



# THE BARBADOS MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1976 – 1977

The Council has pleasure in presenting its Report on the affairs of the Society for the year 1st May, 1976 – 30th April, 1977.

### PATRON

During the year under review the death occurred of the Society's Patron, the Governor General, His Excellency Sir Winston Scott.

His successor, His Excellency Sir Deighton Ward, has graciously consented to become a Patron of the Society.

### COUNCIL

At the Annual General Meeting held on 10th November, 1976, Mr. J.S.B. Dear, Q.C., was elected President. The Council welcomes as new members Mr. F.A. Hoyos, Mr. Warren Alleyne and the Rev. Kortright Davis. During the course of the year Mr. Hoyos was made a member of the Privy Council of Barbados.

Special thanks are due to certain Members of Council, who, over and above their normal attendance at meetings, have given considerable aid in specialist fields: Mr. Richard Goddard for his work for the security of the Museum, Miss B. Hill for designs for plaques and drawings for building alterations, Mr. Mark Hunte in promotional and production aspects of prints and cards, Mr. Warren Alleyne for writing up the history of Rachel Pringle for publication with the print, and Mr. Richard Gill for the preparation of plans of the courtyard and elevations to it. Mr. R.T.A. Johnson, who resigned as Vice-President on 31st August, 1976, also gave considerable help in running the Museum during the Director's vacation leave.



## MEMBERSHIP

At 1st May, 1976, there were 498 Members on the Roll, and on 30th April, 1977, there were 462, comprising 86 Life Members, 293 Annual Members, 17 Firm and Company Members, 66 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member.

The following were elected to membership of the Society during the course of the year:

### LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. J.C. Armstrong	Mr. P.R.P. Evelyn
Mr. J.S. Ball	Mr. C.G. Rogers
Ms. M. Blackman	Miss S.A. Rogers
Mr. J.A.F. Bowen	Miss S.G. Rogers
Mr. K.H. Bowen	Mrs. S. R. St. John
The Very Revd. Dean Harold Crichlow	

### ANNUAL MEMBERS

Miss D.J. Armstrong	Mrs. F. Hill
Mr. C. Ashby	Mrs. B.J. Hunt
Mrs. D. Atkinson	Mrs. I.M. Jeffers
Mr. H. Mc. G. Bennett	Mrs. C. Kennedy
Mr. D.S. Blackman	Mr. J.A.H. Kinch
Mr. R.E. Bonyun	Ms. C.D. Kirton
Mr. J. Bradshaw	Ms. J.A. Lashley
Mr. G.E.T. Brancker	Mr. J.M. Lynch-Cummins
Mrs. D. Brathwaite	Mrs. S. Nicholls
Mr. H. Carew	Ms. H.S.E. Phillips
Mr. I. Carmichael	Mr. J.M. Phillips
Mr. R.L. Cheltenham	Mr. C.A. Proute
Mrs. C. Childs	Mr. G.A. Puckrein
Mr. P. McD. Crichlow	Mr. L. Rae
Mr. K.E. Cumberbatch	Mr. R.N. Raymond
Mr. R.G.M. Davis	Mr. P.A. Reece
Mr. E.P. Fidler	Mrs. J. Reid
Ms. E. Goddard	Ms. L. Roslund
Mr. F.W. Gollop	Mr. B.D. Seymour
Ms. M. Gooding	Mrs. R.P. Shepherd
Mr. S.M. Gay	Mr. J.B. Sisnett
Mr. A. Griffith	Mrs. A.A. Smith
Ms. C.J. Hackett	Mr. R. Wason
Mr. N.D.B. Harrison	Mr. A.H. Willey
Mr. T.S. Hart	Mr. M. Wilson
Mr. D. Harvey-Read	Mr. C.A. Yard
Mr. W.A. Hassell	
Mrs. G. S. Hawkins	



## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Mrs. J. Catt

Ms. L.A. Ward

## FIRM & COMPANY

Barbados Business Machines Ltd.    Miramar Beach Hotel  
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## LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Council deeply regrets to record the deaths of Mr. Guy T. Barton, Sir Rupert Briercliffe, Mr. Ronald Tree, Life Members; Mr. S. Altman, Mr. H.B. Bannister, Mr. S.B. Carrington, Mr. T.A. Gittens, Mrs. A. Johnston, Dr. E.M. McConney, Mr. F.B. Manierre, Mr. J.A. Nelson, Mrs. W.C. Smith, Annual Members; Lady Collymore, Miss A. Lashley, Miss E.E. Laurie, Mrs. E.M. Stanton, Associate Members.

There were 33 resignations, and 39 memberships lapsed through failure to pay dues.

## JOURNAL

Volume 35, No. 3, of the Journal was published in February, 1977, to coincide with the 350th anniversary of the settlement of Barbados, and took the form of a commemorative issue, 1627-1977. The issue was very well received, and the Council is grateful to Mr. Peter Campbell, editor of the Journal, for this special effort and for his continuing work.

## TALK

At the Annual General Meeting in November, 1976, Mr. John Wickham read a short story about a "House at Coupe Cou". This evocative account of his sojourn there was warmly appreciated.

## LECTURE SERIES

A lecture to be given by Prof. D.F. Nichols, on "Georgian architecture in the Caribbean", was planned for 10th March, 1977, but was cancelled at the last moment because of the inability of the lecturer to travel to Barbados at that time.

## CROPOVER FESTIVAL

During June, 1976, three concerts, organized by the Festival Committee, were held on the Museum premises. Included in the programmes were Partners in Profit, the Tyrone Dance Movement, a jazz band and many local artistes. The Museum staff and Members of Council assisted in the arrangements, but although its expenditure was re-imbursed, no financial benefit accrued to the Museum.



## EXHIBITION OF CHILDREN'S TOYS

A loan exhibition of a collection of 19th and early 20th century children's toys was held in the Children's Gallery for three months from 12th January, 1977. The toys were the collection of Mrs. Cynthia Gardner, and the Council is most grateful to Mrs. Gardner for her kindness in allowing the exhibition of her attractive showcases, and to her husband Mr. Kenneth Gardner for his work in mounting and dismantling the exhibition.

## COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

Appropriately worded plaques have been erected in the Council, Cunard and Warmington Galleries. The plaques, designed by Miss Barbara Hill, a member of Council, were executed in Travertine marble by Caribbean Marble Ltd. and the Council is grateful to its Managing Director, Mr. John Patton, for his interest, and for providing the plaques at a special price.

The Society and the National Trust shared the cost of a new plaque which was added to the Holetown monument commemorating the 350th anniversary (1977) of the settlement of Barbados.

## HOME AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The spider and puncheon, presented to the Museum by Messrs. Robert Thom Ltd., was exhibited on loan at the Home Agricultural Show in February 1977 with other examples of agricultural and industrial equipment of bygone days.

## PRINT REPRODUCTIONS

A new reproduction was added to the Museum's publications and was made available at the time of the nation's celebration of the 350th anniversary of the Island's settlement. The reproduction is of the well known Rowlandson caricature of Rachel Pringle which hangs in the Cunard Gallery. A framed copy of the print was presented to the Holetown Branch of the Public Library, Holetown being the centre of the celebrations.

## MUSEUM COLLECTIONS FUND

Mr. R.V. Taylor discovered a rare print showing the "Interior of a distillery, on Delap's Estate, Antigua" among the stocks of Mr. Frank Sabin of New Bond Street, London. Mr. Sabin offered it to him for the Barbados Museum at a special price, waiving his commission on it, and it was purchased from the Museum Collections Fund for the sum of \$458.23. A further sum of \$1,592 was spent on the purchase of an album of water colour sketches by Henry Morton, ca. 1888, but this was later converted into a gift by the Government and the amount will be shown as reimbursed in the 1977/78 accounts.



## GIFTS AND DONATIONS

The year has been marked by two outstanding gifts. In February Mr. and Mrs. Maremont presented Oliver Messel's painting of "Carnival Demon" in memory of Mr. Vagn Riis-Hansen.

And in March the "Robinson painting", as it has come to be known, arrived from England, the gift of an anonymous donor. The picture was shown to the Council on 14th April, but was not finally mounted and displayed in the Cunard Gallery until later in the year. The oil painting, by an unknown artist, measures about 4ft x 9ft and depicts Carlisle Bay and the City of Bridgetown with the Governor going to church. It is assumed that the Governor is Sir Thomas Robinson (1742-1747) in whose former seat, Rokeby Hall, the painting recently came to light.

Monetary donations have been received from Mr. R.W. Gilmore, Mr. Arnold Maremont, Esso Standard Oil S.A. Ltd., Messrs. Mount Gay Distilleries Ltd., Southern Palms Beach Club, Dennis Porter (Barbados) Ltd., and the Dorothy Smale School.

The Council welcomes donations under covenant and in the year under review such donations were received from Messrs Manning, Wilkinson and Challenor Ltd., West India Rum Refinery, Barbados Light & Power Ltd., Mrs. Ann Musgrave, Dr. E.L. Ward, Mr. C.B. Brooks, Consulting Engineers Partnership Ltd., Barclays Bank International Ltd., Messrs J.N. Goddard & Sons Ltd., and Mr. J.C. Armstrong.

The following gifts to the Museum's collections were presented by the donors named:

Plated soup ladle, pair plated fish servers, plated Florentine double folding spoon, pair Britannica metal nut crackers, photographs of Phillips family, memoir of Rev. Philip Lovell Phillips, account of death of Dr. C.J. Arthur, and portrait in oils of Mrs. John Evelyn, nee Mary Anne Cole, by Miss Mildred Phillips.

Scrubbing board, by Mrs. C.L. Hutson.

Print of "Sable Venus", by Mr. R.M.R. Hunte.

Livery buttons, by Miss D.C. Hutson.

Book of Common Prayer, 1855, by Miss Kathleen Hunte.

14 titles on West Indian History, and Report on the state of the trade to Africa, and particularly the trade in slaves 1789, by Mrs. Marietta Tree, in memory of Ronald Tree.

Porcelain charcoal sketch of Lady Briggs, by Mr. J. Bowen.

Bible, in German, of one of the early missionaries and builders of the new Sharon Church, Br. Adam Haman, by Mrs. Charles Parks.

3 Greek icons, from the Estate of late John Nelson Esq.

"The Grand Fleet 1914-16", by Admiral Jellicoe, by Mr. Frank L. Simpson.

Pottery and jewellery depicting culture of Chile, by Prof Luis O. Naranjo.



Two mint sets of 1976 coinage of Barbados, by the Central Bank of Barbados.

One child's letter block, and a pair of cloth dolls, by Mr and Mrs. P. Maycock.

Order of Service, Westminster Cathedral, for 10th anniversary of Independence, 30th November, 1976, by Mr. R. V. Taylor.

Scrap books, corals and stones, three glass vases, two fans, and five coins, by Miss Rita Gooding.

Headdress, spears, bow and arrow of a group of Mazaruni Indians, Guyana, by Dr. V. R. Beasley.

"Schleswig-Holsteinisches Freilicht Museum: ein Bildband" by Alfred Kamphauser, and a piece of sandstone layer of Joes River formation, by Miss Juliane Fenner and Mr. Reinhard Overbeck, Kiel University.

Plan, 1813, of Old and New Valiant Royalist, by Mr. Edward A. Stoute.

### VOLUNTARY HELP

In addition to the help given by Council Members as reported earlier, the Museum has received valuable assistance from Mr. Seymour Williams in the Museum office during the absence of the Director on vacation, Mr. and Mrs. P. Maycock for valuing the Museum's collections, Mrs. Grace and Mr. Robins for advice on lighting the Warmington Gallery, Miss Evelyn Heath and Dr. Elsie Payne who worked in the Children's gallery, and Mr. Leonard Archer for identifying and valuing firearms.

### MUSEUM FINANCES AND DEVELOPMENT

With the ever-decreasing purchasing power of money, the Museum's finances are stretched to the limit in order merely to maintain the Museum at its present level of facilities and staffing.

In the year under review a request has been made to the Government for a substantial increase in the annual grant made to the Society as well as for a large additional grant for urgent maintenance and building works. Suggestions have also been made for expanding the staff and developing the Museum premises.

Efforts to obtain this additional funding will continue as your Council is of the opinion that without greatly increased expenditure there is a danger of the Museum's premises and collections deteriorating.

### ATTENDANCE

During the period under review 12,865 persons visited the Museum. This figure breaks down into the following: Adults 6,406, Children 2,739, and school-children totalling 3,720 from 77 schools and groups.



STAFF

The Director, Mr. R.V. Taylor, was absent on vacation leave during May, June and July, and on study leave from October. In 1976 Mrs. M.E. Heath acted as Director during Mr. Taylor's absences, and in 1977 Mr. M.J. Chandler assumed duty as acting Director.

The small staff maintains the Museum in presentable condition, and the Council wishes to record its appreciation of the faithful service rendered by the staff.

9th September, 1977

J.S.B. Dear  
President



# THE BARBADOS MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

We have examined the accounts and records of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society.

In our opinion, the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 30th April, 1977.

BARBADOS,  
19th August, 1977.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.



THE BARBADOS MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH APRIL, 1977

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS</b>		
Barbados Government Debentures	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Australia Government 5½% Stock	2,400	2,400
	<u>\$ 4,800</u>	<u>\$ 4,800</u>
<b>GENERAL INVESTMENTS</b>		
£ 4,091 Canadian Pacific Railway – 4% Debentures	\$ 8,054	\$ 8,054
Cash on Deposit – Note 1	100,126	89,994
STOCK – Reproduction Prints	9,664	6,277
CASH AT BANKS – Note 2	83,614	69,702
CASH ON HAND	276	–
<b>LESS: LIABILITIES</b>		
Sundry Creditors	( 1,444)	( 1,195)
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$205,090</u>	<u>\$177,632</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
<b>SPECIFIC FUNDS</b>		
Life Members Fund	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700
Howell Clarke Bequest	500	500
Dowding Bequest	2,400	2,400
Kellman Bequest	45,573	45,573
Joan Vandemburgh Fund	–	110
Jack Warmington Bequest	31,203	31,203
Farmer Bequest	480	480
Estella Cheeks Bequest	40,000	–
	<u>\$122,856</u>	<u>\$ 82,966</u>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>		
Collection Fund – Note 3	\$10,189	\$ 11,880
Provision for New Gallery	–	17,000
Surplus Brought Forward	\$65,786	
Add: Provision for New Gallery	17,000	
Deficit for the year	<u>( 10,741)</u>	
	<u>72,045</u>	<u>65,786</u>
	82,234	\$ 94,666
<b>TOTAL SOCIETY'S FUNDS</b>	<u>\$205,090</u>	<u>\$177,632</u>



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT 30TH APRIL, 1977

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
<b>1. CASH ON DEPOSIT</b>		
Da Costa & Musson Limited	\$ 3,203	\$ 3,071
Barclays Finance Corporation of Barbados Limited Fixed Deposits	96,923	86,923
	<u>\$100,126</u>	<u>\$ 89,994</u>
<b>2. CASH AT BANKS</b>		
Savings Account:		
Barclays Bank International Limited	\$ 12,453	\$ 22,173
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	16,866	30,651
First National Bank of Chicago	36,140	4,924
Government Savings Bank	10,053	5,679
Current Account:		
Barclays Bank International Limited	8,102	6,275
	<u>\$ 83,614</u>	<u>\$ 69,702</u>
<b>3. COLLECTION FUND</b>		
Balance at 30/4/76	\$ 11,880	\$ 8,488
Add: Income		
Collection Fund Box	\$ 45	\$ 3,380
Bank Interest	314	248
	<u>\$ 359</u>	<u>\$ 3,628</u>
Less: Expenditure	<u>2,051</u>	<u>236</u>
	( 1,692)	\$ 3,392
<b>BALANCE AT 30/4/77</b>	<u><u>\$ 10,188</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,880</u></u>



THE BARBADOS MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 30TH APRIL, 1977

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
<b>INCOMES</b>		
Life Members	\$ 1,680	\$ 720
Annual Members	2,995	2,710
Associated Members	231	222
Firm and Company Members	500	400
Non Members	120	359
	<u>\$ 5,526</u>	<u>\$ 4,411</u>
Journals – Revenue	\$1,794	
Expenditure	<u>6,102</u>	
	( 4,308)	450
Government Grants	35,000	42,500
Donations	7,373	1,815
Gate Receipts	6,643	4,335
Interest	10,587	9,631
Prints and Postcards	529	811
Exchange	245	384
Sundry Incomes	858	1,647
Reproduction Prints	6,460	9,210
Xmas Cards – Revenue	\$4,772	
Expenditure	<u>2,664</u>	
	<u>2,108</u>	<u>240</u>
	<u>\$71,021</u>	<u>\$75,434</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$50,190	\$32,517
Repairs and Maintenance	10,113	1,551
Equipment Repairs and Purchases	2,820	1,235
Insurance	1,007	1,673
Travelling and Entertainment	1,665	1,960
Stationery and Postage	1,683	1,792
Light and Water	4,839	2,046
Advertising	490	9
Upkeep of Library	770	40
Subscriptions	–	14
Winding – Clock Maintenance	180	180
Telephones	504	444
General Expenses	2,049	628
Audit and Accounting	835	–
Membership Expenses	1,140	–
Extension to Children's Gallery	–	4,540
Museum Security	3,477	1,929
	<u>\$81,762</u>	<u>\$50,558</u>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>( \$10,741)</u>	<u>\$24,876</u>



