

## **Some Place Names Westmoreland**

**Anglesey** – name of an estate owned by Joseph Stone Williams a former Custos of the parish in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. This name was originally transferred from North Wales.

**Barracks** – so named from the army occupation that was once in the area.

**Balustrode-** named from Hugh Balustrade a former 18<sup>th</sup> century Custos of the parish.

**Beckford Street - named** after Colonel Peter Beckford, one of the initial members of the Beckford family. This family went on to be owners of land in Westmoreland and other parishes such as Clarendon and St. Catherine. Beckford went on to become a Lieutenant- Governor in 1703. His son later became a speaker in the House of Assembly and was responsible for the endowment of a school in Spanish Town.

**Bluefields** - was initially spelt Blewfields, and is credited to Abraham Bleevelt a Dutch Seaman.

**Darliston** - is a wrong pronunciation or spelling of Darlaston originally of England.

**Frome**– is thought to be an adopted place name from England.

**Friendship** – was named by Rev. James Niven in 1837, of the Scottish Missionary Society as a meeting place for missionaries. Located at the border between Westmoreland and Hanover, the name was later extended to the surrounding district.

**Gurney's Mount-** the namesake of W. B. Gurney, a Quaker philanthropist who was associated with the abolitionist movement.

**Hanover** - named after the German house of Hanover a German family with links to George I.

**Hudson Street-** named after the Dr. J.W.N. a former member of the Legislative Council in the parish

**Kentucky** – named from Kentucky in USA

**Kew Park-** a former citrus and cattle property. It was thought to be initially named ‘Q’ from “Quarrell” from an earlier owner.

**LLandilo** - is named after a similar place in Carmarthen Wales.

**New Mills**- this name has been transferred from a Scottish place. It was formerly listed as ‘New Milns’

**Palmetto point-** is named from the Palmetto palm which grew in the area.

**Petersfield-** named after the patriarch Peter of the influential Beckford family

**Rat Trap-** named from the abundance of rats in the area

**Ricketts** - is the namesake of George Crawford Ricketts former R.M.

**Save Rent** - the name of a Frenchman Saverent who owned property between 1773- 1811. The surrounding district later adopted the name.

**Seaford Town**- is the namesake of Lord Seaford a former Governor of Barbados and owner of the property who donated it for the German settlers to reside who came to Jamaica in 1835.

**Sutcliffe Mount**- is named in honour of first secretary of the Baptist Missionary first Society founded in London in 1784 Rev. Sutcliffe. This was done by Rev. Middleditch an English Baptist Missionary that was stationed in Savanna-la-mar.

**Tate Shafston**- named after a Lawrence Tate of the parish.

**Warwick Castle**- is a place- name adoption from either Australia or Rhode Island in the US.

**Williamsfield** – named after the influential Beckford family.

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