



THE BARBADOS MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1977-1978

The Council has pleasure in presenting its report on the affairs of the Society for the year 1st May 1977 – 30th April 1978.

COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting was held on 5th October, 1977 and Mrs. Monica Skeete, Mr. Alfred Pragnell and Mr. John Bowen were elected as new Council Members.

The Council wishes to thank all those members of the Council who have furthered the activities and causes of the Society with their several qualifications and who have given so unstintingly of their time.

The President has been seriously disturbed by the desperate financial situation of the Museum and has sought help from the Government. We hope that this help will be forthcoming in the immediate future and will continue during the next financial year.

MEMBERSHIP

At 1st May 1977 there were 462 Members on the Roll and on 30th April 1978 there were 460.

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

LIFE MEMBERS

Miss A. Blanchard
Mrs. M. C. Bertalan
Rev. K. Davis

Hon. F. A. Hoyos
Dr. F. C. Ramsey
Mr. E. Scott

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Mr. J. Bradshaw
Mrs. D. Brathwaite
Dr. T. A. Carmichael
Mr. K. H. Gardner
Mrs. M. Giancola
Mrs. G. Gilchrist
Mr. R. M. Gooding
Canon S. Goodridge
Mrs. S. A. Hollis

Mr. D. N. Hunte
Miss J. Mayers
Mr. C. A. Rabbitt
Mrs. C. A. Rabbitt
Mr. G. E. Russell
Mr. J. E. Tudor
Mr. K. Waterman
Miss J. Worrell

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Mr. P. E. Domond

HONORARY MEMBERS: Mr. P. Campbell, Sir Frank Hutson, Mr. & Mrs. George Ingham, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Maycock were elected at the Annual General Meeting of 1977.

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Council deeply regrets to record the death of:

LIFE MEMBERS: Mr. R. Challoner, Mr. V. E. Goddard, Mrs. H. Powning, Mr. D. P.K. Wood.

ANNUAL MEMBERS: Mr. C. C. Armstrong, Mrs. A. P. Cox, Mrs. H. W. Ince, Mr. P. S. Kirby, Mr. E. G. H. Percival, Mrs. G. M. White.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Mrs. F. M. Coulter, Miss B. Laborde.

There were 20 resignations and four memberships lapsed through failure to pay dues.

JOURNAL

Volume XXXV No. 4 appeared edited by the indefatigable Mr. Peter Campbell who is the honorary editor to whom the Council expresses its gratitude. Once again the articles are of a high standard and a very welcome change is the article on the Leatherback Sea Turtle. Despite high costs of printing the Society strives to preserve the continued publication of the Journal. Back numbers are in great demand to make up sets and the Society would be grateful for any numbers donated.

TALK

At the Annual General Meeting on 5th October 1977 Canon Seon Goodridge, Principal of Codrington College gave a talk on St. Mary's Church.

LECTURES TO INTERIOR DECORATING CLASS

Mrs. Jean Blodin's class for interior decorating always includes a visit to the Museum. This begins with a conducted tour lecture by the Director

and develops into an exchange of ideas on period furniture, methods of framing pictures, arrangement of rooms for special occasions etc. The classes are always well attended and enthusiastic.

LANDSCAPING OF THE COURTYARD

An offer was made to landscape the courtyard of the Museum by an American Foundation with local connections. Mr. Oliver Messel was to do the design, transforming the flight of steps into a stage, adding to the existing structures colonnades and architectural features in the French manner. Miss Barbara Hill, an architect and Member of Council was to interpret Mr. Messel's design into working plans for the architects and this was the stage the affair reached at the period of this report. Subsequent to the period under review which ends on 30th April 1978, the overall concept was approved at a special General Meeting of the Society which took place shortly after Mr. Messel's death. Certain alterations to the original concept have been agreed and it is hoped that work will begin soon.

MR. SINGLETON'S VISIT

The Museum consultant to the Caribbean Community Secretariat, Mr. Raymond Singleton visited the Museum on his tour through the West Indies prior to the Museum/Workshop to be held in Jamaica. Mr. & Mrs. Singleton were entertained by the Council to cocktails in the Courtyard. Mr. Singleton wrote a report on Museums in the Caribbean.

FLOWER ARRANGING SOCIETY

The flower arranging show was opened by Lady Ward. The exhibits were many and varied and comment was made on the originality of the arrangements.

CANADIAN EXHIBITION

Permission was given for the Canadian High Commission to stage an Exhibition in the Museum's Galleries of photographs of the Houses of Parliament, TORONTO. The Exhibition was termed STONES OF HISTORY and was of special interest to Architects and Photographers. The Exhibition was opened with a cocktail party attended by over a hundred people. The setting was enhanced by an array of the flags of the Provinces of Canada. The Exhibition ran for several weeks.

DIRECTOR'S VISIT TO PANAMA

The Barbados Museum & Historical Society was invited by the Government of Panama to send a delegate to a Conference held in Panama in February this year. The occasion was to set up a faculty of archaeology which will serve the entire Caribbean and South American area. The Director attended the Conference on behalf of the Society.

WATERCOLOUR OF OLD JAIL HOUSE PRESENTED

A watercolour drawing of the Law courts before the modern altera-

tions and additions was presented to the Museum. It was painted by an American prisoner of war in 1815. Curiously enough it was painted on the back of a legal document the lettering of which can be seen if held in front of a mirror.

MUSEUM CHAIRS LENT FOR QUEEN'S VISIT

Two chair were lent by the Museum on the occasion of the Queen's opening of the Community College in October 1977.

VISITORS OF NOTE

Mrs. Andrew Young wife of the American Ambassador to the U.N., Professor David Buisseux, Mr. Foley of the American Embassy, Professor Denz Blazs, Sir Herbert & Lady Duffus all visited the Museum. A visitor to the Museum descended from two distinguished Barbadians was Mr. David Alleyne Hughes. Mr. Hughes is a young English solicitor at present residing in Bermuda. He numbers Sir John Gay Alleyne and Sir Robert Bowcher Clarke among his ancestors. He is the Director's cousin and met numbers of his relations in Barbados for the first time.

VISITS OF GROUP

Russian film team, British wives, English Journalists, British Television Team, Wives of Commonwealth Finance Ministers Conference (visit arranged by Mrs. J. M. G. Adams).

PRINTS ACQUIRED

Through the Museum's Collection Fund a print of Lord Combermere (Governor of Barbados 1817-1820) and one of a Soldier in the uniform of the West India Regiment were purchased and added to the collection. That of Lord Combermere is on display with the silver waiter that was Lord Combermere's.

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.

DONATIONS

Coconut Court Beach Apts., M/s. Cable & Wireless Ltd., West Coast Garden Centre, Mr. & Mrs. Bannochie, Coral Reef Ltd., Sandpiper Inn, Settlers Beach Hotel, Merrivale Apts., Mrs. M. Parravicino, The Very Reverend The Dean, Crane Beach Hotel, Mrs. Honora Drummond, Mrs. Dorothy Walcott, Flower Arranging Society, Mr. David Hunte, The

Dorothy Smale Memorial School, Mr. & Mrs. Sherwood Githens, Dr. Burling B. Chapman, The Housecraft Centre, The Barbados National Trust, Mr. Peter Campbell, Col. Sanders Kentucky Fried Chicken, Mr. Graham Gooding, Mrs. Jill Hamilton, The West India Rum Refinery, Barbados Light & Power Co., Lady Chandler, J.N. Goddard & Sons, Barclays Bank International Ltd., The Canadian High Commission, Esso Standard Oil S.A. Ltd., Dr. E. Ward, Sir Frank Hutson, Cave Shepherd & Co. Ltd., Manning Wilkinson & Challenor Ltd., Mr. Ralph Greenidge, The Damroth Foundation, Eastern Standard Oil S.A., Barbados Mutual Society of New England, Mr. M. Chandler and several others who wish to remain anonymous. A reimbursement of \$1,600.00 was made by the Government to offset the purchase of an album of Water colour sketches as mentioned in last year's report.

The following gifts to the Museum's collections were made by the donors named.

1. A collection of artifacts given by Dr. F. F. Boyce of Colleton Plantation, along with a note book which had belonged to Sir Randall Phillips.
2. A picture of the Golden Lane Fire given by Mr. E. A. Stoute.
3. A catalogue from the National Taiwan Arts Centre of the 8th Fine Art Exhibition.
4. A carved wooden head by Mr. F. Sougrin.
5. Dome of wax fruit by Mrs. O. Miller.
6. 2 Greek Cypriot dolls and 2 publications by Mr. W. Alleyne.
7. Toys by Miss R. Hudson.
8. Amerindian shell carving by Mrs. D. Catt.
9. Old photographs of Barbados by Mr. M. Regan.
10. 2 photographs of Sir Codrington and Lady Paulina Carrington.
11. Nest of Antillean crested hummingbird by Mrs. M. Hutt.
12. Back numbers of Journals by Mr. Donald Wiles.
13. 1 Sewing machine – 1 measuring glass
1 glass funnel – 1 pill cutter
1 lace making machine
1 paper folder for medicinal powders
14. 1 portrait of Sir C. P. Clarke
1 portrait of Lady Clarke
1 Dish, 1 plate Spode Chine
1 Toby jug
1 Lustre jug
15. Order and case O. B. E.
Letter dated 20th January 1926
from Governor to Mr. Haynes
Letter dated 25th November 1924
from Edward, Prince of Wales to
C. W. Haynes.
Grant of O. B. E. signed by George V

Given by
Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Ward

Given by
Estate – G. M. White dec'd

Given by
Mrs. Marguerite Herring

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| 16. | 1 Copy Handbook of Barbados by
E. G. Sinckler | } | Given by Estate —
Miss Barbara Laborde |
| 17. | 1 War medal
1 Victory medal
1 Letter War office 17th April, 1923
Adj. Gen. to Mrs. Haynes
1 Bronze Memorial Plaque with plush
case (John Carlton Manning)
1 Scroll to memory of John C. Manning | } | Given by
Mrs. Charlie Haynes |
| 18. | 1 moustache cup | | Given by Mr. Edward Stoute |
| 19. | 1 silver U.S. Dollar | | Given by Mr. Charles Ashby |
| 20. | 1 copy Barbados Handbook
1 copy "Anne" by Neville Connell
1 Baby's Christening Robe | } | Given by Est.
Beatrice Sinckler dec'd |
| 21. | Publication — Acient America | | Given by Mr. W. Alleyne |
| 22. | 1 Silver ornament | | Given by Mrs. DeCoursey Boyce |
| 23. | 1 china mug inscribed
The seasons' compliments
from L. W. Sampson. Barbados
1 China Ashtray "Carnegie
Free Library Barbados" | } | Given by Mr. David Collins |
| 24. | Several old bottles from
Carlisle Bay | | Given by Mr. David Hunt |
| 25. | Plan of Bridgetown
dated 1847 | } | Given by Da Costa & Musson Ltd. |
| 26. | Five stone garden pots | | Given by Mrs. Sally Aall |
| 27. | 2 copies xerox of log book
"England expects every man. ." | } | Given by Mr. Allan Seale |
| 28. | Cups, trophies and medals
of the late R. R. L. Hollinsed | } | Given by Miss Kitty Hollinsed |
| 29. | Stark's History and guide to
Barbados & Caribbean Islands | | Given by Denis Bonyun |
| 30. | Double sheet and embroidered
pillow cases for the four
poster bed | } | Given by Mrs. Harold Bowen |
| 31. | Water colour painting of "Front
View of the Town Gaol and
Courthouse, Bridgetown,
Barbados. | } | Given by Mrs. C. H. Aall |
| 32. | Back numbers of Society Journals | | Given by Miss Eileen Seale |
| 33. | Specimens of Black Coral | | Given by Mme. de la Taille |
| 34. | Ladle, Measure, Metal Belt,
2 Thimbles (silver) card case with
card, Compact, Oil painting, —
part of the Warmington Bequest — | } | Given by Miss Laurie |

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| 35. 3 copies photographs c. 1891 Govt. House, Farley Hill and Constitution River, Xerox copy letter S. J. Prescod. | } | Given by Lt. Col. Cave |
| 36. Photographs and documents of the Puckerin family | } | Given by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Whaley |
| 37. A copy of his book 'Historic Bridgetown' | } | Given by Mr. Warren Alleyne |
| 38. A copy of the menu of the luncheon given by the Prime Minister in honour of HM the Queen | } | Given by Letchworth Press |

REARRANGEMENT OF JUBILEE GALLERY

The Director has rearranged much of the Jubilee Gallery as well as the contents of many of the show cases in it. The use of rich colours for back drops is found greatly to enhance the exhibits.

The modern techniques of placing objects for visitors to touch has been used and lessens the effect of the barrier between person and object.

ATTENDANCE

During the period under review 17, 197 persons visited the Museum. This figure breaks down into the following: Adults 8,289, Children 3,195 and School children totalling 5,713.

STAFF

The Director, Mr. R. V. Taylor completed his course at the Department of Museum Studies at Leicester University and resumed at the Museum on 1st September 1977 as Director. Mr. Michael J. Chandler continued at the Museum until the end of the year. The Council wishes to thank Mr. Chandler for acting Director during Mr. Taylor's absence.

During the year Mrs. M. E. Heath returned to the U. S. A. and Mrs. Ivy Jeffers left to go to a better position. The Museum was very fortunate to secure the services of Mrs. K. Hinkson who adds to her typing and office management first rate accountancy.

Visitors comment on the well-kept appearance of the Museum and for this the Council is grateful to the small staff and wishes to record its appreciation.

J. S. B. DEAR
President

3rd November, 1978

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

We have examined the accounts and records of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society and in our opinion, the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 30th April, 1978.

Pannell Fitzpatrick & Co.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

BARBADOS,

22nd May, 1978.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH APRIL, 1978

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>
ASSETS			
<u>SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS</u>			
Barbados Government Debentures		\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Australia Government 5½% Stock		2,400	2,400
		<u>\$ 4,800</u>	<u>\$ 4,800</u>
<u>GENERAL INVESTMENTS</u>			
£ 4,091 Canadian Pacific Railway – 4% Debenture		\$ 8,054	\$ 8,054
Cash on Deposit	1	125,321	100,126
<u>STOCK</u> – Reproduction Prints		7,263	9,664
<u>DEBTORS</u>		105	–
<u>CASH AT BANKS</u>	2	51,401	83,614
<u>CASH ON HAND</u>		752	276
<u>LESS: LIABILITIES</u>			
Sundry Creditors		(2,249)	(1,444)
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u>		<u>\$195,447</u>	<u>\$205,090</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>			
<u>SPECIFIC FUNDS</u>			
Life Members Fund		\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700
Howell Clarke Bequest		500	500
Dowding Bequest		2,400	2,400
Kellman Bequest		45,573	45,573
Jack Warmington Bequest		31,203	31,203
Farmer Bequest		480	480
Estella Cheeks Bequest		40,000	40,000
		<u>\$122,856</u>	<u>\$122,856</u>
<u>GENERAL FUNDS</u>			
Collection Fund	3	\$12,281	\$ 10,189
Surplus Brought Forward		\$72,045	
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		<u>(11,735)</u>	
		<u>60,310</u>	<u>72,045</u>
		<u>\$ 72,591</u>	<u>\$ 82,234</u>
<u>TOTAL SOCIETY'S FUNDS</u>		<u>\$195,447</u>	<u>\$205,090</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT 30TH APRIL, 1978

	1978	1977
1. CASH ON DEPOSIT		
Da Costa & Musson Limited	\$ 3,398	\$ 3,203
Cave Shepherd & Co. Limited	25,000	—
Barclays Finance Corporation of Barbados Limited		
Fixed Deposits	<u>96,923</u>	<u>96,923</u>
	<u>\$125,321</u>	<u>\$100,126</u>
2. CASH AT BANKS		
Savings Account:		
Barclays Bank International Limited	\$ 17,405	\$ 12,453
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	17,342	16,866
First National Bank of Chicago	—	36,140
Government Savings Bank	11,436	10,053
Current Account:		
Barclays Bank International Limited	<u>5,218</u>	<u>8,102</u>
	<u>\$ 51,401</u>	<u>\$ 83,614</u>
3. COLLECTION FUND		
Balance at 30.4.77	\$ 10,189	<u>\$ 11,880</u>
Add: Income		
Collection Fund Box	\$ 455	\$ 45
Transferred from Current Account	1,600	—
Bank Interest	<u>237</u>	<u>314</u>
	\$2,292	\$ 359
Less: Expenditure	<u>200</u>	<u>2,050</u>
	<u>2,092</u>	<u>(\$ 1,691)</u>
BALANCE AT 30.4.78	<u>\$ 12,281</u>	<u>\$ 10,189</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 30TH APRIL, 1978

		<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Life Members		\$ 2,410	\$ 1,680
Annual Members		4,660	2,995
Associated Members		271	231
Firm and Company Members		500	500
Non Members		<u>501</u>	<u>120</u>
		\$ 8,342	\$ 5,526
Journals – Revenue	\$ 415		
Expenditure	<u>5,497</u>		
		(5,082)	(4,308)
Government Grants		35,000	35,000
Donations		7,641	7,373
Gate Receipts		9,134	6,643
Interest		9,005	10,587
Prints and Postcards		108	529
Exchange		304	245
Sundry Income		727	858
Reproduction Prints		5,199	6,460
Xmas Cards – Revenue	\$5,368		
Expenditure	<u>3,108</u>		
		<u>2,260</u>	<u>2,108</u>
		<u>\$72,638</u>	<u>\$71,021</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Salaries and Wages		\$60,806	\$50,190
Repairs and Maintenance		1,783	10,113
Equipment Repairs and Purchases		2,880	2,820
Insurance		3,659	1,007
Travelling and Entertainment		620	1,665
Stationery and Postage		2,050	1,683
Light and Water		5,366	4,839
Advertising		223	490
Upkeep of Library		424	770
Subscriptions		191	–
Winding – Clock Maintenance		180	180
Telephones		508	504
General Expenses		1,549	2,049
Audit and Accounting		1,800	835
Membership Expenses		1,120	1,140
Museum Security		–	3,477
Museum Purchases		<u>1,214</u>	<u>–</u>
		<u>\$84,373</u>	<u>\$81,762</u>
<u>DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</u>		<u>(\$11,735)</u>	<u>(\$10,741)</u>

