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Updates

Guyana National Archives Crisis

There has been little news as to what is actually happening to the Guyana National Archives. Do they have a new building yet?

The last known mention about moving the archives was a June 19th article in Stabroek News. "At a press conference he hosted at the Office of the President last week, Jagdeo said "there is no Cabinet position to move now. Only upon completion of the National Archives, then we would make one move into the new building. It is long overdue. That is happening now."

As yet, there has been no response from our letter offering assistance written to Sister Mary Noel. She is on her year sabbatical and is most likely working in southern Guyana with the Amerindians.

State of the Le Repentir Cemetery

The letter written to Stabroek News in early June seems to have had some effect, as the newspaper reports that on August 17th that they witnessed a team cutting grass and "de-bushing" the cemetery. The Mayor and City Council plan to invite family members to help paint and repair if necessary the tombs of their loved ones.



The building on Main Street where the National Archives has been housed in recent years has been sold and is to be demolished.

Website

As you all know by now, we have been granted space by Rootsweb for our site. Work is continuing on some pages and content updated. Jon is working on six pages which comprise the "Land of Six Peoples" section, recently completing the page for Chinese Guyanese.

We continue to reserve space for photographs and still have none to display, as we must rely on submissions that are either not copyrighted or copyright permission is granted.

Members feel that the website is a wonderful asset to them and is valued as a genealogy-based Guyana presence on the web. Please feel free to submit information on your family. We would also appreciate any suggestions for content we have missed.

Everyone should feel free to post a query about the surnames you are researching on the site's Bulletin Board where it will reach many visitors. This increases your chance of your post being read by someone with knowledge of your family!

As always, we would remind members that this website is yours - and your participation is welcomed. You may submit an article about your family or photos. Many genealogists have discovered long lost relatives by seeing something posted on the web -- and it could be you! Also, we can all learn from each other so your research experiences are also welcome!

Sources

If your family was in Guyana between the years of 1864 to 1896, it is possible that family birth, death and social notices may have been published in either the Daily Chronicle (1864 - 1880) or Argosy (1882-1896) newspapers. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has the indexes and transcriptions for both newspapers written by Inge Veacock. You can visit the library site at <http://www.familysearch.org> and request a copy (cost is minimal).

Who do you think you are?

This is the title of a wonderful article published in Stabroek News on April 4, 2005. (<http://www.stabroeknews.com/index.pl/article?id=15586564>). This is the family history of John Mair, TV programme maker and journalist as researched by his sister Lisi Ann Seir.

It is interesting reading and the article states that Lisi traveled to Guyana and did research in the National Archives, the National Library and at St. Andrews Presbytery. Does this mean that it IS possible for those of us who can travel to Guyana to gain access to the records?