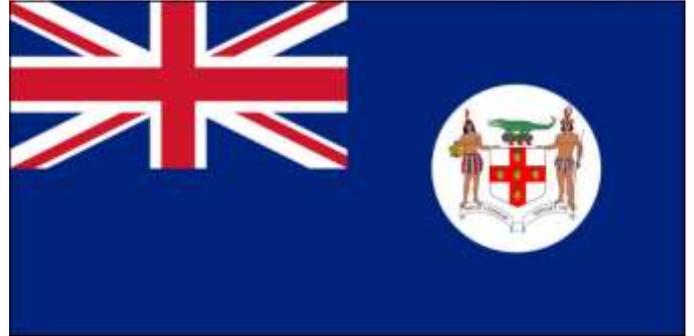


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The Land of Springs

Our occasional "village" series turns its attention to Jamaica. From the arrival of Christopher Columbus in 1494, the Island had been a Spanish possession. When the British took over in 1655, the colony became a leading sugar exporter and, in 1838, emancipated all the slaves.



With the hundreds of cancellations in use at the time of the Jubilee, this can only be but a brief skirmish through the island. First some local rate covers to the capital, Kingston...

Cave Valley

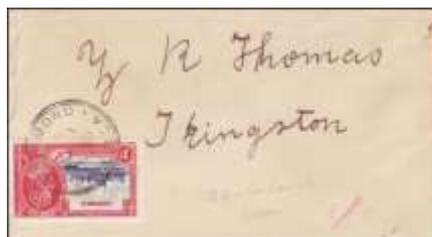
A settlement amongst the cave system of the North and West.
Cds for Oc 30 35.

Richmond

Market town in the North East in the parish of St Mary.
Cds for Oc 1 1935

Kellits

A settlement in central Jamaica.
Cds for Oc 28 35



A couple of empire rate covers...

Sav La Mar

Capital of Westmoreland parish with an 18th century fort - for protection against pirates.

Cds for Jy 13 35.



St Ann's Bay

Capital of St Ann's parish, supposedly where Christopher first landed.

Cds for No 24 35 with Christmas seal to the reverse.



Some foreign rate covers...

Myrtle Bank

Originally within the Myrtle Bank hotel, it was moved to Tower Street following the 1907 earthquake.

Cds for De 31 35.



Mile Gully

A village in the lee of the Don Figuerero Mountains.

Cds for De 16 35 with Christmas seal to the reverse.



Liguanea

An area named after the iguana lizzard.

Cds for Oc 25 35 to Cleveland, Ohio, USA.



A couple of registered covers...

Cross Roads

Commercial part of Kingston.

The 6d stamp provides for 2d registration, 2½ foreign rate 1st oz & 1½d a possible 2nd oz.

Cds for Ja 7 36, to USA.



Mount James/Stony Hill

On the outskirts of Kingston in the parish of St Andrew.

Cds of Mount James for No 5 35 with additional Stony Hill strike, to UK.



Some airmail covers, including examples showing the discrepancy in sources for airmail rates for this territory...

Malvern

Village in the Santa Cruz mountains.

8d paying the ½ oz airmail rate to UK.

Cds for Se 19 35.



Anchovy

Small town in St James parish

This time it's 8½d paying the airmail rate to UK.

Cds for Oc 14 35



Long Bay

Of the two so-named, coordinates point to the one in the Northeast. Another 8d rate once the 2d registration is deducted.

Cds Mv 28 35



A couple of set covers for good measure...

Gordon Town

A settlement in St Andrew parish.

On this airmail cover to Switzerland, the postmarks are unclear but the registration label is clear enough.



Newcastle

A settlement in the Blue Mountains.

Despite paying for registered airmail, this cover appears to have taken a month to reach Ceylon.



Some other postmarks...



Tailpiece

Offshore

An unsealed cover to Pennsylvania bearing both Posted on the High Seas and New York duplex paquebot cancels for May 26. With no indication of the flag nation, presumably it would take some research to verify the 3d cost.

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