

# Mr. Frank Cundall Great Historian Died Yesterday

*Secretary And Librarian Of  
J'ca. Institute Was Known  
Far And Wide*

## GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE

*His Writings On History Of  
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**Q**UIETLY, between five and six o'clock yesterday morning, Mr. Frank Cundall died. The "Gleaner" for yesterday was already off the Press, but the citizenry of Kingston heard the news before they began the daily tasks, for Mr. Cundall was one of the best known personalities in all Jamaica, and has been so for close on fifty years. His passing was reverently published by hundreds of friends and acquaintances in an ever growing circle as the day wore on. The sorrow is now universal.

Mr. Cundall's death robs Jamaica of a brain that held most valued historical treasures. A personality that strove for the cultural development of every class in the community has also gone from us.

He has written many books, edited many, his literary contributions extended to every section of the Press; yet those privileged persons who sought and secured his private counsels can say that the real virtues of Frank Cundall are not to be found in any written word.

This morning at 8.30 o'clock the cortege will move from his residence No. 91 Hope Road, for the St. Andrew's Parish Church at Halfway Tree, where the interment will take place.



THE LATE MR. FRANK CUNDALL, O.B.E., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.

Upon receiving news of Mr. Cundall's death. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Edward Denham, sent the following message to the Gleaner. It is an expression of what the whole island of Jamaica would echo and accentuate. Sir Edward writes:

#### **GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE.**

It is with the greatest regret that the Governor has received the news of the death of Frank Cundall, O.B.E., Secretary and Librarian of the Institute of Jamaica—a post which he held for forty-six years.

The Governor desires on behalf of the Colony to express the universal sorrow and sympathy with Mr. Cundall's relatives—that will be felt at the death of one who has done so much to make the history of the Colony live.

The infinite care, capacity and pride Mr. Cundall showed in the Jamaica Institute and his valuable writings on the History of the Island are contributions to Jamaica which will live and not be forgotten.

Mr. Cundall was in the eightieth year of a life devoted largely to Historical and Literary research.

His profound knowledge, his felicity of expression and happy wit combined to render his work as interesting as it was informative, and gave him a recognised personality and authority in all Historical and Literary Societies.

#### **HEALTH POOR SINCE JANUARY**

Mr. Cundall had not been in the best of health since January this year. He proceeded to England during the year to look after the publication of the second volume of "Governors of Jamaica" and to arrange the design for the cup for presentation to Mr. Herbert G. deLisser, C.M.G., by the sugar planters of Jamaica. He also took the opportunity of attending the wedding of his daughter to Mr. Wielen, a master at Munro College.

On his return to Jamaica in September, he, however, did not attend at his office but carried on his work at his home. About a fortnight ago he took seriously ill and passed away yesterday morning.

Mr. Cundall leaves many relatives and thousands of friends to mourn

his loss. His first wife Gertrude, second daughter of the late Rowley W. C. Richardson of Suroiton, England, died in 1898. His second wife was Louise, youngest daughter of the late Thomas J. Freeman of Leith, England. She also predeceased him in 1931.

He is survived (among other relatives) by a brother, Mr. Herbert Minton Cundall I.S.O., F.S.A., who resides in England; and by two children, His Honour Mr. J. Leslie Cundall, R. M. for St. Andrew, and Mrs. Wichen.

As a token of respect for the late Mr. Cundall, the Institute of Jamaica (Public Library, Natural History Museum and History Gallery) will be closed until 1 p.m. today.

Mr. Cundall was a devout member of the Anglican Church and occupied a seat on the Diocesan Financial Board. He was the Rector's Church Warden at St. Andrew's Parish Church, where he had been a member for many years.

#### TRIBUTES IN COURT

Shortly after the opening of the Civil Division of the Kingston R.M. Court yesterday His Honour Mr. Ian T. Graham, acting R.M. for Kingston said that he had just learnt of the death of Mr. Frank Cundall, O.B.E., Secretary of the Institute of Jamaica. Mr. Cundall, as they all knew, was an outstanding figure in the community for many years. They all deplored his death and he was therefore adjourning the Court for two minutes as a mark of respect.

The solicitors in attendance were Mr. S. M. A. DeSouza and Mr. A. F. Gaynair.

His Honour Mr. A. E. Nash, acting Assistant R.M. for Kingston sat in the Civil Division of the Court yesterday.

After the Court was opened in the morning His Honour said that it had just come to his knowledge that Mr. Frank Cundall, father of Mr. J. Leslie Cundall, Resident Magistrate had died that morning. As a mark of respect he (His Honour) would adjourn the Court for two minutes.

The Court accordingly adjourned.

#### ANOTHER TRIBUTE

The following is a text of an address which had been prepared by the Readers and Writers Club for presentation to Mr. Cundall. The address had been drawn up by Mr. Phillip Sherlock, B.A., headmaster of Wolmer's School with some slight collaboration from another member of the committee.

"Frank Cundall Esq., O. B. E.,

F.S.A., etc.,

Secretary and Librarian of the

Institute of Jamaica,

Kingston.

Dear Mr. Cundall,

For more than forty-six years you have served our land as Secretary and Librarian of the Institute of Jamaica. During this long period you have helped us in so many ways that we cannot possibly mention all in this address.

We wish, however, to make special reference to your own books about our island's past, to the unique and valuable Historical Portrait Gallery which you have created, and to the West India Library which you have built up and which you have made the finest in the New World. Your work has justly won for you the recognition of many learned Societies and the approval of His Majesty the King.

We should like you to feel that we, who live in this land, for which you have done so much, are grateful to you. We honour you for the unselfish spirit in which you have worked; we respect you for the quiet and unassuming way in which you have given your life to the various tasks which you have undertaken.

You have never spared yourself or counted the cost. It has been your joy to do the things you have done in connection with our island's story and to set so high an example of service. It is our privilege to say that you have greatly enriched the life of our land; it is our joy to say, simply and sincerely as you would wish it, that we thank you.

#### SKETCH OF HIS CAREER

**FRANK CUNDALL** was born in London on the 17th of January, 1858. He was educated at private schools and at King's College School, London, which he left in 1875 and went for six months to Hanover. On his re-

turn he became associated with his father, Joseph Cundall, a writer and editor of Art books.

He assisted him in editing among other publications "The Illustrated Biographies of Great Artists, 1877—90," contributing one volume "Landscape and Pastoral Painters of Holland."

In 1883 he joined the staff of the International Fisheries Exhibitions being Assistant Secretary which office he also held of the Health and Inventions Exhibitions of 1884 and 1885. He was Chief Assistant to the Secretary to the Royal Commission of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in 1886, and published "Reminiscences of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition," which was dedicated by special permission to Queen Victoria. He was Assistant Secretary to the British Section of the Paris Exhibition of 1889 and was made an Officer d'Academie of France.

In 1890 he was appointed Secretary and Librarian of the Institute of Jamaica, and took up his duties on the 6th February, 1891, which office he has held ever since. His first publication connected with Jamaica was "The Story of the Life of Columbus and the Discovery of Jamaica," 1894. In 1907 he became co-editor with the late Mr. J. C. Ford of the "Handbook of Jamaica" and in 1920 sole editor. He published a work entitled "Jamaica in 1895" providing information about the Island to enquirers. Since then nine other issues have appeared, the last being "Jamaica in 1928." Other of his publications include—"Bibliotheca Jamaicensis" and "Bibliography of the West Indies"; "Historic Jamaica"; "The Life of Archbishop Nuttall"; "Jamaica's Part in the Great War"; "The Darien Venture"; "A Brief History of the Parish Church of St. Andrew, Jamaica"; with Dr. Anderson, "Jamaica Negro Proverbs and Sayings"; with Mr. J. L. Pieterez, "Jamaica under the Spaniards"; "The Aborigines of Jamaica" and a "History of Printing in Jamaica from 1717 to 1834."

#### MICO DIRECTOR

For many years he was one of the Directors of the Mico Training College and published a History of



the College in 1914. He was for a time a Member of the Board of Education and for many years a Trustee of Wolmer's Schools, Secretary of Jamaica Schools' Commission and Secretary to the Cambridge Local Examinations' Committee.

While holding office in the Institute of Jamaica, he has gathered together a West India Reference Library numbering 10,916 works, including books, pamphlets, maps and plans; which is from time to time visited by students of history, from England, America and Canada, and a History Gallery of Jamaica with 870 portraits and views, comprising the best national portrait gallery in the Empire outside London and Edinburgh, and an almost complete collection of Engravings of Jamaica Scenery.

Since 1908 he has been Honorary Representative of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, London, and has supervised the Annual Examinations.

He had for many years arranged Arts and Crafts Exhibitions until lack of accommodation compelled him to desist. He was also instrumental in arranging in Kingston three Exhibitions of works by members of the Royal British Colonial Society of Artists.

In 1891 he was created a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He was made an Officer of the British Empire in 1929. He was also an Honorary Corresponding Member of the American Antiquarian Society; the American Jewish Historical Society; The Hispanic Society of America, the Ontario Historical Society and the Institute Historique Et Heraldique de France. He was Honorary Corresponding Secretary for Jamaica of the Royal Empire Society from 1895 to 1929.

## Passing Of Mr. Frank Cundall Is Regretted.

**CIVIL COURT AT HALF-WAY-TREE PRESIDED OVER BY HIS SON ADJOURNS IN RESPECT**

The Civil Court in session at Half Way Tree yesterday morning adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect touching the death of Mr. Frank Cundall, O.B.E.

The gesture was made particularly as the Court was presided over by His Honour Mr. J. Leslie Cundall, M.A., Resident Magistrate, acting in the parish of St. Andrew, son of the deceased gentleman.

When His Honour took his seat on the Bench at ten o'clock Mr. F. A. Pixley, solicitor, said that before the business of the Court started, he would like to express on behalf of the legal profession, the profound regret at His Hon-

our's loss in the death of his father, and to assure him of the profession's deep sympathy in his loss and that not only the legal profession but the entire country would mourn with him his sad loss.

Mr. Karl W. Polack, Acting Clerk of the Courts for St. Andrew, spoke on behalf of the Court's Staff, assuring His Honour that each member of the staff wished to express his personal regret at the passing of Mr. Frank Cundall and sympathized with him in his bereavement.

Corporal Brown, of the Admiral Town Police Station, on behalf of

the Police joined in the expressions of condolence.

At the request of the Bar, the Court adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect to the deceased.

## FRANK CUNDALL.

He died in harness, and he died without pain. During this final illness of his there was no suffering. He was at work when there came on him an attack of malarial fever; he took to his bed, a cold developed; yet on Monday the 8th he was talking to the present writer of his wish to continue some writing he had in hand, and though he lay weak and evidently failing, his dominating desire was to complete this task. Only a week before had he ceased to sit at his desk in his house, arranging, dictating, giving instructions; he had followed with keen interest and attention all the deliberations and decisions of the Board of Governors of the Institute of Jamaica: indeed some of those decisions were the result of his own advice. So active was his brain, so strong was his impulse to continue at his labours, that there were many who hoped that some months, perhaps even some years, of life remained to him still. But on Thursday he grew visibly weaker; on Saturday he passed into unconsciousness. Yesterday morning the summons came and he was dead. But he had died in harness; his wish had been fulfilled. And during the last few months of his life he had at least learnt, as it comes to few men in Jamaica to learn, that he had won the respect and affection of Jamaica.

He was eighty years of age; nearly fifty of those years had been spent in this country. He, who so much loved to write upon the past of the colony, and knew so much about it, had witnessed many a change in his time, had seen indeed a transformation and had undergone himself a transformation in attitude and spirit. For the Frank Cundall of the last twenty years was a different man from the Frank Cundall of the previous twenty or thirty years. He became a Jamaican of the Jamaicans, critical of this country and its people as is any of us, but hating to hear Jamaica and its people criticised by strangers. More than that, he would rebuke any native Jamaican for being too censorious of his country; we have known him do this; he felt it was not fair. He spoke plainly, for plain-speaking was one of his characteristics. It was with difficulty that he could compromise, almost impossible for him not to say what was in his mind; and this for long created for him some opposition and dislike. But a characteristic is after

all a part of oneself, and if it is straightforward and honest it at any rate stamps a man as being truthful and sincere. That is what Frank Cundall was, whatever may have been his faults. For, like all the rest of us, he had his failings and his faults and knew it.

"Ye gods will give us some faults to make us men," wrote the greatest English poet; and in time we come to love a man because of those very traits of character which make him so human, so like the rest of us. It took many years for people to perceive this honesty of directness in Frank Cundall; but when they understood they respected him for it. We who have known him for over forty years, from childhood to the day of his death, can say of him in all truthfulness that we have never known him to tell a lie. Essentially, too, he was just; not just only in dealing with men of his own class and condition of life, but in regard to those in the humblest stations, a fact which we could illustrate by instance after instance. He would not have the commonest labourer working for but a day or two in the Institute spoken to as though he were of no account. He might himself speak sharply to men in higher positions than his; but he had sympathy with the toiling masses far more than any who did not know him could have guessed. Did they instinctively realise that this was so? We do not know, but we do know that over a year ago many a man of humble position, postmen, carpenters and the like, sent him special word of their regard for him; he was pleased and delighted with this; about this he said to us one day, "It seems, after all, that I have not lived in vain."

He had not lived in vain. The work that he did for the history and the ancient story of Jamaica endures; those whom he trained to love, to understand and to know the past of Jamaica are still here to carry on that work. It may be that it does not appeal to the multitude; but there are things which, though of comparatively limited appeal, are yet of value and must be done in and for a country if that country is to retain its self-respect. It should be done by people connected and identified with the country; and Frank Cundall was as much identified with Jamaica as any man born within our boundaries. He knew that he would die in Jamaica.



He wanted to die nowhere else. He wished to be buried here, to be remembered by our people; this wish of his has been and will be granted, and that he realised more vividly than ever before during the last few days of his life. For he knew that he was dying. He clung to the presence of those few who had worked with him; he wanted them to stay with him to the end. This they did; but it is more than a few who were with him in spirit and affection at the last.

When news of his illness was reported throughout the island expressions of sympathy poured in from every quarter; as we write there are letters before us indicative of this. We know what was the universal feeling in Jamaica towards him; he knew it; and surely that was solace and encouragement to the dying man. His earthly remains will sleep beneath Jamaica's sod, under the blue skies of the land he loved; his memory will live on in the minds of those who knew him, who served him, who were connected with him, who have heard of him, from the highest to the lowest, the richest to the poorest; and this is one of the best tributes that Jamaica can pay to the old historian now gone from amongst us for ever.

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Since 1891 Dies in Kingston

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Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

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New York

*Journals American*

*Nov. 16th.*

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torian of the British West Indies  
and librarian at the Jamaica In-  
stitute, died here in his 79th year.  
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with his father, the late Joseph  
Cundall, edited the Illustrated Bi-  
ographies of Great Artists.

New York

*Times*

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Artists series and other art publi-  
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ternational Fisheries, Health and  
Inventions Exhibitions, 1883-85, and  
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Mr. Cundall married Miss Gertrude  
Richardson, who died in 1891, and  
in 1931 married Miss Louise Free-  
man.

# Cundall, F. (Memorial)

## FOR MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. FRANK CUNDALL

His Excellency The Governor  
Asks Public To Sub-  
scribe To Fund.

### FORM OF MEMORIAL.

Tablet In Institute And  
Gallery Of Jamaica Ob-  
jects In Proposed  
New Building.

**F**OLLOWING is an ap-  
peal made by His Ex-  
cellency the Governor  
on behalf of the Cundall  
Memorial Committee, of which  
he is Chairman, for funds to  
erect a tablet in the Institute  
in memory of Mr. Cundall,  
and also a gallery of Jamaica  
objects for the same purpose  
in the proposed new Institute  
building.

It is expected that the proposal  
to erect a commodious wing to the  
north of the present public library  
and history gallery, on the site of  
what remains of the old museum,  
will be put before the Legislative  
Council at an early date. But His  
Excellency and the Cundall Mem-  
orial Committee are also asking  
for donations from the public for  
the specific purpose mentioned in  
the Governor's appeal.

The members of the Memorial  
Committee are: Sir Edward Den-  
ham, His Worship the Mayor, Mr.  
J. L. Pieterz, Chairman of the  
Institute's Board of Governors, and  
Mr. Herbert G. deLasser, C. M. G.  
The Secretary is Mr. Delves Moles-  
worth, M. A., Secretary and Li-  
brarian of the Institute of Ja-  
maica.

#### GOVERNOR'S APPEAL.

Memorial to the late Frank Cun-  
dall, O. B. E., F. S. A., F. R. Hist. S.  
—Mr. Cundall's work, both as  
Secretary and Librarian of the In-  
stitute of Jamaica and in connec-  
tion with the History of Jamaica  
and the West Indies, has already  
received world-wide acknowledg-  
ment, and many persons both in  
the island and abroad have ex-  
pressed the desire that a permanent  
memorial should be established as  
a tribute to his work on behalf of  
Jamaica and as an acknowledg-  
ment of his contributions to Ja-  
maica History.

The Committee appointed to  
consider the form of this memorial,  
of which His Excellency the Gov-  
ernor is Chairman, have agreed  
that the most effective tribute, and  
that which Mr. Cundall himself  
would have appreciated, should  
take the form, firstly, of a tablet  
to his memory to be placed in the  
Institute of Jamaica, and secondly,  
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of a Gallery to be known as the  
Cundall Gallery in the new Insti-  
tute building in the erection of  
which it is confidently anticipated  
the Government will shortly be  
able materially to assist.

Throughout his forty-six years'  
work in the island, Mr. Cundall  
had visualized in a larger building,  
the necessity of which he strongly  
urged, the establishment of a  
series of period rooms devoted to  
the exhibition of fine Jamaica  
furniture, which would not only  
form a lasting record of life in the

## For Memorial To Late Mr. Frank Cundall.

(Continued from page 1)

Colony, but also provide a source  
of inspiration and encouragement  
to the many craftsmen of the is-  
land.

Members of the public who wish  
to contribute to this memorial are  
asked to forward their donation to  
the Secretary, "Frank Cundall  
Memorial Fund," The Institute.

The list will be published in the  
press from time to time.

(Sgd.) EDWARD DENHAM  
Governor.

9th February, 1938.

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## A Cundall Memorial.

Sir Edward Denham, as Chairman of the Committee appointed to collect funds to obtain a memorial to the late Mr. Frank Cundall, Secretary of the Institute of Jamaica, has issued a signed appeal which appears on another page of this morning's impression. The Committee consists of four gentlemen, including the Governor; it has agreed that the memorial should take the form of (1) a tablet to Mr. Cundall's memory to be placed in the Institute of Jamaica, and (2) the furnishing and equipment of a Gallery of Jamaica objects, to be known as the Cundall Gallery and to form part of the projected new Institute building.

This building will have to be provided by the Government; its furnishing, its equipment, can be greatly assisted by private individuals. Such equipment and furnishing will cost a large sum of money if it is to be properly done. We understand that the new building will be divided, in a manner of speaking, into compartments or Galleries; thus a thousand pounds will go towards a Gallery specially identified with the late Dr. Callaghan, in whose will provision was made for the assistance of culture, education and the like in Jamaica. As to the other Galleries or compartments, or whatever they may eventually be called, we can say nothing more at present beyond this: that there is to be a Cundall Gallery in the new building, and that it will be one part of the memorial to be erected as a tribute to the work which Mr. Frank Cundall accomplished in this island during nearly fifty years.

His Excellency, on behalf of the Cundall Memorial Committee, asks members of the public to contribute to this memorial and to forward their donations to the Secretary of the fund, who is also the Secretary and Librarian of the Institute of Jamaica. We trust that a very liberal response will be made to this appeal. In our opinion, the Institute of Jamaica needs a new wing, to be erected where the wreck of the old Museum now stands; a building which may cost something like £12,000 if the opportunity is to be taken of providing really decent accommodation, a building larger than that in which are now housed the Public Library, the West India Library and the Historical Portrait Gallery. Decent equipment may mean another £5,000 if not more, apart from what is needed for the Cundall Gallery and the money expected for the Callaghan Gallery, etc. How much of this amount will be given by the Government, how much contributed by the public, we do not know; at the moment however we can and do most heartily

support His Excellency's special appeal on behalf of the Cundall Memorial, and this we shall do without saying very much in this article about the work of the late Mr. Frank Cundall.

For surely that is already well known. Surely that is appreciated by all persons with any pretensions to culture. The Institute has for many years suffered from lack of funds; it needs more money for everything; it cannot meet one-fourth of the demands of the public with its present resources and its existing accommodation. It appears that at first some members of the public did not clearly understand this; we believe that they now comprehensively grasp the fact and are strongly in support of a new building and of more funds for an institution which was originally designed to be a cultural centre for the whole island, which is ambitious to fulfil that function, but which is crippled

for lack of funds. In a word, the criticisms which have been levelled at the Institute are criticisms of a body of men and women who have been unable to make bricks without straw. Change the entire Board of Governors to-morrow, and the new body would find itself exactly in the position of the old unless they were given the financial assistance required.

Some of this assistance should come from the public; hence the special appeal now put forward by Sir Edward Denham on behalf of the memorial to Mr. Cundall. The tablet suggested will not be costly; the Gallery will cost much more. But we think the public would not be satisfied with only a tablet; it will wish for a Cundall Gallery also; it is now given an opportunity of establishing that. From time to time the donations received, with the names of the donors, will be published in the Press. The erection of the new building should begin sometime this year; during next year we should see completed, furnished and equipped the new wing of the Institute, an addition for which Mr. Cundall himself pleaded for so many years and which will also be, to some extent, a memorial to him.

THE DAILY GLEANER, THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 24, 1938.

# FRANK CUNDALL Memorial Fund Subscriptions.

The Institute of Jamaica acknowledges with thanks the following subscriptions to the Frank Cundall Memorial Fund:—

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His Excellency, Sir Edward Denham, G.C.M.G., K.B.E.,	10	0	0
Sir Arthur Farquharson	10	0	0
Major Barker-Hablo	5	5	0
Mrs. Agnes M. Butterfield	5	5	0
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Rev. Canon L.E.P. Erith,			
M.A.,	1	1	0
The Lord Bishop Haride	1	1	0
"A Friend"	1	1	0
Hon. Hugh Sanftleben	1	1	0
"A. D. S."	1	1	0
Drs. Robertson & Robertson	1	1	0
Hon. A. C. Westmorland	1	1	0
Mrs. Walter Cope	1	0	0
Major E. F. Moulton-Barrett	1	0	0
Hon. H. E. Allan	10	6	0
W. H. Landale, Esq.,	10	6	0
C. S. Cotter, Esq.,	10	0	0
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"L. P."	10	0	0
Miss D. L. Rainforth	10	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. C. Boy	8	0	0
C. C. Manton, Esq.,	5	0	0
E. R. Nash, Esq.,	5	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. E. V. Townend	5	0	0
Miss I. A. Lee	4	0	0

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The Fund was started at the instance of His Excellency Sir Edward Denham, who referred in his appeal to the form which the Memorial should take in "The most effective tribute," he said. "And that which Mr. Cundall himself would have appreciated, should take the form, firstly, of a tablet to his memory to be placed in the Institute of Jamaica, and secondly, of the furnishing and equipment of a Gallery to be known as the Cundall Gallery in the new Institute building in the erection of which it is confidently anticipated the Government will shortly be able materially to assist."

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## LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

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Victoria Library—Grand Turk	5 5 0
Jamaica Public Service Co.	3 3 0
Educational Supply Co.	2 2 0
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## GENEROUS DONATIONS

The generous donations which have been received from individuals and institutions outside of Jamaica, bear witness to the very widespread appreciation of Mr. Cundall's work.

The donation of 200 dollars from Dr. Thomas Barbour of Harvard University which is not only exceptionally generous in amount, but also in the token of esteem which it affords; also, the amount of 100 dollars from the New York Historical Society is very welcome as coming from a historical institution of first importance.

Worthy of mention also is the subscription of £5 -/- from the Victoria Library at Grand Turk. The funds available to the Victoria Library are of necessity extremely limited, and this donation, offered as a tribute from our Jamaica dependency, may well be considered magnificent in its generosity.

## Passed Away.

In reading through or even glancing over Mr. Frank Cundall's volume on the Governors of Jamaica in the first half of the eighteenth century, one realises how completely forgotten are many of the men who were once in the principal position occupiable in this island. Who was John Stewart? Who remembers Henry Cunningham? Stewart was Lieutenant-Governor for less than six weeks, Cunningham was Governor for about just two months; but John Gregory also, who administered the Government of Jamaica on three occasions, is merely a name to us; and so for the matter of that are Robert Hunter and John Asycough. Indeed they are not even names to the vast majority of reading Jamaicans, since their names indicate or recall nothing to the minds of these Jamaicans. They have had their day and have completely ceased to be; the curious thing is that of such a man as Henry Cunningham, who was Governor for only two months, the House of Assembly could say on his demise that "the death of his late Excellency is a subject that we cannot reflect upon without the highest concern, as he gave signal proofs of an ardent zeal to promote the welfare of the country."

What "signal proofs" could be given in the short space of two months by an eighteenth century Governor, we cannot possibly conceive; certainly Mr. Cundall does not mention them. He does not mention them because he did not find them. But he does quote Bridges, the Jamaica historian, who wrote of Governor Cunningham that he "soon fell by an act of his own intemperance at a public entertainment. Cunningham was a Scotch member of Parliament, a man of honour and courage, but totally unqualified, either by experience or ability, for such a charge as the government of Jamaica. He owed his appointment to the partiality of Sir Robert Walpole, whose life he had saved from the fury of a London mob, when the obnoxious Excise Bill was pending in Parliament. During his short but turbulent administration, he was charged with being the weak tool of his patrons." Bridges was a prejudiced writer; but we

prefer to accept his view of Henry Cunningham than that apparently held by the House of Assembly in 1736. For the House did not mean a word that it said; but was usually polite and even laudatory when referring to Governors very safely in their graves.

What will interest many persons here is the frequency with which men living in the colony and identified with its business as well as its political affairs were made Acting Governors or even Governors in former days. Every one has heard of Henry Morgan, who was a planter and a pirate—though Mr. Cundall will not have it that he was a complete pirate; but there were also others who from being members of the House of Assembly or of the Governor's Executive Council became Chief Justices and also Acting Governors, or Lieutenant-Governors, the fact that they were in business and resident in the island not militating against them. It is true that of one of these Administrators, Mr. John Gregory, the Rector of Kingston wrote in 1722 that he was, though "a man of some educational parts," yet "a Libertine and of ye country principles."

The Rector, full of Christian charitableness, added that Mr. Gregory's parents "had an obscure beginning here also." But Gregory seems to have got on well with our House of Assembly. They indeed, referring to him after Henry Cunningham's death, asserted that the devolution of the Government upon such a successor "renders us less sensible of our loss, and the prospect that rises to us from your administration mitigates against the severity of our sorrows." But if Gregory pleased the Assembly he sometimes offended some members of his own Executive Council; on the whole, however, he won the support of most of the people who counted in the island at that time, and in the end the Executive Council insisted that he should become Chief Justice of Jamaica. He really did not want this post, but at last he yielded to the pressure brought to bear upon him. His memory has long since passed away, and Mr. Cundall informs us that "there is no monument to Gregory in Jamaica, and the date of his death is not recorded." One feels inclined to say, "just as well." For does it matter very much if there are monuments to us when we have become a mere handful of dust?



# MEMORIAL FOR FRANK CUNDALL

Mural Tablet On Church  
Wall Honours Former  
Institute Secretary.

## DEDICATION SERVICE

**A**S TRIBUTE TO THE life and work of the late Mr. Frank Cundall, F.S.A., veteran secretary and librarian of the Institute of Jamaica, a mural tablet, beautifully and artistically designed and fittingly inscribed, was dedicated in his honour by His Lordship the Rt. Rev. E. W. Sara, D.D., Bishop Administering the Diocese, at a memorial service held at St. Andrew Parish Church, Half Way Tree, yesterday morning.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Richards, attended by Commander Rushbrooke, the Governor's private Secretary, attended the service.

Prominent among those present were Hon. S. R. Cargill, Custos of St. Andrew, Hon. Noel B. Livingston, Custos of Kingston, Sir Charles and Lady Doorley, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. DeLisser, His Hon. Mr. J. Leslie Cundall (son of the late Mr. Cundall) and Mrs. Cundall, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wieher (son-in-law and daughter, respectively of the late Mr. Cundall), Mrs. K. H. Bourne, Miss Cowper, Mr. R. M. Murray, Mr. Philip Sherlock, Dr. and Mrs. Maitland, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Earle, Mr. J. C. Sleggs, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Seivewright, Mr. H. A. Hamilton, Mr. C. B. Facey, Mr. W. A. Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams, members of the staff of the Institute of Jamaica and many others.

The service which commenced at 11 o'clock, and was conducted by Rev. H. G. Lovell, rector of the Church assisted by Rev. Cannon Erith, Warden of St. Peter's College, was most impressive.

There was a good turn out of choristers, and a large and representative congregation, including

members of different religious denominations and other bodies with whom Mr. Cundall was held in high esteem.

"Ye Servants of the Lord," was the opening hymn sung, following which the Rector led in prayer. (The order of service was partially the same as for regular mid-day services.)

The Lesson for the day was read from the 44th. Chapter of the Book of Ecclesiasticus, by Canon Erith, and the 84th. Psalm was chanted.

### SIGNIFICANCE OF TABLET

Just before the sermon was delivered, the choir sung beautifully and impressively Hymn 285 — "Sunset and Evening Star", as an anthem, while the congregation stood in reverence.

Mr. Lovell then preached, paying high honour to the memory of the departed, and drawing apt illustration from the significance of the tablet, which served as a memorial to the life and work of a great man.

Following the sermon, His Lordship, attended by Canon Erith and Rev. Lovell, faced the tablet on the wall, before which he prayed for the repose of souls of the Departed, and that no sins of ours may separate us from the communion we have with them."

With due solemnity, the Bishop then said:

"In the name of Christ, we dedicate this tablet to the glory of God, and in memory of his servant Frank Cundall — in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Following the singing of the hymn: "Come let us join our friends above," during which the offering was taken, the National Anthem was sung.

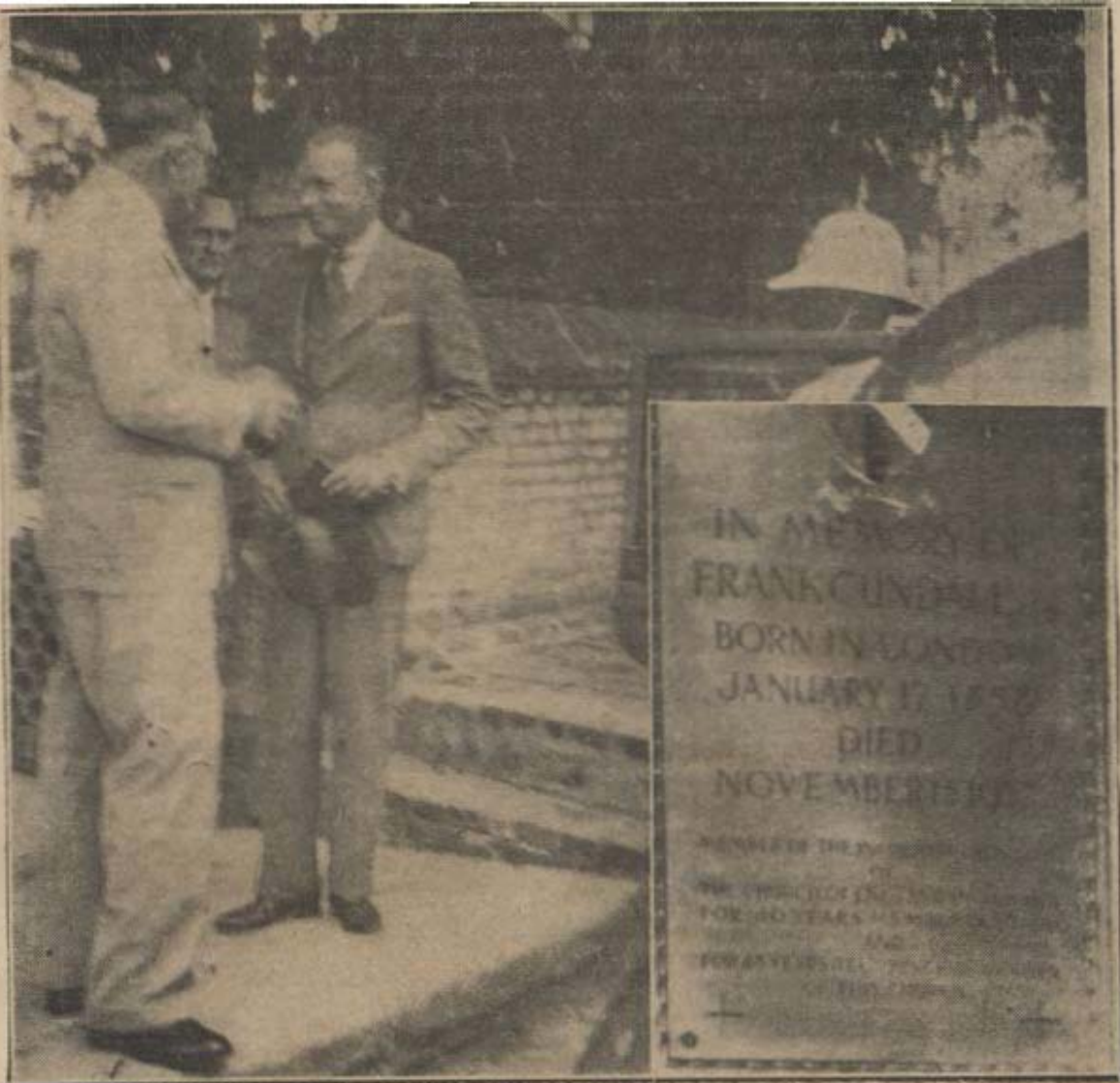
After praying, His Lordship intoned the Benediction, bringing the service to its close.

His Excellency was accompanied to the gates by the Hon. N. B. Livingston, while Commander Rushbrooke and Lady Richards followed.

Several persons remained behind to view the tablet.

Inscribed on it are these words: "In memory of Frank Cundall, F. S. A., Born in London Jan. 17, 1858. Died, November 15, 1937.

"Member of the Incorporated Lay Body of the Church of England in Jamaica. For 40 years member of Synod, and 43 years Rector's Church Warden of this Church."



HIS EXCELLENCY, the Governor greeting the Hon. Noel B. Livingston, Custos of Kingston at the Memorial Service for the late Mr. Frank Cundall at the Half-Way Tree Parish Church yesterday.



# TRIBUTE PAID TO MEMORY OF FRANK CUNDALL

Rector, At Dedication Of  
Tablet, Acknowledges  
His Work And Worth.

LIFE SEEN EXAMPLE.

Minister Is Startled To  
Find So Many Men Who  
Do Not Seek Church.

**A**CKNOWLEDGMENT of the work and worth of Frank Cundall, late Secretary and Librarian of the Institute of Jamaica, and tribute to his outstanding life as a Churchman particularly, was paid by St. Andrew Parish Church's Rector, Rev. H. G. Lovell, at the service on Sunday morning last which marked unveiling of a Mural tablet to his memory.

Said Mr. Lovell in the sermon he preached for this special occasion:

"At a memorial service held in this church some time ago I reminded the congregation that a service of this nature must not be regarded as an opportunity to extol the virtues of the dear departed, but as an act of worship. I repeat that reminder this morning.

"What we are really doing is to direct our worship along particular lines, carrying into our prayers and thanksgiving our memories of one who, though no longer with us on earth, is still part of the great living Church of Christ.

"Further, we are placing on the wall of this church building a mural tablet, which will be a constant reminder to us that we have caught up the name of Frank Cundall into our worship and remembered him publicly and specially in the presence of God. And I think it is meet and right so to do."

The Rector, continuing, said:

"The name of Cundall has found a place in the history of Jamaica in a double sense, for Frank Cundall not only revealed history; he made it. At other times and in other places his great work in and through the Institute of Jamaica has been acknowledged.

"There can be no doubt that in due course this acknowledgment will take permanent shape in an appropriate memorial to his work and worth. Here to-day we shall let the mural tablet, now about to be dedicated, guide our thoughts. May they be guided to God."

## TIMES CHANGE . . .

"In the first place, the tablet itself reminds us that times change, and with the passing of time there is change in the customs of men.

"I suppose this old Parish Church of St. Andrew takes second place only to the Cathedral of St. Jago de la Vega in its wealth of historical record. The walls and floors are crowded with history, history that was thoroughly studied and eventually written up by Mr. Cundall in his 'Short History of the Parish Church of St. Andrew.' To all these records is now added another, different in style and design, but outstandingly worthy of the place it takes.

"Some of the old inscriptions are a source of amusement; others of pure delight. There is, for example, the brief epitaph to Elizabeth Pinnock, aged 18, which brought forth a waggish remark from a former Attorney General: "Early, bright, transient, chaste as morning dew.

She sparkled, was exhaled, and went to heaven."

"In rich contrast there is the memorial to Zacary Bayly, written by his nephew Bryan Edwards, which, for delicacy of phrase and beauty of sentiment is a sheer delight. I shall never forget Mr. Cundall's anxiety until this monument was repaired and restored to the church."

"But times and customs change," observed the preacher, "yet the memorial to the one who revelled in these old-fashioned inscriptions has lost none of its beauty by reason of its simplicity and brevity. It is a fitting memorial

to one who disliked ostentation and believed in recording facts briefly and with accuracy."

## . . . BUT NOT ALL MEN.

"In the next place," he went on, "the tablet makes it quite clear that, even though times and customs change, there are still to be found men, who, in the life of the Church do not change but walk in the footsteps of the great men of bygone days. For this we thank God.

"I can well imagine that in years to come a stranger may enter this church and read this inscription. I can almost hear the comment that would come first to his mind: 'That man Cundall was a Churchman.' Think of the record. Member of the Incorporated Lay Body of the Church of England in Jamaica, for 40 years a member of Synod, and for 43 years Rector's Warden of this church.

"The written record alone tells a tale, but the full story is only appreciated by those who knew the man. It is the story of a man who, possessed of outstanding talents, dedicated them to the service of the Church.

"His knowledge of architecture was of the greatest possible value to the Diocese and in no Church was it put to greater use than in this Parish Church. It is true to say that Mr. Cundall loved this building and took pardonable pride in the knowledge that he had played a leading part in the many alterations and improvements.

"And everything connected with the life of the Church in this Diocese was foremost in his thoughts. If I may use the phrase, he "pulled his weight." So much the Tablet makes clear.

"But it does more. It suggests, what was an undoubted truth, that Frank Cundall allowed the Church to have real influence over his life. It is not easy for every man to be a leader in Church activities.

"I am human enough to realise that we are not all made alike and that it is a matter of sheer impossibility for some people to become what is known as a "Church Worker." But that is only one side of the picture.

#### GREAT CHURCH MAN

The other side (and this is even more important) is that the Church may be an "active worker" in the life of the individual. That was true of Mr. Cundall. He was the companion of the great men of the Church in Jamaica: Enos Nuttall and William Simms were his close and constant friends. His attendance at Church services was an example which might well be followed by many a man today.


"I am startled when I find so many men, holding responsible positions in State and commercial and professional life, who do not seek to be influenced by the life of the Holy Spirit of God through God's appointed channel—the Church," declared the preacher. "I sometimes wonder how they do so well, and I am quite certain they could do better by giving some of their time to obedience: for surely the Church has the right to lay her commands upon her children.

"We live in days of utmost perplexity and we need every ounce of grace and Divine help we can obtain. If I may use the phrase again, God is always ready to "pull His weight" with us if we will only let him. It is high time that people (and especially men) of all ranks and occupations thronged our Churches for public prayer. Fellowship with God is bound to give us fellowship with one another.

"This Memorial tells us that Frank Cundall was a Churchman. He was—in both directions. He gave and he received, and he enjoyed that experience in this place for 43 years.

"We do well to keep silent until we are moved to open our lips in thanksgiving and humble resolution," concluded Mr. Lovell. "In work and worship, thank God, men need not change with changing times."



  
At a meeting of the  
Board of Trustees  
of

THE HISPANIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

held in the City of New York  
on the first day of November,  
nineteen hundred thirty-eight,  
the following preamble and resolutions  
were unanimously adopted:

W h e r e a s,

FRANK CUNDALL

an honoured Corresponding Member of The Hispanic Society of America, departed this life on the fifteenth day of November, nineteen hundred thirty-seven, therefore be it

R e s o l v e d,

That we, the Board of Trustees of The Hispanic Society of America, for ourselves and on behalf of the members of the Society, desire to place upon record our profound appreciation of his admirable qualities and to express the deep sense of loss which his death brings to this Society, and to offer the family of our departed friend the assurance of our heartfelt sympathy, and be it further

R e s o l v e d,

That this minute be entered  
upon the records of  
the Society.

*Archie M. Huntington*

President

Attest:

*Herbert Downes*  
Secretary