

His Excellency The Most Honourable Sir
Florizel Augustus Glasspole, O.N., C.D.,
G.C.M.G., LL.D (Hon).

Governor General of Jamaica since June
27, 1973. Sir Florizel was born in
Kingston, Jamaica on September 25, 1909.
His parents were the Rev. Theophilus A.
Glasspole and Florence Baxter-Glasspole.

Sir Florizel Augustus Glasspole is married
and has one daughter. His wife is Ina
Josephine, nee Kinlocke.

Education

He was educated at Buff Bay Infant School,
Central Branch Elementary School,
Wolmer's Boys School (1922-1926) and
Ruskin College, Oxford, where he majored in
Trade Union Studies on a one year
scholarship awarded by The British Trade
Union Congress in 1946. He studied
accounting with a Mr. R. A. Parkinson and
completed his studies by correspondence

courses from The Scottish School of Accountancy.

Career

He practiced accountancy from 1932 – 1944. Sir Florizel worked at Shoucair's Port Royal, a dry goods and wholesale store as a Junior Accountant. He worked at Serge Island Estate near Seaforth, St. Thomas as an Accountant, and also did a short stint in the Civil Service.

Trade Union Involvement

Sir Florizel has a long and distinguished association with the Trade Union Movement. He was a "Firebrand" for the cause of the labour movement in the early 1940's. His fighting spirit earned him the name "Brown Bomber" from the Legendary * boxing hero Joe Louis. Mr. Glasspole probably held more trade union posts than any other West Indian. ?

Some of these were:-

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF JAMAICA

* General Secretary - Jamaica United Clerks' Association (~~1973~~ - 1940)

1937 - 1948 ✓

Trade Union Advisory Council - (1939 - 1947)

Municipal and Parochial General Workers' Union - (1945 - 1947)

Jamaica Trade Union Congress - (1947 - 1952)

National Workers' Union - (1952 - 1955)

President - Jamaica Printers and Allied Workers' Union - (1942 - 1948)

Mental Hospital Workers' Union - (1944 - 1947)

General Hospital and Allied Workers' Union (1944 - 1947)

Sir Florizel stood out in the field of education. He was instrumental in the expansion of Technical Education through the creation of Technical High Schools and the establishment of the College of Arts Science and Technology. It was Sir Florizel Glasspole, who pioneered the introduction of the Common Entrance Examination ^{which is} ~~and~~ the awarding of free places to secondary schools on the basis of the ^{se} ~~results~~ of the Common Entrance Examination. Between 1957 - 1962, Sir Florizel unveiled a new Education plan which was termed *"Education for all, Equality and opportunity for all."*

Sir Florizel was responsible for the construction of the Headquarters of the Ministry, the construction of which was quite controversial at the time since the cost was deemed too astronomical. Education

Other Involvements

Sir Florizel has served and is still serving on many important boards and committees. These ^{have} include^d the Wages Board, the Apprenticeship Committee, the Minimum Wage Boards for ^{the} baking and printing and dry goods trade.

^{He} Sir Florizel is also patron of various fraternities. Foremost among them, the Jamaica Red Cross Society, Jamaica Women's League, The SOS Children's Village, ^{and} The Friends of the Kingston Public Hospital.

Sir Florizel Glasspole has been a stalwart in the Scout Movement, giving guidance and direction over the years to thousands of boys who make up the movement in Jamaica, instilling in them a sense of discipline and patriotism.

Sir Florizel Glasspole is presently the Chief Scout of Jamaica.

Honours and Awards:

- 1970 – Commander of the Order of
Distinction
- 1973 – Order of the Nation,
Order of Andres Bello (First class)
– Venezuela
- 1978 – The Venezuelan Honour Order of
the Liberator
- 1979 – Gleaner Honour Award
- 1981 – The Knight Grand Cross of the
order of St. Michael and
St. George (G.C.M.G.)
- 1982 – LL.D Degree (Hon) The University
of the West Indies
- ~~1982~~ – Grand Cross the Order of Merit
(Federal Republic of Germany)
- 1983 – Grand Commander of the Royal
Victorian Order (G.C.V.O.)
- 1988 – Martin Luther King Humanitarian
Award
- 1990 – Mutual Security Bank Foundation
Award

Political Career

Sir Florizel Glasspole has made an indelible mark on the political life of Jamaica. Sir Florizel as early as 1962 helped in the shaping of an independent Jamaica. He was part of the committee and a member of the delegation which drafted the constitution for independence with the British Government in 1962.

Kings House:

Residence of the Governor General

Interior of Kings House:

The Morning Room

The Grounds:

Kings House seen through the foliage of the cotton tree

Sir Florizel Glasspole addressing Scouts

Sir Florizel being presented with stamps and a new Red Cross pin to mark Red Cross's 125th anniversary.

Sir Clifford with his wife at a Lord Mayor's Banquet at the Guildhall, London

The Governor General

Florizel Glasspole escorting Lady Glasspole into Kings House

Sir Florizel giving his inaugural address

Chief Justice, Hon Kenneth Smith kissing the Bible after being sworn in by Sir Florizel, who was performing his first official duty

The Dining Room: (inset)
Silver on Mahogany sideboard