



*Annual Meeting*  
*of the*  
**Society for the History  
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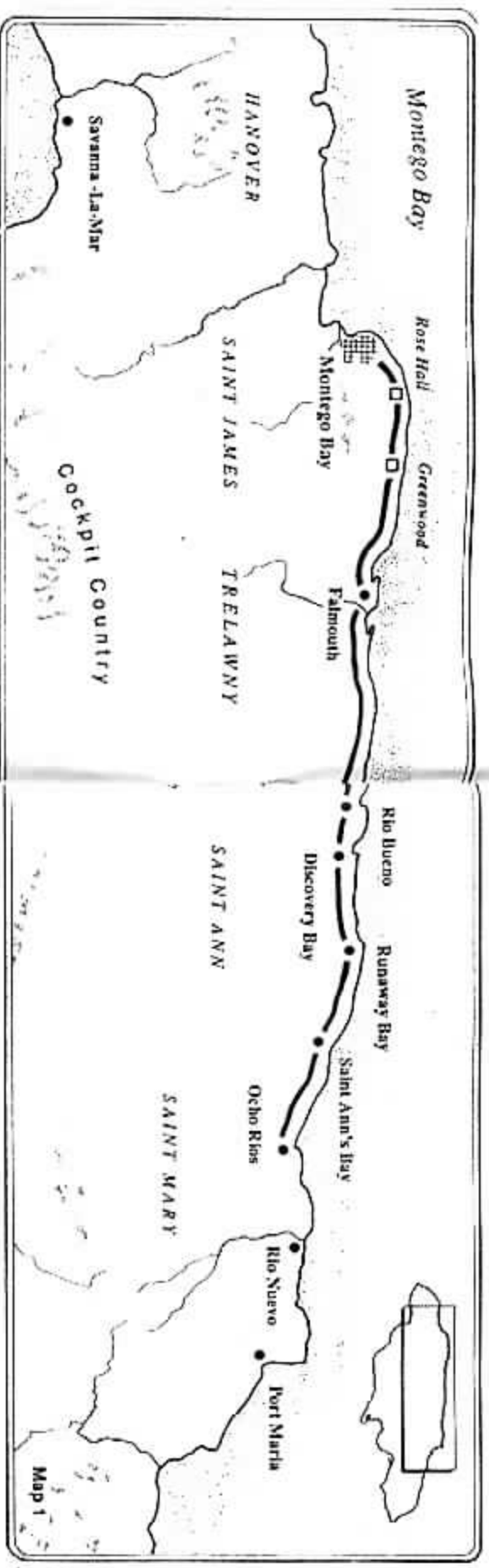
October 10 to 17, 1990

*JAMAICA*



In collaboration with the  
Jamaica Quincentennial Committee





WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Main party arrives in Montego Bay and takes bus for commented ride to Sans Souci Hotel at Ocho Rios (Map 1). In the evening, registration followed by a welcome reception.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 - 9:00 Meeting of the Society's council.

9:00 - 11:00 Session I, chaired by Wilcomb Washburn  
(The Smithsonian Institution)

\* Ralph Brauer (Institute for Research, Wilmington)

"The possible contribution of Islamic Science to European navigational techniques."

\* Mauricio Obregon (aviator and ambassador, Columbia)

"The methods of navigation and units of measure used by Columbus."

\* Robert Marx (underwater archaeologist, Florida)

"The voyage of the Niña II in 1962."

12:00 - 1:00 Session II, chaired by John Parker

(The James Ford Bell Library, Minneapolis)

\* Douglas Peck (navigator, Florida)

"The landfall of Columbus."

\* Robert Power (Nova Albion Foundation, California)

"The Identification of the first New World landfall of Christopher Columbus: The case for Grand Turk Island."

\* Arne Molander (physicist, Maryland)

"Christopher Columbus - Navigator and mapmaker."

1:00 - 2:30 lunch.

2:30 - 5:00 Field-trip to Prospect Plantation.

6:00 - 7:30 Dinner

8:00 - 9:30 Presentations on Jamaican archaeology:

- \* **Tony Aarons** (National Archives of the Bahamas)  
"Archaeological investigation of the Arawaks."
  
- \* **Kofi Agorsah** (University of the West Indies)  
"The archaeology of the Maroon Settlements."

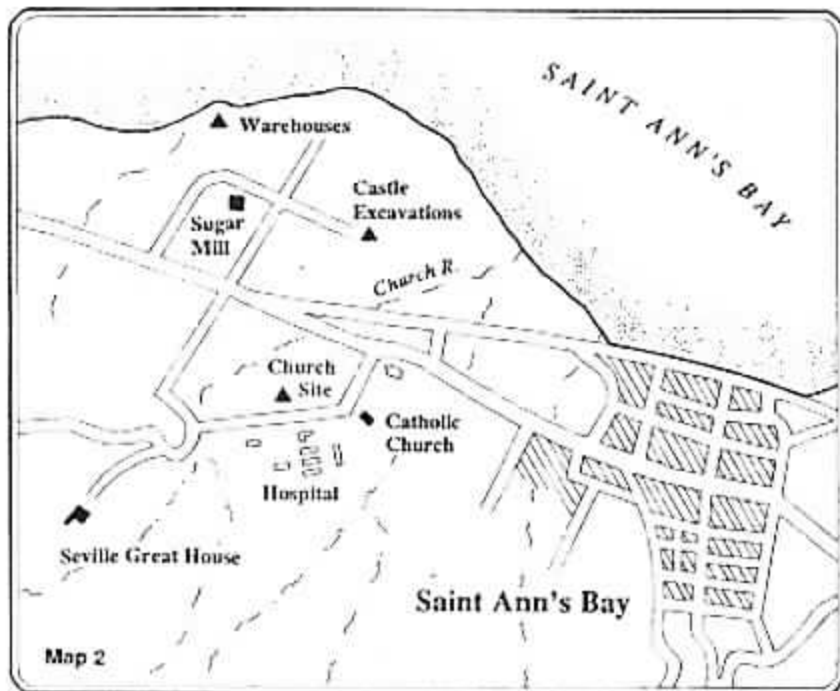
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 - 11:00 **Session III, chaired by Louis DeVorse**  
(The University of Georgia)

- \* **Neil Sealey** (The College of the Bahamas)  
"Geographical comparisons of San Salvador, Samana Cay, and Grand Turk as the Landfall island."
  
- \* **John Winslow** (navigator, Baltimore)  
"Lignum Vitae-Great Harbor Cay as the Landfall island of Columbus: a revisiorf."
  
- \* **Frank Snyder** (commodore, New York)  
"The landfall of Columbus and his subsequent track?"

11:00 - 1:30 **Session IV, chaired by Bruce Solnick**  
(State University of New York at Albany)

- \* **Greg McIntosh** (Redondo Beach, California)  
"Columbus and the depiction of the West Indies on the Piri Reis Map."
  
  - \* **Peter Guthorn** (physician, New Jersey)  
"The charting of the Florida Coast."
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\* **Daniel Hopkins** (University of Missouri, Kansas City)  
 "Eighteenth-century cartography of the Danish West Indies."

\* **Marica Milanese** (Università di Pavia, Italy)  
 "Naming and thinking West Indies in the sixteenth century."

1:00 - 2:30 lunch

2:30 - 6:00 Field-trip to Saint Ann's Bay to visit the Spanish settlement at New Seville and the site of Columbus' stay during his fourth voyage (conducted by Frank Osborne, SJ, archaeologist). Tea at "Bellevue", great house belonging to Mrs. Valerie Facey, member of the Jamaica Quincentennial Committee (see map 2).

7:00 - 8:30 Dinner

8:30 - 9:30 Presentation on the Spanish period in Jamaican history by **Patrick Bryan** (University of the West Indies).

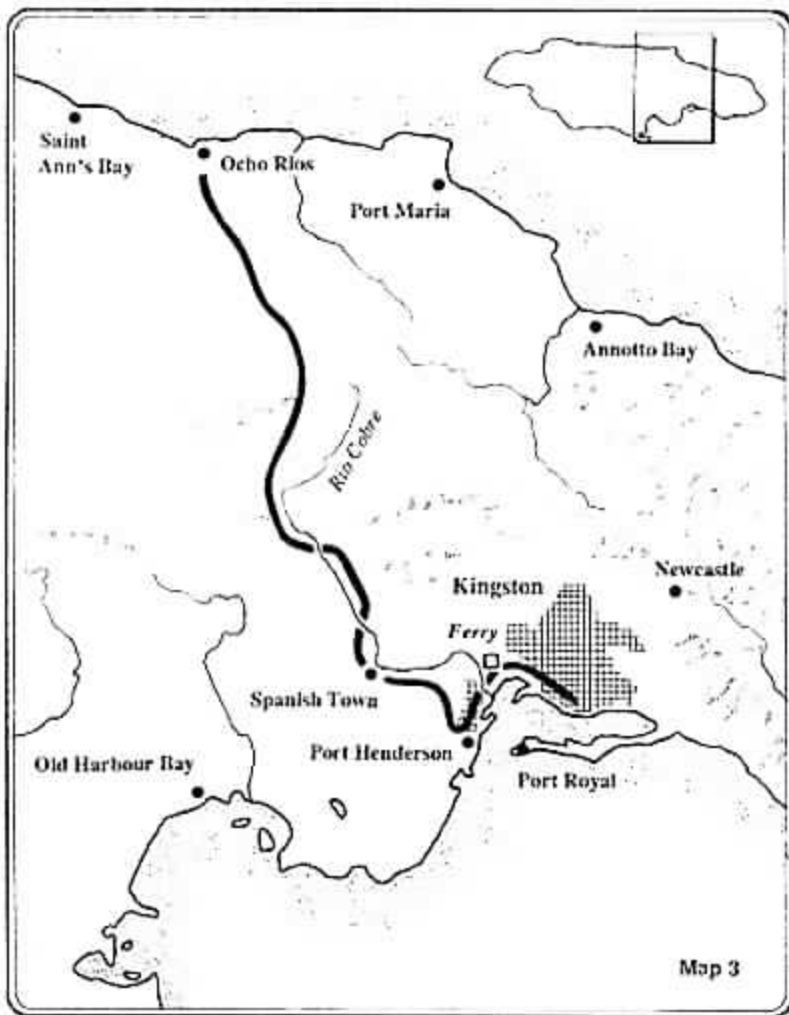
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00 - 12:30 **Session V, chaired by Edward Goodman**  
(Fort Myers, Florida)

- \* **Tony Aarons** (National Archives of the Bahamas)  
"The settlement of the Bahamas between 1492 and 1644: fact or fiction."
- \* **Stephen Glazier** (Kearney State College)  
"Impressions of aboriginal technology: the Caribbean canoe."
- \* **Charles Hoffman** (Northern Arizona University)  
"Peoples and cultures of the Bahama Islands, before and after contact with Europeans."
- \* **Joyce Lorimer** (Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario)  
"Aboriginal settlements on the coast of Guyana."
- \* **Russell Magnaghi** (Northern Michigan University)  
"Slavery and the West Indian indigenous people, 1492-1542."

12:30 - 2:00 lunch, followed by the business meeting and a summary of the Society's student prize paper, awarded to Carol Sparks (Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff).

7:00 - 11:00 Farewell dinner for participants leaving on the 14th.



### *KINGSTON SECTION*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 - 12:00 Commentated bus ride from Ocho Rios to Kingston, passing Mount Diablo, Rio Cobre Gorge, Spanish Town, Ferry and Port Henderson (map 3).

12:00 - 2:00 Registration at Oceana Hotel and Lunch.

2:00 - 5:00 Visit the National Gallery and the National Library of Jamaica (map 5).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

*(Day organized by the Jamaica National Heritage Trust.)*

Take the ferry to Port Royal, center of British power from 1656 to the earthquake of 1692; major underwater archaeology site at which one of our members, **Robert Marx**, worked for some years. Traditional Jamaican lunch, then take bus back to town to visit Headquarters House (home of the Heritage Trust, magnificent eighteenth-century town-house), Devon House (fine example of nineteenth-century merchant's home) and the University of the West Indies (site of former sugar-plantation). Talk by **Rex Nettleford**, professor at the University and chairman of the Heritage Trust, and reception including members of the Trust, of the University and of the Jamaican Historical Society (map 4).

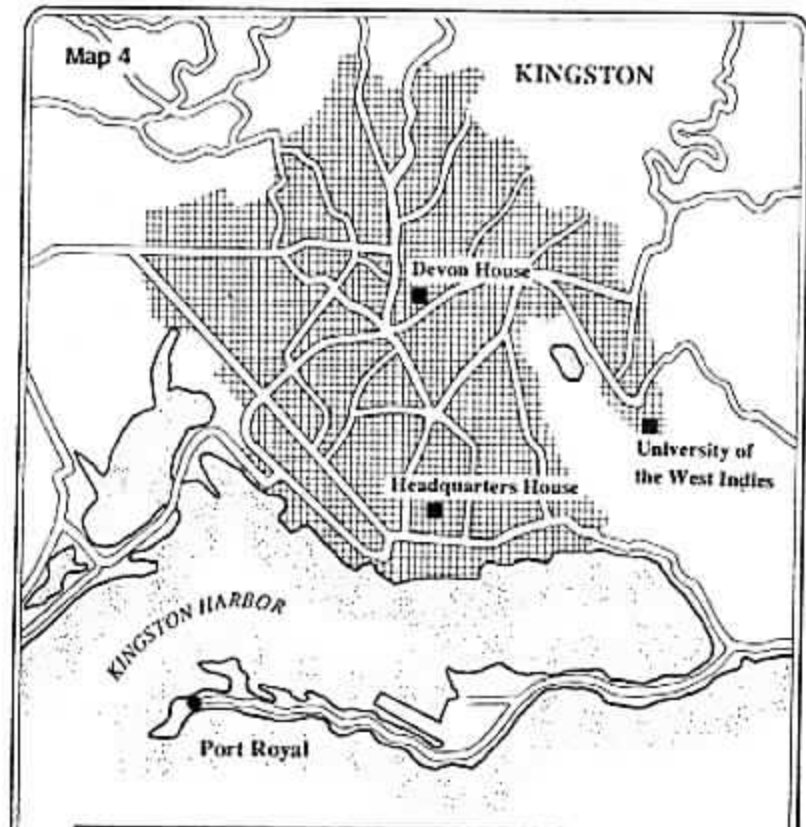
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Optional visit to Newcastle, 4,000 feet above Kingston, to see the eighteenth-century coffee plantation, nineteenth-century army station and remarkable views.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Leave for Miami from Kingston.

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*Some books about Jamaica history:*

Black, Clinton de V.: Jamaica Guide (Kingston 1973)

" " " " " History of Jamaica  
(numerous editions)

" " " " " Port Royal: A History and  
Guide (Kingston 1986)

Buisseret, David; Historic Jamaica from the Air  
(Bridgetown 1968)

Campbell, Mavis The Maroons of Jamaica 1655 -  
1796 (Boston)

Dunn, Richard; Sugar and Slaves: the rise of the  
planter class in the English West  
Indies 1624-1713  
(Chapel Hill 1972)

Marx, Robert; Port Royal Rediscovered  
(New York 1972)

Morales Padrón,  
Francisco: Jamaica Española  
(Seville 1952)

Pawson, Michael  
& David Buisseret; Port Royal, Jamaica  
(Oxford 1975)

Taylor, S.A.G.: The Western Design  
(Kingston 1965)

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White, Philip & Exploring Jamaica  
Paul Wright; (London 1969)

Numerous articles in Jamaica Journal and in The Jamaica Historical Review.

*Some useful numbers:*

Sans Souci bookings: 1-800-237-3237 or  
1-809-974-2353/2354

Oceana bookings: 1-800-526-2422 or  
1-305-667-8860

American Airlines  
convention bookings: 1-800-627-2815

Conference chair:  
(David Buisseret) 1-312-943-9090



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