



AMERICUS DECENTE JACKSON, SR.

January 16, 1918 - July 28, 1985

Americus Decente Jackson, Sr., son of the late Roxelina and Joseph Jackson of St. Croix, was born on January 16, 1918 on the island of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. He was one of nine children.

He was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CC Camp) and also of the Virgin Islands Home Guard.

Americus was an avid sports fan, particularly baseball. He was a member of the local Red Socks team, and later the Raiders and the Old Timers baseball teams.

On June 20, 1945 he married Marion Abraham, a union which produced three daughters and seven sons.

He was a World War II veteran, inducted into the Army in 1944 and honorably discharged in 1946. After his military service ended, he became an active member of the American Legion on St. Thomas.

In 1948 he became a mail carrier with the local Post Office and was responsible for the delivery of mail in the Anna's Fancy, Frenchtown, Contant, Nisky and Bournefield areas. He became known to the many customers that made up his routes and was recognized as the "mailman" by young and old. He gave thirty-one years of service to the U.S. Postal Service Department and retired in 1979. The postmaster at the time, the late Aubrey C. Ottley, remarked in his letter to Americus: "It is with grateful appreciation for the thirty-one years of service to all of us here in the Virgin Islands, on this, the occasion of your retirement, that we bid you fond adieu."

Americus was a very devoted father and husband and he was greatly admired by his family, friends and neighbors.

After a brief illness, Americus left us on July 28, 1985. He will be greatly missed by those who came to know him. May he rest in peace.