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JAMAICA

CURRENT POST OFFICES AND POSTMARKS

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

As stated in my first booklet "St.Lucia", the main purpose of the series is to provide collectors with a basic list of Post Offices in current operation together with clear illustrations of as many postmarks as possible.

BRIEF FACTS

Jamaica is situated in the Caribbean Sea, south east of Cuba and was discovered by Columbus on 4th May, 1494. It remained in Spanish occupation from 1509 until 1655 when Cromwell sent out an expedition under Admiral Penn and General Venables to attack the Island and take possession. It was formally ceded to England by the Treaty of Madrid in 1670. On August 6th 1962 Jamaica became an independent state within the British Commonwealth.

It has an area of 4243 sq.miles and is divided into three counties (Surrey, Middlesex and Cornwall) and fourteen parishes. The population is at present approaching two million.

In all, there are over 700 post offices and the collector of Jamaican postmarks has much of interest to occupy his time. The degree of co-operation on the part of postmasters in cancelling stamped addressed envelopes is extremely good.

Postal rates to the U.K. are as follows:-

Surface mail	-	Letters - 3d. for 1st oz. 1½d. each additional.
		Postcards - 2½d.
Airmail	-	Letters - 1/6d. per ½ oz.
		Air Letter forms - 6d.
		Postcards - 9d.

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One of the main attractions in collecting Jamaican postmarks lies in the wonderful and intriguing names of towns and villages. A glance at the list will reveal a host of these, such as Bessie Baker, Peggy Barrie, Cousins Cove, Joe Hut, Prickley Pole, Comfort Castle, Fruitful Vale, Giddy Hall, Halls Delight, Magotty, Wait a bit. Incidentally, Wait a bit is derived from the name of certain shrubs of S.African origin with reference to their hooked and clinging thorns.

THE POSTMARKS:-

<u>Metal stamps:-</u>	Type I	Single circle, small counter type handstamp, figs. 1, 3, 6, 9 etc.
	Type II	Single circle, large, fig. 12.
	Type III	Machine, with or without slogan, figs. 31, 33, 36 and 58. (All major post offices are equipped with cancelling machines). The slogan shown in fig.36 is an "oldie" still in use.
	Type IV	Double circle, thin rings. This is an interesting type which has been in use for many years. figs. 2, 11, 24, 30 etc. These vary in size.
	Type V	Double circle, thick cancelling arcs. figs. 8, 10, 40, 45 etc.
	Type VI	Double circle, thin arcs. figs. 15, 18, 19 etc.
	Type VII	Double circle, no arcs. figs. 57 and 60.
	Type R.1	Oval Registered (Luoca)
	Type R.2	Single circle Registered (Port Antonio).

Rubber stamps:-

Type VIII	Large single circle - used on bulky packets, but occasionally on official mail. fig.34.
Type IX	The well-known Temporary Rubber Date stamp - oval, usually struck in purple, occasionally in other colours. Actual example attached to illustration page "S - Y".

With reference to Type IX, these are used when a new post office is opened. Generally speaking, they are eventually replaced by metal stamps which have to be made in the U.K., but this usually takes a long time, the rubber stamps are then withdrawn and never used again.

These small offices appear to be run in shops and odd corners and I have had several interesting letters from the postmasters which are given below:-

From CHANTILLY

"Hello Collector, Indeed sorry could not respond before now, was short of date stamp ink ! This R.A. is located in N. point of Manchester, was opened 1964 Oct. founder the M.P. William McLaren and Irene Denton. Its opened 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. re-opens 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Clerk lives on the premises. If any other necessities (sic) contact me, I'll be pleased to do so,

Bye

Postal Agent."

From ALPS

"This is only to inform you that my office is in the Parish of Trelawney. It is on my own building the office is on. The only thing is because the payment is small, but I decide to make myself comfortable until better comes. I am occupied with chest to keep my little earnings and some other office untencils (sic)

Postmaster

Alps."

In conclusion, my thanks to Mr.T.A.Stokes of Discovery Bay, Jamaica and to Mr.H.M.Williams of the Mails Planning Branch, Kingston.

ILLUSTRATIONS

These are all full-size and have been reproduced by offset litho for clarity.

LIST OF POST OFFICES

A.

✓Aberdeen
✓Above Rocks
Adelphi
Aenon Town
Airy Castle
Albany
Albert Town
Alexandria
✓Alley
✓Alligator Pond
Allman Town
Alston
✓Anchovy
✓Annotto Bay
Arawak
Askenish
Aughtembeddie

B.

✓Black River
✓Blackstonedge
✓Bluefields
✓Dog Walk
Bonny Gate
Border
Borebridge
Boscobel
Bowden
Braes River
Brainerd
Brighton
✓Browns Hall
✓Brown's Town
✓Buff Bay
Bull Bay
Bunkers Hill
Bushy Park

C.

Chapelton
Chester Castle
Christiana
✓Claremont
✓Clark's Town
Clonmel
Coleyville
Colonels Ridge
Comfort Castle
✓Comfort Hall
✓Constant Spring
Cornwall Mountain
Craighead
✓Crofts Hill
Crooked River
Cross Keys
✓Cross Roads

B.

✓Balaclava
Balcarres
✓Bamboo
Banana Ground
Bangor Ridge
Bartons
✓Bath
Beckford Kraal
Beeston Spring
Belfield
Bellas Gate
Bensonton
✓Bethel Town

C.

Calderwood
Camberwell
✓Cambridge
Carron Hall
Cascade
Castleton
✓Catadupa
✓Cave
Cave Valley
✓Cedar Valley
Cessnock
Chalky Hill

D.

Dallas
Dalvey
Darliston
Deeside
✓Denham Town
Devon
Dias
Discovery Bay
Duan Vale
✓Duncans

E.

Elderslie
Ellen Street
Enfield
Epworth
✓Ewarton

F.

Fairy Hill
✓Falmouth
✓Fellowship
Four Paths
✓Frankfield
Free Hill
Friendship
✓Frome
Fruitful Vale
✓Tyffes Pen
✓Franklin Town

G.

Gayle
Gibraltar
Giddy Hall
Ginger Hill
✓Ginger Ridge
Glengoffe
✓Glenislay
✓Golden Grove
✓Gordon Town
✓Grange Hill
Grantham
Great Valley
Green Hill

G.

✓Green Island
Gregory Park
Guanaboa Vale
✓Guy's Hill

H.

Hagley Park
Hagley Gap
Half Way Tree
Hampden
Hampstead
Harbour View
Harewood
Markers Hall
Harmons
Harry Watch
Hartlands
Hatfield
Hayes
Hectors River
Highgate
Hope Bay
Hopeton
Hopewell

I.

Inverness
Ipswich
Islington

J.

Jackson Town
James Hill
Jericho
Johns Hall
Jones Town
Junction

K.

Kirkvino
Keith
Kellits
✓Knockpatrick

L.

Labyrinth
Lacovia
Lambs River
Lascelles
Laughlands
Leamington
Liguanea
Lime Hall
Lincoln
Linstead
Lionel Town
Little London
Little River
Llandowey
Lluidas Vale
Lodge
Long Bay
Long Road
Lorrimers

L.	M.	R.
Lottery	Myrtle Bank	Race Course
Lucca	Mercury House	✓Ramble
Lucky Hill		Reading
	N.	Red Hills
M.	Nain	Redwood
Maggotty	✓Negril	✓Retreat
Mairstone	Newcastle	✓Richmond
Malvern	Newmarket	Richmond Park
Manchioneal	Newport	✓Rio Bueno
Mandeville No.1		✓Riversdale
Mandeville No.2	O.	✓Rock River
March Town	Ocho Rios	Rose Hall
Maroon Town	Old England	✓Runaway Bay
Maryland	Old Harbour	
Mavis Bank	Old Harbour Bay	S.
May Pen	Oracabessa	✓St.Anns Bay
Middle Quarters	Orange Bay	St.Leonards
Mile Gully	Osborne Store	St.Margarets Bay
Milk River		✓St.Peters
Mocho	P.	Salisbury
Mona	Pear Tree Grove	✓Salt River
Moneague	Pembroke Hall	Sandy Bay
Montego Bay No.1	Pepper	✓Santa Cruz
Montego Bay No.2	Petersfield	✓Savanna-la-mar
Montpelier	Point	Sawyers
Moore Town	Point Hill	Seaforth
Morant Bay	Port Antonio	Sheffield
Mount Horeb	Port Maria	Sherwood Content
Mount James	Port Morant	✓Shooters Hill
Mount Peto	Port Royal	Sign
Mountainside	Porus	Siloah
Munro College	Pratville	Skibo
Myersville	Priestmans River	Sligoville
Myers Wharf	Prior Park	Smithville

S.

Somerton
 ✓Southfield
 ✓Spaldings
 ✓Spanish Town
 Springfield
 Spring Garden
 Spring Hill
 Spur Tree
 Stewart Town
 Stonehenge
 ✓Stony Hill
 Sunning Hill
 Swift River

T.

Thompson Town
 Toll Gate
 Top Hill
 Tower Isle
 Treasure Beach
 Trinityville
 ✓Troja
 Trout Hall
 Troy

U.

✓Ulster Spring
 Union Hill

V.

✓Vineyard Town

W.

Wait-a-bit
 Wakefield
 Walderston
 Walkers Wood
 ✓Warsop
 Watermount
 ✓Watsons Hill
 Watt Town
 Welcome Hall
 Whitehorses
 Whitehouse
 Whitesands Beach
 ✓Whitfield Town
 Wild Cane
 ✓Williamsfield
 Wilmington
 Windsor Castle
 ✓Windward Road
 Woodford
 Woodhall

Y.

✓Yallahs

LIST OF POSTAL AGENCIES

Sub-Agencies indicated thus *

A.

Aboukir
* Airy Prospect
Albion
✓ Albion Mountain
✓ Alderton
* Aleppo
Allman Hill
Alps
Alva
Arcadia
Arlington
Ashley
Ashton
Axe and Adze

B.

Baileys Vale
Bakers Hill
Banbury
* Bannister
✓ Baptist Hill
Barbary Hall
Barnstaple Mtn.
Barking Lodge
* Barrett Town
Bath Mountain
Baulk
Beacon Hill
Beecher Town
Belfield Works

B.

Benbow
Berry Hill
Bessie Baker
Bethsalem
Beverley
Bickersteth
Big Pear Tree
Big Woods
Birds Hill
Black Hill
✓ Blairs Hill
Blackness
Blenheim
Bois Content
Bog Hole
Bogue
✓ Bohemia
Bombay
Bennett
* Bottom Jackson
Boulevard
Boundbrook
Bounty Hall
Bourbon
✓ Bowens
Boyne Park
Brae Head
✓ Braeton
Brandon Hill
Brixton Hill

B.

Broadgate
Broadleaf
Bromley
Bull Head
✓ Bull Savannah
Bunka Tree
Burnt Savannah
Buxton Town
Bybrook
Byndloss

C.

Cairn Curran
Calabash Bay
Caledonia
Canterbury
Carisbrook
Carmel
Carrick Foyle
Castle Hyde
Cauldwell
Caymanas Bay
Cavaliers
Central Village
Chambers Pen
Chantilly
Charles Town
Chatham
Chatsworth
Cheltenham

C.

* Chigwell
 Chudleigh
 * Church Pen
 Claverty Cottage
 Clay Ground
 Cliffords
 Clover Hill
 Clydesdale
 Coffee Grove
 Coffee Piece
 Coka
 Colegate
 ✓ Coley Mountain
 Content Gap
 Constitution Hill
 Corletts Road
 Cornpiece
 Cornwall
 Copse
 Cotterwood
 * Cox Piece
 Coxwain
 Craigmill
 Crawle River
 * Crescent
 * Cromwell Lands
 Croton
 Cousins Cove

D.

Dalton
 Daniel Town
 ✓ Danvers Pen
 Davyton

D.

Dean Pen
 Denbigh
 Delveland
 Devon Pen
 ✓ Dignum
 Drapers
 ✓ Dressikie
 Dumfries
 ✓ Duhaney Park
 Dundee
 Durham Gap
 Duxes

E.

Effortville
 * Eglington
 Elgin
 Ellicress
 Epsom
 Essex Hall

F.

✓ Fairburn
 Faiths Pen
 Farm
 Flagaman
 ✓ Flamstead Gardens
 Flagstaff
 Flint River
 Flower Hill
 Font Hill
 Fort George
 Frazer

F.

Freeman's Hall
 Free Town
 Fullersfield
 Fullerton Park
 * Fustic
 Fustic Grove

G.

Galina
 Garden Hill
 ✓ Garlands
 Geddes Town
 ✓ Georges Plain
 Georges Valley
 ✓ Glastonbury
 Gloucester
 Golden Spring
 ✓ Golden Valley
 Good Intent
 ✓ Gordons Crossing
 Goshen

* Grants Pen
 Granville
 ✓ Gravel Hill
 Green Pond
 ✓ Greenwich Town
 * Greenwood
 Grey Ground
 Grove Town

H.

Haddington
 Haddo

H.

Haining
Halls Delight
Halse Hall
Hamilton Mountain
Hampshire
* Harmony Hall
Harmony Vale
Hayfield
Henthfield
* Hermitage
Hessen Castle
Heywood Hall
Highland Head
Hounslow
* Huddersfield
Huntley

I.

Innswood
Irish Town
Irons Mountain
Irwin

J.

Jacks Hill
Jacks River
Jackson Taylor
Jeffrey Town
Joe Hut
Johnson Mountain
Joyland
Jubilee Town

K.

Kalorama
Kemnay
Kensington
Kentish
Kentucky
Ketto
Kilmarnock
Kingston North West
Kingsvale
King Weston
Kinloss
Kitson Town
* Knollis

L.

Lancaster
Lawrence Tavern
* Lawson
Lances Bay
Latium
Leeds
Leicesterfield
Leinster
Lemon Hall
Lewisburgh
* Liberty Valley
Lime Tree Gardens
Linton Park
Litchfield
Lloyds
Look Out
Long Look

L.

Longwood
* Lower Cash Hill
Lucky Valley
Lumsden
Lydford
Lyssons

M.

Macca Tree
Madras
Mahaga
Mahoe
Main Ridge
Malcolm Square
Mango Valley
Mark Hill
Marlborough
Marley Hill
Mason Hall
May Day
Maverley
McNie
Mears
Mendes
Meylesfield
Middlesex
Mike Town
Mitchells Hill
Mitchell Town
Mongrave
Montreal
Moores

M.	N.	P.
Moravia	Newton	Petersville
Morgan's Pass	New Works	Philadelphia
Mount Airy	Niagara	Pike
Morgan's Forest	Nine Turns	Pisgah
Mount Edgecombe	Norris	Pleasant Valley
Mount Felix	Norwich	Flowden
Mount Industry	Nutfield	Plum Tree
Mount Lebanon		Porters Mountain
Mount Moreland	O.	Portland Cottage
Mount Moriah	Old Bottom	Prickly Pole
Mount Peace	Old Hope	Princessfield
Mount Pleasant	O'Meally	Priory
Mount Providence	Old Mountain	Progressive
Mount Regale	Orangefield	Prospect
Mount Rosser	Orange Hill	
Mount Salem	Oxford Street (60½)	Q.
Mount Salus		Queen's Hill
Mount Vernon	P.	Quick Step
Mount Waddy	Padmore	
Mount Zion	Paisley	R.
Muir House	Palisadoes	Raymonds
Muirton Pen	Palmers Cross	Reach
Mulgrave	Papine	Red Bank
	Parottee	Red Ground
	Paul Mountain	Red Valley
	Pear Tree River	Refuge
	Peckham	Reserve
	Peggy Barry	Retirement
	Penlyne Castle	Retrieve
	Pennant's	Revival
	Penwood	Richmond Vale
	Porth Town	Ritchies
N.		
* Naggo Head		
* Negril Spot		
New Green		
* Newleigh		
New Forest		
New Longville		
* New Roads		

5.

R.

S.

T.

Rio Grande
Robins Bay
Robins Hall
Rock
Rock Hall
Rock Spring
Rocky Point
Roehampton
Rose Hill
* Rose-end
Rosewell
Rowlandsfield
Roses Valley
Rose Town
Russells

Scotts Hall
Scotts Run
Scotts Pass
* Seafield
* Sedge Pond
Seven Miles
Shirley Castle
Shortwood
Shrewsbury
Silver Spring
Simons
Slipe
* Snow Hill
Somerset
Spicy Hill
Spot Valley

Thornton
Time and Patience
Top Mountain
Torrington
Tower Hill
Town Head
Tranquility
Treadways
Tropical Plaza
Turners
Tweedside
Tydixon

S.

* Springmount
Spring Bank
Spring Vale
Steer Town
Stewarton
* Sunderland
Strathbogie
Strawberry
Sturge Town
Success
Summerfield
* Sydenham

U.

Unity
Unity Vale

V.

Valley Piece
Victoria Town

W.

Waltham Gardens
Wareika
Warwick Castle
✓ Watchwell
Water Lane
Waterloo
Water Works
✓ Westphalia
West Prospect
✓ White Hall

T.

St.D'Acre
St.Faiths
St.Gregory
St.John's Road
St.Pauls
Salisbury Plain
Salmon Town
Salt Marsh
Salt Spring
Samuel Prospect
Sandy River
Sanguinetti
Santoy
Scarborough
Scholefield

Taymount
Thatch Walk

W.

White River

Whitney

Wire Fence

Whithorn

Wilson's Run

Windsor Forest

Woodlands.

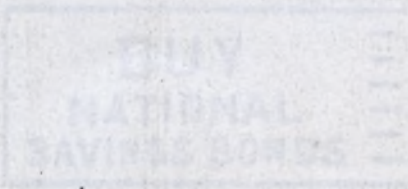
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Yarmouth

York Castle

York Pen

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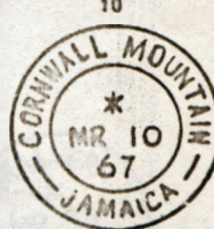
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NATIONAL
SAVINGS BONDS



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SMILE TOMORROW

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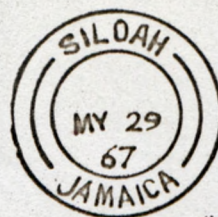
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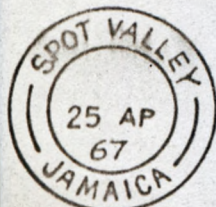
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R.1



R.2

T.R.D.S. In use initially at new Postal Agencies

Specimen with the Author's compliments

