

Place Names of Clarendon

- **Chapleton** – in Clarendon was first known as “Chapel Town” and it is believed that the village of Chapleton took the name from the church.
- **Colonel’s Ridge** – is believed to have been named after Colonel Dawkins, an early English settler, who also owned “Dawkins Pen” and “Dawkins Kraal”
- **Dawkins** – is named after James and Henry Dawkins, early English settlers. Henry Dawkins was Member of Assembly in 1774.
- **Halse Hall** – was named after Major Thomas Halse, who joined the invading English army under General Venables and Admiral Penn at Barbados, and was granted land here.
- **Hay’s Savannah** – (now spelt “Hayes”) was named after John Hays who was an early English settler. The village of Hay’s was built on the savannah, hence the name and is approximately seven miles south of May pen. There is also Hay’s Cornpiece. Both are part of the Yarmouth Sugar Estate.
- **Jackson Bay** – is named after Colonel Jackson, who commanded the Clarendon militia in the early history of that parish.
- **Kellits** – the correct spelling is Kellets and an early attorney Mr. H. E. Upton made the claim that Kellets was owned by the Kellet and Mackenzie families.
- **Kemps Hill Lookout** - is located four miles from ‘The Alley’. It is the site of an old English Camp, and was first known as ‘Camp Hill’. This lookout commands a view of Carlisle Bay, and was used during the attack by the French at that Bay in 1694.

- **Longville** – is named after Samuel Long, first of his family to settle in Jamaica. This occurred in 1655 when he accompanied the expedition under Admiral Penn and General Venables.
- **Malmsey Valley** – was owned from 1740 by Peter Beckford Senior of the famous Beckford family, early English settlers from Gloucestershire, England.
- **Morgan's Valley** – was named after Sir Henry Morgan, who acquired land there when he gave up piracy and was trying to encourage buccaneers to become gentlemen farmers.
- **Pennants** – was named after its first owner, Gifford Pennant, a royalist who settled in Jamaica soon after the restoration and represented Clarendon in the Assembly from 1672 to 1675.
- **Rock River** - a village that was first a property owned by William Beckford from the Beckford's in Gloucestershire, England. His family was granted 1000 acres of land in Clarendon by royal patent on March 6, 1669.
- **Sanguinetti** – is said to bear the name of an Italian Jew (Jacob Sanguinetti), who owned the Sanguinetti property listed as comprising 3,248 acres.
- **Sheckles** – is named after John S. Sheckles, Member of the Assembly, Custos of Clarendon, and Brigadier – General of the Militia. A resident in the island for 55 years, he died in 1782.