

### Some Place Names in St. Mary

**Annotto Bay** which was previously named ‘Guayguata’ by the Tainos is named from the abundance of the Annotto trees in the area.

**Boscobel** is a place name derivative from the USA. It is assumed that the name is a corruption of ‘beautiful woods’ which is usually affiliated with expansive properties.

**Bryan Castle** is the namesake of Edward Bryan, a former property owner between 1743 and 1800 and he was also a historian.

**Charlottenburgh** is originally a place name adopted from Berlin, Germany.

**Coxe Piece** is named from former owner Alexander Coxe originally from Scotland

**Fort George** was named from English estate owner and Chief Justice of Jamaica between 1736 and 1739, George Ellis

**Fort Haldane** is named after General George Haldane former Governor of Jamaica 1759.

**Frontier** is named because of its geographical location.

**Galina Point** which means ‘hen point’ was originally named ‘Galina Punta’ by the Spanish.

**Grandy Hole** formerly spelt ‘grundy’ is a term that is sometimes used to mean ‘great or fine’ and is interpreted to mean a great or fine hole.

**Hampstead** is named from a place in London England.

**Highgate** is named from the residential district and English home of Marquis of Sligo. Governor of Jamaica 1834-1836.

**Job’s Hill** is so named because the endurance required to climb the hill requires the patience of Job from the Bible.

**Llanrummery** is thought to be a corruption of Llandovery of Wales.

**Newry** is a place name originally from Northern Ireland.

**Nonsuch** is thought to have been derived from an English mansion of the same name.

**Oracabessa** was formerly known as ‘Auracabeza’ where ‘aura’ means ‘air’ or ‘breeze’ and ‘cabez’ which means ‘head’ or ‘highland’.

**Port Maria** was originally named ‘Melilla’ after a town on the town of Barbary which was owned by the Spanish. Maria is a corruption of ‘Melilla’ by the British which eventually became –Port Maria

**Quebec Estates** was adopted from Quebec in Canada.

**Richmond** was originally named 'Meek Spring' from its original owners. It was then renamed Richmond after it was sold to the Duke of Richmond.

**Richmond Castle** was the home of the Duke of Richmond.

**Rio Nuevo** was given by the Spanish and means 'new river'

**Smith Hill**- named after John Smith a Minister in Port Maria in the 18<sup>th</sup> century

**St. Mary** It is also believed that it was namesake of the former Jamaican Governor's Thomas Modyford. Another explanation is that it may be derived from the name of a species of timber that is used for masts on ships.

**Strawberry Fields** has being inspired by the Beatles song 'Strawberry Place'

**Watson Hill** was named after a Methodist Minister who had established a mission there.

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