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Sydney J. Judah SJ

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Archives of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus

Record Group 11.2, Jamaica Mission/Region Special Collections

Special Collection: Rev. Sydney Judah, S.J. and the Revival Scheme

1-2.5" box

1939-1950

Historical Sketch:

In 1934, Rev. Sydney J. Judah, S.J. (1901-1980) was the second Jamaican to be ordained a Jesuit priest. In 1936, he was appointed pastor of the Roman Catholic churches in the civil parishes of Westmoreland and Trelawney, in the northwestern part of the island of Jamaica. One of the mission stations in Westmoreland was a village named Revival. It was a remote and poverty-stricken area. During the late 1930s and 1940s, Fr. Judah developed a plan, or scheme, for the agricultural development of the area as a means to improve living conditions and develop Revival. The scheme made much progress and was shaped into a formal Trust Agreement that was approved and funded by the Jamaican government. Land and supplies were purchased. Unfortunately, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Jamaica, who was under ever increasing demands for clergy on the island, was not able to commit to the permanent assignment of a priest to supervise the project, as the Trust Agreement called for, and the project failed.

For more detailed **Historical Background**, see "A Revival in Westmoreland: Village of Hope, 1938-1949", Chapter 2, pages 7-11, in *Jesuitana Jamaica: Historical Profiles, 1937-1996* by Gerard L. McLaughlin, S.J., in Province Authors Collection.

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