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Welcome to "The Carriacou Museum" Newsletter! Our mission is to bring you closer to the past, present and future of life in Carriacou. The Carriacou Museum provides a fascinating glimpse into Carriacou's past. Numerous exhibits highlight the diversity, talent and energy of the communities of yesteryear and provides inspiration for today and tomorrow. You are invited to invest a little interest in the past and come in for a friendly tour!

This issue of The Carriacou Museum is a special edition in memory of Dr. Edward Roy Kent, honorary Historian and founding member of the Carriacou Historical Society. Dr. Kent succumbed to cancer on May 15 of this year.

A Tribute to Dr. Edward R. Kent

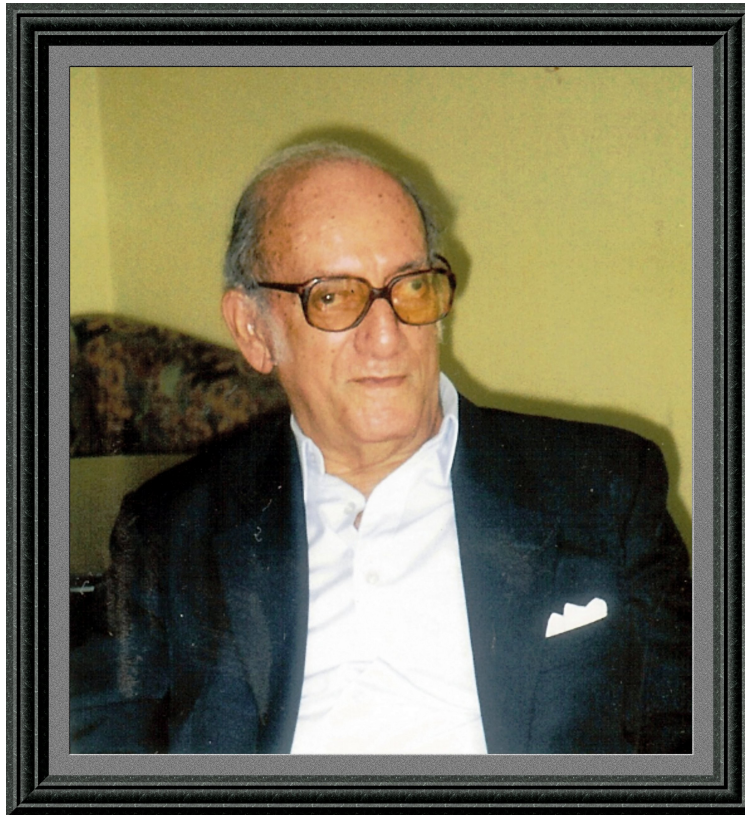
by Diana Wright

A long and fruitful life - that's how I would describe the life of my Dad - Edward Kent. His love-affair with Carriacou started way back in 1928 when his father bought Craigston, Mt. Pleasant and Limlair. The family home was Morne Fendue in St. Patrick's, Grenada, and the whole family would regularly go and spend a couple months at Craigston. Sadly those happy days came to an end when Dad was sent to boarding school in England when he was 12. In those long-ago days of austerity, he paid but one visit home during the next 7 years. In September 1939 he was on a Dutch ship on the way home at the completion of his education, when the Captain called everyone to the dining room to tell them that Germany and Britain were at War. As Dad had sight in only one eye, he was not allowed to enlist for the Forces. In January 1940 Grandad Kent said to my Dad "Teddie my Boy, you'd better go and take over at Craigston till this War blows over." Dad very quickly

had to learn to keep the complicated machinery of the old lime factory running 24 hours a day at the height of the lime crop. At first it was a very lonely job, but Dad married Jean Mancini in 1943, and soon there was the patter of several tiny feet. Dad worked at Craigston for 10 years and one week, leaving for a Managers job at Carriere, Grenada. Another job opportunity took the family to St. Lucia, but Dad's heart was always in Carriacou, and he always promised

himself that one day he and Mum would return. With all their children well on the way to adulthood Mum and Dad fulfilled their dream and returned to Carriacou in 1968. At that time the local historian Frances Brinkley was living on Carriacou, and very soon Mum and Dad were being roped into going on "Digs" to unearth the secrets of Carriacou's former inhabitants: then spending hours glueing pieces of bowls together. They were founder members of the Carriacou Historical Society in 1974. Dad was President for 3 different periods, and Mum was Secretary for many many years. It was largely due to Dad's drive and enthusiasm that the funds were raised to

purchase the building that now houses the Museum. He delighted in telling visitors it was the only privately run museum in the Caribbean. I believe that the greatest tribute to my dear Dad would be to see the work going forward by utilising the upstairs space more creatively. To this end I will start the ball rolling by sending a cheque to the President...now its over to you, the younger generation, to make this project Edward Kent's legacy in Carriacou for future generations to enjoy, and one which we can all be rightly proud of.



News: Join the Competition! October 2009 through February 2010

As our fine old houses begin to disappear, we lose a great deal of history with them. The Museum has launched a competition to record, in words and pictures, as many of the old wooden houses of Carriacou and Petit Martinique that we can. Entries will be judged according to age, artistic excellence, clarity and originality. The categories will be; Junior (ages 0 – 17) and Senior (ages 18 and up). Attractive prizes will be awarded for the best entries in each category. With each entry, we would like you to write as much about the history of the house as you can; how old it is which family it belonged to, and who was the last occupant if it is now empty. Come in to the Museum to pick up entry forms and instructions. Entry to the competition is free! Also, we will gratefully accept (from anyone) copies of photographs of the old houses taken in the past. Does your family album contain photographs of old Carriacou & Petit Martinique houses? Original photos can be brought in to the Museum for scanning and the originals will be returned

promptly. Digitized photos can be emailed to the carriacoumuseum@gmail.com.

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