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NEVIS THE LAST 100 YEARS!

As the museum staff began to explore the history of Nevis over the last 100 years they ran into several major roadblocks. First, other than a few years in the 1950s and 1960s, it was not until the 1990s that Nevis had a local newspaper. Second, until 1983, the Government Departments and Ministries were housed in St. Kitts, consequently all official records were kept there. In addition, there are many instances in which records or documents cannot be found and nobody who remembers. Thirdly, until this decade there was no concerted effort to collect the island's oral histories. As a result there are few people who still remember events from the earlier part of this century. Finally, the ravages of time and weather, namely hurricanes, moisture, mould and infestation have taken their toll of printed materials.

Despite the challenges, we were encouraged when so many of you gave generously and reached back in your memories to provide us with information. Several of you



have even written wonderful brief histories. We have an anonymous contribution of "A Brief History of Cooperative Bank," "The Boy Scout Movement in Nevis" by Cecil Byron, "A Brief History of the School 1978-1998 (Gingerland Primary)" by Marion Lescott, "A Short History of Netball in Nevis" by Jan Grell-Hull, a history of telecommunications by Mervin Richardson, the history of electricity in Nevis produced from interviews with Frederick Liburd and Harvey Hendrickson shared an interview with

George "Cannon" Hanley. A Chronology of Nevis which was researched and written by Richard Lupinacci and the late Richard Platzer formed the basis of our research. The Government Archivist in St. Kitts, Vicky O'Flaherty, has given generously of her time and duplicate copies of archival materials. Staff members: Lorette Hanley, Gail Dore, Tessa Mills and Jennifer Broadbelt aided with the

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