.

18.2.2. SPO'S NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE

Without considering English Harbour, whose classification should be deemed of greater importance than a mere SPO, there were on Antigua at various times nine post offices which no longer are functioning. Three were in St. Paul Parish; two each operated in St. George and St. Philip Parish; and one each was located in St. John and St. Peter Parish. If the English Harbour facility is counted (see 18.2.2.6), the St. Paul total is increased to four. St. Mary Parish had none.

18.2.2.1 ST. PAUL PARISH

SPO's in St. Paul Parish were previously operating at Bethesda, Falmouth, and Swetes. The first of this trio was founded between 1886 and 1900, although the precise date cannot be determined from available data. The Bethesda SPO does not appear on a list of offices given in the Antigua Inland Post Regulations of 1886. However, Bethesda makes the SPO roster in the AIPR of 8 September 1900. The SPO at Falmouth was started on 1 January 1932 ((17)), and it was eliminated in 1937, at approximately the same time as the Seatons closure ((22)). The Swetes facility came into existence in 1932, but at some date subsequent to 1 January ((17)). It closed in 1937.



FIGURE 26.



FIGURE 27.



FIGURE 28a.



FIGURE 28b.

The Bethesda cds is shown in Figure 26, and is similar to the Cedar Grove cds (Figure 11). Only one date of use is known, 7 AP 39 ((10, 14)), and the several examples may represent merely philatelic usage, since the SPO was closed on 1 January 1932 ((15)).

The Falmouth cds has an EDK of 18 SE 32 ((5)) and an LDK of 22 NO 36 ((19)). It is similar to the Bendals cds (Figure 5) and is shown in Figure 27.

Only a single example of a partial strike of the Swetes cds is known ((10)), and this is shown in Figure 28a. The example can only be a Swetes mark, in spite of the incomplete nature of the strike. It appears to be similar to the cds used at Bendals (Figure 5), and the known date of use is either 21 JU 33 or 21 JY 33. An imaginative completion of the mark is constructed in Figure 28b.

18.2.2.2 ST. GEORGE PARISH

A SPO at Barnes Hill is known to have existed as early as the autumn of 1881, having been included in an SPO list published in the LIG of 24 November of that year ((1)). Evidence points to the fact that Barnes Hill then closed at some point prior to 6 January 1884, for it was not included in a similar SPO list appearing in the LIG issued on 27 December 1883 ((1)). However, the office was again operative as of 8 September 1900 ((25)). The SPO closed for good on 1 January 1932 ((15)).

The Barnes Hill cds is shown in Figure 29 and is similar to the Cedar Grove cds (Figure 11). The EDK is sometime after 1921, since Surtees reports ((14)) a partial strike on S.G. 63 (the

1d carmine-red King George V Small Seal issue of 1921), month and day of the strike being FE 15. Two examples of an LDK of 15 FE 39 exist ((10)), but these may be philatelic usage as with the case of the 1939 Bethesda strike noted above.

The village of Gunthorpes, known primarily as the home of the Antigua Sugar Factory, was the site of a SPO from 1 January 1932 ((15)) to approximately 1948. The first Gunthorpes sub-postmaster was a Mr. A.D. Edwards ((17)). The SPO is mentioned very little in the *LIG*, and there is a strong inference in that newspaper that the facility was not officially considered of sufficient importance in the late thirties and early forties to rank as a mail collection and distribution point. It may have been merely a place where employees of the sugar factory could pick up and post letters ((22)).

The Gunthorpes cds is shown in Figure 30. It is similar to the Cedar Grove mark. The EDK is 26 NO 32 ((5)), and the LDK is 9 SE 47 ((10)).



FIGURE 29.



FIGURE 30.



FIGURE 31.



FIGURE 32.



FIGURE 33.

18.2.2.3 ST. PHILIP PARISH

St. Philip Parish contained two SPO's which have since passed into history, Montpelier and The Grange/Newfield. The former office was founded on 1 January 1932 ((15)), with a Mr. E. Maginley as its sub-postmaster ((26)). Effective 1 January 1944, the SPO was transferred from its location in Montpelier to the St. Philip Rectory, approximately one-half mile to the west ((27)). It remained there until its closing which is alleged to have occurred in 1948, an event which may have been concurrent with the Freetown reopening.

The Grange was an early SPO. As stated in 18.2.1.3 - Bolans, it was opened arround 1881, and it evidently operated without interruption until 1 January 1932 ((15)). At that time it became one of the five SPO's discontinued in the wholesale reorganization of the Inland Post, the others being Barnes Hill, Bethesda, English Harbour, and Freetown.

The known ranges of use for these three marks are: Montpelier - EDK 18 JU 32 ((5)) and LDK 14 MR 41 ((28)); St. Philips - EDK 11 JY 46 ((13)) and LDK 14 NO 46 ((10)); Newfield - Known 9 OC 39 ((10, 14)). This Newfield date shows a philatelic usage as was apparent with Barnes Hill and Bethesda.

Interestingly, all three of the apparently philatelic 1939 strikes (Barnes Hill, Bethesda, and Newfield) are known on covers addressed to a well-known collector in the U.K. ((10)).

18.2.2.4 ST. JOHN PARISH

A SPO was founded at St. Johnston's Village, approximately a mile to the east of St. John's, on 1 January 1932 ((15)), with Miss M. Corriere serving as its sub-postmistress ((29)). A 23½ mm diameter asterisked single-ring cds (Figure 34) was used. The SPO was closed permanently on 1 July 1936 ((30)). The strike illustrated is reported by Gale Raymond ((9)). While the year is indistinct, it is known to be 1933 from transit marks on the cover.

18.2.2.5 ST. PETER PARISH

LIG records indicate that the village of Pares was the site of a SPO beginning 1 January 1932 ((15)). There has been very little documented concerning this office, but it is presumed that it closed in 1948. The Pares cds (Figure 35) has an EDK of 16 SE 31 ((5)), while its LDK is 10 SE 47 ((10)). The EDK is reported by Simon Goldblatt on a Tercentenary adhesive, and its clear '31' year date is an obvious error since the adhesive was not issued until January 1932. Most probably it should read 16 SE 32.



FIGURE 34.



FIGURE 35.



FIGURE 36.



FIGURE 37.

18.2.2.6 ENGLISH HARBOUR

The post office at English Harbour has a fascinating history, many points of which are still in doubt and subject to confirmation. In Melville's monograph of 1928 ((31)), it is stated that in 1841 an internal post was set up by the island authorities between St. John's and English Harbour, but only as a temporary arrangement. Around about 1850, letters arriving by packet at English Harbour were sent by boat to St. John's, and there was evidently an omnibus company which conveyed inland letters between the two towns ((31)).

The "Crown Circle" English Harbour handstamp (Figure 36) was sent out from London on 10 December 1857 ((32)), an English Harbour SPO being opened sometime around 1858. By virtue of the Antigua Post Office Act of 24 April 1860, a Miss Ryding was appointed to the post of sub-postmistress at English Harbour, effective 17 May 1861 ((31)). Her salary was £20 per year and an annual rental allowance of £7 10s. The "Crown Circle" mark is known used during the years 1857-1863 ((33)).



FIGURE 38.



FIGURE 39.



FIGURE 40.



FIGURE 41.

The mark shown in Figure 37 was sent out from London on 10 December 1857 ((13)) along with the "Crown Circle" ((34)) to serve as a date stamp. This mark has been reported used with the A18 obliterator (Figure 38) as a cancel, with an EDK of 10 FE 72 ((35)) and an LDK of 12 MR 77. It is also reported alone on a cutout of a cover used 11 NO 61, ostensibly with the "Crown Circle" ((6)). All examples of the Figure 37 mark have single short arcs at each side of the outside diameter, separating the inscription portions, except for the Cornell example of 11 NO 61 noted above. It incorporates two short arcs at each side. This unique example may have been struck by a second canceller, or possibly someone "helped" the strike by adding the inner arcs to make it appear more like the Robson Lowe Types PN and PO and all the other early handstruck marks of the British Empire ((33)). The Cornell mark most resembles Type PO. Robson Lowe ((33)) lists only a Type PN, used in 1863, for English Harbour, but it is not illustrated.

In 1867, the accounts of the colony showed a charge of £72 for the contractor who carried the mails from English Harbour to St. John's and back ((36)). The post office at English Harbour gradually became less and less important, the last mail steamer had called there in May of 1878, but Miss Ryding continued to serve as sub-postmistress until 1 January 1879. On that date the office was at last closed by authority of Antigua Act No. 12 of 1878.

The cds of Figure 39 presumably replaced the PN-PO mark in the 1879-1880 period ((6)). In the Durnin collection there is a copy of the Figure 39 cds dated 28 September 1880 and struck on an S.G. 16 adhesive. Thus, it is established that English Harbour was closed for only a very short time--21 months at the most. LDK for this mark as a cancel is 27 MR 82 ((5)). Used as a cds with the A18 obliterator, the EDK is 12 AP 84 ((2)), and the LDK is 1886 ((14)). Jaffe states ((2)) that this cds was sent out from London on 10 December 1857 along with the "Crown Circle" mark, but this seems highly unlikely ((6)).

The cds of Figure 40 is known used on 17 AU 21 ((37)), and presumably was used until closing of the English Harbour facility for the last time on New Year's Day, 1932.

It is possible that the rare ST. PAUL'S/ANTIGUA, B.W.I. cds that is shown in Figure 41 was used at English Harbour. This mark, a 25 mm single-ring type, was sent out from London, along with the Figure 14 cds of St. Mary's on 7 November 1904 ((2)). The St. Paul's cancel is known with EDK of AU 15 05 ((18)) and LDK of AU 27 24 ((38)). Thus, it appears that a three-year overlap period (17 August 1921 to 27 August 1924) existed, during which time the cds's of Figure 40 and Figure 41 could have been used concurrently. It has been suggested that the St. Paul's canceller might have been used at Bethesda. However, usage of St. Paul's at the English Harbour office seems a more logical possibility. This matter is discussed at length in References 39, 40, 41, 42, and 43.

Dr. Arthur Griswold reports ((11)) a 3d Antigua Tercentenary adhesive of 1932 with a partial strike of a cds of about $23\frac{1}{2}$ to 24 mm diameter, and partial inscription "...HARBOUR A...". all tops of letters at outside diameter. Possibly, this mark is still another English Harbour cancel of ca. 1920-1930, although the SPO was officially closed on 1 January 1932 while the Tercentenary adhesives were not available in Antigua until 27 January 1932. Dr. Griswold's strike is unlike that of Figure 40 (25 mm diameter) in all respects, including having a "U" in HARBOUR and the "A" at the top of the outside diameter. It seems more probable that the Griswold example is an arrival or transit mark applied as a cancellation at some point outside of Antigua ((6)).

Further discussion of handstamps used at various times at English Harbour will be found in Section 3, Handstruck Postage Stamps.

18.3 THE ANTIGUA INLAND POST

Except for official announcements in the LIG's, very few documents have come to light pertaining to the early history of the Inland Post (IP). It is recorded that the IP first came into operation on 1 October 1873, at a cost of £45 for the three-month period until 1 January 1874 ((36)). The 1874 and 1875 budget for running the IP was £150 for each year, with a reduction to £100 yearly taking effect in 1876 and extending through 1882. This £100 annual budget remained unchanged for that period even though the English Harbour P.O. was closed during 1879, and even though the budget continued to be overspent each year ((36)).

In Leeward Islands Act No. 11 of 1886, published in the LIG of 1 July 1886, there is an inter-

esting regulation which defines the exemption granted to military personnel from paying IP rates. The regulation reads as follows, and is again repeated in Leeward Islands Act No. 9 of 1909 ((44)):

"No Inland Postage shall be charged or payable on any letters sent to or received from parts beyond the limits of any Island of the Colony by any private soldier or common seaman in any such Island on his own private concerns who shall be actually employed in Her Majesty's Service." In the 1909 Act, the phrase Her Majesty's Service is, of course, changed to "His..."

The Antigua Inland Post Regulations (AIPR) of 1886 established eleven basic IP routes: Two routes ran between St. John's and Parham, but by different roads. Two routes extended between St. John's and All Saints, again by different roads. Links also existed between Parham and St. Stephen's, Parham and Freetown, St. John's and St. James', St. John's and Bolans, Bolans and Old Road, All Saints and The Grange, and All Saints and English Harbour.

The rather loose manner in which the above villages were interconnected did manage to account for all nine SPO's operating in 1886. Considering the small IP budget that was allowed, this network was probably the best that could be devised. A twelfth route, connecting Parham and All Saints, was established per the AIPR of 1900.

Antigua Postmaster's Reports issued between 1906/07 and 1915/16 show the following figures relative to the volume of mail passing through the Inland Post:

Fiscal Year	Letters Despatched from St. John's GPO to the Country*	Letters Received at St. John's GPO from the Country*
1906/07	44,499	13,173
1907/08	45,223	12,731
1908/09	45,294	11,431
1909/10	43,510	11,616
1910/11	46,332	12,436
1911/12	48,938	14,451
1912/13	50,418	15,119
1913/14	50,548	15,852
1914/15	50,444	15,946
1915/16	48,095	14,423

The first significant reorganization of the IP took place in 1932. The Antigua Postmaster's Report for that year described that such reorganization was necessary due to the abolition of country postmen, who previously had made house-to-house deliveries throughout the island. This required an increase in the total number of SPO's where villagers could pick up their mail. In 1931 there were thirteen SPO's on Antigua, but five were closed and seven new ones were added on 1 January 1932. Another office, Swetes, was established later in the year, so there was a net gain of three SPO's during 1932.

In the final analysis, however, sixteen SPO's may have been too many. The Antigua Postmaster's Report for 1933 states that "...there has been a falling off in the number of letters received from and despatched to sub-post offices from the General Post Office, when com-

* "Country" refers to Antigua SPO's collectively.

pared with the year 1932. This is...partly due to the fact that persons have taken advantage of the cheap bus services now maintained between St. John's and the country districts to collect their letters at the General Post Office. "

The 1933 Antigua Postmaster's Report also stated that "...the Inland Mail Service was efficiently maintained by Mr. Jose Anjo, Contractor." Further reference to this contractor can be found in the LIG of 9 December 1937 which announced that "...by the courtesy of Mr. Jose Anjo, it has been arranged that a Post Box will be installed on the buses Lady Haynes-Smith and Lady Strickland, as well as on the mail van for the convenience of posting letters in the country districts. The boxes will be cleared on arrival of the vehicles in St. John's. "

Various LIG's published between 1932 and 1937 specified very detailed daily schedules for the despatch of mail for each of the SPO's. These schedules are too numerous and too complicated to be completely reviewed here, but a typical one, from the LIG of 7 January 1932, is shown below:

ANTIGUA POSTAL SERVICE

Inland Mails from G. P. O., St. John's

MONDAY

8:15 a.m. Gunthorpes
8:45 a.m. Green Bay, St. Johnston's
2:30 p.m. All Saints, Liberta
3:30 p.m. All Saints, Liberta*

TUESDAY

8:15 a.m. Gunthorpes
8:45 a.m. St. Johnston's
2:30 p.m. All Saints, Liberta, Gunthorpes, Pares, Parham
*3:30 p.m. Gunthorpes

WEDNESDAY

8:15 a.m. Gunthorpes
8:45 a.m. St. Johnston's, Green Bay
9:45 a.m. Bendals, Bolans, Johnson's Point, Old Road
2:30 p.m. Gunthorpes, Pares, Parham
*3:30 p.m. All Saints, Falmouth, Liberta

THURSDAY

8:15 a.m. Gunthorpes
8:45 a.m. St. Johnston's
12:45 p.m. Cedar Grove
2:30 p.m. All Saints, Falmouth, Liberta
*3:30 p.m. All Saints, Liberta

FRIDAY

8:15 a.m. Gunthorpes, Pares, Parham, Seatons, Montpelier
8:45 a.m. St. Johnston's, Green Bay
2:30 p.m. All Saints, Liberta
3:30 p.m. All Saints, Liberta*

ANTIGUA POSTAL SERVICE (Continued)

Inland Mails from G. P. O., St. John's

SATURDAY

8:15 a. m. Gunthorpes
 8:45 a. m. St. Johnston's
 9:45 a. m. Bendals, Bolans, Johnson's Point, Old Road
 ** 12:45 p. m. All Saints, Falmouth, Gunthorpes, Pares, Parham, Liberta

* For conveyance by 7 a. m. bus next day

** For conveyance by 9 a. m. bus Sunday.

All fifteen SPO's existing as of 1 January 1932 were reached by this despatch schedule. A table showing the number of letters and papers sent between the GPO and the SPO's during 1932 was published in the LIG of 19 July 1934, and is reproduced below:

<u>SPO</u>	<u>RECEIVED FROM</u>		<u>DESPATCHED TO</u>	
	Letters	Papers	Letters	Papers
All Saints	1320	340	4276	2856
Bendals	244	24	2104	1640
Bolans	328	176	2232	1588
Cedar Grove	432	428	1616	1076
Falmouth	572	60	1168	576
Green Bay	196	44	3708	1468
Gunthorpes	2500	316	3520	3452
Johnson's Point	316	76	1596	504
Liberta	892	536	2128	1700
Montpelier	336	156	1356	824
Old Road	616	96	1332	944
Parham	520	240	3024	1764
Pares	460	140	804	528
Swetes	420	148	1568	920
St. Johnston's	280	12	2080	848
Seatons	444	208	1236	700

A particularly noteworthy point in the above table is the comparatively high volume of letters received from Gunthorpes, a figure almost twice as much as that for the next highest volume SPO, All Saints. This can only be explained by the heavy letter-writing activity of employees at the sugar factory. It is interesting that Gunthorpes had been so busy in 1932, yet had faded by 1937 to a position of relative unimportance (See 18.2.2.2).

The following changes in the IP letter rate occurred on the dates indicated:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Letter Not Exceeding</u>	<u>Charge</u>
1 January 1891 ((45))	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz	1d
1 October 1907 ((46))	1 oz	1d
1 April 1926 ((47))	2 oz	1d
15 August 1954 ((48))	2 oz	2¢
4 April 1959 ((49))	2 oz	3¢

SPO HISTORY CHART

CHART 1 1850-1899				NAMES OF POST OFFICES					
				ESTABLISHED BEFORE TURN OF CENTURY					
YEAR	PO's per LIG Data			ST. JOHN'S	ALL SAINTS	BOLANS	ST. JAMES'	ST. MARY'S	ST. PETER'S
	A	B	C						
1850	0	1	1						(none)
1857	1	2	2	↑					F
1878	3	4	4		↑				F
1879	2	3	3						(none)
1880	2	3	3						(none)
1881	7	8	8						E P T
1884	△ 9	10	10						J P T U
1886	9	10	10						same
1893	↑	↑	↑						same
1898	↑	↑	↑		① ②				same
1899	9	10	10						same

(To CHART 2)

KEY FOR CHART 1

- ① - Proof strike of All Saints (1st type with Code Letter C) CDS, 10 OC 98.
- ② - EDK All Saints 1st type CDS, 22 NO 98.
- ③ - Proof strike St. Peter's CDS, 10 OC 98; EDK St. Peter's CDS, 6 DE 98.
- ④ - All Saints and Old Road (St. Mary's) are listed in Antigua Postmaster's Report for 1878. Both SPO's may have been in existence for a considerable period of time prior to then. Chart assumes SPO start in 1878 in both cases.
- ⑤ - Bolans, Barnes Hill, Parham (St. Peter's) and The Grange (Newfield) are first specified as Post Offices in the LIG of 24 November 1881. Nothing in the LIG's proves that any or all of them were not operating prior to that year, but chart assumes SPO start in 1881 in all four cases.
- ⑥ - Barnes Hill was on "closed" status at least as early as 6 January 1884. Chart assumes SPO closed in that year. Chart also assumes an 1884 SPO start for Freetown, St. James', and St. Stephen's.

SPO HISTORY CHART (Continued)

CHART 2 1900 - NOW				NAMES OF POST OFFICES						
				EXISTING CONTINUOUSLY SINCE BEFORE TURN OF CENTURY						OTHERS
YEAR	PO's per LIG Data			ST. JOHN'S	ALL SAINTS	BOLANS	ST. JAMES'	ST. MARY'S	ST. PETER'S	
	A	B	C							
1900	11	12	12							E G J P T U (12)
1901	↑	↑	↑							same
1902										same
1903										same
1904								(3)		E G J P T (7) U
1905								(4)		E G J P T (8) U
1906										E G J P T U
1907										same
1918										same
1919										same
1920										same
1921	11	12	12							E G J P T (9) U
1922	11	12	13							D E G J P T U
1923	↑	↑	↑							same
1924										D E G J P T (10) U
1925										D E G J P T U
1926										same
1927	11	12	13							same
1928	11/12	12/13	13/14	(1)						same plus K
1929	12/13	13/14	14/15							same plus N
1930	13	14	15							same
1931	13	14	15				(2)		(6)	same
1932	15/16	16/17	17/18					(5)		D F I K L M N O R S U (11) V
1933	16	17	18							D F I K L M N O R S U V
1934	↑	↑	↑							same
1935	16	17	18							same
1936	16/15	17/16	18/17							same minus S
1937	15/12	16/13	17/14							same minus I, U, and V
1938	12	13	14							same
1939	↑	↑	↑							same
1940										same
1942										same
1944										same (O became St. Philip's)
1945	12	13	14							same (K renamed Grays Farm)
1948	12/11	13/12	14/13							D F J K M N U
1961	11	12	13							same plus H and minus K
1965	11/12	12/13	13/14							D F H J M N Q U
1967	12/13	13/14	14/15							same plus K
NOW	13	14	15	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	D F H J K M N Q U

SPO HISTORY CHART (Continued)

KEY FOR CHART 2

"Slashed numbers", e.g., "15/16", stand for "15 then 16".

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- ① - LDK All Saints 1st type CDS, 2 OC 28.
 - ② - Renamed Cedar Grove.
 - ③ - Proof strike of St. Mary's CDS, 7 NO 04.
 - ④ - EDK St. Mary's CDS, 24 JY 05.
 - ⑤ - LDK St. Mary's CDS, 26 OC 32.
 - ⑥ - LDK St. Peter's CDS, 7 JA 31.
 - ⑦ - Proof strike of St. Paul's CDS, 7 NO 04.
 - ⑧ - EDK St. Paul's CDS, 15 AU 05.
 - ⑨ - EDK 2nd type English Harbour CDS, 17 AU 21.
 - ⑩ - LDK St. Paul's CDS, 27 AU 24.
 - ⑪ - Renamed Seatons.
 - ⑫ - Bethesda and Barnes Hill are known to have been operating at least as early as 8 September 1900. However, Bethesda may have been opened as early as 1886 and Barnes Hill may also have been reopened as far back as that year. The chart assumes that both of these events took place in 1900.

KEY FOR BOTH CHARTS

A - Omitting Barbuda & St. John's. B - Omitting Barbuda but including St. John's.
C - Including Barbuda & St. John's.

OTHER POST OFFICES:

D - BARBUDA	J - FREETOWN	O - MONTPELIER	S - ST. JOHNSTON'S
E - BARNES HILL	K - GREEN BAY	P - NEWFIELD	T - ST. PAUL'S
F - BENDALS	L - GUNTHORPES	(('THE GRANGE'))	(ENGLISH
G - BETHESDA	M - JOHNSON'S POINT	Q - NEW WINTHORPES	HARBOUR)
H - DOCKYARD	N - LIBERTA	R - PARES	U - ST. STEPHEN'S
I - FALMOUTH			V - SWETES

VILLAGE POSTMARK CHECK LIST

<u>TEXT</u> <u>FIGURE</u>	<u>CANCELLATION</u>	<u>EDK</u>	<u>REF</u>	<u>LDK</u>	<u>REF</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
3	All Saints - 1	22 NO 98	2	2 OC 28	5	Code Letter C
4	All Saints - 2	15 OC 29	6	73		Asterisk
29	Barnes Hill	1921 plus	14	15 FE 39	10	
5	Bendals	17 SE 32	5	73		
26	Bethesda	7 AP 39	14	7 AP 39	10	
12	Bolans	1 AP 30	10	73		
11	Cedar Grove	6 OC 32	5	73		
36	EH/Crown Circle	1857	33	1863	33	
37	EH PN/PO	10 FE 72	50	12 MR 77	19	Cds with A18
37	EH PN/PO	11 NO 61	6			Cut out, 2 arcs
38	A18 obliterator	1875	2	DE 85	50	
39	Antigua/EH	12 AP 84	2	1886	14	Cds with A18
39	Antigua/EH	22 SE 80	10	27 MR 82	5	As cancel
40	EH/Antigua	17 AU 21	14			
27	Falmouth	18 SE 32	5	22 NO 36	19	
18	Freetown	8 SE 48	12	73		Code Letter A
7	Grays Farm - 1	10 OC 49	11	25 AP 58	5	Thick arcs, Code Letter A
7	Grays Farm - 2	1 NO 46	6	7 FE 47	12	Thick arcs, Code Letter B
9	Grays Farm - 3	6 NO 67	6	73		Single line arc
6	Green Bay - 1	6 MY 31	9	6 DE 33	10	Single ring
8	Green Bay - 2	7 OC 60	13	2 JU 61	14	Double ring
30	Gunthorpes	26 NO 32	5	9 SE 47	10	
15	Old Road	24 SE 32	5	73		
13	Johnson's Point	17 SE 32	5	73		
16	Liberta	23 JA 30	11	73		
31	Montpelier	18 JU 32	5	14 MR 41	28	
17	Nelson's Dockyard	14 NO 61	6	73		
33	Newfield	9 OC 39	14	9 OC 39	10	
22	New Winthorpes - 1	22 JY 65	6	73		Double ring cds
23	New Winthorpes - 2	22 JY 65	23	73		Registry oval
35	Pares	16 SE 31	5	10 SE 47	10	EDK on Tercentenary stamp of 1932
25	Parham	2 MY 34	5	73		
10	St. James	18 FE 29	14			
34	St. Johnston's	21 MR 33	9	18 SE 3?	6	LDK on Tercentenary stamp of 1932
14	St. Mary's	24 JY 05	5	26 OC 32	19	
41	St. Paul's	15 AU 05	10	27 AU 24	38	
24	St. Peter's	6 DE 98	10	7 JA 31	51	
32	St. Philip's	11 JY 46	13	14 NO 46	10	Double ring
19	St. Stephen's	19 JY 28	14			
20	Seatons - 1	16 SE 32	5	1 AP 64	6	Single ring
21	Seatons - 2	2 JA 66		73		Single line arc
28	Swetes	21 J? 33	10			Partial strike only

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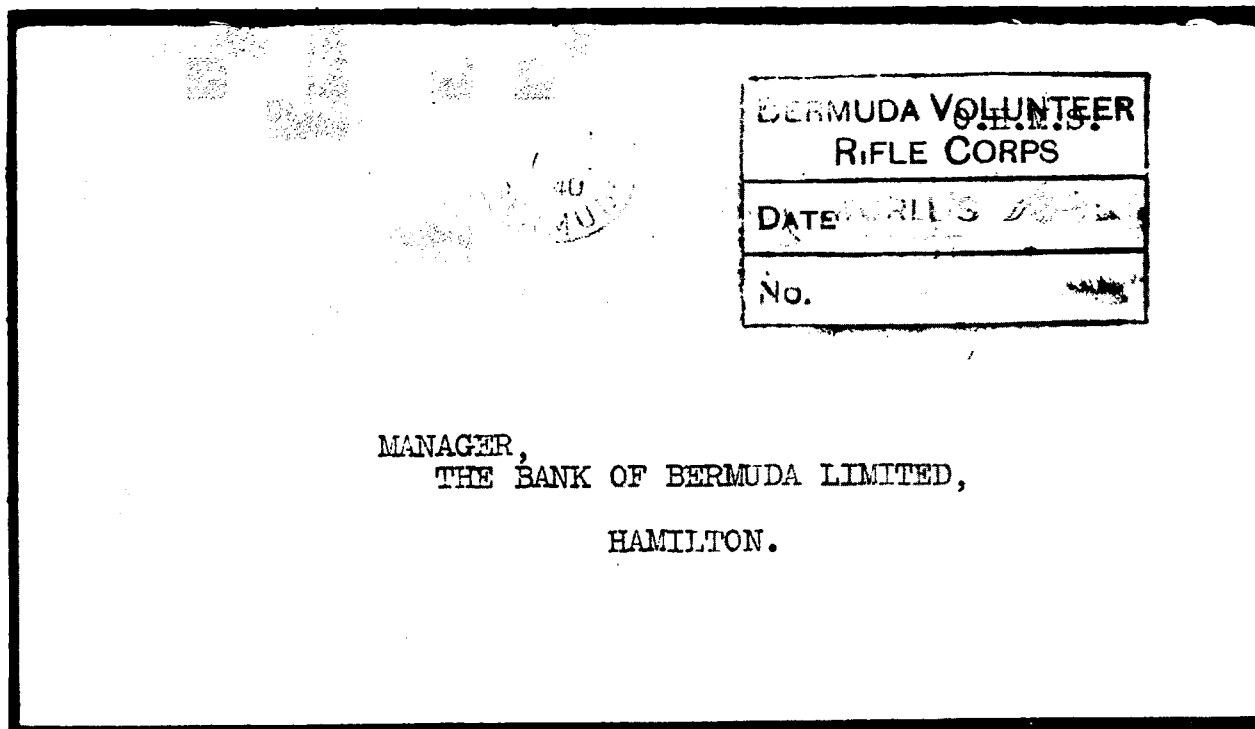
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Bermuda Military Cachet

by C. Kilbourne Bump

On page 71 of his Handbook on Bermuda, Morris Ludington states "Local forces include the Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps, the Bermuda Militia Artillery, and the Bermuda Volunteer Engineers. No cachets have been seen of the first organization, but cachets are known of both the others, franking local letters during and just after the war." He then describes the two known cachets. I can now report the existence of a cachet for the Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps, and illustrate below a cover of 7th June 1940 which is franked by a strike of it.



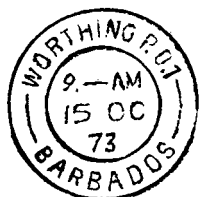
Since it has been almost twelve years since publication of the Ludington book, and almost six years since publication of the most recent supplement thereto, perhaps other examples of the Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps cachet have been discovered. However, I have failed to find reports of any such discoveries in the literature to which I have access.

The cachet is stamped in violet ink, and although places for "Date" and "Number" have been provided on the stamp, they were not utilized on this strike. However, the Hamilton machine cancellation provides the date of use. O.H.M.S. is typewritten at upper right of the cover.

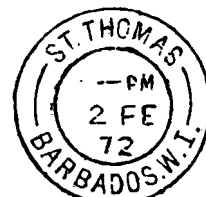
Worthing's Postmarks

by Reynold Radford

Following upon Frank Gibbon's article in the October Journal, I was fortunate to obtain a first day cancel from this office. The cds is a Birmingham type with thin arcs at the sides, and it reads "WORTHING P.O. 1/9-AM/15 OC/73/BARBADOS". I have ascertained from the postmistress that the P.O. stands for Post Office! There are five of these numbered datestamps in existence, although only three of them, numbers 1, 4, and 5, were initially put into use. I am not sure at the time of writing whether numbers 2 and 3 have since gone into service.



TOO-LATE



The cover bears a strike of the St. Lawrence registration handstamp. This was continued in use for about the first two weeks of operation of the new office before being retired, although no Worthing mark had been issued at that time. Subsequent covers I have received have had the R and WORTHING in manuscript.

I have been informed by the P.M.G. that an electric cancelling machine is on order for this office, but it is not yet known when it will be in use.

The closure of the St. Lawrence office and the opening of Worthing was certainly a hush hush job. Even the postmistress was unaware of the exact date. She was on holiday when it took place and returned to find it 'fait accompli'!

Getting to another subject, but also concerning Barbados--in the October Journal, page 150, Roy Botwright reported a hyphenated TOO-LATE mark from St. Peter. Major Stephen Cave has several covers which show that such a hyphenated mark existed at the G.P.O. as early as 7 OC 1867, and SURPRISE, it still existed at St. Thomas in February 1972. Major Cave, in a visit to the island in 1972 unearthed it in a drawer at St. Thomas and decided to bring it back into use. He posted a few covers after the afternoon collection had been made, and then insisted that they be datestamped for that afternoon and the TOO-LATE mark applied. When he visited St. Thomas at a subsequent date, he was told that the mark had been recalled to the G.P.O., so presumably 2 February 1972 is the LDK.

Finally, I can confirm Roy's statement about the First Day of Issue slogan cancel. In all it was used four times as follows: 24 NOV 1948 - Royal Silver Wedding; 10 OCT 1949 - 75th Anniversary U.P.U.; 16 FEB 1951 - B.W.I. University; 6 MAY 1961 - Opening of the Deep Water Harbour.

TRUSTEES CHOOSE OFFICERS FOR 1974 ----

The BCPSG Trustees have selected the officers for the Group for the year 1974, and with one exception all of the incumbents will retain their offices. The exception is for the position of Editor of the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal. Fred Seifert having decided to step down from that position after occupying it for nearly 6½ years, Dr. John C. Arnell will take over. Mark A. Kellner has been appointed Assistant Editor

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- 42 GUYANA ERROR - Mint VF NH block of 10 of the 2¢ QE local overprint of 1967, showing "1966" instead of "GUYANA" on one stamp. Corner block, serial #3. EST. \$12.00
- 43 GUYANA ERROR - As above but sl. margin damage not affecting stamps. EST. \$11.00
- 44 GUYANA - Mint and used corner blocks of four of the 3¢ QE first type, London overprint Sc.1A (SG 380) F-VF never hinged. EST. \$3.00
- 45 GUYANA ERROR - VF mint NH copy of 4¢ violet QE local overprint, SG 423b with overprint inverted. Commonwealth 36b, Cat. £40. EST. \$22.50
- 46 GUYANA - A VF NH mint block of four of the 5¢ QE London overprint Sc.10 (SG 433) with plate numbers 3 and 4. EST. \$3.00
- 47 GUYANA ERROR - A VF mint NH copy of the 6¢ QE local overprint with the double overprint, SG 424 var. CW 37c, Cat. £35. EST. \$22.50
- 48 GUYANA ERROR - VF mint NH copy of the 6¢ QE local overprint with inverted overprint, SG 424b. Cw 37b, Cat. £35. EST. \$22.50
- 49 GUYANA ERROR - A VF mint copy of the 6¢ QE local overprint with the overprint inverted and either doubled or very heavily struck. NH. EST. \$22.50
- 50 GUYANA - Mint and used blocks of four of the 48¢ QE first London overprint. Condition F-VF and NH. Upright WMK, Sc.15, SG 403A, CW 17 Cat. £14. EST. \$5.00
- 51 GUYANA - A well centered VF mint copy of the \$5 London overprint, Sc.6, SG 392. NH. WMK Script CA EST. \$13.00
- 52 GUYANA ERROR - A NH mint copy of SG 546, the 6¢ floral, with the perfs so badly misplaced that about 25% of the adjoining stamp is included. EST. \$12.50
- 53 GUYANA - F-VF complete set of 1968 unwatermarked pictorials, Sc.39-53, SG 448-462, neatly cancelled. 1972 Cat. \$7.98
- 54 JAMAICA STAMPLESS ENTIRE - A letter from Jamaica to Edinburgh dated 1767 with no stamped postal markings, but ms. rate as usual. It was endorsed in London to be forwarded by agent (very unusual). EST. \$17.50
- 55 JAMAICA - A used set of Scott 1-12, 1d-1/- of both Pineapple and CC wmk. All are F-VF except the 4d Pine which is discolored. 12 stamps. Approx CAT. \$56.00
- 56 JAMAICA - A sound used copy of Sc.3, the 3d Pine, with a very distinct and bright cancel of the A73 oblit. Short perf at corner. Plus a nice pair of #8, the 2d CC with two fairly good strikes of the A50 oblit. Plus a nice strike of the circular Street Letter Box mark of Kingston dated 1901 on Sc.31. CAT. \$8.50
- 57 JAMAICA - Mint F-VF copy of Sc.9, the 3d QV CC, large part OG. CAT. \$27.50
- 58 JAMAICA - Unused F copy of Sc.15, the 5/- stamp, but with no gum. CAT. \$23.50
- 59 JAMAICA - Neatly cancelled used blocks of 4 of Sc.78, 79, and 81, F-VF. CAT. \$11.20
- 60 JAMAICA - Mint Child Welfare set, Sc.B-1 through B-3, all mint & hinged. CAT. \$11.00
- 61 JAMAICA - Cover with VF first day strike of the Jamaica Philatelic Society's TRD for its Third Stamp Exhibition at Nathan's Store, 3rd to 10th February 1938. Backstamped with Kingston machine, FEB 3, 1938. EST. \$3.00
- 62 JAMAICA - 2 covers and a 1½d post card, each struck with a different TRD of TREASURE BAY, two being very scarce marks. EST. \$6.00
- 63 LEEWARDS USED IN DOMINICA - Nine Leeward Islands stamps plus a pair cancelled by various Dominica circular date stamps. Includes LAPLAINE 1912 (Sc.34), ST. JOSEPH 1903 (Sc.22), DELICES 1933 (Sc.66), POINTE MICHEL 1905 (Sc.25) and 1905 (Sc.26), PORTSMOUTH 1897 (Sc.2-small tear), GRAND BAY 1921 (Pr. Sc.52), plus three diff. GPO marks. Clear postmarks and mostly on the nose strikes. EST. \$15.00
- 64 LEEWARDS USED IN DOMINICA - Copy of Sc.2 with Wesley 1901 strike. EST. \$10.00
- 65 LEEWARDS USED IN BVI - A F-VF copy of Sc.5, the 6d QV KP, excellently obliterated with the A91 of the Virgin Islands. EST. \$8.00
- 66 LEEWARD ISLANDS - F-VF copies of Sc.20-26, ½d-1/- used in var. isl. CAT. \$12.90

- 67 LEEWARDS USED IN ST. KITTS - F-VF copy of Sc. 20, the ½d KE KP centrally postmarked with the St. Kitts cds with CA index of Cayon. EST. \$15.00
- 68 LEEWARDS USED IN DOMINICA - F-VF copy of Sc. 21, 1d KE KP, centrally postmarked with the cds of ST. JOSEPH, dated 17 SP 02. EST. \$4.00
- 69 LEEWARDS USED IN DOMINICA - F-VF copy of Sc. 23, the 2½d KE KP, beautifully postmarked with the cds of POINTE MICHEL, dated 4 SP 04. EST. \$4.00
- 70 LEEWARDS USED IN ST. KITTS - F-VF copy of Sc. 23, the 2½d KE KP cancelled with the duplex oblit/cds mark dated 14 NO 02 with SP index of SANDY POINT. EST. \$15.00
- 71 LEEWARDS USED IN DOMINICA - A F-VF copy of Sc. 40 (SG 45), the 5/- KE KP, a fresh bright stamp cancelled lightly with the PORTSMOUTH cds. CAT. \$24.00
- 72 LEEWARD ISLANDS - Another F-VF copy of Sc. 40, with very light pmk. CAT. \$24.00
- 73 LEEWARD ISLANDS - F-VF copies of Sc. 103-115, plus 120-125, and one extra shade. A complete set. CAT. \$19.15
- 74 NEVIS - Good copy of Sc. 6 (SG 6), faint cancel, some missing perfs. CAT. \$20.00
- 75 NEVIS - Neat copy of Sc. 16 (SG 19), F-VF, some short perfs as usual. CAT. \$65.00
- 76 ST. LUCIA STEAM CONVEYANCE - Three labels, probably reprints, unused, 1(d) blue, 3(d) rose, and 6(d) purple. EST. \$5.00
- 77 ST. LUCIA - F copy of Sc. 3 (SG 3), two short perfs, light A11 oblit cancel. CAT. \$100.00
- 78 ST. LUCIA AIRMAIL COVER - Mailed to test the PAA airmail system. Postmarked at Washington, DC, 1 NOV 1946 and backstamped at Castries on 6 NOV. Then backstamped at PAA office on 7 NOV, St. Lucia stamps added and remailed on 8 NOV. EST. \$5.00
- 79 ST. LUCIA - F-VF used set 1938-1948 issue, Sc. 110-126 incl "a" numbers and an extra shade. (SG 128-141). CAT. \$31.06
- 80 TRINIDAD - F used copy of the 4d gray lilac (Sc. 15 ?) with close but clear margins of all sides and faint cancel. This stamp may be a pin perf instead of imperf, as these stamps were often trimmed with scissors. As an imperf it would catalogue at \$110, while as pin perf it would catalogue more or less, depending on the number. EST. ? ?
- 81 TRINIDAD - VF mint block of six stamps of Sc. 91, the 2d Landing of Columbus. Stamps very lightly hinged and in excellent condition except slight toning. CAT. \$8.10
- 82 TRINIDAD - Large cover franked with U.S. 15¢ brown airmail stamp (Sc. C8) cancelled by APO 803 cds 19 JAN ?. Censor mark on front. Addr. to Wash, DC. EST. \$7.50
- 83 TRINIDAD - Three First Flight covers: P.O.S. to Buffalo, NY, SEP 25, 1929, F.A.M. 6 via San Juan by P.A.A.; P.O.S. to Jamaica, DEC 14, 1944, via BWIA; and P.O.S. to Miami, APR 6, 1950, via BWIA. All properly marked and VF. EST. \$12.00
- 84 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO - F-VF used set Sc. 89-102, the 1960-66 pictorials, all are neatly cancelled. CAT. \$7.04
- 85 VIRGIN ISLANDS - F-VF used, Sc. 29-35, the KE KP issue wmkd MCA complete through the 1/- value. CAT. \$27.05

Mail bids must be sent to reach the Auction Manager not later than 15 April 1974. Send bids to: ROBERT TOPAZ, 34 MARYELLEN ROAD, WABAN, MASS. 02168, USA. Last minute bids may be sent to E.M. Adelson, Box 333, Uleta, FL 33164.

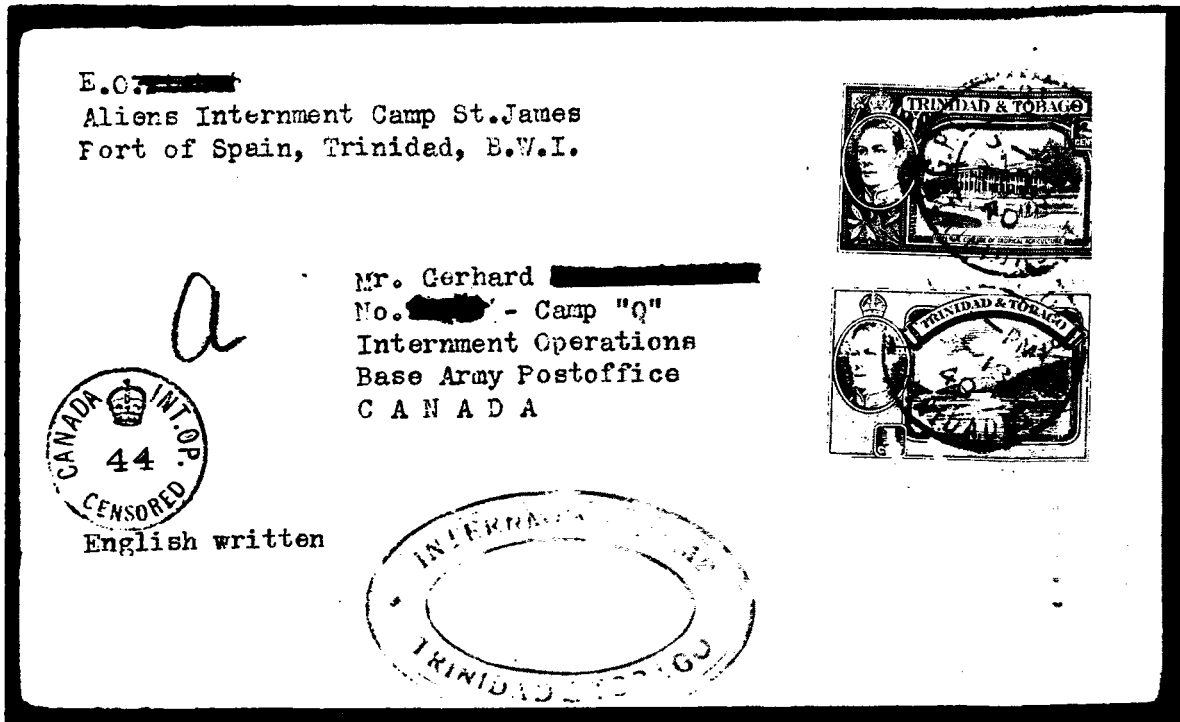
JANUARY ISSUE OF "GEOSIX" FEATURES JAMAICA AND TURKS & CAICOS ----

The story of the Jamaica 5/- stamp with freak perforation, SG 132ab, and details of the Turks & Caicos 1938 definitives and their various printings, are featured in the January 1974 issue of GEOSIX, the publication of the King George VI Collectors Society. Copies of the issue are obtainable for \$1 from Frank R. Saunders, 65 Westbrooke Avenue, Hartlepool, Co. Durham, TS25 5HU, England. Better still, ask Frank how you can become a member of the Society.

A Trinidad Internee Cover

by Fred F. Seifert

In the November 1967 BCP Journal (Whole Number 40), we reported a Trinidad Internment Camp cover of June 9th, 1941. Subsequently, we obtained an earlier cover which obviously came from the same facility, and we illustrate it below. It differs in most respects from the 1941 cover previously described, as the following comparison will show.



This new find is franked with a 1¢ and a 2¢ adhesive of Trinidad, and these are cancelled by two strikes of the G. P. O. Port of Spain, Birmingham type cds dated DE 18 40. The cover of 1941 bore no postage stamps, but a straight-line "CAMP COMMANDANT" handstamp served as franking, while a strike of the same Port of Spain cds of JU 9 41 indicated its acceptance and onward transmission by the Port of Spain G. P. O.

The writer of the earlier cover, E.O. Fisher, gives his return address as Aliens Internment Camp St. James, Port of Spain, Trinidad, BWI. Sometime thereafter it was apparently decided that a code name would be used for the Camp at St. James, so our cover of 6 months later shows the sender as E. Dillenberger, c/o Rented, Trinidad B.W.I. The earlier cover has an oval cachet of the Internment Camp in purple, but this is not found on the later cover. It was probably retired when the Rented code name was adopted.

The 1940 cover is addressed to Gerhard Fischer, an Internee in Canada, and has been opened at the right by a censor and resealed with a white label "EXAMINED BY CENSOR C. 83". On the reverse of the cover, a machine cancellation "BASE A. P. O. / JAN 6 / 1941 / CANADA" with eight wavy lines ties the label. The circular censor stamp on the front is in red, and above it the manuscript "a" is in red crayon. The 1941 cover bears a New York City address, and while it obviously was censored by the Camp authorities, it shows no censor markings.

We have seen one other cover similar to our 1940 one, but have misplaced the copy we made of it. If we recall correctly, it was dated a month or two after our DE 18 40 one. We have also seen a photocopy of a "Prisoner's of War Post" printed cover from "Camp. RENTED, TRINIDAD, B.W.I." of MY 17 43, sent airmail to New York, franked by T & T adhesives.

OUR SECRETARY REPORTS:

NEW MEMBERS:

All applicants listed on page 155 of the Oct. 1973 Journal have been admitted to membership.

NEW APPLICANTS:

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BUTLER, William; CAMPBELL, James A.; ROBINSON, Arthur G. (See page 168).

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ASKA, Pauline S.; BRINEY, Robert E.; BRITT, John J.; CURTISS, Joseph T.; GRAHAM; William I.; JONES, Phillip C.; KNAPP, Thomas P.; KNOWLES, A.J.; MACDONALD, Mrs. C.A.; MCCARTHY, Michael E.; O'NEIL, Bernerd L.; SCOTT, R.J.; SCHREINER, R.L.; ZANES, Helen L.

DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

BUCHANAN, B.; DE CEAN, G. P.; EVANS, L. A.; GALLAGHER, S.; HAYNES, R.D.; MAYER, A.A.; MEYERS, S.J.; STEWART, S.F.; STORER, H.D.; TURNBULL, L.L.; WATSON, D.K.

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GOLDENTAL, Lazaro, P.O. Box 7000, Philadelphia, PA 19149.
KROHN, Ed., P.O. Box 793, Perrine, FL 33157.
OLSEN, Florence, 101 W. 57th Street, Apt. 5H, New York, NY 10019. (Winter only).
PATON, Crawford, Spanish Wells, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

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SIKES, James Q., P.O. Box 461, Coffeyville, KS 67337.
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THOMPSON, Arthur, 30 High Thorpe Crescent, Cleethorpes, Lincs., England. (corrected)
WIENER, Robert A., c/o Seeburg Industries, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10022.
WOODWARD, Ian R., 7148 Briar Cove Drive, Dallas, TX 75240.

LOST MEMBER:

Mail sent to John P. Lundberg, 7403 - 105A Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, has been returned endorsed "Not Here" and "Moved". Does anyone know his new address?

NEW ISSUES

ANGUILLA

2 DEC 73

CHRISTMAS 1973. Set of six values, 1, 10, 20, 25, 40, and 50 cents featuring religious paintings. Artwork by John Lister Ltd. Staff Artists. Lithographed by Questa in sheets of 25 stamps. There is also a souvenir sheet containing one stamp of each value.

ANTIGUA

15 DEC 73

HONEYMOON VISIT OVERPRINTS. The Royal Wedding set (see page 152 of the October 1973 Journal) was overprinted "Honeymoon Visit, Dec. 16, 1973".

BAHAMAS

JAN 74

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES. A set of two stamps, 15¢ and 18¢. No details available.

APR 74

U. P. U. CENTENARY. Four stamps, 3, 13, 14, 18 cents and a souvenir sheet. No further details available.

BARBADOS

2 OCT 73

REPRINTED \$2.50 AND \$5.00 DEFINITIVES. The watermark is now upright for the first time.

11 DEC 73

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES. A set of three stamps, 5¢ - The Chancellor of the U.W.I.; 25¢ - Sherlock Hall on Cave Hill Campus; 35¢ - Cave Hill Campus. Designed by Waddington's Studio and lithographed by Enschede en Zonen in panes of 25 on CA watermarked paper.

BARBUDA

14 NOV 73

ROYAL WEDDING OVERPRINTS. The 35¢ and \$2.00 Royal Wedding stamps of Antigua were overprinted vertically on each side with BARBUDA. See page 167 of this issue for further information.

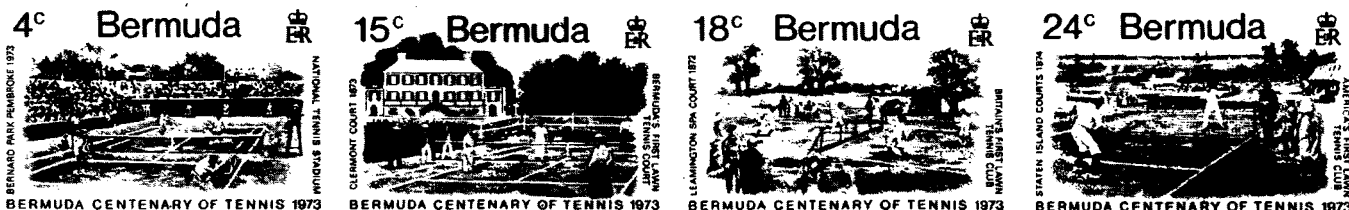
BELIZE

1 JAN 74

NEW DEFINITIVES. The previous designs have been used with new name plates (i.e., this is not an overprint). There have been some changes in color. The values are ½¢, 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, \$1, \$2 and \$5. Designed and lithographed by John Waddington of Kirkstall Ltd. in panes of 25 on watermark CA paper. Perf. 14.

BERMUDA

17 DEC 73 CENTENARY OF TENNIS. Four stamps, 4, 15, 18, and 24 cents as illustrated below. Designed by Waddington's Studio and lithographed by Questa in panes of 25 stamps on CA watermarked paper.



BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

17 OCT 73 DEFINITIVE REPRINTING. The 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10, and 12 cents definitives were reprinted, the watermark being changed from sideways to upright.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

2 JAN 74 BIRDS (Part I). Six stamps: 3¢ - White-winged Dove; 10¢ - Vitelline Warbler; 12¢ - Great Antillean Grackle; 20¢ - West Indian Red Bellied Woodpecker; 30¢ Stripe-headed Tanager; 50¢ - Yucatan Vireo. Lithographed by Walsall from the designs of M. Goaman. Panes of 25 stamps, Watermark CA.

DOMINICA

3 DEC 73 NATIONAL DAY 1973. A set of five values and a souvenir sheet. 5¢ - Carib Basket Weaving; 10¢ - L'Escalier Tête-Chien (The staircase of the snake); 50¢ Miss Caribbean Queen 1973 (Kathleen Telemacque); 60¢ - Miss CARIFTA Queen 1973 (Esther Fabelle); \$1 - La Jeune Etoile Dance Group. The souvenir sheet contains the 5¢, 10¢, and \$1 values. Designed by Gordon Drummond and lithographed by Format International in sheets of 50 stamps.

17 DEC 73 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES. A set of three stamps, 12¢ - U.W.I. Center, Dominica; 30¢ - A Graduation Ceremony; \$1 - The University Coat of Arms. Designed by G. Drummond and lithographed by Format International in sheets of 50 stamps.

GRENADA

OCT 73 CHRISTMAS 1973. Eight value set and a souvenir sheet depicting different religious paintings by famous masters. Values are 1/2¢, 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 25¢, 35¢, 75¢, and \$1.00. The souvenir sheet bears a \$2.00 stamp. Lithographed by Format International in sheets of 50 stamps.

GRENADINES

DEC 73 ROYAL WEDDING OVERPRINTS. The Grenada Royal Wedding set (see page 153 of the October 1973 Journal) were overprinted "Grenadines".

MONTserrat

2 OCT 73 DEFINITIVE REPRINTING. The 20¢ definitive was reprinted and it now has the watermark sideways.
22 OCT 73 CHRISTMAS 1973. The release date was postponed from 15 October 1973.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS

1 NOV 73 CHRISTMAS 1973. 4¢, 40¢, 60¢, and \$1, depicting religious paintings. Designs by J.E. Cooter. Lithographed by Format, watermark CA, panes of 25 stamps.

ST. VINCENT

13 DEC 73 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES. A set of four stamps: 5¢ - Administrative Block, Mona University; 10¢ - The University Centre in Kingstown; 30¢ - Aerial View, Mona University; \$1 - U.W.I. Coat of Arms. Designed by the PAD Studio and lithographed by Questa in panes of 25 on CA watermarked paper.

15 DEC 73 DEFINITIVE REVALUATIONS. Three of the current definitives have been re-valued by overprinting as follows: 30¢ on the 50¢ stamp; 40¢ on the 8¢ stamp; and \$10.00 on the \$1.00 stamp. The overprinting was done by the Government Printer in Kingstown. Sheets had to be separated into 25 stamp half sheets to fit the printing press.

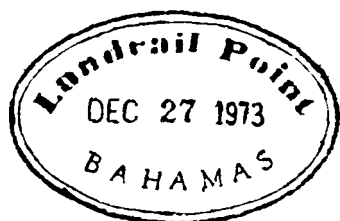
ST. VINCENT GRENADINES

14 NOV 73 ROYAL WEDDING ISSUE. The St. Vincent Royal Wedding issue sheets have the names of the six Grenadine Islands, Bequia, Canouan, Mayreau, Mustique, Prune Island, and Union Island, printed in the top and bottom selvedge.

Information in the foregoing listings has been provided by the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau, StanGib Ltd., the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation, and Joseph V. Lleida.

BITS & PIECES from HERE & THERE

BAHAMAS -- Joe Lleida of Nassau advises of new TRD's for six Bahamas post offices. Four of the six are large single ring marks of about 36½ mm diameter, and all of them are shown below. The Bimini TRD is the one that Tom Giraldi reported in the last Journal (page 156).



Joe says that the San Andros oval TRD was placed in use on 15 JAN 1974. The Fresh Creek TRD was also reported by Gale Raymond, who ran across a few strikes of it in a small lot of commercial pieces with dates in August and September 1973. Gale rushed several covers out for better strikes in mid-November, and was advised by Postmaster Newton R. McDonald that the TRD was not in official use at the moment. Gale notes that the large double circle

TRD reading "FRESH CREEK, ANDROS" at the bottom (the word "COMMISSIONER" having been deleted at top) has been retired, as has the more current one with "COMMISSIONER, FRESH CREEK, ANDROS" within a single circle. A Type 8, 30 mm cds is now standard at that P.O. There is no longer a direct airmail to Miami from Fresh Creek airport, all mail now going through Nassau.

According to Gale, a Type 8, 30 mm cds has replaced the TRD at STELLA MARIS, while Joe notes a Type 8 mark in blue ink for THE BLUFF, dated 23 NOV 73.

BARBADOS -- Cubana is now making scheduled flights between Cuba and Barbados.

BERMUDA -- Lynn Walker says that a Christmas card he received from Bermuda, bearing a 14 DEC 73 date, has a new machine slogan "REMEMBER/to use the/POST CODE".

Supplementing the report by Lynn on page 92 of the June 1973 Journal, Kil Bump says that he has Eastern Airlines first flight covers from Bermuda to Atlanta, to Daytona Beach, and to Miami. He also has a first flight return cover from Atlanta to Bermuda. All of the covers are cancelled May 1, 1973, with backstamps of the same day at drop off points. He indicates that stops were made at Newark each way, but he does not have covers to or from there.

BRITISH HONDURAS -- Byron Cameron notes that the use of "Amount Collected" stamps in lieu of adhesives (see pages 156 and 157 of October 1973 Journal) is a common practice. He reports two covers bearing such franking marks from the Ministry of Finance & Development and the Ministry of Internal Affairs & Justice used in 1964. Byron says it is done to prevent misuse of postage stamps by Government employees.

GRENADA -- A Type C 21 single ring cds for CROCHU dated MR 31 73 with an asterisk above the date is reported by Dan Walker. He notes that the last date he has seen for the Type C 16 mark which saw long use at Crochu is 8 SP 72. Can anyone close the gap?

ST. LUCIA -- Two new St. Lucia sub-p.o.'s are reported by Guy Kilburn. AMERIC, in the quarter of Castries, was opened on 1 November 1973, in Philomence Phillips' residence. We received a cover posted there by Guy on 20 DE 73. It bears a 24 mm cds of the current type, and registration is indicated by a manuscript "R 2". Guy tells us that Americ is about a mile and a half north of Babonneau, and that the "r" is pronounced as a "w", this being the patois pronunciation.

The second sub-p.o. is at LONDONDERRY in the quarter of Choiseul, in the residence of Mr. Myers Mathurins. Guy didn't indicate the opening date, but sent us a registered cover which is postmarked 7 JA 74. It has a 24 mm cds and a manuscript Reg. No. 11.

Guy reports the current 35¢ St. Lucia definitive has been found with inverted watermark.

TOBAGO -- A note from Ben Ramkissoon says that a P.O. was opened at BLOODY BAY on 1 NOV 1972, located at 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ mile Bloody Bay Main Road. U. Blake, PM. Skeleton postmark.

Personal Mention:

A massive heart attack put BYRON CAMERON in the hospital in November. He reports he is back home again, but restricted by his M.D. to writing letters and playing with his stamps.

BOB TOPAZ is now President of the Sandler Shoe Company, but with the uncertain state of the economy we don't know whether to congratulate or commiserate!

Being confined at home with pneumonia, RALPH GROUP is taking the opportunity to do some philatelic catching-up. He says it may result in some articles on British Honduras.

DR. IRWIN M. YARRY and COL. FRED F. SEIFERT have been elected Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

A brief note from STAN DURNIN advises that he is leaving Western Stamp Collector as of the end of January, and that he and ELAINE are moving east to Sidney, Ohio. Stan says he will be employed by Linn's, but does not indicate in what capacity.

DAVID POTTER has been appointed Headmaster of Holloway School, London.

HAAKON HELLNER says that darkness comes early in the afternoon in Norway at this time of year, and that it makes him wish he were back in South America or on a lonely island in the West Indies without any tourists. The lonely islands are mighty rare these days!

Three BCPSTGers are scheduled to present programs at the Collectors Club, New York, this season, but not on BWI topics. On March 26th, PAUL ROHLOFF will discuss United States Postal History. On March 20th, it's Iceland by C. ANGUS PARKER, while JOHN AYRE will open the Fall Season on September 18th with Falkland Islands.

TONY SHEPHERD gave an excellent display of St. Christopher, Nevis, and St. Kitts-Nevis at the November meeting of the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society. KEN WATSON assisted on the Nevis section. Included were some very fine early covers, postmarks, stamps, and postal stationery. The postal history side included pre-stamp covers and some fine Nevis bisects on cover.

The Roses' January meeting featured a talk and films on "Life in the Caribbean", which was most interestingly presented by TREVOR BATES.

FITZ ROETT has moved from Vancouver, BC, to Deep River, Ontario, where he is employed at the Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories. Fitz says that the temperature has been as low as -30°F. there this winter, but finds it not nearly as unbearable as he had anticipated.

A novel, "The Scarlet Ruse", by John D. MacDonald, was sent us recently by AL PIRINGER. Al points out that the author is either a philatelist or has been well briefed by one. The story involves a theft of rare stamps, including early BWI classics, by substituting inferior copies for them. The author skillfully employs philatelic terminology.

HARVEY O'CONNOR is spending a couple of months in Montego Bay, Jamaica. He expected to get over to Kingston for the activities associated with TOM FOSTER's visit there.

Also visiting Jamaica was WARREN BUCHANAN, who was enjoying the winter warmth over at Ocho Rios, and cavorting with the bunnies at the Playboy Club!

JOE CHIN ALEONG who edits the Trinidad Philatelic Society's Bulletin, says he is exploring the possibility of including illustrations in the Bulletin. Starting with the January-February issue, the Bulletin is being printed on quarto size paper for easier handling and storage.

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Our sympathy is extended to PHIL HALWARD and LINCOLN KIEFFER on the recent deaths of their wives.

MARK CASSIDY served as MC at the banquet of BALPEX '73, and AGUSTIN CANTENS won a Bronze Medal at that Baltimore show.

At SEAPEX in Seattle, Washington, a BCPSG mini-meeting took place as DICK MOUNSEY and STAN DURNIN got together there. Their subject? Barbados, of course!

DICK HAMILTON reports he is recuperating from an operation in early November. While he has recovered from the surgery, he says the post-operative treatment is bothering him somewhat. We send Dick our best wishes.

DAN WARREN has received a promotion, and now wears the silver leaves of Lt. Colonel.

DICK HIGGINS won the Grand Award with his "Postal Markings of Barbados" at the recent stamp exhibition of the Northern Indiana Philatelic Society.

AND AS WE GO TO PRESS:

The British West Indies Study Circle is holding its first auction immediately following its Annual General Meeting for 1974. Details are given in the December 1973 BWISC Bulletin, and further information may be obtained from Mike Sheppard. See BCPSG roster for Mike's address.

Mrs. Leslie Davis won a BCPSG Pewter Medal in October at FENTOPEX '73, Jamestown, NY for an entry of "Grenada at EXPO '67".

At the East Midlands Federation Convention in Kings Lynn, A. Reesby won a BCPSG Bronze with his Jamaica War Tax Overprint study. A pair of BCPSG parchments went to L. Voller and B. Thompson for their Jamaica entries. Al Branston presented the awards.

This being the final Journal for which we will be serving as Editor and Man of All Work, we ask that you submit further material for publication to our replacement, Dr. J. C. Arnell, "San Isidro", Point Finger Road, Paget 6-22, Bermuda. Please use Airmail in writing Jack or sending him manuscripts, as surface mail takes forever to get there.

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