



Some Serious Reading

BAHAMIAN FRAGMENTS

BITS AND PIECES FROM THE HISTORY OF

THE BAHAMAS

Grand Bahama in 1891

- **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*

The island comprises 275,000 acres. It was not permanently settled until about 1806, although annually resorted to by lumbermen of the other islands for the fine timber with which it abounds. The soil along the seaboard is "white land" and yields fair crops of corn. The interior is well adapted to grazing, fresh water being abundant. Large quantities of fish and turtle are to be found in the creeks and shoal water. The inhabitants are principally employed in agriculture, sponging and fishing. There are no good harbours along the shore for large vessels, but with the wind off of the land the anchorage is good, particularly at the west end. Hawk's Bill Creek runs three miles north and south from Eight-mile Rock and is very picturesque. The settlements are McLean's, Carrion Crow Harbor, Freetown, Golden Grove, and Eight-mile Rock. They return one member to the House of Assembly with the Biminis.

Stark, James H. *Stark's History and Guide to the Bahama Islands.* Boston: James H. Stark, 1891, pp. 147 -148.

[It might be noted that this short description was drawn on for the entry in Northcroft's *Sketches of Summerland* (Nassau, 1900), p. 206, as well that of the *Tribune Handbook* (Nassau, 1924) and *The Bahamas Handbook's* 1926 description.]



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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