

The Man

K. E. Ingram, as he is more popularly known, was born in the parish of St. Ann on March 2, 1921 to Claud Everard (merchant) and Sarah Monica nee Moss- Solomon (housewife). A Roman Catholic, he married Gloria Rennie on April 25, 1962

Among his very many interests were gardening and bookbinding.

His High school years were spent at Jamaica College between the years 1932 to 1939

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

B.A. London 1947

F.L.A. 1955

M. Phil. London 1970

AWARDS / HONOURS

UK Commonwealth Scholar 1967

Musgrave Gold medal IOJ 1986

Order of Distinction (O.D.)

Honorary Doctor of Letters (D. Litt.) UWI 2002

The Poet

Kenneth Ingram also wore the hat of a poet. Several of his poems were published in Focus, Caribbean Quarterly and in other publications during the 1980's. These poems on display reveal the talent of the man and the obvious depth of his craft. They also reflect the same attention to detail he exhibited as one of Jamaica's distinguished bibliographers.

The Librarian

Kenneth Ingram had his first stint with the West India Reference Library (WIRL) as a Library Assistant in 1941. After three years he left for the United Kingdom to pursue a degree which would enable him to become a librarian. As one of the first professional librarians in Jamaica, when he returned in 1947, he was appointed supervisor of the West India Reference Library.

He then moved, in 1950, to the University Library. He was a founding member of the then Jamaica Library Association (now LIAJA). He served as its first secretary from 1950 to 1953. He was President in 1956 and 1972.

His association with the regional library was also important for he was appointed President of the Association of Caribbean Universities, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) in 1976.

In 1976 he was appointed to the first interim board of the West India Reference Library which was to oversee the processes in place to effect a transition of the institution which would become the National Library of Jamaica. The board would become permanent in 1978.

The Author/bibliographer

As an author/ bibliographer, he contributed greatly to the intellectual capacity of our nation. He published numerous lists of primary sources, dating back to 1655 that have chronicled our history as a nation. He has also traveled extensively to identify sources that would have documents related to our history that would have been hitherto unknown or inaccessible. He has also documented primary source relating to the region. These sources range from books and periodicals to manuscripts. His extensive work has laid a solid foundation for young librarians and bibliographers to build upon.

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- ✚ Sources of West Indian Studies: A supplementary list with particular reference to manuscript sources, Inter-Documentation Company, 1983.
- ✚ Manuscripts relating to Commonwealth Caribbean Countries in United States and Canadian repositories. Caribbean Universities Press, 1975.
- ✚ Sources of Jamaican History 1655- 1838: A Bibliographical survey with particular reference to manuscript sources. Inter- Documentation Company, 1976, 2vols.
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- ✚ Libraries and the Challenge of Change: Papers of the International Library
Conference held in Kingston, Jamaica, 24-29 April, 1972. Edited by K. E. Ingram and Albertina Jefferson, Mansell 1975.
- ✚ The Q.C and the Middleman: including a reprint of the Report of the Cases Ingram vs Lowry. Edinburgh: Pentland Press, 1997.
- ✚ Manuscript Sources for the History of the West Indies. 2000