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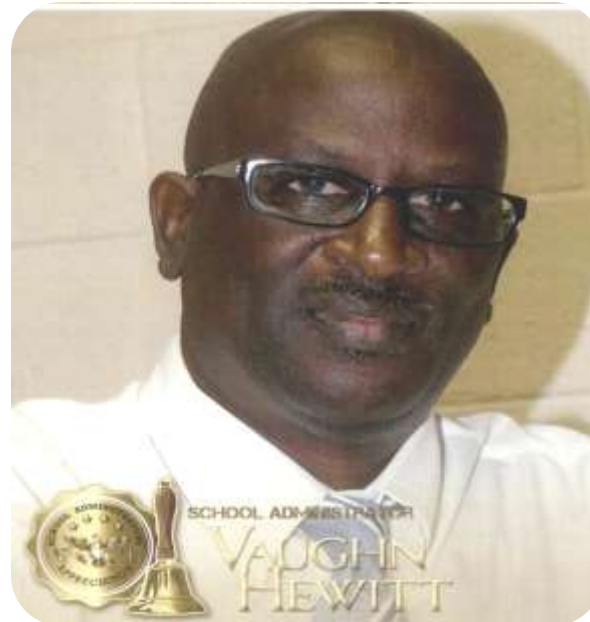
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JUNE 1st

2014:

The Annual Women Race hosted by The Women's Coalition of St. Croix celebrated its 30th Annual Women Race. The race featured the entry of male runners for the first time and only for this year in the traditional all-female race.



Courtesy of:

Text & Picture: <http://virginislandspace.org/womenrace2014results.pdf>

JUNE 2nd

1970:

Throughout the United States range the federal register classified the leatherback turtles - the largest of all turtles and endangered - have a nesting place in St. Croix, such as Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge.



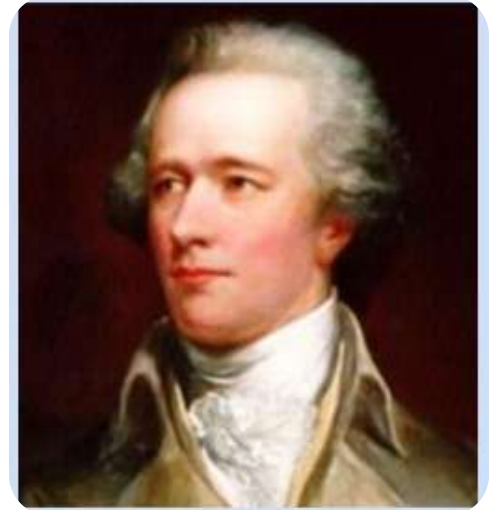
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JUNE 3rd

1773:

It is believed that Alexander Hamilton left St. Croix, never to return. He took his experiences, both tragic and inspiring, that would mold his beliefs and frame his future. His early years on St. Croix shaped his thinking about business, economics, slavery, and how he would regard the American colonies.



Courtesy of:

Text: <http://www.nps.gov/heritageareas/FAQ/St-Croix-FINAL-FS-SEPT-10-PEPC.pdf>

Picture: <http://www.americassurvivalguide.com/alexander-hamilton.php>

JUNE 4th

1933:

Louis Z. ‘Sheep’ Simeon was born on St. Thomas. His first employment was with his father in their family butcher shop in Market Square area, which is now the home of Green Corner. Known as the Mayor of Main Street, he was a self-employed taxi driver who was stationed on the top of Crazy Cow Alley on Main Street. He was a co-founder of VI Taxi Association and an avid sport fanatic of baseball and horse racing.



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JUNE 5th

1982:

At the 9th Annual Testimonial Dinner-Dance, the St. Thomas Lions Club made tribute to Rufus Martin. He was a son of the soil, a journalist, civic leader, school board member, minister, and a Virgin Islander, who was always involved in the solution of our community problems.



Courtesy of:

Text & Picture: St. Thomas Lions Club Tribute to Rufus Martin (June 5, 1982)

JUNE 6th

1940:

Lecia Elmira Farrington Gumbs was born on St. Thomas. She was employed in her early years at the Watch Factory in Bournefield and Sales Associate at Franklins. She was a dedicated employee with over 29 years as a Traffic Operator with Vitelco-Innovative Telephone. Following the footsteps of her mom - the late Sanderilla Blyden Farrington Thomas - she was a trailblazer for our USVI culture and history, who satisfied many with her culinary skills.



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JUNE 7th

1922:

Joy Vanterpool Shackleton was born on St. Thomas. As a teenager, she was employed at the Welfare Department. For over 38 years she and her husband owned and operated the Hilltop Guest House. She also managed the corporation, VanShac. She was a very active member of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post No. 90.



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JUNE 8th

1953:

Demetri Rodney Penha ‘Mao’ was born on St. Thomas. He attended the Printing Trades School, Ltd. and Empire Lino-Type School in New York. He enlisted in the US Navy and served three tours. Perhaps most known for is his poetic abilities of which he produced many books.



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JUNE 9th

1947:

Una Lapsey Cabo was born in Fuennes Avenue, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Working in the tourism industry, her outstanding career started at Hassan's and her excellent and persuasive customer service continued at Theos, Sparky's, Bolero, Artistic Boutique, Colombian Emeralds, Little Switzerland, and Jewels. Among her many dishes of specialty was her daube pork.



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JUNE 10th

1955:

Gail Luella Francis was born on St. Thomas. As a true Ambassador for the Virgin Islands, she worked at the Windward Passage Hotel, Delta Airlines, Inc., St. Thomas-St. John Hotel Association as a Marketing Representative, University of the Virgin Islands-Small Business Development Center, Sapphire Beach Hotel, and Virgin Islands Tourism Office.



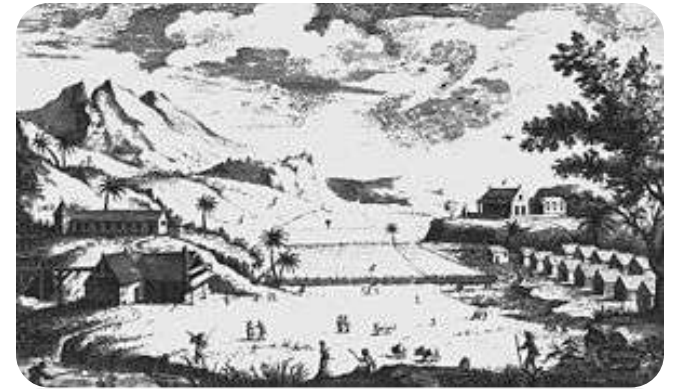
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JUNE 11th

1734:

The Company ship Unity bearing the instructions and order of the French King - relative to the purchase of St. Croix from France for the Danish West India and Guinea Co. - did not arrive at St. Thomas almost an entire year after the conclusion of treaty.



Courtesy of:

Text: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00004167/00001/15j>

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

JUNE 12th

1810:

David Levi Yulee was born on St. Thomas. In 1841 he was chosen territorial delegate to Congress from Florida and Senator when Florida was admitted to the Union in 1845. He served in Congress and again as an elected Senator.



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JUNE 13th

1970:

Lesa Warner was born. She was a dedicated employee with the Line Department at the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority. One of her favorite past time was her entrepreneurship as a photographer.



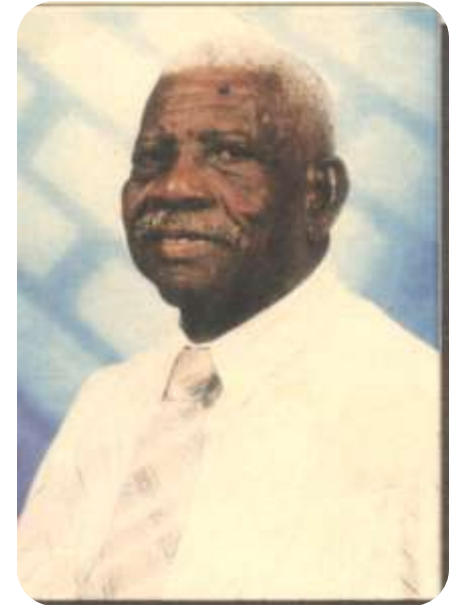
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Text & Picture: In Loving Memory of Lesa Warner

JUNE 14th

1922:

Reginald Osford O'Garro was born in Bequia, St. Vincent. After traveling to Curacao, N.A., he became a Master Welder at the Royal Dutch Shell Oil Refinery. In St. Thomas, he was a retired business man and owner of O.G. Welding Company.



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Text & Picture: Funeral Booklet

JUNE 15th

2013:

The University of the Virgin Islands approved plans to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration in Information System and Technology beginning in the 2014 spring semester.



Courtesy of:

Text: The Virgin Islands Daily News, January 8, 2014, page 6

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

JUNE 16th

1914:

Alexander Henderson was born in Frederiksted, St. Croix. Distinguished as an author and of utmost significance was his “History of Public Education in the Virgin Islands”, which appeared in Education in the States: Historical Development and Outlook, “The Steel Band”, and “March-Virgin Islands Month.” The Alexander Henderson Elementary School is named in his honor, which is a testimony of dedicated service in education.



Courtesy of:

Text: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/CA01300714/00001/39x>

Picture: <http://www.edline.net/pages/AHenderson>

JUNE 17th

1923:

Adena Romney Scatliffe Fahie was born on Tortola, BVI. In the Virgin Islands, she worked as a cook in the private sector, as well as in school system with VI Government.



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JUNE 18th

1960:

The Legislature appropriated \$2,000 under Bill 416822 for J. Antonio Jarvis to travel to Europe to consult the archives of Denmark and England for the purpose of researching source material to be used in his history text. Unfortunately, he died before completing this assignment.



Courtesy of:

Text & Picture: http://webpac.uvi.edu/imls/pi_uvi/profiles1976/Educators/Jarvis_JA/text.shtml

JUNE 19th

2013:

The V.I. Housing Authority announces plans to demolish the abandoned Ralph de Chabert housing community and sell it as vacant land.



Courtesy of:

Text: <http://virginislandsdailynews.com/news/a-look-back-at-2013-in-the-virgin-islands-1.1613359>

Picture: <http://thevirginislandsonline.com/virgin-islands-2/st-croixs-dechabert-housing-community-receives-funding-for-demolition/>

JUNE 20th

1977:

Elton Shawn Andrew was born on St. Thomas. Due to Hurricane Marilyn he relocated to the mainland. With a keen interest to be an army officer he joined the US Army shortly after graduating from high school. After leaving the military, he acquired his Commercial Drivers License (CDL) and toured the USA.



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JUNE 21st

2014:

The 28th Annual Olympic Day run ‘The Magic of the Mile’ was held at The St. Croix Education High School Track. It was hosted by The Virgin Islands Olympic Committee and organized by The Virgin Islands Pace Runners.



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Text & Picture: <http://virginislandspace.org/olympicdayresults2014.pdf>

JUNE 22nd

1996:

Due to the devastation of Hurricane Marilyn, the University of the Virgin Islands held its graduation on the St. Thomas campus, a month later than usual.



Courtesy of:

Text: University of the Virgin Islands Archives

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

JUNE 23rd

1972:

The Legislature expressed appreciation to Aline Kean and Addelita Cancryn for fifty years and fifty-three years respectively of outstanding public service as educators.



Courtesy of:

Text: Legislative Archives

Picture: Funeral Booklet and

http://webpac.uvi.edu/imls/pi_uvi/profiles1992/Educators/Cancryn_A/index.shtml

JUNE 24th

2013:

Owners of Dockside Bookshop on St. Thomas announced their intent to close St. Thomas' only bookstore after 35 years of business. Reasons cited for closure were recession, decline in retail book sales nationwide, rising cost, and the increasing popularity of electronic books.



Courtesy of:

Text: The Virgin Islands Daily News, January 8, 2014, page 6

Picture: <http://virginislandsdailynews.com/news/dockside-bookshop-to-close-1.1512466>

JUNE 25th

1934:

Doreen Irene Mills was born in Basseterre, St. Kitts. As a resident of St. Thomas, she was employed as a sales clerk with L & C Milliner's and the Inter-Island Department Stores, as well as a library aide at the Kirwan Terrace School. In a quest to own her business, she established her baby sitting business, Doreen's Daycare. It was here that she molded the young minds of so many, who affectionately called her Titi.



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JUNE 26th

1946:

Senator Malcolm Clarence Callender, Sr. was born in New York. After graduating from Music and Arts High School, he was drafted into the US Army and served in Vietnam. In the VI, he joined the VIPD and rose from patrolman, criminal investigator, president of the Police Benevolent Association, detective and chief of Security of Governor Cyril E. King. As a lawyer, he worked as a staff legal advisor to the Board of Veterans Appeals in Washington, DC and later in the VI as an Assistant Attorney General and opened his own law office. He was a saxophonist.



JUNE 27th

1918:

Golda Lucille Creque-Kuntz was born at North Sound, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands. She worked as a housekeeper with well-known families such as the Caron's, Corneiro's, and Levine's. In the hotel industry, she was employed by Bluebeard's Castle and Pineapple Beach Resort. With her great love for children, the children at the Joseph A. Gomez Elementary School were the recipient of her service as a foster grandparent.



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JUNE 28th

1932:

An Act of Congress was passed to further clarify the Act of 1927. It granted US citizenship to Virgin Islanders living in the US, the USVI, and other US Territories, who were not citizens of a foreign country. Also natives living in foreign countries would not be subject to US Immigration quota, head tax, passport, or immigration visa requirement for admission to the US.



Courtesy of:

Text: US Congress Archives

Picture: <http://www.propublica.org/article/act-of-congress-stresses-hopeful-creation-of-dodd-frank-omits-grim-ending>

JUNE 29th

1975:

With about five and a half years of dedicated ministry, Canon James Hamilton MacConnell completed his ministry of dedication, love, faithfulness at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.



Courtesy of:

Text & Picture: In Honor of Your Retirement Canon James Hamilton MacConnell (Sunday, June 28, 1981)

JUNE 30th

1949:

The Virgin Islands Corporation (VI Corp), as a wholly-owned federal government corporation, was approved by the US Congress. The Corporation operated the territory's electric power facilities and newly constructed salt water distillation facility on St. Thomas. VI Corp managed the submarine base, the St. Thomas airport, 80 housing-units rented to federal and insular government employees and private individuals, 6 hotels, 1 guesthouse, 4 piers, a beach club, a golf course and clubhouse, about 35 additional buildings, 3 water systems, transportation equipment, and other miscellaneous units.



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