



# THE BARBADOS MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL 1973 - 1974

The Council has pleasure in presenting its Report on the affairs of the Society for the year 1st May, 1973 to 30th April, 1974.

### COUNCIL

The Council welcomes the Hon. H.A. Vaughan, O.B.E., Q.C., and Miss Jill Sheppard, M.A., O.B.E., as new Council Members.

### MEMBERSHIP

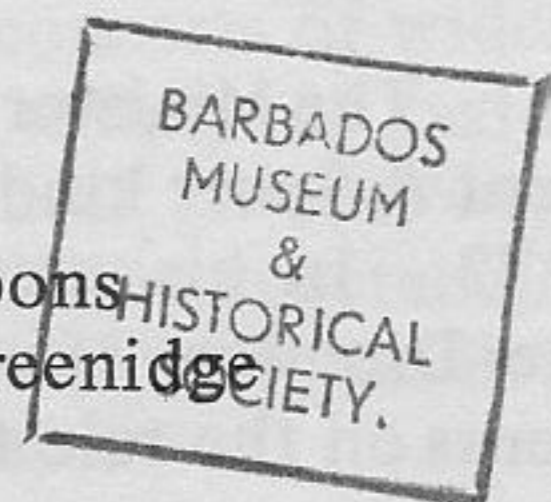
At 1st May 1973 there were 542 Members on the Roll of the Society and on 30th April, 1974, there were 532, comprising: Founder Member 1, Honorary Member 1, Life Members 74, Annual Members 319, Firm & Company 14, and 123 Associate Members. The Council is anxious to increase the Membership of the Society and everyone is asked to encourage new Members.

The following were elected to Membership of the Society during the year:

### LIFE MEMBERS

Lady Brancker  
Dr. C.W. Greenidge  
Mr. R.N. Innis

Mr. F.I. Gibbons  
Mrs. M.M. Greenidge



## ANNUAL MEMBERS

Miss N.M. Forde	Mrs. D.Y.B. Allsopp
Dr. R. Allsopp	Mrs. M.P. Vaughan
Mrs. P.A. Edghill	Mr. L. Allaire
Mr. I.B. Pistone	Miss M.A. Fritz
Miss C.W. Fritz	Mrs. M.E. Heath
Mrs. I. Beall	Mrs. J. Hutson
Mr. M.C. Stoute	Mr. E.A. Bayley
Dr. A.G. Glenn	Mr. J.D.S. Haslett
Mrs. R.C. Abbe	Miss G.F. Branker
Mr. J.M. Lambie, Jr.	Mr. J.H. Marsh
Mr. B.B. Benwell	Mr. R. Radford
Mrs. H.A. Stoute	Mr. C.A. Williams
Dr. E.T. Bynoe	Mr. W.J. Leigh
Mr. M.H. Combe-Martin	Mr. P.K. Roach

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Mrs. R.M. Lambie	Mrs. W.J. Williams
Miss K.D. Manchester	

## FIRM & COMPANY

Commonwealth Caribbean Resource Centre.  
The Central Bank of Barbados.

## LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Council deeply regrets to record the deaths of Mr. J. Niblock, Mr. G.D. Bynoe, Mrs. R.B. Laurie, Mr. F. de Buono, Annual Members; Mrs. J.D. Henderson, Mr. L.E.R. Gill, Mrs. L.H.J. Hersch, Col. O.F. Walcott, Associate Members.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### THE EUSTACE SHILSTONE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Council of the Museum decided to refurnish and redecorate the Library and to reopen it in Memory of the late Mr. Eustace Maxwell Shilstone.

The Minister of Education, Youth Affairs, Community Development & Sport kindly consented to cut the ribbon on November 23rd, 1973. In his speech the Minister paid tribute to the work of the late Director, Mr. Neville Connell and made many important comments on the role that Museums played in the modern world. In fact,

the dedicating and re-decorating of the library he took as an indication of a new image and development of the Barbados Museum. The cataloguing of the books was done by Mrs. H.A. St. John and the colour scheme and rearrangement by the Director. A new carpet was presented, two bookcases bought and two Regency Hall chairs that belonged to Mr. Shilstone presented by Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Blades. A photograph of the late Mr. Eustace Shilstone was enlarged and framed by Mr. Albert Hughes, a lettered sign painted and presented by Mr. Donald Layson and a marble plaque inscribed with Mr. Shilstone's full name and dates of birth and death. A strenuous effort is being made to sort the vast amount of printed and MS material left by Mr. Shilstone to the Museum.

### THE NEVILLE CONNELL MEMORIAL GALLERY

The Council of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society decided to erect a gallery to the Memory of the former Director the late Mr. Neville Connell, M.A. A Committee was formed and a number of fund raising ventures were planned. The Director with the permission of the Council held a Jumble Sale of Museum pieces no longer of any intrinsic value or historic importance. This sale realized \$2,144.75 and the Council wishes to thank Mr. Harold Bowen, auctioneer, for conducting the sale free of charge. Miss Evelyn Heath also organised a plant sale on the same day which realized \$95.00. The Courtyard Concerts raised \$5,450.83. Donations from Members and friends amounted to \$11,462.63 making a total of \$19,153.21. The cost of the building was \$19,008.36 leaving a balance of \$144.85.

### WARMINGTON GALLERY

The Gallery was completed and work continues on the decoration and furnishing.

### THE COURTYARD CONCERTS

For the first time, evening entertainments were held at the Museum, in order to achieve the target necessary to complete the Connell Gallery. On six consecutive Fridays, and in spite of variable weather, capacity audiences were able to enjoy concerts of widely varying kinds, carefully planned to appeal to a variety of tastes. Local singers, instrumentalists, dancers and cultural groups were represented. In particular, patrons much appreciated the spectacular performances of the Barbados Regiment who on two occasions Beat Retreat in the Courtyard itself, in spite of its small size.

The Council wishes to thank all those members and friends of the Museum who gave so willingly of their time and resources to make this novel venture a cultural as well as a financial success.

### MILITARY EXHIBITION

In January a small Military exhibition was put on to coincide with and to augment the Military Week arranged by the Regiment under Lt. Col. Banfield. This small exhibition gave a foretaste of the quantity of Military relics in store at the Museum unavailable to the public. It is hoped in time that there will be a permanent Gallery of Military relics illustrating the history of the regiments stationed in the island until 1902 and also those who fought in the two World Wars.

### REPRODUCTION OF PRINTS FOR SALE

At the suggestion of the Director the Council decided to reproduce six prints from the Cunard Gallery to be put on sale to raise funds for the Museum and to inaugurate a much wanted Publications Stand.

Art reproductions of the chosen prints were made by the Irving Press of Chicago, Mr. André King of that city acting as Co-ordinator.

The six prints reproduced are as follows:—

- 2 prints of persons wearing 18th Century W.I. Costumes.
- 2 prints of Army Manoeuvres on the Garrison Savannah, Barbados.
- 1 Map of Barbados circa 1680.
- 1 Scene of Trafalgar Square, Bridgetown circa 1830.

These prints will be released to coincide with Independence Celebrations and sold only at the Barbados Museum.

### TALK ON INSECTS OF BARBADOS

A most interesting talk was given by the Government Entomologist Mr. Muhammed Muir Alam on "Insect Pests of Barbados". Mr. Alam illustrated his talk with diagrams and slides and the Council wishes to thank him for so enlightening and entertaining a discourse.

### MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

During the year, several persons generously donated many valuable gifts. Collection of Ivory animals and Ornaments by Est. of Mrs. Ruth Wright dec'd; a Surveyor's Plot of land at Welchman Hall, Antique Cylindrical Ruler of very beautiful wood from Est. of H.H. Williams dec'd by Mrs. Gordon Gill; 1 Grandfather clock,

Spool-leg table; small Regency Sideboard and other items of furniture by Mrs. Betty Martyr in Memory of the late Mr. Alan Martyr; a large Plated Salver formerly belonging to the Manning family; a Portrait of Sir Randall Phillips, Wedgewood Pea Tureen; a Sand Box Paper Weight; a Ruler and various small items by Miss Mildred Phillips; 2 Mahogany Hall Chairs property of the late E.M. Shilstone by Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Blades; an account of Dr. Benjamin Bynoe, "Surgeon on the Beagle" by Dr. T. E. Bynoe; Petit Point Cushion with unidentified Coat of Arms by Mr. F.L.Y. Simpson; and various photographs and Typed Information on Barbadian families by Mr. Edward Stoute.

## JOURNAL

Owing to the steep increase in the cost of producing the Journal it was possible to publish only one Number of the Journal and the Annual Report. The Council is most grateful to Mr. Peter Campbell for having undertaken the editorship of the Journal. It is regretted that the original size and format of this publication cannot be restored because of excessive costs.

## BACK NUMBERS OF JOURNALS

The early numbers of the Society's Journals are of course very rare. Some back numbers are available to interested persons or institutions.

## CHILDREN'S SECTION

During the year 66 schools and 2,676 School children visited the Museum. The Children's section has received a model of a Speightstown Schooner and various models of machinery connected with the manufacture of sugar and rum. The Diaramas so cleverly contrived by the late Mr. Connell continue to excite admiration.

## MUSEUM COLLECTION FUND

The most outstanding and important acquisition of the Museum in the past year was a print of Rachel Pringle by Rowlandson. The original print was purchased in New York through the kind agency of Mr. R. Brinckman who gave his professional services free. The cost was met with funds from various sources, primarily the interest from the Kellman Bequest. The Print was put on special display for a period of time and then moved to the Cunard Gallery. It is believed that there are only four copies extant. The interesting story of this famous Barbadian Character has been recounted in the pages of the Society's Journal.

## DONATIONS

For Donations the Council is grateful to:— The Barbados National Trust, Barbados Light & Power Co. Ltd., Barbados Weather Observers Assoc., Mount Gay Distilleries, W.I. Rum Refinery Ltd., The Rotary Club and Mrs. Ann Musgrave.

The Council is again indebted to Messrs. Pannel Fitzpatrick & Co., the Society's Honorary Auditors, for so freely giving their services.

## ATTENDANCE

During the year 13,751 persons visited the Museum, an increase of 203. There has been a considerable increase of visits from schools and cultural groups both local and from abroad.

## VOLUNTARY HELP

Once again the Council wishes to thank Mrs. H.W. Ince for her help in writing Labels and other valuable services too numerous to mention.

12th February, 1975

F.C. Hutson,  
President.

THE BARBADOS MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1974

REVENUE	1973	1974
Life Members	\$ 1,200	\$ 480.00
Annual Members	3,105	3,132.25
Associate Members	333	213.00
Firm and Company Members	232	233.50
	<u>\$ 4,870</u>	<u>\$ 4,058.75</u>
Government Grants	26,148	30,376.00
Donations	425	870.00
Gate Receipts	3,630	3,718.50
Interest	1,806	2,358.59
Artists' Sales	461	( 37.65)
Prints and Postcards	606	738.50
Exchange	316	465.76
Discount on sale of Stamps	196	—
Sundry Revenue	78	2,915.11
	<u>\$ 38,536</u>	<u>\$ 45,463.56</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and Wages, etc.	24,555	30,296.82
Repairs and Maintenance	1,565	4,331.67
Equipment Purchase and Repairs	1,383	3,309.20
Insurance	1,773	1,539.50
Journals, Guides, etc. — Expenditure	\$3,696.60	
Revenue	<u>2,424.50</u>	1,272.10
Stationery and Postage	499	1,392.59
Light and Water	594	1,367.24
Advertising	200	221.52
Upkeep of Library	24	1,885.58
Subscriptions	88	89.23
Winding — Maintenance of Clocks	180	180.00
Telephones	153	191.78
General Expenses	675	716.50
Prizes — Children's Exhibition	150	—
Gift — Neville Connell Fund	—	419.76
	<u>\$ 34,196</u>	<u>\$ 47,213.49</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>\$ 4,340</u>	<u>( \$ 1,749.93)</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH APRIL, 1974

ASSETS

SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS

Barbados Government Debentures	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,400.00
Barbados Government Debentures	500	—
Australia Government 5½ Stock	2,400	2,400.00

\$ 5,600

\$ 4,800.00

GENERAL INVESTMENT

✓ £4,091 Canadian Pacific Railway 4%  
Debentures

\$ 8,054

8,054.24

Investment in Reproduction Prints

—

2,416.84

SUNDRY DEBTOR

8,716

390.00

CASH AT BANKS AND IN HAND

Barclays Bank — Deposit for Sugar Gallery  
Fund

2,759

\$ —

Barclays Bank - Savings Account for  
Collection Fund

2,236

2,153.15

Cash for Collection Fund

39

—

Barclays Bank - Savings Account for  
Children's Museum

764

1,651.95

Cash for Children's Museum

49

—

Barclays Bank - Savings Account

23,535

8,772.04

Barclays Bank - Current Account

247

3,263.93

Barclays Bank - Fixed Deposit

—

15,573.28

Barclays Finance Corporation - Fixed  
Deposit

—

45,572.99

Government Savings Bank

2,361

3,453.59

DaCosta & Musson Ltd.— Fixed Deposit

—

2,928.07

Cash

789

309.14

\$ 49,549

83,698.14

LESS LIABILITIES

Sundry Creditors

—

( 508.95)

\$ 55,149

\$ 98,850.27

REPRESENTED BY:

SPECIFIC FUNDS

Life Members Fund

\$ 2,700

\$ 2,700.00

Howel Clarke Bequest

500

500.00

Dowding Bequest

2,400

2,400.00

Kellman Bequest

—

45,572.99

5,600

\$ 51,172.99

GENERAL FUNDS

Provision for New Gallery

17,000

\$17,000.00

Collection Fund at 30th April 1973

\$ 2,275.23

Income

4,025.29

\$ 6,300.52

Expenditure

2,275

4,147.37

2,153.15

Surplus

\$30,274.06

Deficit for year to date

30,274

( 1,749.93)

28,524.13

47,677.28

\$55,149

\$98,850.27



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## NOTES TO BALANCE SHEET

1. Proceeds from the Warmington sale of \$2,389.25 have been deposited on the Museum's Current Account. However, there is an arrangement where the Director is allowed to use these funds for the construction of the Warmington Gallery.
2. Interest received on the Kellman Bequest Fund deposited with Barclays Finance Corporation, has been transferred directly to the Museum Collection Fund Account, to assist in the purchase of the Rachel Pringle Print.
3. The balance of \$2,153.15 on the Collection Fund at 30th April 1974, is arrived at as follows:—

	Balance brought forward at 30th April 1973	\$2,275.23	
Add:	Income		
	Donations	\$ 88.50	
	Bank Interest	92.14	
	Interest from Kellman Bequest Fund	3,645.84	
	Museum Collection Box	198.81	
		\$4,025.29	
Less:	Expenditure		
	Rachel Pringle Print	\$4,011.43	
	National Arts Council	15.94	
	Prints Bentley Gallery	120.00	
		4,147.37	
			( 122.08)
			\$2,153.15

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AUDITORS' REPORT

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

In our opinion, the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 30th April 1974.

BARBADOS,  
18th July, 1974

PANNELL FITZPATRICK & CO.  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS





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