



BERMUDA HISTORIC HOMES

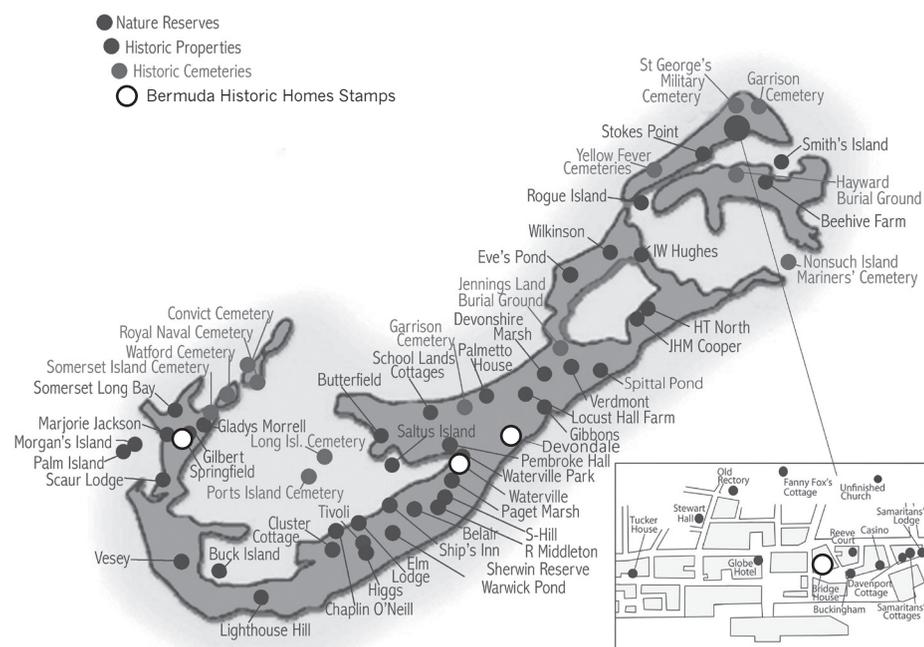


The Bermuda National Trust is a membership-based registered charity established in 1970 to preserve Bermuda's natural, architectural and historic treasures and to encourage public appreciation of them. The Trust's programmes and activities are focused in the key areas of preservation, education and advocacy.

The Bermuda National Trust ("The Trust") evolved out of the Bermuda Historical Monuments Trust, an organisation made up of a small group of Bermuda citizens for the purposes of acquiring and maintaining places of beauty and historical interest. St George's, the first capital of Bermuda, was the Monuments Trust's chief interest and the Trust has built on that foundation and is now the steward for 82 properties including 3 museums, over 277 acres of open space and 15 cemeteries.

Trust historic homes display an outstanding collection of artefacts made or owned by Bermudians, including cedar furniture, silver, maps and paintings, all contributing to the intriguing story of our island's development. The Trust is also a leading advocate for Bermuda's natural and cultural heritage on a national level.

This commemorative stamp series – Bermuda National Trust – Historic Homes highlights 4 of these properties.





Waterville, built about 1725 and added to in the early 19th Century, is a fantastic example of Bermudian/Georgian architecture with charming grounds that include the Bermuda Rose Society's showcase garden of old roses and the Mary-Jean Mitchell Green Memorial Garden and Gazebo. This elegant house is the headquarters of the Bermuda National Trust and was part donated by the Trimmingham family. The reception and drawing rooms house a range of highlights from the Trust's collection, including original Bermuda maps, antique furniture and silverware. These rooms are maintained in a style that offers an interesting window into past Bermuda life. The house is located on the water's edge at the end of Hamilton Harbour.



Devondale is a beautiful late 18th Century Grade II listed house, surrounded by 10 acres of pristine woodland and farmland. The house boasts traditional cedar beams and chimneys along with a stone arch and welcoming arms steps leading to a stunning verandah. Devondale is the largest of the old houses along South Road, Devonshire and the property abuts Locust Hall, also owned by the Trust. These two properties make up a 34-acre rural tract of land stretching from South Road to Middle Road, Devonshire.



Springfield is an historic architectural treasure featuring a charming cedar porch, a courtyard, slave houses and the Island's most photographed buttery. The property dates back to the 1740s and reflects the story of Bermuda's way of life throughout the centuries. As such, Springfield has been the site of several archeological digs conducted in association with experts from Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia. The property includes the Gilbert Nature Reserve which comprises five acres of unspoiled woodland and is perfect for bird watching among the magnificent examples of mature Bermuda cedars that grow on the reserve.



Bridge House, located in St. George's is the oldest continually inhabited house in the western hemisphere and was named either for a nearby bridge or its most famous owner, Bridger Goodrich, the American revolutionary War loyalist. The current structure was built in the early 18th Century although the original timber-framed structure dates back to the 1600s.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

DESIGNER	Keno K. Simmons – Department of Communications
PRINTER	South Colour Printing
PROCESS	Lithography
STAMP SIZE	42.58mm X 28.45mm
PERFORATION	13.33 Per 2cms
PANE	50 (2 X 25)
PAPER	CASCO Crown Watermarked
VALUES	50¢, \$1.20, \$1.40, \$2.00
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