

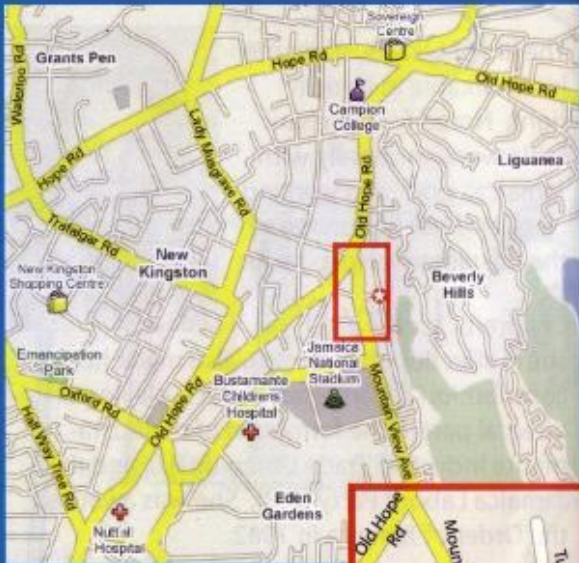
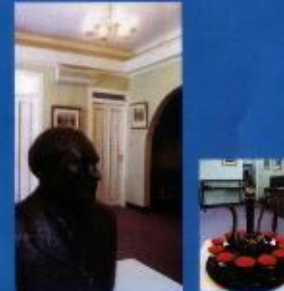


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BUSTAMANTE MUSEUM



24 Tucker Avenue
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The entrance to the
museum is on Goodwill
Avenue.

Limited parking available.

No. 24 Tucker Avenue was purchased by Sir Alexander Bustamante in 1939, but it wasn't until the following year, while under detention at Up Park Camp for allegedly inciting workers to protest against low wages and poor working



conditions, that **'Busta'** instructed his lawyer to have a house constructed on the land.



Situated on half an acre, the house was built in a style typical of the period, perhaps considered modest by today's standards, but quite ample and well proportioned for its time. This three bedroom, two bathroom residence with combined hip and gable end and timber shingle roof is flanked by a large, triple-arched verandah and features louvre windows throughout the design, with the exception of the pivoted sash windows

of the bathrooms. It was the Bustamantes' home for many years until they moved to Jamaica House, the Prime Minister's official residence, as its first occupants.



Now a **National Heritage Site** owned by the Jamaica National Heritage Trust, No. 24 has been leased to the Bustamante Foundation, which has established a museum housing an eclectic collection of Bustamante memorabilia and a permanent multimedia exhibition narrating the colourful story of this National Hero's long and fascinating life.

Each period in the life of Sir Alexander is brought to life through photographs, newspaper clippings, artefacts and audiovisual materials, from his country childhood at Blenheim, in the parish of Hanover, and his early adult years spent abroad in countries such as Spain, Cuba and the United States, to his return to Jamaica and entry into the political life of the country, and subsequent term in office as 'Commander in Chief'.

The exhibition weaves public and personal narratives, leaving the viewer with a deeper understanding of the man and his role in the shaping of modern Jamaica.



The house and collection are of general historical interest, and provide a fascinating window on facets of Jamaican life from the immediate pre- and post-Independence periods. For Bustamante scholars and others interested in learning more about the lives of Sir Alexander and Lady Bustamante, the museum is truly a treasure and will appeal to a wide audience, from schoolchildren to overseas visitors wishing to learn more about Jamaica and its history.

The life of Lady Bustamante is remarkable in its own right. Noted for her charitable work, especially with Jamaica's poor and working class, and her patronage of the Bustamante Hospital for Children, **'Lady B'**, as she is affectionately known, also made her contribution to Jamaican politics, playing an integral part in the formation of the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union (BITU), and the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP). She was awarded the Order of Jamaica in 1982.

