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W. ADOLPHE ROBERTS (1886 - 1962)

W. A. Roberts: Historian, Poet, Novelist, Journalist and Patriot.

Place & Date of Birth: October 15, 1886, Kingston, Jamaica.
Brought up in Manchester.

Education: Entirely by private tutors, the foremost having been his father.

Languages: French, Spanish and native tongue, English.

Hobby: A keen chess-player.

1899 Career in journalism began when at age 13, he started subscribing articles to the Daily Gleaner.

1902 At age 16, he became a reporter for the Daily Gleaner for 8 months.

1903 At age 17, he became Sub-editor for the "Leader".
He also used to submit articles to the Jamaica Times.

1904 Left Jamaica for the U.S.A to pursue a career in journalism.
His travels included visits to the U.S.A., Britain, France (4½ years), Spain, Belgium, Italy and several Latin American countries.

1914-1916 War - correspondent for the Brooklyn Daily Eagle in Europe.

1917 Recalled to U.S. to become Assistant Foreign Editor of the Daily Eagle.
Married Katherine Amelis Hickley (divorced 1923)

1918-1921 Editor of Ainslee's Magazine.

1923-1924 Edited various periodicals and brief stories.

1925-26 Published his own quarterly magazine, "The American Parade".

While in the U.S.A. his Working experience varied: Other magazines included, the "Dance Magazine", "National Pictorial" and "Movie Monthly".

- Editor of the "Metropolitan Magazine"

- Assistant - Editor of "Hearst's International".

- Also worked on the San Francisco Chronicle and New York Tribune.

Literary Publications:

- His first literary publication was in 1919:-

- 1919 Pierrot Wounded and other poems.
- 1928 Pan and Peacocks (?)
- 1929 The Mind Reader

- In the 1930's his interest in history, politics and literature of the Caribbean region, inclusive of which were the shores of the Gulf of Mexico -.

- 1931 The Moralist and Mayor Harding of New York.
- 1933 Sir Henry Morgan: Buccaneer and Governor.
- 1938 Semmes of Alabama.
- 1940 The Caribbean: The Story of our Sea of destiny.
- 1941 The Pomergranate.
- 1942 The U.S. Navy Fights and the French in the West Indies.
- 1944 Royal Street
- 1946 Lake Pontchartrain and Brave Mardi Gras.
- 1948 Lands of the Inner Sea and Creole Dusk
- 1949 Single Star
- 1952 Six Great Jamaicans
- 1953 Havana; the portrait of a city
- 1955 Jamaica: the portrait of an island.

Other Outstanding Aspects of His life:

- 1936 Founded the Jamaica Progressive League in the U.S.A.
- Wrote pamphlet: Self Government for Jamaica.
- 1952 Founded the Bolivarian Society of Jamaica.
- 1955-57 President, Jamaica Historical Society.
- 1958 *Inv.* " " , Jamaica Library Association
- 1923 First Vice President, Poetry League of Jamaica.
- (?) President of, Natural History Society of Jamaica.
- (?) President, Jamaica Centre of the International P.E.N. Club.

- (?) Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Institute of Jamaica.
- (?) General Editor of the Pioneer Press
- (?) Lecturer in West Indian History in the Extra Mural Department of the U.W.I.

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