

List of items in the Panama Canal Museum Collection (PCMC) relating to Caribbean people and the Panama Canal.

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This document lists selected materials in the PCMC that pertain to Caribbean people working on the Panama Canal and living in the Canal Zone. This list may not be comprehensive, and new materials will be added as they are identified in the collection. The summary of each item includes an object title, an identifying number, a URL, and a brief description. Please note that online access to some of the object records may be limited to the University of Florida campus. Words in quotations are direct quotes from selected material.

*Note: some of the content in these descriptions may be offensive; however, they include direct quotes from selected materials.

Title: Bank Informational Reports on the Panama Canal

Accession Number: 2016.52.2

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00051999/00001>

Description: Photo of Negro Laborers. Also a description of the Gold Force that represents the brains of the organization. These are mainly citizens of the United States. The Silver Force is made up of unskilled laborers who are mainly Europeans and West Indian "Negroes". Europeans are paid from 16 to 20 cents an hour, while the "Negroes" earn 10 cents.

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Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00051999/00001>

Description: Photo of French Negroes and old French dump car, 1882

Title: The West Indian Worker on the Canal Zone

Accession Number: 2005.027.206

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI011574/00001>

Description: By George W. Westerman

Title: Papers of Charles K. Oxley

Accession Number: 2016.27.1, 2016.27.2, 2016.27.3, 2016.27.4, 2016.27.5, 2016.27.6, 2016.27.7, 2016.27.8

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/contains/?t=%22Oxley%2c+Charles%22&f=DO>

Description: Includes stamps, rules of engagement card, N.A.A.C.P. member card, railroad tickets, and matchbook for Ancon Inn and Balboa Gun Club membership card.

Title: Memories of Jim Roddy of life in the Canal Zone between 1941 and 1950.

Accession Number: 2016.28.1

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00050391/00001>

Description: Reference to Cecil Haynes, 86, whose father James came from Barbados to work on the Canal. An interview with Cecil Haynes is available at <http://www.voicesamerica.org/content/cecil-haynes>.

Title: Memories of Jim Roddy of life in the Canal Zone between 1941 and 1950.

Accession Number: 2016.28.1

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00050391/00001>

Description: Photo of the arrival of S.S. Ancon to Cristobal with 1500 laborers from Barbados

Title: Descendants of West Indian Workers Photo Album

Accession Number: 2011.999.204

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI012172/00001>

Title: Commemorating West Indian Labor Stamped Envelope

Accession Number: 2001.023.079

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI005667/00001>

Description: 10 cent stamp on envelope, 1951

Title: *Maid in Panama*

Call Number: PN6268.W4 C6

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00014524/00001>

Description: Book by Sue Core dedicated to the "old timers of the Panama Canal, both white and colored..."

Title: A Minority Group in Panama (Some Aspects of West Indian Life)

Accession Number: 2005.027.206.002

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI011572/00001>

Description: West Indian life in Panama

Title: Isthmian Echoes: A Selection of the Literary Endeavors of the West Indian Colony in the Republic of Panama. From articles contributed to the West Indian section of the Panama American from February 1926 to December 1927

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00014955/00001>

Description: Compilation of writings dedicated to the unity, welfare and progress of the West Indian Community in Panama, and to the advancement of Colored people throughout the world.

Title: West Indian man, women, and children near tent

Accession Number: 2009.021.025.002

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI006588/00001>

Description: Photo

Title: West Indian men, women, and children outside tent
Accession Number: 2009.021.025.003
Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI006589/00001>
Description: Photo

Title: West Indian men, women, and children seated outside tent
Accession Number: 2009.021.025.005
Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI006591/00001>
Description: Photo

Title: People strolling on tent-lined street
Accession Number: 2009.021.025.001
Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI006587/00001>
Description: Photo

Title: Bas Obispo Cut, Showing Battery of Rock Drills at Work, Panama Canal Route
Accession Number: 2013.2.134
Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00015286/00001>
Description: Photo

Title: Looking south from Obispo toward Las Casoadas, over finished canal, Panama
Accession Number: 2013.2.101
Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00015224/00001>
Description: Photo

Title: The Depth of the Culebra Cut as Excavated by the Year 1908 - Panama Canal Zone
Accession Number: 2013.2.166
Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00015318/00001>
Description: Photo

Title: A Variationist Account of Voice Onset Time among Bilingual West Indians in Panama
Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/UFE0044565/00001>
Description: Dissertation by Delano Sydney Lamy

Title: West Indian women looking at objects
Accession Number: 2009.021.025.006
Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI006592/00001>
Description: Photo

Title: West Indian Women in the Panama Canal Zone, 1904-1914
Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00019230/00001>
Description: Thesis written by Elizabeth Parker

Title: Isthmian Historical Society competition for the best true stories of life and work on the Isthmus of Panama during the construction of the Panama Canal

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00016037/00001>

Description: As the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal drew near, the Isthmian Historical Society decided to make a collection of stories of personal experiences of non-U.S. citizens during Construction Days by means of a contest.

Source Institution: This object is held by the Afro-Antillean Museum, and is not a part of the PCMC although it is available digitally via UF.

Title: Great Fire of Colon, April 13-14, 1940

Accession Number: 2011.010.012

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI012659/00001>

Description: Photo

Title: Panama Canal Museum Dedication plaque

Accession Number: 2011.999.205

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI012173/00001>

Description: Plaque, wood frame, dedicated to the Caribbean West Indian labor force for building the canal

Title: Large group of men and women seated indoors

Accession Number: 2001.074.001.047

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI006168/00001>

Description: Possibly a court scene.

Title: Negroes at work near Cristobal, Panama

Accession Number: 2004.10.1.10

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI009471/00001>

Description: Photo

Title: Panama Canal Commissary, with personnel, showing the "silver" and "gold" entrances

Accession Number: 2002.092.001

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI007246/00001>

Description: Photo

Title: Town site for West Indies Families.

Accession Number: 2008.024.002.041

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI004635/00001>

Description: Postcard

Title: Latin Leaders Praise Panama and U.S. for Progress on Canal

Accession Number: 2015.135.101

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00030842/00001>

Description: Four Latin American countries and Jamaica lent their backing today to Panamanian proposal for new pact between Panama and the U.S.

Title: The President's Message on the Panama Canal

Accession Number: 2004.027.432

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00054241/00001>

Description: Pg. 18-22 includes a description of Negro laborers quarters, cooking, treatment and entertainment

Title: Personal Effects Orders & Deportation: Thomas Forbes

Accession Number: 2008.005.045

Object URL: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/PCMI004286/00001>

Description: Deportation of discharged convict #349 Thomas Forbes alias Benjamin Armstrong from the Canal Zone Penitentiary to Turks Island. He was convicted of murder in the Canal Zone on April 27, 1909 and sentenced to life imprisonment.