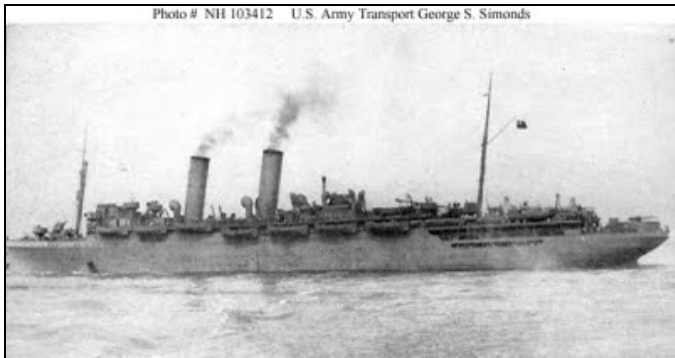




## Transported by US Ships to Work in Fields

From August 1944 until early 1946, the US Army Transport George S. Simonds served between the Caribbean and the east coast of the US, mainly transporting Jamaican workers.



US Army Transport (USAT) George S. Simonds

## Trial Runs For Canning Plant, Friday--Saturday

208 Factory Hands Will Be Employed

The August 10, 1944 edition of the Winthrop News reported that the Minnesota Valley Canning Company's plant in Winthrop got underway for the season's pack at an early date. There were 208 factory hands. In the field the pickers numbered about 48 from Jamaica and another dozen from Mexico. These workers were housed and fed at the plant grounds. They had recently worked at the factory in LeSueur for the pea pack.

## Canning Factory Closes Down; Operated 25 Days

Pack This Year Totals  
101,245 Cases

Winthrop News, September 21, 1944 reported the canning plant closed down after operating 25 days. There were 208 employees on the payroll, including the 48 Jamaicans joining in on the corn pick.

## During the workers' stay in America they found time to visit the C.J. Ostrom Studio in Winthrop

As SCHS volunteer Becky Briggs continues to scan the thousands of Ostrom negatives donated to the Sibley County Historical Society, she has run across numerous photographs taken of these Jamaican workers. Some of the photos were published on the Society's website in January 2011:

<http://sibleycountyhistoricalmuseum.com/Theme - Jamaica.html>

The photos seemed to stir website visitors' curiosity regarding these men who traveled the 2,000-plus miles from their homeland to Minnesota.

## Ostrom Photograph Studio Register

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DATE OF PHOTO	NAME	RESIDENCE	NO. NEGATIVES	NO. POSITIVES	NO. OF PRINTS	PRICE PER PRINT	TOTAL PRICE	DATE OF PHOTO	NAME	RESIDENCE	NO. NEGATIVES	NO. POSITIVES	NO. OF PRINTS	PRICE PER PRINT	TOTAL PRICE	DATE OF PHOTO
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We find several of the workers' names on page 176 of an Ostrom Studio Register dated September 22, 1944. The price for these photos ranged from \$1.75 to \$2.00. We have matched some of the names to their photos in this article.



#19955 Arthur Daniels & #19936 Sidney Ebanks

If you are interested in reading WWII-vintage local newspaper articles regarding this topic, they can be found using the web address above.