

## Introduction

Tom Foster published Volume 1 of his master work, 'The Postal History of Jamaica to 1860' in 1968. Before his death in 1978 he had been working on volume 2, the story for the next 100 years-ish (1860-1962). Drafts of sections of this book had been sent to collectors and this document seeks to publish their contents (progressively).

In some cases the draft available is the master with his annotations – so we can assume he approved them, in other cases they are drafts annotated by others which may not be verified and hence have only been included with a health warning.

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## Index & Introduction

A suggested working lay out of the proposed contents of a new work on Jamaican Philately and Postal History, which is intended to follow up and continue on Volume I - The Postal History, Pre-Stamp Postmarks and Use of Imperial Issues in Jamaica from 1660-1860. The typescript of Volume-I is shortly to be revised and brought right up-to-date to include much material that has been accumulating over the past three years. Comments and views on these matters would be greatly appreciated and duly acknowledged when and wherever necessary.

### VOLUME II.

The Postal History, Postmarks, Post Offices and Agencies of Jamaica 1860—1961

## PART IV - The Postal History of Jamaica 1860-1962.

It is hoped that this part will eventually worked-up to include various sections and chapters yet to be finally decided upon. Any, material in your possession which has a bearing on the subject - no matter how insignificant it .would seem - could prove very helpful.'

It will be necessary to include several appendices in this part, and the following tentative suggestions are not necessarily in the correct order.

### Appendix 'A' - List of Postmasters of Jamaica from 1860.

(I have a complete list of these officers together with all the relevant dates, but interesting details of their appointments would be of help).

### Appendix 'B' - Jamaica Postage Rates:

- a. Inland Postage Rates
- b. Packet Postage Rates from 1860
- c. Ship Letter Rates from 1860 -
- d. Overseas .Postage Rates.
- e. Air Mail Postage Rates
- f. Military Forces. Postages and Rates.

## PART V. - The Postmarks of Jamaica 1860-1962.

In this part I propose to give a full listing of all the Jamaican postmarks that I have recorded, and I have already done a great deal of work on this subject.

The text has been sub-divided into convenient sections, each of which deals with a specific type of postmark. These have been allotted distinctive designations and follow on from the types listed in Volume I.

Link	Section	Type.
	1 The Obliterators a, Kingston Obliterators b. Post Town Obliterators	
	2a The Squared Circle Postmarks of Post Towns	PSQC
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Link	Section	Type.
	2b The Squared Circle Postmarks of Kingston	KSQC
	3 The Double-Circle Postmarks of Kingston	DCK
	4 The Double-Circle Postmarks of the Post Towns and the PPO ????	DC
	5 The Early Temporary Rubber Date-stamps Mail Bag Leads	TRD
	6 The 'Birmingham' Postmarks	B
	7 The New Birmingham' Postmarks	NB
	8 The Oval Date-stamps wrongly inscribed 'Registered'	OV
	9 The Modern Single Ring Postmarks a. Permanent Single Ring Postmarks b. Skeleton Single Ring Postmarks	SC SK
	10 The Modern Temporary Rubber Date-stamps (Continued from Section 5)	TRD
	11 The Automatic Letter Cancelling Machines a. Kingston i. Automatic Lachine Daters ii. Automatic Machine Cancellers iii. Automatic Machine Markings - Miscellaneous iv. Automatic Machine Slogans  b. The Post Towns i. Automatic Machine Daters ii. Automatic Machine Cancellers iii. Automatic Machine Slogans	KAMD KAMC KAM-M KAMS  PAMD PAMC PAMS
	12 Street Letter Box Postmarks a. Kingston b. The Post Towns	SLB
<a href="#">Link</a>	13 Railway Station Markings and T.P.O. Date-stamps a. Railway Station Markings b. Railway T.P.O.'s c. Highway T.P.O.'s	S RTPO HTPO
<a href="#">Link</a>	14 The Modern Paid Markings (Continued, from Volume I)	PD

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	15	Registration Postmarks and. Markings
	a.	Kingston Registration Postmarks R
	b.	Kingston Registration Markings RM
	c.	Post Town Registration Postmarks PR
	d.	Post Town Registration Markings PRM
	e.	Acknowledgement of Receipt Markings AR
	f.	Registration Labels RLS or RLC
	16	Paquebot Markings PAQ
<a href="#">Link</a>	17	Parcel Post Office Markings
	a.	Parcel Postmarks PPO
	b.	Cash On Delivery date-stamps COD
	18	Air Mail Services
	a.	Air mail Carriers A
	b.	Air Mail Postmarks AIM
	c.	Air Mail Instructional Markings
	19	Exhibition & Special Event Postmarks, Official Commemorative Envelopes
	a	First Day of Issue Covers EXP EXC
	20	The Modern "FREE Markings (Continued from Volume I) FR
	21	The Modern "TOO LATE" Markings (Continued from Volume I) TL
	22	The Modern "UNCLAIMED" Markings (Continued from Volume I) UN
		I) including
	a.	Unclaimed
	b.	Returned Letter Branch
	c.	Returned To Sender
	d.	Record Office.
	e.	Insufficient Postal Address
	f.	Unknown
	g.	Returned For Better Direction
	h.	Returned For Postal Address
	i.	Multiple Purpose -Markings
	j.	Left The Island
		and several others,

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Link	Section	Type.
<a href="#">Link</a>	23	D
	The Modern "UNPAID" and "TAX" Markings (Continued from Volume I) including:	
	a. Insufficiently Paid	
	b. Insufficiently Paid For Transmission By Air Mail	
	c. Insufficiently Prepaid	
	d. 'T' Markings — 10c, 20c and 30c etc	
	e. Stamp removed before receipt at the G.P.O. and several others	
	24	TR
	The Modern 'TRANSIT' and Instructional Markings (Continued from Volume I)	
	a. Received Open At G.P.O.	
	b. Mailed Out Of Course	
	c. Missent To Jamaica B.W.I. (modern)	
	d. 'A.O.' Markings. (Shat are these for should they be in this section or in the Air Mail Section.	
	e. Inadmissable Through The. Post	
	f. Refused	
	g. Delayed Through Incomplete Address and several more.	
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	Military Postmarks and Handstamps	
	a	
	Royal Navy	
	i Postmarks (if any exist)	M-RN
	ii Unit Handstamps	M-RNU
	iii Censor Markings	M-RNC
	iv Fleet Air Arm	M-FAM
	b	
	British Army	
	i Army and Garrison Post Office date-stamps	M-A
	ii Army Unit Handstamps	M-AU
	iii POW, Internment Camp Markings	M-POWE
	iv Army Censor Markings	M-AC
	c	
	Royal Air Force	
	i Postmarks	M-RAF
	ii. R.A.F. Unit Handstamps	M-RAFU
	iii R.A.F. Censor Markings	M-RAFC
	d	
	Canadian Army	
	i 'Y' Force and Canadian Army Censor Markings	M-CA
	ii. Canadian Army Unit Handstamps	M-CAU
	e.	
	United States Armed Forces	
	i. U.S. Naval Facility at Portland Bight	M-USN
	ii Naval and Marine Censor Marks	M-USNC
	iii US Army Base at Vernham Field and Fort Simonds	M-USA
	iv US Army Censor Markings	M-USAC

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Link	Section	Type.
	f Postal Censorship Markings	
	i Handstamps	M-PC
	ii Gummed Sealing Strip	M-STRIP
	g Jamaican Army	
	i Postmarks	
	ii Unit Handstamps	
26	Maritime Markings and Handstamps etc,	MN
27	Non Franking Publicity Cachets	PC
28	Telegraph Date-stamps and Markings	
	a. Kingston	KTEL
	b Post Towns	PTEL
29	Fiscal Handstamps and Markings etc	FIS
	a. Parochial Treasury	FIS-PT
30	Franking Machine Markings	MET
31	Money Order Office Markings	MOO

## **PART VI – Jamaican Post Offices and Agencies.**

Section 1	An alphabetical listing by parishes of every Post Office, Postal Agency and Postal Sub-Agency that has ever operated in the island.
Section 2	In this section, each office will be taken in turn in alphabetical order. A brief history of each will be given where known, together with opening and closing dates. A list of all pmks and markings employed by that office will also be given, together with smaller details that are considered to be of interest.

## **PART VII. – The Jamaican Airmail.**

Section 1	A complete history of the growth of the airmail from the island.
Section 2	Complete and accurate description of all Flights from the island, together with all special cachets etc.