

SUMMARY

Nine trips to Haiti between years 1922-42. (1922 was merely a crossing of border to Anse a Pitre. 1942 was a few days stop-over when subs "chased" ~~xxx~~ our ship into P.*au- Pce.)

1926-27. Customs Inspector at Port and at Cape. Worked under Dr. Cumberland. (Believe he is the Cumberland whom you mention on page 53. Anyhow, there is a similar amusing tale about him.)

1929-30. Customs-Revenue Collector at Jeremie (13 mos). While there, and before road was built, several of us rode horseback and walked from Jeremie to Camp Perrin. Your page 126. I twice visited Tiburon. Garde Officers (Americans) inspected it every Month. (In this respect, as in so many others, I think Mr. Cave is off base.)

1930-31 Customs-Revenue Collector at Cape. Visited Citadel many times---also small "Moated" fort beyond it. Visited forts across the bay at Fort Liberte---among the most interesting in Haiti. One still bears, or did, a legible motto in Latin. Covered much of shore line from Cape to border---trying to break up smuggling.

1932 Visited Haiti and La Gonave with Faustin Wirkus

1936-37. Traveled in Haiti with photographer-writer Phil Hiss (Netherlands America, Bali etc.) He and I climbed to summit of Morne La Selle, photographed some of the caves at Dondon etc. He took quite a few hundred photos---I have a hundred or so of them.

1938 Two trips to Haiti and La Gonave. Entered many caves on the mainland and on La Gonave. (Dr. Heye had had a man working Ile a Vache. I do not think it easy to find good Indian Material in Haiti or its islands.)

Among those who traveled widely in Haiti---often on foot to "unknown" places. Dr. Barker, S.d'H. Dr. Ekman (Botanizing in Haiti). A scientist, whose name I have forgotten, walked from Port to Jeremie. He died in Jeremie of malarial and the effects of being stoned by peasants. Then there were Engineers Knapp, Powell and others who did road locating etc. In my opinion, there are very very few places in Haiti which have not been visited by white men. (I used to carry the Govt. pay roll to many out-of-the-way spots including the "Town the Zombies Built". I did not know they had until I read Mr. Cave.)

I have read some four hundred books on Haiti---have at least one hundred, and a like number of magazines, reports etc. Also, have 8 scrapebooks of clips etc. And too, some Indian material, Voodoo objects and such.

Hope the above will show why I am so much interested in Haiti, and why I am inclined to judge critically books about that fair land.

(Total of more than 3½ years in Haiti)