

THE PRINTERS OF JAMAICA

(ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY)

Aikman, Alexander

Born in Scotland in 1755; went to South Carolina, and at the American Revolution came to Jamaica; printed about 1791-1807. Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty and to the House of Assembly. He was member of the Assembly from 1805 to 1825. In 1796 he was partner with Stevenson & Dickson; in 1805 with his son, Alexander Aikman, jur., and joint Editor, with him of "The Royal Gazette." He died in 1838 in Kingston.

Aikman, Alexander (jun.)

Son of the above, was born at Prospect Park (now Vale Royal) in St. Andrew in 1782. Printed about 1803-1831 in Kingston. Partner with Alexander Aikman, sen.; then printed from 1807 as A. Aikman, junior; Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty and to the Assembly; joint Editor with Alexander Aikman, senior, of "The Royal Gazette." He died in 1831 and was buried at Halfway-Tree.

Aikman, William

Probably a brother of Alexander Aikman the elder. He arrived in Jamaica in 1775; partner with David Douglass, "Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty for Jamaica and its Dependencies." Died in 1784 in Kingston.

Allen, John

Died in 1818.

Bennett,

Printed about 1760-1791. In 1760 partner with Gadd & Woolhead; later partner with David Dickson.

Bennett, John Thomas William

Printed about 1791 to 1806; partner with Dickson in 1787

and later with Strupar & Doddington; printer to the Corporation of Kingston in 1806.

Bertie, James

Printer; died in Kingston in 1819. None of his work is known.

Brett, Curtis

Printed about 1757 in Spanish Town; Printer to the Assembly.

Daniell, William

Printed from 1749 to 1756 in Kingston; printer to the Assembly. He printed the first Jamaica Almanac. He died in 1756.

Davidson, Alexander

Printed about 1752 in Kingston; printed the "Jamaica Gazette."

Dickson, David

Printed about 1791-96 at St. Jago de la Vega (Spanish Town). Printer to the Council; partner with Bennett in 1787; in 1796 partner with Thomas Stevenson & Alexander Aikman in Kingston.

Dobie,

Partner with Hoole in 1817.

Doddington,

Printed about 1791; Partner with Strupar & J. T. W. Bennett, and later (1805) with Lunan. He may be identical with the James Elder Downington, who was imprisoned for debt in 1786, and later petitioned the Assembly against the extortion of the provost marshal's deputy for Kingston.

Douglass, David

Printed about 1779—1786. Partner with William Aikman. They produced the "Royal Gazette" in 1780. Printer to the Assembly. David Douglass, a Scotchman, was Manager of the American Theatre before the Revolution which, as in the case of Aikman, drove him to Jamaica. He was Master in Chancery and a Magistrate. He died in Spanish Town in 1786. In 1879 the Assembly paid to Mary Douglass, for "printing business," £1,399.4.6. This was probably his widow.

Dyer,

Partner with Hoole in 1820.

Eberall, George

Partner with John Lewis, printers of the "Kingston Morning Post" in 1787.

Fannin, James

Printed about 1776-1807 at Montego Bay; printed the "Cornwall Chronicle" at Montego Bay from 1781-1806. Partner with Shergold & Guthrie in 1807. Died in England in 1808.

Gadd,

Printed about 1761. Partner with Bennett, and afterwards (1761) with Woolhead.

Guthrie,

Printed about 1807 in Montego Bay; partner with Shergold & Fannin in 1807; partner with Sherlock from 1811 to 1820.

Hoole, Edward

Partner with Dobie in 1817; with Dyer in 1820.

Jackson,

Printed about 1807; partner with Strupar & Strupar.

Jones,

Printed about 1801-1809 (?) in St. Jago de la Vega (Spanish Town). Partner with Lewis & Lunan.

Kelly, James Kelli. J. P.

Printed about 1791-1806; Editor of the "Jamaica Mercury and Trelawny Advertiser." Died in 1813 at Falmouth.

Kelly, John

Died in 1811.

Kinnear,

Printed about 1809-12 in Kingston; partner with Smith.

Letts, John

Printed from about 1734, in which year he produced the earliest piece of Jamaica printing known to exist, and as late as 1740.

Lewis, John

Worked for Ann Woolhead. Printed about 1781-89. In 1789 he was surviving partner of Lewis & Eberall.

Lewis,

Printed about 1801-09 at St. Jago de la Vega; partner in 1801-03 of John Lunan & Jones; and in 1804 with Lunan only.

Leyburn,

Printed in 1788 at Savanna-la-Mar; partner with Monk.
Printed the Savanna-la-Mar Gazette.

Lowry, John

Printed about 1763-1774 in Spanish Town; partner with Sherlock in 1768. John Lowry & Co. were printers to the Assembly 1773-4.

Lunan, Andrew

Printed about 1792-1812 in Kingston; edited the "Kingston Chronicle" in 1818. Partner with Smart.

Lunan, John

Printed about 1805-1814 in Kingston. Partner with Stewart in 1792, with Doddington in 1804, with Lewis in 1805, and with Jones. Author of "Hortus Jamaicensis." From 1809 to 1833 he represented St. Catherine in the Assembly. He was dead in November, 1839.

M'Hardie, David

Printed and published in 1791 "The Jamaica Mercury and Trelawny Advertiser" at Falmouth.

Monk,

Worked under Thomas Strupar. Printed in 1788 at Savanna-la-Mar; partner with Leyburn.

Moore, William

Printed in 1782 at the office of Douglass & Aikman "The Elements of Free-Masonry delineated."

Moss & Co.

Printed about 1764; printers to the Assembly.

Preston, Joseph

Printed about 1788; partner of Thomas Strupar.

Shergold,

Printed about 1807-1811 in Montego Bay; partner with Fannin & Guthrie in 1807.

Sherlock, Robert.

Printed about 1768 in Spanish Town; partner with Lowry in 1768. Sherlock & Co. printed the "Cornwall Chronicle" at Montego Bay in 1773. The firm of Sherlock & Guthrie were printers at Montego Bay from 1811 to 1820.

Smart, William

Printed about 1793-1803; produced the first Jamaica

magazine; partner with Andrew Lunan in 1792. Died in 1803 in Kingston.

Smith,

Printed about 1805-12 in Kingston; partner with Aikman, with Stevenson and later with Kinnear.

Stevenson, Thomas

Printed about 1796 in Kingston; partner with Dickson and Alexander Aikman.

Stewart, James

Printed about 1792-1810.

Strupar, George Worrall

Printed about 1805-1813 in Kingston; co-editor of the "Jamaica Courant"; partner with Jackson and Thomas Strupar in 1807, the firm being Strupar, Jackson & Strupar. In 1813 he was printer to the Corporation of Kingston.

Strupar, Thomas

Printed about 1782-91; partner with Joseph Preston; in 1791 with Bennett & Doddington. Died in 1796.

Thompson, Joseph

Printed about 1773-76 in Kingston; printed Peter Pindar's "Love Elegies."

Treadway,

Partner with Lunan in 1810.

Weatherby, Joseph

Printed about 1775 in Kingston.

White, Charles

Printed about 1763; printer to the Assembly.

Woodham, Charles Somerset

Printed about 1755-56 in Kingston; printer to the Assembly in 1755.

Woolhead, Ann

Probably wife of Thomas Woolhead. Printed an Almanack in Harbour Street, Kingston, in 1779. She was dead in 1781.

Woolhead, Thomas

Printed about 1756-92. In 1756-58 he printed the "Kingston Journal." In 1761 partner with Gadd & Bennett. He died in Kingston in 1777, aged sixty years.

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