



SEPTEMBER 2015 HISTORICAL CULTURAL CALENDAR

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Claude O. Markoe Elementary School - STX

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SEPTEMBER 1ST:

1936:

Iris C. Henry was born in Antigua. After relocating to St. Thomas, most of her gainful employment was in the hospitality industry. She worked at Island Laundries, Island Beachcomber, and Sapphire Condominiums. Undoubtedly, she was one of the most caring diligent dedicated employees.



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SEPTEMBER 2ND:

1904:

Despite the great decrease in population on St. John in the early 20th century (In 1901 the inhabitants numbered 925), the Lutheran work took on new life as a Sunday school, which was organized at Cruz Bay.



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SEPTEMBER 3RD:

1889:

Tropical System with 105mph winds from the Southeast pummeled St. Thomas.



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Picture: <http://gayletabor.com/archives/tag/wilmington-nc/>

SEPTEMBER 4TH:

1998:

The Virgin Islands Port Authority held the dedication ceremony for the Gordon A. Finch Molasses Pier, which is located at Krause Lagoon, South Shore in St. Croix.



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SEPTEMBER 5TH:

2004:

U.S. Virgin Islands News announced that J.U.B. King and Associates of St. Thomas was awarded a \$205,900.00 contract to install more attractive security fencing at the ferry docks at Red Hook and Cruz Bay. The fencing in Cruz Bay was made of slim, silver 6-foot high vertical bars, with horizontal bars in a darker trim. This measure was part of security precautions required by Homeland Security.



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SEPTEMBER 6TH:

1972:

Eight people were killed and four injured during an afternoon shooting spree at St. Croix's Fountain Valley Golf Club. Referenced as the Fountain Valley Massacre, individuals (called Fountain Valley Five) were captured and found guilty.



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Picture: <https://kihm2.wordpress.com/2012/10/13/golf-postcards-part-4/>

SEPTEMBER 7TH:

1835:

An investigation by Governor Peter von Scholten uncovered a conspiracy among infantry men of the First Company garrisoned in Christiansted. The men planned to use a Government Gala to take military leaders, government administrators, and the wealthy socialites hostage and lock them in the fort's prison. Then they would seize the treasury and sail the ship to North America, where they would divide the treasury.



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

SEPTEMBER 8TH:

1908:

Anesta Caroline Lewis was born in Brewers Bay, Tortola, BVI. She baked sweetbreads, tarts, cakes and 2cents bread back in her early years. As a resident of St. Thomas, she was best known for her entrepreneurship in Anesta's Nest, which was voted #1 in the Daily News. She baked and made local delicacies, such as paté, dumbbread, sugar cakes, and maubi.



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SEPTEMBER 9TH:

1917:

Utah Maria Titley-Pickering was born. She was a domestic worker at the Enid Baa Library and Lockhart Elementary School. As a culture bearer, she enjoyed cooking and baking. Her special local dishes and deserts included red peas soup, sweetbread, stew mango and guavaberry. She made flower arrangements from nylon stockings and construction paper.



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SEPTEMBER 10TH:

1964:

Miguel S. Farrington, Jr. was born on St. Thomas. He served his country as a soldier in the US Army. His love of photography evolved when he secured employment at Blazing Photos. However becoming a Deputy Territorial Court Marshal was his niche.



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SEPTEMBER 11TH:

1900:

Reknown author and physician Jacob Mendes da Costa passed away in Villanova, Pennsylvania at age 67. A Sephardic Jew born on St. Thomas, he pursued a medical career and authored at least five books. His most noted, Medical Diagnosis, went through nine editions and was translated into several languages.



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Picture: <http://www.geni.com/people/Jacob-Mendes-da-Costa/6000000019418600064>

SEPTEMBER 12TH:

1972:

After thirty-three appointed delegates of the second Constitutional Convention chaired by Earle B. Ottley stressed a bill of rights and improved federal relations and their plan offered proposals for the reorganization of all three branches of government, a document was reported in the news as receiving unanimous approval of the 24 present delegates.



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Text: <http://stcroixsource.com/content/community/data/2003/05/19/vi-constitutional-conventions-background>

Picture: <http://stjohnsource.com/content/news/local-news/2008/02/21/black-history-spotlight-earle-b-ottley>

SEPTEMBER 13TH:

1694:

Johan Lorensen began his second term as governor of St. Thomas. He replaced Governor Francis Delavigne, who had replaced him two years earlier. He served a total of eleven years with his second lasting eight years.



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SEPTEMBER 14TH:

1751:

The frigate, Sorgenfrey, captained by Peder Crog Collin was lost along the Coast of Norway. Full of cargo and just completing a run from Guinea to St. Thomas, it was homeward bound for Denmark.



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SEPTEMBER 15TH:

1959:

Sheila Christian Middleton Acoy was born in Farokaway Queens, NY. As a resident of St. Croix, she joined the Virgin Islands Police Academy and moved through the ranks of Police Officer to Corporal. She was responsible for the operations of DARE and Crime Prevention Units programs.



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SEPTEMBER 16TH:

2013:

The official grand opening of the first Walgreens store in the Virgin Islands was held. It was a fanfare event with a parade and ribbon-cutting ceremony proceeding the opening of the doors.



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Text: The Virgin Islands Daily News, September 16, 2013, page 8

Picture: <http://virginislandsdailynews.com/news/walgreens-opens-saturday-morning-1.1550125>

SEPTEMBER 17TH:

1989:

Massive destructive Hurricane Hugo hit the Virgin Islands. It left billions of dollars in damages to the territory and about 90% of all buildings were destroyed on St. Croix. It was the first major hurricane in more than sixty years to directly hit the territory.



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SEPTEMBER 18TH:

1844:

The cornerstone for St. Thomas' Reform Church, previously known as the Dutch Reformed Church, was laid. Founded in 1660, it is one of the oldest congregations in the Virgin Islands.



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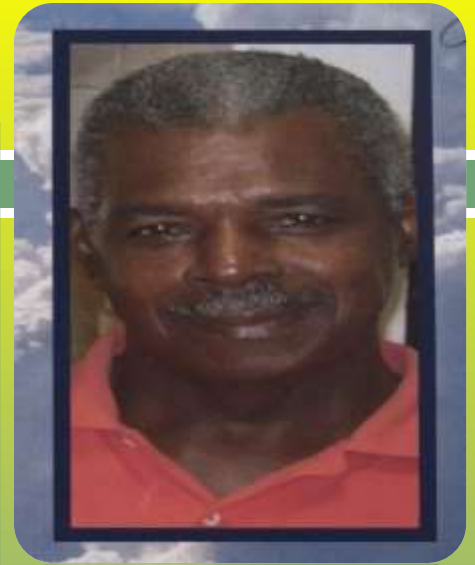
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SEPTEMBER 19TH:

1944:

Elcon Ashley Joseph was born. As he excelled in track and field and baseball, he was offered a minor league contract by the Milwaukee Braves while in high school. While drafted in the US Army, he served in Vietnam, attained the rank of Sergeant E-5, and received many awards - National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and The Army Commendation Medal. He worked at the Department of Finance, in the private sector as controller for several businesses, and the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority.



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SEPTEMBER 20TH:

1680:

Jorge Iversen Dyppel, Governor of St. Thomas' first permanent settlement, left the island to return to Denmark after resigning from office. He was re-appointed governor, but was killed in a mutiny on the voyage returning to the island.



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SEPTEMBER 21ST:

1774:

Nicolai Severin Hjardemaal was born in Denmark. He learned business before moving to the Danish West Indies in 1800. He first lived in St. Croix and then St. Thomas. After opening a tavern, he formed a retail partnership, The Merchant House of Hjardemaal and Anderson. They became Charlotte Amalie's leading Danish merchants. They also purchased America Hill Plantation (now Cinnamon Bay Plantation) on St. John.



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Picture: <http://stjohnhistoricalsociety.org/vol-x-no-7-april-2010-merchant-n-s-hjardemaal-of-cinnamon-bay-st-john-by-david-knight-with-annotation-by-eleanor-gibney/>

SEPTEMBER 22ND:

1934:

Viola T. LaFong was born. The Thermometer Factory, Department of Recreation, and Catholic School were the recipient of her tireless hard hours. Later she was employed at the Bureau of Corrections and retired as Acting Assistant Warden. As an avid sports enthusiast, she played tennis and softball.



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SEPTEMBER 23RD:

1917:

Audrey E. Rosetta was born in Antigua. After migrating to St. Thomas, she was employed at Department of Health as a Community Health Aide. During her tenure, she received numerous commendations and awards for her excellent service. With her deep love for humanity, she volunteered as a foster grandmother.



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SEPTEMBER 24TH:

2011:

Alpine Energy Group withdrew its Coastal Zone Management permit on a waste-to-energy plant, in order to retool its agreement with the V.I. Water and Power Authority to no longer use any petroleum coke as stated in the proposed plan.



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Picture: <http://virginislandsdailynews.com/news/alpine-scraps-plan-for-st-thomas-plant-1.741175>

SEPTEMBER 25TH:

1954:

Candis H. Wiggley Acosta was born on St. Thomas. Athletic by nature, she played many sports. She was employed as a teacher's aide at the Commandment Gade School, records clerk at Knudsen Hansen Memorial Hospital and a dental assistant. With a love for her culture, she played mass with the Traditional Indians Carnival Troupe.



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SEPTEMBER 26TH:

1839:

Queen Victoria of Great Britain issued a charter for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. They transported mail from Great Britain to the West Indies, and North and South America. From 1841 through 1885, St. Thomas was retained as the rendezvous point for royal mail steam packet vessels throughout the Caribbean.



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SEPTEMBER 27TH:

1961:

Jed Anthony Daley was born in St. Thomas. He was an avid sports fan, who played basketball, football, and tennis. Shortly after serving as a soldier in the US Army, he began his 20 year career as a Correctional Officer at the Department of Justice.



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SEPTEMBER 28TH:

1979:

The All Saints Cathedral honored Bertha C. Boschulte for her exemplary service to the people of the Virgin Islands. The event took place at the Tradewinds Center at Sapphire Beach.



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SEPTEMBER 29TH:

1994:

Environmental Protection Agency, Island Chemical Company and Berlex Laboratories, Inc. entered into an Administrative Order on Consent. The Order required Berlex and Island Chemical Company to conduct a remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) for the site. The Island Chemical/Virgin Island Chemical (site) is a 3.5-acre facility located in the southwest portion of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.



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SEPTEMBER 30TH:

2012:

The Virgin Islands National Guard added the 1/114th Aviation Detachment, a new rotary wing medical evacuation unit with enhanced capabilities to support disaster response.



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