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The reading room is open weekdays from 8:45 a.m. to 5 pm. Closed on Public Holidays



Left - BERMUDA NEWS BUREAU COLLECTION, OCTOBER 1971
Below - SOMERS MAP, BNT/01/34/001



Left - DR. MICHAEL JARVIS Leads a tour from the trustees from the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation. April 2023.

PASSENGER LIST FROM THE GOLDEN RULE, 1849



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WELCOME

The Bermuda Archives was established in 1974 under the Bermuda Archives Act. As the official repository of the records of the Government of Bermuda, the Archives safeguards and makes accessible the important documents of modern administrations, as well as those of the past. We encourage you to explore the varied resources which the Archives holds in trust for present and future generations of Bermudians.

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THE COLLECTION

The Bermuda Archives holdings are diverse and span almost the entire period of Bermuda's 400 year history. **The Archives provides an archives service and facilitates access to holdings of the permanent historic records of the Government of Bermuda, transferred under the Authority of the Bermuda Archives Act 1974.**

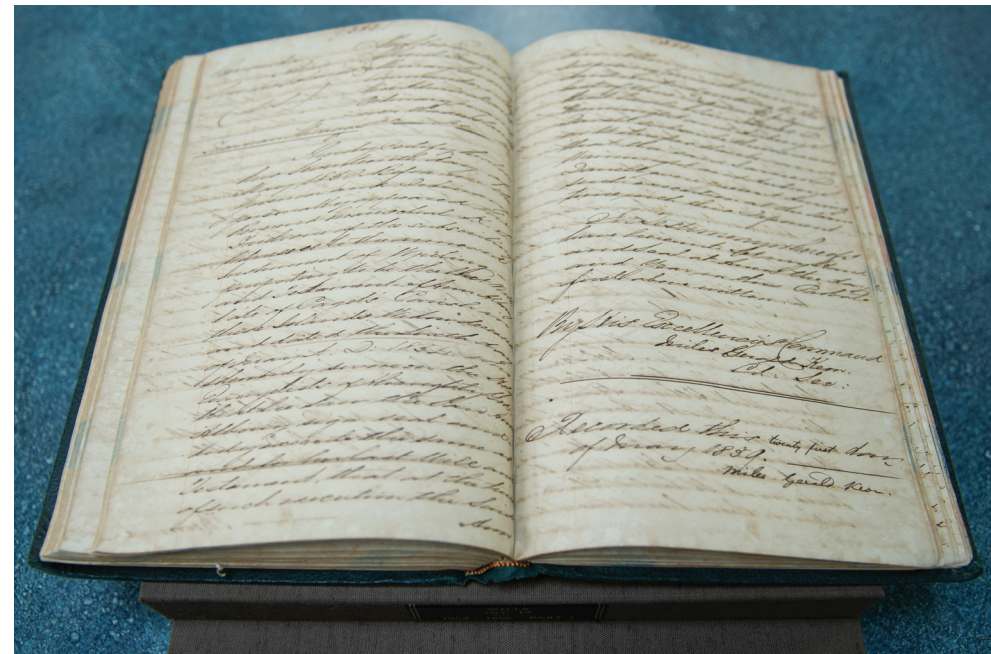
The Archives also holds the records of the legislature and the municipal records of both the Corporations of Hamilton and St. George's. The Archives is mandated to collect private papers deemed of national significance. These are donated by private organizations, institutions, and members of the public.

Many of the public and donated collections support genealogical research. These include: church and parish records for all nine parishes (the earliest of which date from 1619), probate records, and records pertaining to land use. Black genealogy in the pre-Emancipation period is supported through access to manumissions, bills of sale, purchases of freedom, and most importantly, the Slave Registers compiled in the 1820s and 1830s.

The Archives holdings and collections comprise a variety of formats, including paper records, manuscripts, bound volumes, maps, plans, charts, paintings, as well as visual records that include video and sound recordings and a very popular photographic collection.

ADMISSION AND ACCESS

Searchers are requested to help protect our documentary heritage by observing the Reading Room guidelines for the handling of records. While no appointments are necessary, those who wish assistance in carrying out detailed research are asked to write or telephone in advance describing the nature of their research and, if possible, specific documents to be consulted. The Reading Room staff will offer guidance to the records and will explain the use of its finding aids, catalogues and indexes.



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