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JAMAICA NATIONAL TRUST COMMISSION

The Jamaica National Trust Commission was established under the Jamaica National Trust Law of 1958, to preserve or restore monuments and places of historical or national interest. The main projects undertaken during the past year were as follows:-

(i) Reconstruction of the Birthplace of Sir Alexander Bustamante

The major project of the period has been the reconstruction at Blenheim, Hanover, of a replica of the house in which Sir Alexander Bustamante was born, based on information supplied by him and another person who had also lived on the place. Landscaping of the site is awaiting supply of water by the Parish Council.

(ii) Birthplace of Mr. N. W. Manley:

The procedures for transfer of this site at Roxborough, Manchester by Kaiser Bauxite Limited to the National Trust are being carried out and should be finalised shortly. Actual work on the restoration of the house which exists in a very dilapidated state is about to commence.

(iii) Paul Bogle Homestead, Stony Gut:

The site at Stony Gut on which was Paul Bogle's house and chapel have been acquired and will be established as a National Monument.

(iv) Seville Great House:

The terms of the Lease have been agreed upon with the Administrator General, trustees of the Seville property, and plans made for the restoration of the old house which is to be the Spanish period museum.

(v) D'Oyley/Ysassi Monument:

The site being donated to commemorate the decisive battle between the Spanish and the English in 1658 was marked out and surveyed and approval given by the Parish Council for the sub-division

of the donor's land. The transfer should be finalised shortly and work on the monument commenced.

Listing of Historical Monuments:

The Provisional List of buildings, ruins and sites which the National Trust recommends should be regarded as national monuments by virtue of their historical association or architectural merit, was completed and submitted to the Minister of Development and Welfare, and was published in the newspapers by the Jamaica Information Service.

Additional places have been submitted for inclusion and are being investigated to determine whether they should be listed.

Advice on preservation and restoration work:

The Technical Adviser to the National Trust is advising the owner of the Rose Hall Great House on its authentic restoration. He is also advising on the repairs to Devon House which has been acquired by Craffthings Jamaican Ltd., after its demolition was prevented by the issue of an Interim Preservation Order by the Minister of Development and Welfare on the recommendation of the National Trust.

Inspections have been made and technical advice given on the preservation of St. Peter's Church, Alley; St. Andrew's Church, Golden Grove; Black River, Sav-la-mar and Falmouth Parish Churches; St. Dorothy's Church, Old Harbour; St. Phillip's Church, Old Harbour Bay. Funds were not available to assist these churches as requested with the work necessary.

Advice was also given to the Methodist Church on the preservation of the Old York Castle ruins; to the Prisons Department on Rockfort; to the Portland Parish Council on Fort George; to the Ministry on Eaton Hall, St. Ann.

Grants:

Technical advice was given and grants made to the Phillippo Baptist Church, Spanish Town for restoration of the front steps and to the Annotto Bay Baptist Church for restoration of doors and windows.

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A Grant was also made for the publication of a study on Monumental Inscriptions in Jamaica which will serve as a permanent record of many historical monuments.

Mausoleum for Sir Donald Sangster:

The Public has been invited to submit designs for a mausoleum in memory of the late Sir Donald Sangster, and later this year an architect will **be** commissioned to design the building, which will take its place alongside the Marcus Garvey Memorial and the National Monument in the George the Sixth Park as a new addition to those memorials to outstanding sons of Jamaica.

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