

"ASPECTS OF SLAVERY PART II"

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A booklet of the Archives Exhibition held in the foyer of the Post Office Building, East Hill Street 6 – 25 February 1984. Official Opening by the Right Honourable Sir Lynden O. Pindling, K.C.M.G., M.P., Prime Minister.

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PREFACE

The Public Records Office, Nassau, Bahamas was officially opened on 15 September, 1971. Legislation establishing the office came into effect in December, 1971, and the old Mackey Street Post Office was converted to archival standards to house, preserve and centralize government records and archives to make them accessible to the public.

A Repair-Bindery Section where hand paper repair and bookbinding is done, is situated at the old Thatchberry School, now the Learning Resources Unit, on Mackey Street. An additional four (4) rooms for extra storage of archives are located in the Mosko Building, Mount Royal Avenue. A micro-filming programme continues and a modest photographic laboratory has been established next to the Repair-Bindery. Training of staff in the technical and academic fields is being continued both at home and abroad.

Deposits have been received from most Government departments, twenty-two districts from sixteen family islands, three corporations, two Headmasters, one Library, the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, and many private citizens. Approximately five thousand seven hundred (5,700) researchers have visited the Archives using approximately fourteen thousand seven hundred and seventy-six (14,776) documents.

Annual exhibitions depicting various aspects of Bahamian history have been held since 1973. They include "Aspects of Slavery", "The Sponging Industry", "A Selection of Historic Buildings of the Bahamas", "The Bahamian-American Connection", "The Pineapple Industry of the Bahamas", "Junkanoo", "Constitutional Development of the Bahamas", "The Salt Industry", "The Boat Building Industry of the Bahamas", "Settlements in New Providence", "The Loyalists Bi-centennial" and "The Bahamas Ten Years After Independence".