

LIFE STORY

HANS SLOANE WAS BORN ON APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 1660 IN IRELAND. AT AN EARLY AGE HE DEVELOPED AN INTEREST IN SCIENTIFIC MATTERS AND LATER PURSUED STUDIES IN BOTANY, CHEMISTRY AND MEDICINE. IN 1687 AT THE AGE OF 28 HE ACCOMPANIED THE DUKE OF ALBEMARLE, THE NEWLY APPOINTED GOVERNOR, TO JAMAICA AS HIS PERSONAL PHYSICIAN. WHILE HERE HE RESIDED AT WHAT IS NOW NUMBER 14 NUGENT STREET IN SPANISH TOWN, WHERE HE CARRIED OUT HIS PRIVATE PRACTICE ATTENDING TO NUMEROUS PEOPLE, INCLUDING SIR HENRY MORGAN.

WITHIN 15 MONTHS HE HAD COLLECTED 800 PLANTS, MOST OF WHICH WERE NEW SPECIMENS. HIS INDEFATIGABLE SEARCH TOOK HIM ON MANY EXCURSIONS TO VARIOUS PARTS OF THE ISLAND INCLUDING BATH, WHERE HE ATTEMPTED AN ANALYSIS OF THE MINERAL WATERS, AND ST. ANN, WHERE HE VISITED AND DESCRIBED IN DETAIL THE RUINS OF SEVILLA NUEVA, JAMAICA'S FIRST CAPITAL .

IN 1689 HE RETURNED TO ENGLAND TAKING ALONG WITH HIM SPECIES OF PLANTS, FRUITS, CORALS, MINERALS, STONES, EARTH, SHELLS, ANIMALS AND INSECTS. HE RETIRED FROM PRACTICE IN 1741 AND PURCHASED THE MANOR OF CHELSEA, IN ENGLAND. HE MARRIED IN 1695, A LADY WHOM HE HAD MET IN JAMAICA BY THE NAME OF ELIZABETH ROSE. SHE BORE HIM TWO DAUGHTERS.

SIR HANS SLOANE DIED ON JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> 1753 AT THE RIPE AGE OF 93 AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS.