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All Saints Cathedral School – STT

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Antilles School – STT

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Arthur A. Richards Junior High School – STX



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Charles H. Emanuel Elementary School – STX

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AUGUST 1st:

2008:

The Daily News announced the National Service's Buck Island Reef National Monument and the biography branch of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's Center for coastal monitoring and assessment produced a video that showed how both agencies and other partners worked together for the management of marine resources inside the monument and their impact on marine resources outside the monument. Buck Island is the one of the first fully protected marine areas in the National Park System and one of the finest marine gardens in the Caribbean.



Courtesy of

Text: The Virgin Islands Daily News, August 1, 2008, page 9

Picture: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g147400-Activities-U_S_Virgin_Islands.html

AUGUST 2nd:

2012:

The US Senate Finance Committee passed the VI Rum Tax Extension. The measure keeps rum tax revenues at the \$13.25 per proof gallon rate.



Courtesy of

Text: <http://virginislandsdailynews.com/news/2012-in-review>

Picture: <http://www.longisland.com/news/04-04-14/schumer-tax-credit-start-ups.html>

AUGUST 3rd:

2009:

The Associated Press Managing Editors organization announced The Virgin Islands Daily News won a third straight in a row National Public Service Award. The award, which was the sixth APME top honor for The Daily News, was for the investigative report by Joy Blackburn and Tim Fields that exposed the life-threatening corruption at Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute and Schneider Regional Medical Center on St. Thomas.



Courtesy of

Text: The Avis, August 13, 2008, page 4

Picture: <http://ajgpr.com/parenting/virgin-islands-daily-news-reviews-dr-shapiros-new-book-take-a-deep-breath/>

AUGUST 4th:

1918:

Docena Delphine Richards Smith was born on St. Thomas. In earlier years, she worked at AH Riise Soda Fountain. She was later hired by the VI Department of Education as a provisional substitute kindergarten teacher and promoted to an elementary school teacher and then principal. She was named as a Cooperating Teacher in the newly-instituted teacher-training program between New York University and the Virgin Islands in 1967. For her exemplary work, she was chosen twice as Teacher of the Year.



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AUGUST 5th:

2003:

Governor Charles W. Turnbull signed a provision into law. It effectively killed the 2 cents per round import tax.



Courtesy of

Text: Virgin Islands Daily News, Thursday, January 8, 2004, page 4

Picture: http://barnako.typepad.com/news_of_st_john_usvi/business/

AUGUST 6th:

1755:

Christian Lebrecht Baron von Prock began serving as Governor General of the Danish West Indies. He was the first governor named after the Danish West India Company sold the islands to the Danish Government in 1754.



Courtesy of

Text: Today in Virgin Island History

Picture: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danish_colonial_empire

AUGUST 7th:

1935:

Percival ‘Percy’ Taylor, Sr. was born in Monsterrat. As an invaluable resident of St. Thomas, he has worked in the hospitality industry, as well as a bartender, waiter, and cook. He co-owned a restaurant and nightclub named The Royal Palm. He co-organized the first ever Brass-O’Rama in 1968 and St. Thomas’ first Jouvert in 1969. He is the owner of Percy’s Bus Stop.



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Text: <http://www.vicarnival.com/#!/untitled/zoom/cwu/image1ukn>

Picture: <http://virginislandsdailynews.com/news/2014-carnival-village-honors-j-ouvert-pioneers-1.1675679/image-gallery-for-2014-carnival-village-honors-j-ouvert-pioneers-7.503132>

AUGUST 8th:

1931:

Maude Winifred Lloyd was born in Anguilla. As a resident of St. Thomas, she owned and operated a baby sitting service in the area of First Avenue. She dedicatedly cared and nurtured many to become productive citizens of our community.



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AUGUST 9th:

1916:

In spite of efforts to keep negotiations secret, the media learned of talks between Denmark and the United States for the sale of the Danish West Indies. The story ran internationally with the Mercury Newspaper in Hobart, Australia reporting of opposition to the sale.



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Text: Today in VI History

Picture: <http://sandstormscholar.com/tag/alpine-energy-group/#sthash.UcEgilSf.dpbs>

AUGUST 10th:

2009:

The Virgin Islands government and Alpine Energy Group entered into a historic agreement to construct two alternative power plants. With one on St. Croix and another in St. Thomas, it would reduce the territory's dependence on oil, lower energy cost for consumers, and solve the territory's mounting water problems.



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Text: The Avis, August 13, 2008, page 4

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AUGUST 11th:

1946:

After declaring only 20% Democracy in the Virgin Islands, Governor Hastie urged the people of the Virgin Islands to take a fuller participation in their government.



Courtesy of

Text: The Avis, August 13, 2008, page 4

Picture: <http://stevedeace.com/news/tyranny-democracy/>

AUGUST 12th:

2008:

Innovative Telephone donated \$75,000.00 to the Boys and Girls Club during a press conference held at the Christiansted Boys and Girls Club. Donations are made on an annual basis by Innovative to the Club.



Courtesy of

Text: The Avis, August 13, 2008, page 4

Picture: <http://stcroixsource.com/content/news/local-news/2012/06/15/boys-and-girls-club-gets-new-clubhouse-water>

AUGUST 13th:

1804:

Peter von Scholten, son of Governor of St. Thomas and St. John Captain Casimir von Scholten, arrived on St. Thomas. He later became the Governor General in 1827 until 1848. He was known for his sympathetic leanings toward the black population.



Courtesy of

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Picture: http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/e9/Peter_von_Scholten.jpg

AUGUST 14th:

2003:

District Court Judge Thomas Moore lifted a ban on Virgin Islands property tax collections. This cleared the way for the government to collect millions in revenue.



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Text: Virgin Islands Daily News, Thursday, January 8, 2004, page 4

Picture: <http://public.usvi.cavucorp.com/>

AUGUST 15th:

1938:

Myrtle P. Duncan was born on St. Thomas. As an athlete she was a member of the Paradise Social Club and played with teams such as St. John Women's Team and Clippers. After graduation she worked at Ezra Gomez Accounting Office and then the VI Thermometer Factory. With the Government of the Virgin Islands, she gave her talents and skills as a Payroll Audit Technician III with the Payroll Section at the Department of Finance.

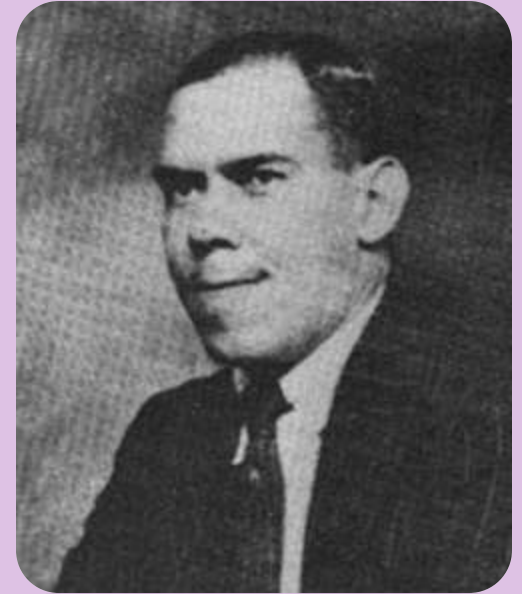


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AUGUST 16th:

1953:

Famous author and composer Jose Patricio Gimenez (Patrick Joseph Gimenez) passed away in St. Thomas.



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AUGUST 17th:

1921:

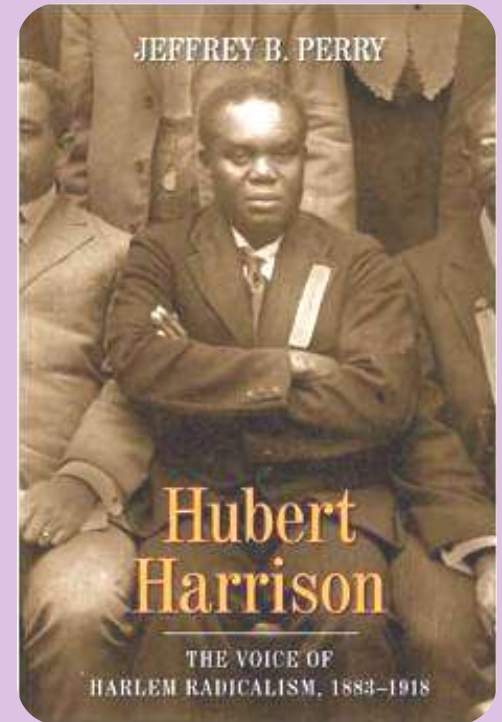
Mary Riley was born on Monsterrat. After migrating to St. Thomas, she was employed at Lucinda Millin Home for the Elderly and the old St. Thomas / St. John Territorial Court. She was the recipient of exceptional attendance awards by presiding Judge Verne A. Hodge in 1983 and 1984. Her culinary skills aided her to bake a variety of cakes, wedding and black cakes.



AUGUST 18th:

2009:

The Daily News announced that independent New York author and historian Jeffrey Perry published the first volume of a two part biography of Crucian born, Hubert Harrison. The book was entitled Hubert Harrison: The Voice of Harlem Radicalism, 1883-1918.



Courtesy of

Text: Virgin Islands Daily News, Thursday, August 18, 2009, page 18

Picture: <https://vilitfest.wordpress.com/2015/01/25/shining-the-spotlight-on-hubert-harrison-vilitfest-hubertharrison/>

AUGUST 19th:

1919:

David Austin Donovan, Sr .was born on St. Thomas. As a young carpentry apprentice he worked under established craftsman Mr. Codrington. With great pride he was a diver of conch and whelks. As a veteran of World War II, he served in the famous 873rd Transportation Company D, 14th Infantry, which comprised only of Virgin Islanders. He also worked at the Virgin Islands Hilton Hotel and US Post Office.



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AUGUST 20th:

2003:

The VI Port Authority cancelled airlines landing fee increases implemented in February. This was in an effort to encourage more flights to the territory.



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Text: Virgin Islands Daily News, Thursday, January 8, 2004, page 4

Picture: <http://www.allenburkefoundation.com/sponsors.html>

AUGUST 21st:

2003:

The PFA approved a \$100 million bridge loan to the government to enable vendor payments and issuance of income tax refund.



Courtesy of

Text: Virgin Islands Daily News, Thursday, January 8, 2004, page 4

Picture: <https://eugenearttalk.com/2014/10/lets-win-this-1-million-grant-for-public-art-in-eugene/>

AUGUST 22nd:

2001:

Tropic Storm Dean paid a brief visit to the Virgin Islands. It brought strong winds and heavy rains, which caused occasional power outages.



Courtesy of

Text: The Avis, August 28, 2008, page 1

Picture: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropical_Storm_Dean_\(2001\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropical_Storm_Dean_(2001))

AUGUST 23rd:

1622:

Isaac Coymans, one of the founders of the Danish West India Guinea Company, was born in the Netherlands. He was an accountant and chief merchant.



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Text: Today in VI History

Picture: <http://www.virgin-islands-history.org/en/timeline/the-danish-west-india-company-is-established/>

AUGUST 24th:

1826:

Danish painter Fritz Melbye was born in Elsinore, Denmark. He was instrumental in convincing native Virgin Islander Camille Pissaro to leave his father's business and become a full-time artist.



Courtesy of

Text: Today in VI History

Picture: http://www.paintingmania.com/portrait-painter-fritz-melbye-1826-69-55_28572.html

AUGUST 25th:

1908:

William Hodge was born on Tortola, BVI. In his formative years, he burned coal, planted vegetables, and tended cattle, as well as the village bonesetter. After relocating to the St. Thomas, he worked with the Department of Finance, Department of Education, and Queen Louise Home for the Aged.



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AUGUST 26th:

1955:

Georgia Gale Howell-Gottlieb was born in Tortola, BVI. In her teen years, she worked as a radio broadcaster at WSTA. At the VI Youth Development Program, she rose from secretary to Acting Director. As an invaluable employee with the US Department of Interior's National Park Service at the VI National Park, she rose from the ranks of Personal Assistant to Administrative Officer and then Program Analyst in the Superintendent's Office.



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AUGUST 27th:

2008:

After a hectic day of negotiations, the American Federation of Teachers and the Virgin Islands Government agreed on a tentative four year contract agreement. The value of the agreement was about \$25 million.



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Text: The Avis, August 28, 2008, page 1

Picture: <http://www.broadcastnewsresource.com/news/Rewrite-Education-Law-AFT>

AUGUST 28th:

1833:

The British Act of Parliament abolished slavery in all British Colonies, effective August 1, 1834. The act ended slavery in three stages: emancipation first for those under age six and all other enslaved were considered apprentices, with apprenticeships ending in 1834 and 1840.



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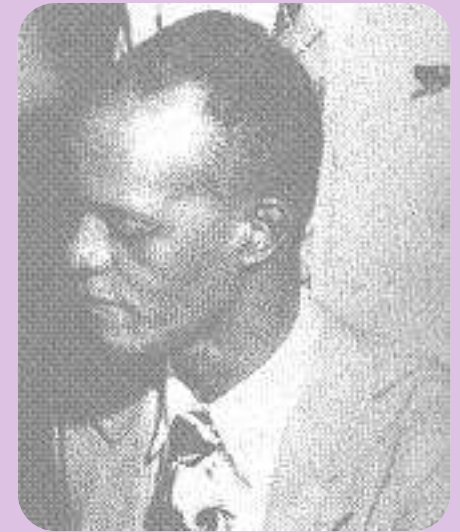
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AUGUST 29th:

1955:

Tailor, legislator, Savanero, and champion of the underprivileged Oswald Emanuel Harris died. He was one of the founders of St. Thomas' first political party, The Progressive Guide, and served as its treasurer. One of St. Thomas' public housing communities is named in his honor.



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Picture: http://www.angelfire.com/linux/handof_justice/page5.html

AUGUST 30th:

1680:

The Danish West India Company changed its name and became known as the Danish West India-Guinea Company. The name change reflected the company's interest and expansion into the slave trade.



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Text: Today in VI History

Picture: <http://www.hubert-herald.nl/VirginIsIs.htm>

AUGUST 31st:

2003:

After a winning streak at 19, Hezacateye beat Actspectation in a horse race at Clinton E. Phipps Racetrack on St. Thomas.



Courtesy of

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