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## GEORGE LISLE, FOUNDER OF JAMAICA'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A former slave from the American colonies started the first Baptist church in Jamaica. He was George Lisle who was born in Savannah, Georgia, but was freed by his master, Henry Sharpe. Lisle had been converted to the Baptist faith in 1774 and had formed congregations in the United States including what is believed to be the first Negro church gathering in America. Lisle came to Jamaica in 1782 as an indentured servant and worked for the Governor for two years. In September 1784 he began to preach in Kingston and eventually established his first chapel at the corner of Victoria and Elletson Roads in Kingston.

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