

CITATION FOR KENNETH EVERARD NIVEN INGRAM
BACHELOR OF ARTS, FELLOW OF THE LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION, MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

THE COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE OF JAMAICA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE AWARD OF THE MUSGRAVE MEDAL FOR 1986 TO KENNETH EVERARD NIVEN INGRAM.

A Librarian and Bibliographer, K.E. Ingram - as he is known - has made an outstanding contribution to Librarianship and Historical Scholarship in Jamaica and the Caribbean.

Born in St Ann in 1921, Kenneth Ingram was educated at Jamaica College between the years 1932 and 1939. In 1941, he joined the staff of the Institute of Jamaica, thereby beginning a long-standing connection with the Institution where he still serves as a founding member of the Board of Management of the National Library of Jamaica. He worked in the West India Reference Library for three years before going to the United Kingdom to study for his degree and to qualify as a Librarian. He was one of the first Jamaicans to qualify as a professional Librarian and when he returned home in 1947 he was appointed Supervisor of the West India Reference Library.

He held this position until 1950 when he joined the staff of the then University College of the West Indies. He spent the next 30 years at the University Library before retiring in 1981 as University Librarian, a position he had held for 10 years.

A founding member of the Jamaica Library Association he served as its first Secretary from 1950 to 1953. He was very active in the professional association and served in various other offices including that of President in 1956 and 1972. He was also involved in regional library activities which culminated in his election in 1976 as President of the Association of Caribbean Universities, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL)

As outstanding as was his career as a Librarian, it is as a bibliographer that K.E. Ingram has distinguished himself and has left a permanent record

of his accomplishments. He has had a life-long quest to indentify, record and whenever possible obtain for Jamaica copies of primary source materials on our history held by respositories overseas. He has compiled a number of guides which are indispensable tools to researchers and other persons interested in the history of the region. Through his painstaking research in countless libraries and archives chiefly in North America and the United Kingdom, hitherto unknown or unaccessible materials have come to light.

Scholarly, witty and urbane, K.E. Ingram is also a poet and his poems have appeared in Focus, Caribbean Quarterly and other publications. Had he continued to write and publish poetry he might have become one of the major poets of the region. Had this happened, the field of Librarianship and Historical Scholarship would have lost a major figure, who through his career and accomplishments has established a high standard of excellence that is difficult to surpass.

THE COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE OF JAMAICA IS PLEASED TO AWARD THE GOLD MUSGRAVE MEDAL FOR 1986 TO KENNETH EVERARD NIVEN INGRAM FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED EMINENCE IN THE FIELD OF LIBRARIANSHIP AND HISTORICAL SCHOLARSHIP.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF JAMAICA

Kenneth Everard Niven INGRAM

Born in St. Ann. Educated Jamaica College 1932-39

Academic Qualifications

B.A. (London) 1947
FLA 1955
M.Phil (London) 1970

Work Experience

1. Institute of Jamaica 1941-1944, 1947-1950
Supervisor West India Reference Library 1947-50
2. University of the West Indies 1950-1981
University Librarian 1970-1981

Professional Activities

President Jamaica Library Association 1956, 1972
President Association of Caribbean University & Research
Libraries Association (ACURIL) 1976-77
Member of NACOLADS 1974-81
Member of Interim Board of Management National Library 1976-79
Member of Board of Management of National Library 1979 - date

Major Publications

1. Jamaica (Vol. 45 in the World of Bibliography Series). Clio Press 1984.
2. Sources of West Indian Studies: a Supplementary list with particular reference to manuscript sources, Inter-Documentation Company, 1983.
3. Manuscripts relating to Commonwealth Caribbean Countries in United States and Canadian repositories. Caribbean Universities Press. ~~1975~~ 1975
4. Sources of Jamaica History 1838-1955: A Bibliography survey with particular reference to manuscript sources. Inter-Documentation Company. 1976, 2 vols.
5. Libraries and the Challenge of Change: Papers of the International Library Conference held in Kingston, Jamaica 24-29 April, 1972 edited by K.P. Ingram and Albertina Jefferson, Mansell 1975.
6. The Q.C. and the Middleman: including a reprint of the Report of the Casses Ingram & Lowery
NATIONAL LIBRARY OF JAMAICA
Edinburgh: Pentland Press, 1997.