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The two most noteworthy previous studies of the town cancels of Trinidad, references (1) and (2), have been limited and incomplete. Furthermore, no studies of the town cancels of Tobago have, to our knowledge, been published. The present study, part of which is now being reported, is aimed at completeness. Because of missing records and the limitations of material available to us, absolute completeness cannot be achieved. We hope that publication of this study will result in readers coming forward with information in their possession which will add to our body of knowledge.

Classification of the cancels of Trinidad originated from the early studies of Marriott (1) and were extended by Joe Chin Aleong and others. It became apparent that in at least five of the types (I, II, III, VII, and XIII) there were considerable variations which warranted subtyping. In doing this we became aware that there were variations that could be detected only by accurate measurements of diameter or letter height. Since these are not readily detectable without measurement, they have been included in the subtype most closely resembling them. In some instances (XIII) a readily apparent subtype is confined to only one town. In such cases no subtype number is assigned, but the cancel is illustrated just before the tabular material relating to its major type for that town.

With one exception, all of the cancels used in Trinidad and Tobago were ordered from the G.P.O. in London and were produced by the firm holding the contract for such articles at the time the order was placed. Thus, impressions of the cancels were recorded in the London Proof Book. Unfortunately, large sections of these Proof Books were lost during the Blitz. The early years to about 1900 are mostly preserved, and the postwar years are available, but the intervening years are lost. One of the authors (E.A.) has consulted the Proof Books and has made copies of the pertinent proofs of cancels for Trinidad and Tobago. The dates when they were recorded in the Proof Book have been inserted in the "Notes" column in the tabulations. It can be assumed that the cancel became available for postal use within a month or six weeks after the date recorded in the Proof Book. In the list immediately following, we have noted cancels found in the London Proof Book for which no record or apparent use can be found in Trinidad or Tobago. In most instances, no Post Office of that name appears in the records.

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>PROOF BOOK DATE</u>
AVOCAT	XIII	6 MY 59
BAMBOO SETTLEMENT	XIII	31 JY 62
CARLSEN FIELD P.O.	XIII	24 MR 70
CUNARIPO	XIII	MAY 1973
DEBE ROAD	XIII	30 JY 58
DUNCAN VILLAGE	XIII	MAY 1973
ESPERANCE	XIII	MAY 1973
FANNY VILLAGE	XIII	MAY 1973
FIVE RIVERS	XIII	20 OC 59
FOSTER ROAD	XIII	MAY 1973
HARD BARGAIN P.O.	XIII	24 MR 70
HARDING PLACE	XIII	8 AU 69
KILDEER P.O.	XIII	24 MR 70
LA PUERTA P.O.	XIII	24 MR 70
LIBERTVILLE	XIII	MAY 1973
MISSION ROAD	XIII	MAY 1973
NINTH STREET	XIII	MAY 1973
PALO SECO SETTLEMENT	XIII	MAY 1973
ST LUCIEN ROAD	XIII	MAY 1973
SPRING VALE P.O.	XIII	24 MR 70
UPPER IRVING STREET P.O.	XIII	24 MR 70
WOODLAND	XIII	MAY 1973

A glance at this listing will suggest immediately that expansions of Post Offices in Trinidad had been planned for mid-1970 and mid-1973, but due to some circumstances not recorded, these plans were abandoned after the town cancels had been ordered. None of these Post Offices exist today.

Through the cooperation of the past Postmaster General of Trinidad, The Hon. Noel G. P. Warren, one of us (E.A.) was able to go over postal records in Trinidad. One of the most helpful aspects of this visit was the request made to all Post Offices by the Postmaster General for impressions of all handstamps currently available from each of the Post Offices in Trinidad and Tobago. After these had been received in late January 1979, he made them available to a member of the Trinidad Philatelic Society for photocopying. We were able to obtain a copy, and it is from this that we have indicated in our tabulation, the cancels which are currently in use. Some offices have changed their cancellers since that date and a few new offices have been added. These have been noted where we were able to obtain the information.

Notwithstanding the outside sources of information, the bulk of the data presented is derived from an intensive study of the material in the collections of the three authors. It is from these collections that many of the earliest and latest recorded dates of use are derived. Obviously, others may have earlier or later dates in their collections, and we would appreciate receiving this information in order to make subsequent listings more accurate.

The authors would like to thank Joe Chin Aleong (3), (who has helped considerably in extending dates and providing examples of rare items), Rene Leotaud, and George Thompson, all of Trinidad, for their valuable help and assistance. We have already mentioned the gracious cooperation of Postmaster General Warren, who took so much time to show records and to find out the cancellers which were currently available for use. We also thank E.B. Renshaw and B. Walker of the U.K. for their contributions.

GUIDE TO THE TABULATION OF THE CANCELS

TOWNS: No distinction is made in the listings between Post Offices and Postal Agencies, since both use the same types of cancels. Where information is available we listed the opening and closing dates of the Post Offices and Agencies. From the list of impressions of currently used handstamps, we were able to determine that in some of the larger offices particular handstamps were assigned to specific clerks. Where such information was made available, we have indicated it in the "Notes" column. Frequently these handstamps may differ in type or subtype. Some may be seen infrequently on letters because of their use by a cashier or some other clerk with special duties. However, it is well to note that many towns have more than one handstamp in use currently, and these handstamps may differ in type or subtype.

INDEX LETTERS: Most of the cancels show index letters, an "*", or more rarely, a numeral. At one time the letters were used to indicate the time of collection, i.e., "A" for morning, "B" for afternoon and "C" for evening. Larger towns with more frequent collections, would use a greater number of letters, indicating hours or other time intervals. The introduction of machine cancellations in the Post Offices of Port of Spain

and San Fernando permitted the actual time of collection to be recorded. At the present time, index letters usually indicate the clerk to whom the cancel is assigned. In the earlier cancels, the index letters were moveable (particularly in type VII) and frequently no index letter would be used. On occasion one finds index letters inverted or sideways, depending on the skill or attention of the clerk to such details. In the later cancels (type XIII) the index letter is fixed. However, many cancels of this type have no index letter, and this is noted in the listings. In the earlier types, with moveable letters, the known letters used are given in the tabulations; however, it must be understood that cancels will be seen in almost every case without an index letter. Such cases are not noted in the tabulations.

ERD AND LRD: Where only one example of a particular cancel has been seen by us, the date, if legible, is noted in the ERD column. Where the dating of a cancel is partly illegible, we record as much as we can decipher. When a handstamp is known to be current (1979) we place an "X" in the LRD (Latest Recorded Date) column. We hope that our readers will add to and extend these listings.

VARIETIES NOT LISTED AS SUBTYPES: As mentioned previously, we have found a number of varieties of some of the major types of cancels. These are either listed as subtypes with a small letter following the type number, or, if they occur in only one or two towns, they are illustrated and described in the appropriate place in the listings for that particular town. It should be noted here that positive identification of some of the subtypes requires accurate measurements of diameter and/or letter height. Ordinary millimeter rulers are not sufficiently accurate for this work. We have used the Millivu® gauge which enables one to measure to 1/8 of a millimeter. This is obtainable from the VONCORP, DUNEDIN, FL. 33528. Most philatelic dealers carry it in stock.

RARITY: We debated at some length as to whether we should try and assess the rarity of the various cancels. Realizing the pitfalls of such a classification and the subjective nature of our decisions, we nevertheless have included a simple scale based on our experience with the apparent difficulty of acquisition. This must not be construed as an absolute quantitative measure, but merely as an indication of the authors' evaluation of the availability of the particular cancel. No rarity indication is given for cancels in current use. The scale adopted in these listings are as follows:

VR	Very Rare (one or two copies recorded)
R	Rare
VS	Very Scarce
S	Scarce
U	Uncommon
RC	Relatively Common
C	Common or Very Common

LISTINGS OF POST TOWNS AND CANCELS

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>OPENING DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ERD</u>	<u>LRD</u>	<u>RARITY</u>	<u>INDEX</u> <u>LETTERS</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
ABYSSINIA		XIIIa	4 SP 61	X		*	An example recorded in London 1 OC 59
1 OC 59							
AJAX ST.		X	11 DE 79	X			Ajax St. normally handles only parcels. During the Christmas season some letters from the G.P.O. are cancelled there. Known with "A" of "TRINIDAD: inverted.
1976 (?)							
		X	23 SP 77	X			"PARCEL POST/AJAX ST."
		X	21 OC 80	X			"PARCEL POST/AJAX ST POS". Known with with second "A" of "AJAX" and with "T" of "POST" inverted.
		X	7 DE 79	X			"AJAX ST PARCEL POST/POS".
		XIIIa	21 OC 80	X			"GENERAL POST OFFICE/TRINIDAD" used at AJAX ST.
ARIMA		IIa	29 JA 87	5 FE 06	C	A,B,C,D	
14 AU 1851		IIIa	5 OC 06	22 JA 31	C	A,B,C,D	Examples recorded in London 13 JY 06 and 4 JU 07
		Va	22 AP 32	3 MR 39	VS	A	
		VIIa	15 OC 31	X		A,B,C	
		XIIIa	29 OC 59	X		*,A	Examples recorded in London 14 SP 59 and 6 DE 68 (2)
AROUCA		IIa	29 MY 85	23 AP 06	C	A,B,C	
14 AU 1851		IIIa	1907	24 DE 35	C	A,C,E,F	An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
		VIIb	15 NO 32	1975	C	A,B,C	
		X	1969	X			"AROUCA P O". Year may not be given.
		XIIIa	17 AP 59	X		*,A	An example recorded in London 30 JY 58

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BAGATELLE 14 NO 69	X XIIIa	14 NO 69 24 JU 70	1970 X	VR	None	"BAGATELLE P O ". An example recorded in London 24 MR 70
BALANDRA 22 AU 56	XIIIa	4 JU 58	X		*	
BAIMAIN 1 AP 43	X XII XIIIa XIIIa	28 DE 44 24 MR 48 1965	 25 MY 64 X	VR C	A *	Examples recorded in London 3 AP 64 and 6 DE 68. "BALMAIN P.A.". An example recorded in London 23 NO 76
BAMBOO VILLAGE 6 JY 61	XIIIa	1964	X		None	Year may be absent. An example recorded in London 2 SP 60
BARRACKPORE 1 JY 46	X XI	11 NO 46 24 JA 49	17 FE 47 X	R	*	
BASSETERRE 1906-07	IIIa Va VIb	1 DE 08 26 JA 27 25 MR 39	12 JA 25 1938 X	VS R	A,C B,C A,B,C	"BASSE-TERRE". An example recorded in London 17 JU 08
BEJUCAL 15 AU 58	XIIIa	15 AU 58	X		None	
BELLE EAU ROAD	X XIIIa XIIIb	21 NO 77 18 MY 81	X			An example recorded in London 2 SP 60. "BELLE EAU ROAD POSTAL AGENCY".

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BELMONT 1 SP 1891	IIa	14 JU 92	1908	C	A,B,C	Local delivery office existed earlier.
	IIIa	20 DE 07	17 MR 26	C	A,B,C	An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	Va	1929	4 NO 37	S	B	
	VIIb	13 JU 38	30 DE 55	C	A,B,C,D,E	
	IX	31 JA 48	14 JA 69	C	A,B,C	
	XI	1953	X		*	
	XIIIa	12 JA 65	X		None	An example recorded in London 4 AP 66
BICHE (by 1930)	IIIa	11 JY 30	9 SP 38	VS	L,U	Used intermittently (by registration clerk?)
	VIIa	29 OC 40	X		A,B	
BLANCHISSEUSE 1861	IIb	1890	19 AU 12	VS	A,B,C	
	IIIb	2 NO 12	26 JY 27	S	A,B,C	
	Va	4 JU 32	23 JY 41	R	A,B	
	VI	1947		VR		
	VIII	24 AP 50	21 OC 55	S		
	X	22 NO 48	5 NO 49	R		
	XIIIa	1957	X		None	Year may be absent or in manuscript.
BLUNDELL 1 SP 58	XIIIa	1 SP 58	X		*	
BOISSIERE (by 1929; closed 1 OC 60)	V	16 MR 29	18 DE 33	VR	A	"BOISSIERRE VILLAGE"
	VIIa	3 FE 41	1948	VR	A	
BYONNE A VENTURE 1 JU 45	VIIa	28 FE 46	X		A	
BRASSO 1 FE 1899 (15 AP 1899)?	I	12 FE 01	18 SP 08	S	A,B	An example recorded in London 19 OC 98
	IIIa	4 NO 07	1923	C	A,B,C	An example recorded in London 4 JU 07

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BRASSO (cont.)	V	3 OC 27	10 JY 28	VR	B	
	VIIb	11 JY 32	21 SP 57	C	B,C	
	XIIIa	14 JU 60	X		*	An example recorded in London 27 MY 60
BRASSO PIEDRA 1908	IIa	23 AU 10	28 NO 23	VS	A,B,C	"BRASSO PIEFRO". An example recorded in London 17 JU 08.
	VI	5 JA 23	13 DE 38	S		
	VIIb	2 FE 40	22 MY 48	VS	B	
	X	5 AU 54	18 DE 56	R		
	XIIIa	21 JY 58	X		None	
BRASSO SECO 15 AP 58	XIIIa	27 JU 58	X		*	
BRAZIL VILLAGE 1 JY 69	X	1 JY 69	25 NO 69	R		Two types seen: 1) date on one line, 2) date on two lines: day, month/year
	XIIIa	26 NO 69	X		A	An example recorded in London 8 AU 69
BROTHERS ROAD 1925	VIIa	10 JY 36	13 MY 59	S	A,B,C	
	XIIIa	26 MR 60	X		*	An example recorded in London 25 NO 57
BUENOS AYRES 1 OC 63 (1 OC 62)?	XIIIa	1964	X		A	An example recorded in London 22 MY 63
CAIGUAL ?	VIIa	11 AP 58	X		None	
CALCUTTA SETTLEMENT Ca 1908-09 Closed?	IIIa	1909	30 DE 48	U	A,C	An example recorded in London 25 SP 09
	VIIa	19 DE 49	12 MY 80	RC	A	
CALIFORNIA 1 AP 1881	IIb	2 JU 86	20 JU 05	U	A,B,C	

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CALIFORNIA (cont.)	VIIa	1931	24 SP 58	C	A,B,C,D	
	XIIIa	29 JU 59	X		*	Examples recorded in London 29 JA 59 and 6 DE 68; another, misspelled "CALIFORNIS" recorded 30 JU 58. This has not been seen used.
CANAAN ?;Closed 1925 moved to CROSS (q.v.)	III	1 MY 22		VR		
CAPARO ? MY 05	IV	17 SP 06	? MY 25	U	A,B,C,X	
	V	8 SP 32	1937	VR		
	VIIa	3 FE 34	27 AP 70	U	A,B,C	
	XIIIa	6 OC 70	X		*	"CAPARO P.O."
CAP DE VILLE 9 OC 1891 Closed:31 OC 1937 Reopened: ? JU 1949	IIa	28 DE 92	22 JA 24	S	A,B	"CAP-DE-VILLE "
	VII	12 JY 37		VR		
	X	2 DE 49	31 OC 51	VS		
	XIIIa	25 JU 53	X		None	"CAP-DE-VILLE." Exists both with and without time above date
CARAPICHAIMA 1880-81	IIb	30 OC 86	14 MY 07	C	A,B,C	"CARAPACHAIMA"



IIIa



IIIb

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CARAPICHAIMA (cont.)	IIIa	27 AU 07	11 JY 12	U	A,B,C	An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	IIIb	3 NO 14	1932	RC	A,B,C	Letters short and compressed.
	VIIa	2 JA 34	X		A,B,C	
CARATAL 22 SP 48	VIII	25 JU 49	19 OC 53	VS		
	X	1949		VR		
	XIIIa	13 NO 58	X		*	An example recorded in London MY 73
CARENAGE 14 AU 1851	I Ib	22 MY 89	1907	S	A	
	IIIa	1907	22 MY 37	S	A	An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	VIIa	24 MR 42	X		A,B,C	
	XIIIa					"CARENAGE P.O." An example recorded in London 10 SP 70. Not seen used.
CARONI 1880	I Ib	4 AU 87	1925	C	A,B,C	
	VI	7 FE 23	24 AP 32	VS		
	VIIa	8 MR 34	13 JA 65	C	A,B,C,D	
	XIIIa	1968	X		*,A	An example recorded in London 2 OC 63
CAURA Prior to 1896 (1888)? Closed: ?	I	29 MR 97	1935	U	*,C	An example recorded in London 29 JY 96
	VIIa	3 DE 41	1 AP 48	VS	None	
CEDROS 14 AU 1851	IIa	16 OC 86	27 AP 12	C	A,B	
	IIIa	6 SP 14	21 SP 29	C	A,B	
	Va	9 NO 29	12 DE 33	S	A,B	
	VIIb	22 SP 33	6 MR 78	C	A,B	
	X	21 FE 79	21 JY 80			
	XIII					Reported to exist

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CENTRAL MARKET Opened as NEW MARKET 1 FE 68 (q.v.)	XIIIa	22 JY 69	X		*	Year may be absent or in manuscript. An example recorded in London 17 DE 68
CHACACHACARE 14 AU 1851	I	31 DE 02	9 AU 39	VS	B,C	An example recorded in London 15 MY 00.
	0.4 (28)	? DE 33	1935	VR		Marriott type 0.4 number 28.
	VIIa	24 MR 46	1970	U	None	
	X	4 JY 73	X			"CHACACHACARE P.A."
	XIV	1979	X		None	
CHAGUANAS 14 AU 1851	IIb	23 MY 87	1908	C	A,B,C	
	IIIa	5 DE 07	3 NO 31	C	A,B,C	An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	Vb	1 MR 26	1936	VS	A,B	
	VIIa	2 SP 31	X		A,B,C	
	XIIIa	28 JA 60	X		C	Examples recorded in London 5 NO 59 and 6 DE 68
CHAGUARAMUS ?; Closed by 13 JU 1941	VIIc	23 MY 41	24 MY 41	VR	B	
CHARLIE VILLE 1 JU 49	VIII	16 MY 50	27 MY 55	VS		
	X	1949		VR		
	XIIIa	20 AP 56	X		None	
CHIATHAM 24 MY 1887 Closed ?	I	11 OC 90	26 OC 15	S	A	
	IV	31 JY 17		VR		
CLARK ROAD 1 SP 64	X	24 SP 64	25 JY 65	R		"CLARKE ROAD"
	XIIIa	1968	X		*	An example recorded in London 29 SP 65
CLARK ROCHARD 16 NO 48	VIII	1 SP 51	15 FE 56	U		
	XIIIa	7 JU 58	X		*	An example recorded in London 30 JU 58

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CLAXTON BAY 1 AP 1881	IIa	31 AU 88	1907	C	A,B,C	"CLAXTON-BAY"
	IIIa	24 DE 07	14 MY 27	C	A,B,C,D E,G,H,I, K,M,N,P, R,T,V,Y, S,U	"CLAXTON-BAY". An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	Va	18 JY 24	1936	VR	B	
	VIIa	1936	14 DE 59	C	A,B,C	
	XIIIa	28 MY 58	X		*,A,B	An example recorded in London 30 JY 58
COCORITE ?	XIIIa	16 DE 79	X			
COCOYEA 1 MY 51	VIII	1951	25 AU 59	RC		
	XIIIa	4 JA 62	X		*	
COROMANDEL ?	XIIIa	26 DE 56	X		*,A,B	
CORYAL ?	VIIa	30 JY 34	X		B,C	
COUVA 14 AU 1851	IIb	15 JU 85	18 AP 06	C	A,B,C	
	IV	15 SP 06	18 NO 24	C	A,B,C	
	Va	8 MY 26	2 OC 29	VR		
	VIIa	1 DE 30	5 JY 66	C	A,B,C	
	X	5 FE 70	X			"COUVA P O" Also noted: "COUVA O P"



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COUVA (cont.)	XIIIIa(1)	24 SP 60	X		*,B	14½ mm sidelines. Two stamps available: one to cashier and one at registration. Two examples recorded in London 23 NO 76 and one on 28 FE 72
	XIIIIa(2)	24 SP 60	X		None	13½ mm sidelines. Used at mail counter
CROSS	IIIIa	24 AP 28	1933	R	A,L	"THE CROSS"
1925	VIIa	19 MR 34	21 NO 70	C	A,B,C	Known in purple ink (1944)
	X	25 JA 71	X			
	XIIIIa					An example recorded in London 28 FE 72 Not seen used.
CUMANA	V	9 JY 36	1938	VR		
?	VIIa	1937	15 JA 65	U	A,B,C,D	
	X	13 AP 67	9 AU 68	R		
	XIIIIa	20 MR 70	X		None	An example recorded in London 17 DE 68
CUMUJO	IIa	23 DE 98	8 JA 26	C	*	An example recorded in London 4 FE 98
	Vb	18 FE 26	21 DE 27	R	C	
1 DE 1897	VIIa	7 JA 36	X		A,B,C	
CUNADO JUNCTION ROAD	VIIa	23 DE 46	26 JU 70	S	A,B	
?	X	26 MY 71	X			"RD" in center above date
CUNJAL	X	1 NO 72	15 NO 73	R		"CUNJAL P A"
1 NO 72	XIV	1979	X			
CUNUPTA	IIa	16 JA 88	15 AP 07	RC	A,B,C	An example recorded in London 20 JU 01
25 AU 1880	IIIIa	1908	16 NO 26	RC	A,B,C	
	VIIa	21 AP 44	1959	RC	A,B,C	
	XIIIIa	1959	X		None	An example recorded in London 14 SP 59
	X	14 JA 80	X		None	"CUNUPTA P O"

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CUREPE 2 AU 49	X	5 SP 49	17 DE 51	C		
	XIIIa	1951	X		*,A,B,C, 1,2,3.	
	X	5 FE 79	X			"CUREPE P O"
DABADIE 30 AP 1886	IIb	14 JY 87	24 AP 25	C	A,B,C	
	V	29 JU 29		VR		
	VIIb	1937	X		A,B,C	
DEBE By 1922	IIIb	3 JY 22	13 NO 35	VS	B,X	
	VIIa	7 DE 35	26 AU 66	RC	A,B,C	
	XIIIa	1965	X		*	An example recorded in London 14 SP64
DELHI ROAD 1 JU 57	XIIIa	26 FE 58	X		*	
DIAMOND 6 NO 48	VIII	1950	24 JY 53	R		
	X	Ca 1950		VR		"DIAMOND VILLAGE"
	XIIIa	19 JU 58	X		None	
DIBE ROAD 1 MY 58	X	15 JY 58	? AP 70	VR		"DIBE ROAD/POS"
	XIIIa	7 DE 65	X		*	An example recorded in London 29 SP 59
	XIIIa					"DIBE ROAD P.O." An example recorded in London 24 MR 70. Not seen used.
DIEGO MARTIN 14 AU 1851	IIb	5 FE 87	18 SP 26	C	A	
	Va	5 DE 29	21 JY 36	R	B	
	VIIb	3 OC 39	X		A,B,C	Now used by Registration Clerk
	XIIIa	26 MY 64	X		*	One with and one without *. An example recorded in London 6 AP 66
EAST DRY RIVER 1 SP 48	X	? MY 49		R		
	VIII	1949	17 JY 75	II		

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EASTERN QUARRY 1 OC 68	X XIIIa	1 OC 68 2 SP 70	6 DE 69 X	R	*	"EASTERN QUARRY P.O." An example recorded in London 20 JU 69.
BOCLESVILLE ?	VIIa	30 MY 38	25 JA 78	U	A	
EL SOCORRO 26 AP 71	X XIIIa XIIIa	6 NO 71 22 OC 71 26 AP 71	7 JY 76 X X	S	None *	An example recorded in London 28 FE 72 "EL SOCORRO P.O." An example recorded in London 10 SP 70
ELSWICK 1888; Closed: ?	IIa	28 JA 93	4 JY 34	U	A	
ENTERPRISE 1 MY 59	XIIIa	1960	X		*	
ERIN By 1887 (1868)?	IIb IIIa VIIa X	16 AP 87 6 NO 12 1932 13 AU 79	23 JU 12 4 NO 29 X X	C C	A,B,C B,C A,B,C	"ERIN P O/TRINIDAD W I"
FATIMA 1 SP 58	XIIIa	1 SP 58	X		*	
FEBEAU 15 JY 57	XIIIa	8 SP 58	X		*	Year may be missing
FELICITY 2 JY 51	X VIIb	? JY 51 30 DE 54		VR	None	
FISHING POND 16 JU 51	X VIIb	10 JU 52 5 JU 58		VR	None	Month and day in manuscript
FIVE ISLANDS 1 SP 98 Closed: ?	I	14 AU 01	15 JU 22	VS	A,C	"FIVE-ISLANDS". An example recorded in London 14 DE 98

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FLANAGIN TOWN Ca 1908	IIIIa	1909	14 DE 33	VS	A,B,C	"FLANAGIN-TOWN". An example recorded in London 17 JU 08
	VIIa	15 JU 38	X		A,B	
FONROSE VILLAGE 5 NO 68	X	4 NO 68	17 DE 69	R		
	XIIIIa	3 SP 70	X		*	"FONROSE VILLAGE P.O." An example recorded in London 20 JU 69
FOREST RESERVE ?	Va	30 JY 25	29 DE 34	S	A	
	VIIa	1936	X		A,B	
FOUR ROADS ?	III	28 MY 31		VR	B	
Closed: 29 SP 1954	VIIb	25 MY 30	20 SP 54	U	A,B	
	XIIIIa					"FOUR ROADS P.O." An example recorded in London 10 SP 70. Not seen used.
FREEPORT 15 SP 47	X	1947	1949	R		
	XI	1950	X		*	Year may be absent
FRIENDSHIP ?						G.P.O. Records state this office closed in 1925. No datestamp recorded.
Closed 1925 and moved to ST. JOHN'S						
FULLERTON 1 AP 1940	VIIa	1941	X		A,B,C	
FYAZBAD Ca 1911	IIIIa	24 MR 16	14 MY 40	C	A	
	VIIa	18 AP 44	3 FE 59	C	A,B,C	



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FYZABAD (cont.)	XIIIa(1)	23 JU 58	X		*	Lines 14 mm long; Letters compressed. Examples recorded in London 25 NO 57 and 23 NO 76
	XIIIa(2)	?	X		A,C	Lines 12 mm long; Extended letters. An example recorded in London 4 FE 58
	XIIIa(3)	11 MR 60	X		None	Lines 13 mm long; Extended "FYZABAD", compressed "TRINIDAD"
GASPARILLO By 1891 (1888)?	IIIa	5 AU 91	14 JY 31	VS	A,B,C	
	VIIa	3 OC 39	X		A,B	
	X	1 JY 74		VR		
	XIIIa	28 JY 77	X		None	"GASPARILLO P.O." An example recorded in London 10 SP 70.
GEORGE STREET 24 AU 64	X	24 AU 64	1 SP 64	R		"POST OFFICE GEORGE ST"
 (1)  (2)						
	XIIIa (1)	9 DE 67	X		B	"GEORGE ST". An example recorded in London 6 AP 66
	XIIIa (2)	1964	X		A,B	"POST OFFICE GEORGE STREET". Lines at side omitted. An example recorded in London 2 JY 64
GEORGE VILLAGE 22 NO 68	X	22 NO 68	27 DE 69	VS		
	XIIIa	25 JU 70	X		*	"GEORGE VILLAGE P.O." An example recorded in London 20 JU 69.

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GONZALES 15 SP 55 (13)?	X XIIIa	16 NO 55 3 JU 58	1960 X	S	None	"GONZALES PLACE" An example recorded in London 28 FE 72
GRAN COUVA Ca 1885 (1887)?	IIb V VIIb	16 AP 87 28 JY 32 7 JU 38	21 AU 30 12 MY 37 X	C R	A,B,C A,B	"GRAN-COUVA"
GRANDE RIVIERE 1 OC 02	IIIa VIIb	1904 19 DE 35	20 JY 27 X	U	A,B None	"GRANDE-RIVIERE"
GRANVILLE ?	XIIIa	11 JA 58	X	*		
GUAICO 1 DE 1897	IIa IIIa VIIa X	2 NO 98 21 JU 07 22 FE 37 10 SP 62	8 AU 07 1 FE 35 X	S U	*,A A,B,C, M,N A,B,C	"GUAICO" An example recorded in London 4 FE 98 An example recorded in London 4 JU 07 Index Letters represent 3 identical handstamps Single line date
GUAICO TAMANA 16 JY 51 (16 JU 51)?	X VIIa	1951 1953	X	VR	None	
GUANAPO 1 DE 1897	IIb IIIb VIIa	26 AP 98 7 MY 17 30 JY 34	27 JU 16 1 JU 31 X	S U	* *,B,X B	An example recorded in London 4 FE 98 Known in purple ink (1944)
GUAPO 1 AU 05	IIIb V VIIb	2 AP 06 26 JY 26 19 AU 38	5 AP 19 15 JY 35 X	S VR	A,B,C A,B	An example recorded in London 1 JU 05
GUARACARA JUNCTION 1 NO 58	XIIIa	1 NO 58	X		*	

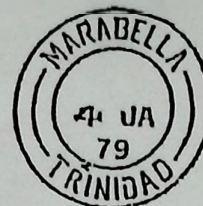
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GUAYAGUAYARE ?	I	1896	1913	R		An example recorded in London 21 JU 93
	IIIIa	27 OC 11	23 NO 31	C	A,B,C	
	VIIa	15 JA 37	X		A	
	XIIIIa					
HARRIS VILLAGE 1 FE 64	XIIIIa	1964	X		*	An example recorded in London 2 OC 63
HERMITAGE 1 AP 55	XIIIIa	1956	X		A,B	
ICACOS By 1887 (1874)?	IIb	15 MY 87	4 MR 27	RC	A,B	"HICACOS"
	VIIa	1937	1968	S	B	
	X	13 JA 70		R		
	XIIIIa	14 JY 70	X		*	
INDIAN WALK 2 DE 1895	IIIIa	1910	1930	VS	A	"ICACOS P.O." An example recorded in London 24 MR 70 "INDIAN WALK" An example recorded in London 4 JY 07
	VIIa	2 MR 38	X		A,B	
IROS FOREST By 1896 Closed 31 MR 01 Reopened Ca 1906(?)	IIb	1896	31 JY 06	VS	B	"IROS FOREST" "IROS FOREST" An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	IIIIa	14 MR 08	16 DE 28	U	C,F,T	
	VIIa	1936	X		A	
	XIIIIa	23 JA 56	X		A	
KELLY VILLAGE 1 MY 51 Closed 1 FE 60	XIIIIa	6 MY 52	14 NO 58	VS	None	
LA BREA 14 AU 1851	IIa	1888	1910	C	A,B	"LA-BREA"
	IIIIa	18 MY 11	27 DE 33	C	A,B,C	

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LA BREA (cont.)	V	6 AU 30	7 FE 35	VR		
	VIib	31 DE 32	X		A,B,C	
	XIIIa	20 AP 60	X		*	
LA LUNE ?	IIIa	3 MY 11	2 MR 32	U	C	An example recorded in London 17 JU 08
	VIib	? AU 34	X		A,B,C	
LA PASTORA SOSCUN- OSCO 1 OC 58	XIIIa	1 OC 58	X		*	
LA ROMAIN 2 FE 44	X	21 JU 44		VR		
	XII	2 OC 45	X		A,B	
	XIIIa					"LA ROMAINE P.O." An example recorded in London 10 SP 70. Not seen used.
LANCE NOIR ? Closed:?	VIIa	1931	1967	S	None	
L'ANSE NOIRE 11 DE 70	XIIIa	2 JU 71	X		*	Examples recorded in London 14 SP 64 and 4 OC 66
LAS LOMAS ? Closed: ?	X	9 AP 60		R		
	XIIIa	18 MY 70	14 OC 80		*	An example recorded in London 7 MY 59
LAS LOMAS I ?	XIIIa	13 DE 63	X		*	May have year missing. An example recorded in London 27 MY 60
LA LOMAS II ?	XIIIa	9 AP 60	1965	R	2	"2" above date.
LAVENTILLE 1 NO 1887	I	31 JY 88	6 JU 29	C	A,C	
	VIIa	29 JA 37	X		A,B	
	X	6 MR 50	15 AU 50	R		
	X	21 JU 77	X			

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LAVENTILLE - (cont.)	XIIIa	29 SP 52	X		*,A	
LAVENTILLE EXTENSION 17 NO 69	X	17 NO 69	25 FE 70	R		"LAVENTILLE EXT RD"
	XIIIa	27 OC 70	X		*	Letters Compressed. "LAVENTILLE EXTENSION P.O." An example recorded in London 24 MR 70
LENGUA 1 AP 40	VIIa	27 MR 48	1957	VS	B	
	XIIIa	13 NO 58	X		*	
LES EFFORTS 2 NO 48	X	16 DE 48	7 SP 49	R		
	VIII	31 OC 50	10 JA 56	C		
	X	15 FE 63	20 JU 63	VR		Reissued.
	XIIIa	17 JA 56	X		None	An example recorded in London 24 JU 63
LONGDENVILLE 1903	IIIb	? JY 06	15 JU 26	S	A,B,C	An example recorded in London 1 JU 05
	VIIa	1933	X		A,B	
LOPINOT 12 MR 56	XIIIa	28 JU 58	X		A,B	
LOS BAJOS 1 JU 52	XIIIa	12 JY 52	X		None	
LOWER SANTA CRUZ 1979 (?)	X	27 NO 79	X			
MACAULAY 1 DE 69	X	1 DE 69	1970	R		
	XIIIa	1 JY 70	X		*	"MACAULAY P.O."
MAMORAL 1 DE 62	XIIIa	20 FE 65	X		None	An example recorded in London 18 SP 61
MANZANILLA 14 AU 1851	IIb	26 JA 88	12 JA 12	C	A	
	IV	16 MR 07	? MY 27	C	A,B	
	Va	8 MY 31	1936	VS	A,B	
	VIIa	11 FE 31	X		A,B,C	
MARABELLA 1 MR 37	VIIb	8 NO 39	1960	C	A,B	

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MARABELLA (cont.)	X	18 MY 71	28 MY 71	VR		
						
			(1)			
	XIIIIa(1)	21 JA 61	X		*A,B,C,D	Lines 9 mm long. Examples recorded in London 4 FE 58 and 23 NO 76.
	XIIIIa(2)	16 MY 63	X		*	Lines 12 mm long. An example recorded in London 14 SP 59
MARACAS BAY 15 OC 65	XIIIIa	10 MR 67	X		A	An example recorded in London 6 AP 65
MARACAS ROAD 16 AP 51	VIII	25 AU 51	X			
MARAVALL 24 AU 1880	IIb	1887	24 DE 29	U	A	
	VIIa	11 FE 31	X		A	
MATELOT By 1900 (1896)?	IV	17 MR 07	1937	U	C	
	VIIb	20 JU 51	16 JA 60	S	A,B	
	X	15 NO 78	X			
	XIIIIa	1960	X		*	An example recorded in London 13 NO 59
MATILDA 1 JU 57	XIIIIa	13 AU 64	X		*	
MATURA MY 1893	I	27 FE 94	30 AP 15	VS	A	An example recorded in London 21 JU 93



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MATURA (cont.)							
							
			(1)	(2)			
		III (1)	2 SP 08	3 AP 14	S	A	An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
		III (2)	30 AP 18	21 FE 40	RC	A	
		VIIa	11 MY 44	X		A,B	
MAYARO							
14 AU 1851		IIb	14 JU 87	5 JU 07	C	A	
		IIIa	1907	12 OC 26	C	A	An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
		Vb	13 OC 27	18 DE 33	VS	A	
		VIIa	1933	X		A,B	
		XIIIa	20 FE 62	X		*	
MAYO		IV	19 SP 04	21 AP 27	S	A,B	An example recorded in London 27 MR 04
By 1904		VIIa	15 DE 34	X		A	
MILTON ROAD		X	1 NO 68	17 AP 70	VS		"MILTON ROAD P O"
1 NO 68		XIIIa	15 SP 70	1 OC 71	S	*	"MILTON ROAD P.O." Exists with "PM" below date. An example recorded in London 20 JU 69.
Closed; 2 OC 80							
MON REPOS		XI	19 JA 44	X		*	
6 DE 41							
MONOS		IIb	13 FE 89	14 DE 08	VR	*,A	An example recorded in London 14 DE 98
14 AU 1851		III	7 AP 24	19 AU 24	VR		
Closed; ? reopened							
1 SP 98.							
Closed: ?							

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NAVET 12 JY 50	X XIIIa	1950 1955	23 OC 51 X	VR	None	
NEWLANDS 16 MY 61	XIIIa	1961	X		None	An example recorded in London 18 AP 61
NEW MARKET 1 FE 68	X	1 FE 68	21 JY 69	VS		"NEW MARKET P O". Name changed to "CENTRAL MARKET" ca 1969 (q.v.)
NEW SETTLEMENT 1 MY 58	XIIIa	9 JY 58	X		*	
NEWTOWN 1 SP 1880	IV	29 JY 11	30 JA 24	S	None	"NEW TOWN". May still be in use; Post Office had this handstamp in JA 1979.
	Va	1929	18 MY 39	U	A,B	
	VIIa	1939	X		A,B,C,D	
	X	8 JU 79	X			"NEW TOWN P O".
	XIII	20 NO 69	X			"NEW TOWN" Three examples recorded in London 6 AP 66.
ORANGE VALLEY 15 SP 58	XIIIa	15 SP 58	X		*	
OROPOUCHE 14 AU 1851	IIb V	20 AU 88 1931	5 MY 20	RC VR	A,B	
	VIIa	1937	X		A,B	
PALMISTE	XIIIa	1 DE 81	X		*	An example recorded in London MY 1973
PALMYRA 1 NO 60	XIIIa	28 MR 61	X		None	An example recorded in London 2 SP 60
PALO SECO ?	Va	30 JY 36		VR	A	"PALO SECCO"
	VIIa	10 AP 33	9 OC 53	C	A,B	"PALO SECCO"

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XIIIIa (1) 15 SP 54 X
XIIIIa (2) 15 JY 56 X
XIIIIa

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None

Lines 12½ mm long.
Lines 10 3/4 mm long; letters extended
"PALO SECO SETTLEMENT". An example
recorded in London 11 MY 73; not seen used

PARK STREET
24 AU 64
Closed: ?

X 24 AU 64 28 AU 64 R
XIIIIa 23 OC 64 ? AU 69 S
XIIIIa 2 SP 64 4 MR 70 R

"PARK STREET POS". Used 24-29 AU 64.
An example recorded in London 6 AP 66
"POST OFFICE PARK STREET". An example
recorded in London 2 JY 64

PELICAN
24 NO 69

X 24 NO 69 19 MR 70 R
XIIIIa 3 NO 70 X

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"PELICAN P.O." An example recorded in
London 24 MR 70.

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?

VIIa 1 JY 37 12 SP 48 RC A,B
X 1949 28 NO 51 C



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XIIIIa(1) 20 FE 52 X
XIIIIa(2) 23 OC 56 X

*,A,B
None

Lines 14½ mm long.
Lines 15½ mm long; "TRINIDAD" in
compressed letters.

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PENAL ROCK JUNCTION Ca 1911 Closed: ?	IIIB	19 JU 12	7 AU 36	C	A,B,C	"PENAL-ROCK-JUNCTION"
PENAL ROCK ROAD 1 OC 38	IX	30 NO 48	1/57	RC	A	"PENAL ROCK RD"
	X	25 JY 67	19 JU 70	R		
	XI	12 DE 53	16 JU 64	S		
	XIIa					An example recorded in London 6 DE 68
	XIIa	26 SP 70			A	"PENAL ROCK ROAD P.O." An example recorded in London 24 MR 70
PIARCO 19 DE 55	XIIa	3 AP 65		VR		"PIARCO A.P.". This office at the airport was opened as an airmail transit center. The cancel was supposed to be used only on documents, but has been seen used postally, apparently non-philatelically.
PIPARO 1 AU 51	XIIa	24 AP 52	X		*	Exists with year above day and month
PIAISANCE 1 NO 60	XIIa	29 MR 61	X		None	An example recorded in London 2 SP 60

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PLEASANTVILLE 5 NO 62	XIIIa	1962	X		None	An example recorded in London 31 JY 62
PLUM MITAN 16 JU 51	VIIb	21 AU 53	X		None	
PLUM ROAD 1 NO 77	X	1 NO 77	X			"PLUM ROAD PA"
POINT CUMANA 1 JU 49	X	14 JU 49			VR	
	VIII	9 JU 51	1955		VS	
	XIIIa	20 SP 57	X		None	
POINTE A PIERRE 1 OC 38 Closed: ?						



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VIIa	(1)	11 MR 46	1 MY 63	C	A,B,C	"POINTE-A-PIERRE"
VIIa	(2)	22 DE 38	30 JY 57	U	A,B,C	"POINTE-A-PIERRE"

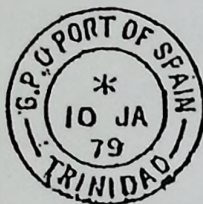
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POINT FORTIN Ca 1911	IIIIa	19 MR 12	8 JY 31	RC	A	"POINT FORTIN"
	V	3 MY 30	2 JU 30	VR		
						
		(1)	(2)			
	VIIa (1)	16 SP 39	25 OC 55	C	A,B	
	VIIc (2)	12 JU 34	2 NO 66	C	A,B	
	X	16 OC 56	22 DE 69	VR		
	XIIIa	21 FE 56	X		*,A,B	An example recorded in London 11 JY 67
	XIIIa	8 SP 76	X		None	"POINT FORTIN P.O."
POOLE ?	IIIIa	27 NO 04	22 MR 26	U	A,B	An example recorded in London 1 JU 05
	V	Ca 1929		VR		
	VIIa	26 JY 34	1 AP 60	U	A	
	X	13 SP 60	23 AP 61	VS		
	XIIIa	11 JU 64	1976	U	A	An example recorded in London 2 SP 60

POST OFFICE GEORGE ST. (see GEORGE ST.)

POST OFFICE PARK STREET (see PARK STREET)

POST OFFICE ST. VINCENT STREET (see ST. VINCENT STREET)

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PORT OF SPAIN Ca 1801	IIa	2 JU 92	1919	C	A, Script a, B, C, D, E, F, H, J, K, L, N, O, P, R, S, T, U	
	IIb	13 DE 98	6 SP 06	C	A, Script, a, D, F I, J, K, L, M, N, P Q, U	
	IIIb	23 SP 04	8 MR 30	C	Time	26-27 mm diameter. "PORT-OF-SPAIN". An example recorded in London 27 MY 03
	IIIa	20 SP 09	17 DE 19	C	Time	26 mm diameter. "G.P.O. PORT-OF-SPAIN" An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	IV	8 OC 06	30 DE 62	C	Time	"G.P.O. PORT OF SPAIN"
	IV	6 FE 18	9 JA 31	RC	Time	"GENERAL POST OFFICE/TRINIDAD"
	VIIa	20 DE 39	X		A, B, C	Assigned to Cashier #3
	VIIb	?	X		None	Assigned to Supt. C. & W.
	VIIb	5 MY 70	X		None	Assigned to Duty Clerk #31
	VIIc	9 AP 51	X		A	Assigned to Duty Clerk #35
	X	?	X			Assigned to Duty Clerk #34



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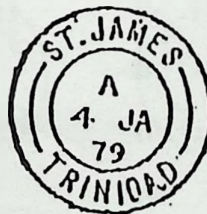
XIIIa (1)	1 NO 39	X	Time	"G.P.O. PORT OF SPAIN". Lines 6 mm long An example recorded in London 18 FE 66 Assigned to Duty Clerk #32
XIIIa (2)	2 AP 58	X	Time	"G.P.O. PORT OF SPAIN" Lines 4 mm long Examples recorded in London 31 IV 62 an AP Assigned Duty Clerk

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PORT OF SPAIN (cont.)	XIIIa (3)	?	X		2	"PORT OF SPAIN". Lines 9 mm long. Assigned to Cashier #2
	XIIIa (4)	?	X		1	"PORT OF SPAIN". Lines 7 mm long. Assigned to Cashier #1. An example recorded in London 5 NO 59
	XIIIa (5)	?	X		*	"GENERAL POST OFFICE". Assigned to Duty Clerk #36
	XIV	19 JA 79	X			
PREYSAL 1 OC 76	X	1 OC 76	18 JY 77	VS		
	XIIIa	Ca 1978	X		None	
PRINCES TOWN Opened as SAVANNA GRANDE 14 AU 1851 Name Changed 18 FE 1880	IIb	10 JU 85	9 AU 98	C	A,B,C	"PRINCES TOWN"
	I	16 NO 98	22 JU 05	C	A,B,C	"PRINCES TOWN". An example recorded in London 10 OC 98
	IIIa	9 AU 05	4 OC 33	C	A,B,C,K,S	"PRINCES TOWN" Examples recorded in London 1 JU 05 and 29 JU 09
	VI	24 NO 24	19 AU 31	S		
	VIIa	30 OC 31	X		A,B,C	
	XIIIa	24 JA 67	X		A,B	Known with year above month and day, Index letter A below. An example recorded in London 15 FE 66
	X	29 OC 81	X			
PRIZGAR LANDS 1 AU 56	XIIIa	14 AU 57	X		*	
QUARRY 1 MY 57	XIIIa	18 JU 57	X		*	
RED HILL 10 DE 62	IX	1963		VR	None	
	XIIIa	15 JA 65	X		None	An example recorded in London 31 JY 62
REFORM ?	IX	15 NO 46	X		A,B,C	

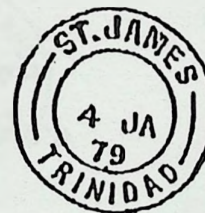
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ST. ANNS (cont.)	IIIIa	25 SP 07	2 MY 38	RC	A, B, I, O, P, U	An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	VIIb	21 DE 38	X		A, B	
	X	29 JU 81				
ST. BARB'S ROAD 11 DE 59	XIIIIa	29 NO 65	X		*	Year may be missing. An example recorded in London 20 OC 59
ST. BENEDICT 1 DE 45 Closed: 12 JU 73	XI	5 MY 48	24 MY 71	S	*	
ST. FRANCOIS VALLEY 23 NO 59 ROAD Closed: ?	XIIIIa	17 FE 60	13 JU 79		*	"ST. FRANCOIS V. ROAD". An example recorded in London 20 OC 59
ST. HELENA 1 MY 57 Closed: ? Reopened: 1 DE 77	XIIIIa	22 JU 57	X		*	
ST. JAMES ? Possibly opened as MUCURAPO and renamed.	VIIa	3 SP 53	X		A, B, C	
	X	26 AU 81				



(1)



(2)



(3)

XIIIIa (1)	11 NO 53	X				
XIIIIa (2)	?	X				
XIIIIa (3)	Z	X				
					*	Lines 9 mm long; letters extended
					A	Lines 12½ mm long. An example recorded in London 6 AP 66
					None	

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ST. JOINS 1925	V	14 JU 35	1938	VR		"ST JOINS VILLAGE"
	VIIa	1942	27 MR 76	U	A,C,D	"ST. JOIN'S"
	XIIIa	13 OC 58		R	None	
	X	3 JY 73	3 SP 73	R		"ST JOINS PA"
	XIV	1979	X			
ST. JOSEPH 14 AU 1851 Closed; ?	IIb	22 JU 86	1908	C	A,B,C	"ST-JOSEPH"
	IIIa	18 NO 07	27 OC 30	RC	A,B,C	"S [±] JOSEPH". An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	VIIa	5 DE 30	23 AP 48	C	A,B,C	"S [±] JOSEPH"
	IX	22 MY 48	1963	C	A,B,C	
ST. JULIENS 1 SP 1898	I	1899	14 AP 34	U	A,B	S [±] JULIENS". An example recorded in London 19 OC 98
	VIIa	7 SP 35	X		A,B	
ST. MADELEINE ?	IIb	26 MY 88	3 AP 25	RC	A,B,C	"ST. MADELAINE."
	VIIb	1937	X		A,B,C	
ST. MARYS ?	IIb	7 MY 87	25 JA 06	C	A,B,C	"S [±] MARYS"
	IIIa	7 NO 08	9 JA 23	RC	A,B,C	"S [±] MARYS". An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	VIIa	1936	X		A	"ST MARY'S"
ST. MARY'S VILLAGE 1906-07 MORUGA Closed; ?	IIIb	6 AU 08	18 OC 35	S	A,B	An example recorded in London 17 JU 08

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ST VINCENT STREET
24 AU 64



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(4)

XIIIa (1) 12 MY 65

X

A

"POST OFFICE, ST. VINCENT STREET". 3½ mm space between T and P. An example recorded in London 2 JY 64

XIIIa (2) 9 SP 68

X

None

"ST. VINCENT ST." Lines between "ST" and "TRINIDAD". An example recorded in London 6 AP 66

XIIIa (3) 7 OC 68

X

B

"POST OFFICE, ST. VINCENT STREET". 1 mm space between T and P. An example recorded in London 2 JY 74

XIIIa (4) ?

X

E

"POST OFFICE ST. VINCENT STREET" 1½ mm space between T and P. An example recorded in London 2 JY 64

SAN FERNANDO
14 AU 1851



IIa

IIb

IIa 9 MY 85

12 AU 07

C

A,B,C

"SAN FERNANDO"

IIb 5 OC 93

17 MY 05

C

A,B

"SAN FERNANDO". An example recorded in London 21 AP 96

IIIa 21 MY 06

11 AU 11

C

A,B,C

"SAN FERNANDO". An example recorded

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SAN FERNANDO (cont.)	IIIa	2 NO 12	1926	C	A,B,C	"SAN FERNANDO"
	I	11 AP 12	31 MY 21	C	A,B,C	"SAN-FERNANDO". An example recorded in London 14 DE 98
	I	25 AU 23	25 JY 29	C	A,C,D,R, S,W,Y,Z	"SAN FERNANDO"
	VI	4 JA 25	25 JU 31	S		
	Va	25 SP 29	? SP 30	VS	A	



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(2)

VIIc (1)	27 MR 31	4 JY 53	C	A,B,C,D
VIIa (2)	8 JA 38	23 DE 55	C	A,B,C,D



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XIIIa (1)	13 JA 54	X	A,B,C,D,E, F,G	Lines 11 3/4 mm long
XIIIa (2)	7 JA 56	X	*	Lines 9½ mm long. An example recorded in London 18 FE 66
XIIIa (3)	16 JA 56	X	None	Lines 10½ mm long.

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SAN FERNANDO (cont.)	XIIIa (4)	5 DE 75 ²	X		* (below date)	Lines 7 3/4 mm long. An example recorded in London 5 NO 59
	XIIIa (5)	23 SP 57	X		None	Lines 8 3/4 mm long. An example recorded in London 18 FE 66
	XIIIa (6)	22 MY 67	X		*	Lines 7 mm long.
	XIIIa (7)	1 JU 77	X		None	"SAN FERNANDO P.O."
	XIIIa (8)	6 SP 76	X		None	"SAN FERNANDO, TRINIDAD/PAID". An example recorded in London 13 AU 63
	X	12 AU 75	X			"SAN FERNANDO PO/TRINIDAD W.I."
SAN JUAN 14 AU 1851	IIa	8 MY 89	25 OC 23	C	A,B,C	S ^t .JUAN
	V	8 SP 27		VR		
		(1)				
	VIIa (1)	16 JA 32	17 JY 58	C	A,B,C	"SAN-JUAN"
	VIIa (2)	9 NO 37	2 SP 52	C	A,B,C	"SAN JUAN"
		(2)				



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SAN JUAN (continued)



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XIIIa (1) 19 DE 56

X

*,A,B,C

Lines 11 mm long. An example recorded in London 4 FE 58

XIIIa (2) 10 AP 72

X

A

Lines 10 mm long. "SAN JUAN" extended

SAN RAPHAEL
Opened as TUMPUNA
(q.v.) 7 FE 1887,
renamed Ca 1903

IV

14 AU 06

19 FE 31

RC

A,B,C

VIIa

1933

X

A

SANGRE GRANDE
1 NO 1891

IIb

7 NO 93

2 AP 04

S

A,B,C

"SANGRE-GRANDE"

IIIb

1 MY 04

10 NO 34

C

A,B,C

"SANGRE-GRANDE". An example recorded in London 26 SP 09

IV

20 SP 06

22 JA 36

C

A,B,C



(1)

(2)

VIIa (1) 2 JY 35

X

A,B,C

Letters compressed

VIIa (2) 15 JY 47

X

A,B,C

Letters extended

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SANGRE GRANDE (cont.)	XIIIa	3 DE 74	X		None	Day above month and year
SANGRE GRANDE DE OROPOUCHE ROAD 1 JY 61	XIIIa	1965	X		None	"S.G'de-OROPOUCHE Rd". An example recorded in London 28 NO 60
SANS SOUCI ?	IIb	13 MR 13	14 AP 27	S	A	
	VIIa	1938	29 JY 59	VS	None	
	XIIIa	16 FE 60	X		*	An example recorded in London 6 MY 59
SANTA CRUZ 14 AU 1851	IIb	14 MR 88	12 NO 24	RC	A,B,C	"SANTA-CRUZ"
	V	6 OC 26		VR	A	
	VIIb	15 OC 38	X		None	
	VIIa	1 JY 77	X		None	
SANTA FLORA 1 JU 52	X	2 AU 52	11 DE 52	R		
	VIIb	17 JA 53	16 JY 59	C	None	
	XIIIa	29 DE 59	1 NO 78	C	*	
	XIIIb	16 JY 79	X		None	
	X	1 FE 79	X			"SANTA FLORA PO"
SANTA MARIA 1 JU 76	X	1 JU 76	X			"SANT MARIA PA"
2nd CALEDONIA RD 17 OC 60	XIIIa	12 FE 62	X		None	"2nd CALEDONIA Rd". An example recorded in London 2 SP 60
S.G'de-OROPOUCHE RD - See SANGRE GRANDE DE OROPOUCHE RD						
SIMEON ROAD 16 DE 68	X	16 DE 68	4 MR 74	VS		"SIMEON ROAD PO"
	XIIIa	6 AU 70	X		*	"SIMEON ROAD P.O."

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SIPARIA 1903-04	IIIIa	8 JU 00	1936	C	A,B,C	Known in purple ink (1923). An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	VIIa	1931	X		A,B,C	
	X	7 DE 59		VR		
 (1)  (2)						
	XIIIIa (1)	31 MR 58	X		*,A	Lines 14½ mm long. An example recorded in London 25 NO 57
	XIIIIa (2)	Ca 1978	X		None	Lines 12½ mm long; letters extended
SIPARIA JUNCTION 1 MY 57 ROAD	XIIIIa	15 AP 58	17 SP 74	VS	*	"SIPARIA JUNCT R ^d "
	X	4 OC 1979	X			"SIPARIA JUNCT RD"
SISTER'S ROAD 16 DE 69	XIIIIa	16 DE 69	X		*	An example recorded in London 7 AP 66
SIXTH COMPANY 7 OC 69	X	7 OC 69	1970	VR		
	XIIIIa	1970	X		*	"SIXTH COMPANY P.O."
TAMQUITE 1 FE 1899	I	28 AU 99	20 JY 10	S	A,C	An example recorded in London 11 MY 99
	IIIIa	2 SP 07	12 OC 26	C	A,B,C,R	An example recorded in London 4 JY 07
	VIIb	1930	1970	C	A,B,C	

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TABAQUITE (cont.)



(1)

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XIIIa (1) 24 AP 71

X

None

Lines 11½ mm long; letters extended

XIIIa (2) Ca 1978

X

*

Lines 12½ mm long; letters compressed

TABLELAND
1908-09

IIIa

1909

1 MY 30

U

A, B

Va

18 MY 30

1937

R

A

VIIa

11 JU 35

X

A

XIIIa

An example recorded in London 28 FE 72;
not seen used.

TTCARIGUA
By 1900

IIIb

5 NO 23

6 DE 34

S

A

VIIb

14 FE 36

14 DE 59

C

A, B, C

XIIIa

23 DE 58

X

*

Examples recorded in London 25 NO 57
and 7 AP 66

TALPARO
?

V

14 JA 27

WR

VIIa

1936

X

B

TAMANA FOUR ROADS
5 MY 1915

VIIa

25 NO 32

X

None

TETERON BAY
?: Closed 13 DE 41

VIIc

5 NO 41

9 DE 41

R

A

TIMITAL
2 JY 51

VIIa

7 JA 53

11 JA 65

U

None

Known in blue ink (1955); in green

XIIIa

24 AU 66

X

A

Known in green ink (1966). An example
recorded in London 18 FE 66

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TOCO 14 AU 1851	IIb	1887	8 JY 01	C	A,B	
	IIIa	24 OC 07	9 MY 31	C		An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	VIIa	? MR 32	X		A,B,C	
TODDS ROAD 1903-04	IIIf	26 JY 05	20 AP 25	U	A,B,X	"TODD'S ROAD". An example recorded London 1 JU 05
	V	11 JU 35	2 MY 38		R	
	VIIb	1932	X		A,B,C	
TORTUGA 1887(?)	IIb	7 AP 87	4 MY 11	RC	A,B	
	IIIa	18 FE 13	30 DE 38	RC	A,B,C,D,N	
	VIIb	? OC 39	X		A,B,C	
TROU MACAQUE 1 SP 58	XIIIa	1 SP 58	X		*	
TUMPUNA 7 FE 1887; renamed SAN RAFAEL Ca 1903 (q.v.) Closed: ?	IIa	1 JY 90	21 JU 06	S	A,C	
TUNAPUNA 16 OC 1878	IIa	29 AP 86	25 OC 07	C	A,B,C	
	IIIa	9 AU 07	30 OC 29	C	A,B,C,G,V	An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	Va	12 FE 27	1937	VS	A	
	VIIa	11 JU 31	11 JU 59	C	A,B,C	
	X	? SP 59	25 MY 76	VS		
	XIIIa	21 JA 60	X		*,A,B	Examples recorded in London 14 SP 59, 23 MY 62 and 28 FE 72

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UNIVERSITY P.O. 3 AU 66	IIa	28 AU 66	X		A	
UPPER BELMONT VALLEY 1 AU 57 ROAD	X	27 SP 57	17 JY 58	VS		
	XIIa	1959	X		*	"UPPER BELMONT VALLEY Rd". May have year missing. An example recorded in London 30 JY 58
UPPER GUAICO 1 MY 1902	IIb	3 MR 14	1933	S	A	
	VIb	7 OC 39	X		A	
UPPER SANTA CRUZ 1908	IIb	11 MY 09	6 JY 37	R	C	Examples recorded in London 6 OC 08 and 29 JU 09
	VIIa	22 JA 40	X		A	
VALENCIA ?; Closed 2 NO 71 Reopened: ?	VIIa	2 DE 35	1959	S	A,B,C	
	XIIa	4 JA 60	26 AU 78	RC	*	An example recorded in London 25 NO 57
	XIIa	Ca 1978	X		*	"VALENCIA POSTAL AGENCY"
VALSAYN 5 DE 77	X	5 DE 77	X			"VALSAYN PO"
	XIIa	5 DE 77	X		*	"VALSAYN P.O.". An example recorded in London 10 SP 70
	XIIa	3 JA 80	X			"VALSAYN POST OFFICE"
VANCE RIVER 1 DE 61	XIIa	1963	X		None	An example recorded in London 18 SP 61
VEGA DE OROPOUCHE ?	XIIa	4 JY 56	10 DE 64	VS	None	"VEGA D'ORPOUCHE"
	X	28 OC 65	X			"TRINIDAD" missing.
WILLIAMSVILLE 2 JU 1886	IIa	7 AP 87	8 JU 07	U	A,B,C	
	IIIa	8 OC 07	3 MY 32	C	A,B,C,O, P,Y	An example recorded in London 6 JU 07

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WILLIAMSVILLE (cont.)	V	18 JA 30		VR		
	VIIfb	2 MR 31	20 FE 76	C	A,B,C	
	X	16 NO 78	X			
WOODBROOK ?	IIa	1887	2 NO 05	C	A,B,C	
	IIIa	5 JY 06	3 MY 32	C	A,B	
	Vb	6 FE 26	26 MY 30	VS	A,C	
	VIIa	13 MY 32	X		A,B,C,D	
	XIIIa	1959	X		A	Examples recorded in London 28 NO 60 2 JU 65 and 6 AP 66

TOBAGO TOWN CANCELS

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BELLE GARDEN ?	XII	12 MR 46	X		A,B	
BETHEL ?	VIIb	15 NO 38	X		A,B,C	
BLACK ROCK 1 JY 52	VIIa	6 AP 53	X		None	
BLOODY BAY 1 NO 72	X	10 SP 73	30 NO 73	VS	*	
	XIIIIa	25 NO 75	X			
BON ACCORD 1 OC 64	X	1 OC 64		R		
	XIIIIa	26 OC 66	X		*	
BUCCO POINT 1 JY 52	XIIIIa	24 AU 54	10 MR 65	VS	*	"P.O.BUCCOO POINT"
	XIIIIa	23 MR 70	X		*	"BUCCO POINT". An example recorded in London 30 JY 58
CANAAN ?	VIIa	22 MR 43	X		A,B	
CARNBEE 8 JU 55	X	7 DE 55	28 DE 57	S		Date in two lines; year in full ("1957")
	XIIIIa	7 AU 58	X		*	
CASTARA ?	IIIa	17 AU 04		VR	A	An example recorded in London 12 NO 02
	VIIa	16 AP 48	X		A,B	
CHARLOTTEVILLE ?	VIIa	26 MR 41	23 SP 67	A,B		
	XIIIIa	8 MR 70	X		None	

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DELAFFORD ?	VIIa	13 OC 38	X		A,B	
DES VIGNES ROAD 1 FE 61	XIIIa	10 JU 69	X		None	An example recorded in London 2 SP 60
GLAMORGAN 1 NO 72	X	26 JU 73	8 DE 73	VS		
	XIIIa	25 FE 75	X		*	
GOLDEN LANE 1 JY 52	VIIb	5 MR 56	X		None	
GOODWOOD ?	VIIa	18 JA 47	X		B	
HOPE 1 MR 46	IX	19 DE 51	X		A	
	X	Ca 1978	X			
JOHN DIAL 2 DE 72	X	29 NO 73	28 JA 74	VS		
	XIIIa	22 MR 75	X		*	
LAMBEAU ?	VIIa	13 MY 43	X		A	
L'ANSE FOURMI 1 JU 70	X	1 JU 70	X			
LES COTEAUX ?	VIIa	11 FE 41	X		A,B	
MASON HALL ?	VIIa	? MY 43	X		A,B	
MORIAH 1 JA 1897	Va	21 FE 29	24 SP 35	R	B	
	VIIb	? OC 46	24 JA 67	C	A,B	
	XIIIa	9 MY 70	X		None	

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MOUNT GRACE ?	VIIa	12 FE 40	14 OC 74	U	A,B	
Closed: (?)	X	19 MR 76	1 AP 76	VS		"MT GRACE PA"
MT PLEASANT ?	VIIa	29 MY 47	X		A,B	
MOUNT ST. GEORGE ?	VIIa	4 AP 46	X		A	
PARLATUVIER ?	VIIa	7 AP 46	X		A,B,C	
PATIENCE HILL 1 MR 46	IX	6 AP 48	X		A	
PEMBROKE ?	VIIa	23 MR 40	10 JA 72	C	A,B	
	XIIIa	29 NO 74	X		*	"PEMBROKE P.O."
PLYMOUTH ?	VIIa	12 OC 40	X		A,B	
ROXBOROUGH 18 MY 00	I	15 JA 01	24 JY 07	U	A,B,C	"ROXBORO". An example recorded in London 28 SP 00
	IIIa	2 JA 08	23 DE 35	C	A,C, K,J,M,S, U,X,Z	An example recorded in London 4 JU 07
	VIIa	17 SP 40	X		A,B	
	X	18 MR 70	X			
SCARBOROUGH ?	IIIa	2 JY 08	24 DE 35	C	A,B,C,D,E, F,G,H,I,J, K,L,M,N,O, P,Q,S,T,U, V,W,X,Y,Z	Examples recorded in London 4 JU 07 and 6 OC 08
	V					Reported to exist

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SCARBOROUGH (cont.)							
							
			(1)	(2)	(3)		
	VIIc (1)	18 OC 32	13 NO 51	C	A,B,C		
	VIId (2)	20 JA 40	9 MR 68	C	A,B,C		
	VIIa (3)	8 AP 39	X		A,B,C		
	XIIIa	15 MY 70	4 JA 77	C	A,B	"SCARBOROUGH P.O."	
	XIIIa	24 SP 60	X		*	Lines 13½ mm long	
	XIIIa	17 JU 69	X		*	Lines 10 mm long	
	XIIIa	2 OC 71	X		A,B	Lines 12½ mm long	
SIGNAL HILL 1 JY 74	XIIIa	15 OC 75	X		*		
SPEYSIDE ?	II						An example recorded in London 12 NO 02. Not known used
	TRD	Ca 1934			VR		Known to exist
	VIIa	25 AU 34	X			A,D	
WITM 14 MR 66	X	10 MY 66	22 JU 66	VS			
	XIIIa	26 JA 70	X		*		An example recorded in London 3 JA 66

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TYPE I:



This type varies in diameter from 20 1/2 to 24 1/2 mm; the most common diameter being 22mm. Type I is easily distinguished from all other types by the absence of the word TRINIDAD or TOBAGO at the bottom of the circle. Usually the index letter is closer to the town name than to the date.

TYPE II:



Type IIa



Type IIb

There are two major subtypes of type II. Each of these may vary in diameter, but the characteristics of the lettering persist. In type IIa the lettering is 3 mm high and in type IIb it is 2 1/2 mm high. The principal characteristic of type II is that the day and month are close together, the spacing between the two being not more than 2 mm.

TYPE III:



Type IIIa



Type IIIb

There are also two major subtypes of type III and the differences are the same as in type II. The major characteristic of type III is the extended spacing between the day and the month, which may vary from 3 to 7 mm. In the narrowly spaced type III it may be difficult to differentiate this cancel from type II without direct comparison with a known type II from that town. One possible explanation for the widely varying spacing in the upper date line of the type III cancel is the following: In both type II and type III cancelers a slot is cut to receive loose type or slugs for the day and month. In the case of type II, the slot is short and can accommodate only the two letters of the day and the two letter month slug. When only one figure for the day is used, a slug or "quad" must be inserted to make the type assembly tight. In the type III cancel, the slot is considerably longer, and one or more quads are inserted at all times. If all the quads are placed between the figures for the day and the slug for the month, wide spacing is produced, but if some are placed to the right or left ends of the slot, narrow spacing results. All sorts of intermediate spacings can be produced by combinations of quads in the center and to the right and left. We have not attempted to base our subtypings on this spacing alone since it is too variable and depends upon the whim of the postal clerk. Another difference which has not been included in our subtyping is the use of narrow or compressed letters for long town names, such as Blanchissuise. This may make a considerable difference in the appearance of the cancel, but the major characteristics, i.e. letter height, are preserved. It should also be

noted that the figures of the day may precede or follow the month. Again, this is done at the election of the clerk and cannot be used as a basis for classification.

TYPE IV:

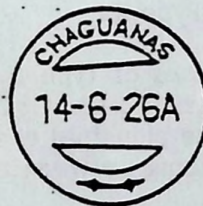


This type consists of two concentric circles between which is the town name and TRINIDAD. Between the town name and TRINIDAD is a heavy black curved line on each side. The length of this line varies with the length of the town name. This is a variety of the so-called Birmingham cancel and differs from type XIII only in the thickness of the curved lines within the circle. This cancel did not have wide use in Trinidad and was not used at all in Tobago, whereas it had extensive use in England and other colonies such as Jamaica.

TYPE V:



Type Va



Type Vb

This is a double circle cancel, but the inner circle is interrupted to accommodate the date which stretches in one line across the diameter of the cancel. The arcs of the inner circle are connected by chords. The date appears entirely in numerals: Day, month and year. An index letter usually follows the year numeral. Two types exist: One with the TRINIDAD or TOBAGO at the bottom, the other with an ornamental design at the bottom as illustrated in type Vb. This is amongst the rarest of Trinidad cancels. The ERDs and LRDs for this type cancel from many towns are quite incomplete.

TYPE VI:



Type VIa



Type VIb

Resembling type V, type VI has a complete inner circle and a series of horizontal lines fill the center space above and below the date. The date is in the same format as in type V, except there is no index letter. This is also an uncommon cancel and was not used in many towns. Type Vb is distinguished from type Va by the absence of the word TRINIDAD at the bottom and its replacement by a curved line.

TYPE VII:



Type VIIa



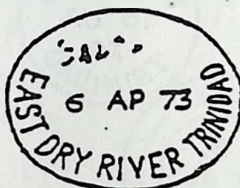
Type VIIb



Type VIIc

Type VII is one of the most common cancels in both Trinidad and Tobago. There are three major subtypes which differ primarily in letter height and spacing. Type VII was introduced in the early '30s and is still in use in a number of towns. It is characterized by having the town name in an arc just beneath the upper part of the enclosing circle; the designation TRINIDAD or TROBAGO lies just inside the bottom of the circle. The date appears as a straight line across the center of the cancel. An index letter may or may not appear at the right hand end of the date line. The index letters are frequently omitted and a black rectangle may appear at the end of the year designation. This is shown in the illustration of type VIIb, but is not confined to this subtype. The three subtypes differ in the height of the letters: VIIa has 3 1/2 mm letters, VIIb 4 mm letters, and VIIc, 3 mm letters. Furthermore, in type VIIc, the letters are rounder and more spread out.

TYPE VIII:



This cancel was originally a registration mark. The word REGISTRATION has been chiseled away underneath the top part of the oval and in a few cases remnants of it can still be seen. Only a few towns have used this cancel and thus it is not particularly common.

TYPE IX:



This handstamp resembles type VII but the diameter is 29-30 mm and the letters are 4-5 mm high. As with type VII, an index letter may follow the date, but it also may be absent. This is another cancel that has not been widely used.

TYPE X:



This is the only cancel not prepared in London. It consists of a large circle in which are a number of slots into which type may be inserted. It is used in much the same manner as a TRD, but is termed a "skeleton" cancel. Its main use is in a new Post Office as a temporary cancel until a definitive one is received, however it may be used long after the regular cancel has been put into use. Because all the letters and numbers are set by hand, as needed, there is considerable variation in format, particularly of the date. Often the year is completely omitted. This type of cancel has been used also for special events such as the Centenary of San Fernando and the Philatelic Exhibition at Whitehall.

TYPE XI:



This small cancel resembles type III but is not known with an index letter. It is used by relatively few towns, but although in some it has been used for a great many years.

TYPE XII:



This closely resembles the widely used type XIII, except it has no lines between the town name and TRINIDAD. The letters are larger, measuring 4 mm in height. The date appears as a single line as in types VII and IX. This is another cancel that has had very limited usage.

TYPE XIII:



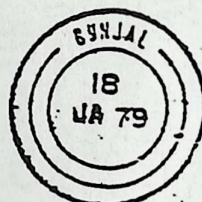
Type XIIIa



Type XIIIb

Although only two subtypes are shown, there are numerous small variations in this type of handstamp. Rather than confuse matters by introducing a multiplicity of subtypes, we have elected to illustrate the variations as they occur. These will be shown in the listing under the town in which they are found. This cancel is as widely used as was type VII. It is the current cancel in a majority of Post Towns. Although index letters are found in type XIII cancels, the most common marking is an * or no mark at all. The index letter and asterick are fixed so that a town might have three cancels, one with an index letter, one with an *, and one with no letter. These are usually assigned to different clerks. We have noted this when the information is available.

TYPE XIV:



Showing two formats for expressing dates

This cancel is new. It appears in the list of impressions of current handstamps supplied by the Postmaster General of Trinidad. We have seen one or two covers with this type cancel, so deduce that it is in regular use by at least a few Post Offices. Resembling the type XIIIb cancel, it lacks the word TRINIDAD at the bottom and the spacing line fills the vacated space.

LISTINGS OF POST TOWNS AND CANCELS

The following tabulation lists each Post Town in Trinidad and Tobago alphabetically. Under each town is a tabulation of the cancels known to be used there. For each cancel we have listed the ERD and LRD, the rarity factor, the index letters used, and any comments regarding the particular cancel.

We have not included the numeral cancels which are well dealt with by Marriott. (1).

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