



Some Serious Reading

# BAHAMIAN FRAGMENTS

BITS AND PIECES FROM THE HISTORY OF

## THE BAHAMAS

### Grand Bahama in 1924

- [Grand Bahama in 1858](#) from Thos. Chapman Harvey, Esq. *Official Reports of the Out Islands of the Bahamas.*
- [Grand Bahama in 1887](#) from L. D. Powles *The Land of the Pink Pearl or Recollections of Life in the Bahamas.*
- [Grand Bahama in 1891](#) from Stark's *History and Guide to the Bahama Islands.*
- [Grand Bahama in 1917](#) from Amelia Defries *In a Forgotten Colony*
- [Grand Bahama in 1924](#) from *The Tribune Handbook*
- [Grand Bahama in 1926](#) from Mary Mosley *The Bahamas Handbook.*
- [Grand Bahama in 1931](#) from *Nassau and the Treasure Islands of the Bahamas*
- [Grand Bahama in 1934](#) from Maj. H. M. Bell *Bahamas: Isles of June*
- [The Bahamas in 1964](#) from Benedict Thielen *The Bahamas-Golden Archipelago*
- [Grand Bahama in 1967](#) *Moral Panic, Gambling. and the Good Life*
- [Grand Bahama in 1970](#) *Boom Town in*

Grand Bahama and its adjacent cays lies on the South Western portion of the Littel Abaco Bank.

Grand Bahama is 66 miles long and averages 7 miles wide, and area of 430 square miles.

It is said not to have been permanently settled until about 1806.

It has extensive pine forests and abundance of other timber.

The soil is good, much being "white land" and it has much good grazing land. In times past it supplied the Nassau market with beef.

Its principal industries are agriculture, and fishing, chiefly sponge. Excellent onions are grown there, and a considerable quantity of citrus fruit is grown which is free from the scale insect.

Its shores are inhospitable; the south side affording no harbours and is exposed to the prevailing winds, the North side is washed by very shallow water.

The principal settlements are Eight-mile Rock, Carrion Crow Harbour, Golden Grove, Freetown, Water Cay and West End, the latter being at the present time extensively engaged in transporting and supplying bootleggers liquor to the United States.

Its revenue now considerably is chiefly derived from the liquor traffic.

The population in 1921 being 1695; 731 males and 964 females.

[Etienne Dupuch] *The Tribune Handbook: The Standard Guide to Nassau and the Bahama Islands.* Nassau: The Tribune, 1924, p. 28



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- [Commissioner's Reports 1908-1965](#)  
Reports by the Colonial Commissioner
- [Freeport in the Sixties](#) : Maps and Images from Freeport's Beginnings
- [An Informal History of the GBPA:](#)  
Background of Freeport's corporate past
- [Resorts of Yesteryear](#) :  
Departed Hotels from Freeport's past
- [Accommodations 1964/67](#) :  
Prices to be nostalgic about