

HAKEWILL, JAMES 1778-1843

Second son of John Hakewill was born in 1778 and educated as an architect. He exhibited some designs at the Royal Academy. He is however best known for his illustrated publications.

In 1813 he published a series of "Views of the Neighbourhood of Windsor." During 1816-17 he travelled in Italy and on his return published in parts "A Picturesque Tour of Italy."

In 1820-21 he visited Jamaica and subsequently published in 1825 "A Picturesque Tour of the Island of Jamaica." from his own drawings.

Hakewill was one of the competitors in 1836 for the erection of the new houses of parliament.

During his almost two years stay in the island Hakewill did not restrict himself to Kingston and its suburbs but travelled in many of the parishes. His book is dedicated "To the Noblemen and Gentlemen, proprietors of estates in the West Indies; To the Resident Gentlemen, (From whom the Author received so much kindness) and to the merchants of the United Kingdom, connected with those valuable colonies."

Drawings of Estates with settings in St. Mary, Portland, St. Thomas-in-the-East, Trelawny St. James are among his best. His reproductions are not duplicated even though, Duperly, for one, has made daguerrrotypes of Montego Bay the settings are entirely different. His view of Montego Bay from Reading Hill is one of his most beautiful (subject to change)

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