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John Martin (4th) unveiling of our Family Crest

The Clan Celebrates its 4TH Anniversary.....

On August 31, 1996 almost 4 years to the day, the Martin Family Clan celebrated the 4th anniversary of its first family reunion. Some 300 family members, extended families and friends gathered at home of Professor Max and Jean Richards (4th generation) at the beautiful UWI campus, St. Augustine where the first reunion was held in 1992. It was the hottest day on record, but we were not to be dismayed. With 5th generation member Wilbur Walrond acting as MC, (direct from Vancouver) the day's proceedings opened at 2.00 p.m. with a blessing by 'Father' John Martin (4th generation) substituting for Sister Dominic Savio (5th generation) who unfortunately was under the weather.

Following a very warm and well deserved tribute and a small token of our appreciation, paid by John Martin to our Committee Chairman Clayton Headley (4th generation) for his 4 years of

dedication and leadership, Clayton brought us up to date with all that has taken place within the Martin family since our first reunion.

This was followed by a feature address by Max Richards as well as an update on the family tree by our family historian Joy Worrel (5th generation). We paused to recognize those family members who are no longer with us since 1992 as well as those additions to the family through marriage and births.

The high light of the day however was John Martin's presentation of the Family Crest, which was designed by member Lawrence Walrond (5th generation) who resides in British Columbia and was unable to attend the reunion.

Jennifer Martin (4th generation) who keeps a keen eye on the senior members of the family, arranged for the presentation of a beautiful bouquet of flowers by one of the youngest family members (7th generation) to each of four of our most senior members -3rd generation Henrietta Richards, Naomi Martin (received by Kenneth Martin) Bernice Martin (received by Leopold Martin) and 4th generation Floris Walrond.

Entertainment for the afternoon was presented by Christine Johnson in the form of guest artistes David Bereaux and Learie Joseph. This was augmented by some 'local family talent' in the form of poetry reading by Edgar Lee Young who is now in the budding poets' hall of fame, and 3 'a capella' renditions by Ballad singer Hamid Latiff grandfather of Kareen Smith Latiff.

The formal part of the program ended with the long awaited and very popular fashion show orchestrated by our own Monica Headley (4th generation) and Denise Douglas (5th generation). A very professional show indeed displaying the designs of Soraya, Heather Jones, Brazil Italia and Claudia Pegus.