



The Honourable Aaron Joseph Matalon, OJ, Hon. LLD. was born on October 30, 1919, to Joseph Matalon and Florizel Henriques-Matalon and died on April 4, 2009. He was the fourth of 11 children. In his early years, he attended Munro and then Jamaica College. In 1933 disaster beset his father's business and the family found itself destitute. At 13 1/2 years old he began to work to help support his family. He became the office boy at Justin MCarthy's for 8 shillings per week. His father was later able to set himself up in business once again and a still young Aaron joined him until the end of World War II. When several of his brothers and a sister returned from the war, they started Commodity Service Company Ltd., the original parent company of ICD and WIHCON. A firm believer in the importance of education and training to help build better businesses and enhance production, he helped found and structure the Institute of Management and Production (IMP) in 1976. This institute was the first of its kind in Jamaica and fostered many Jamaican business executives. IMP was later merged with the Institute of Management Sciences in 2002 leading to the formation of the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean (UCC) in 2004. The Hon. Aaron J. Matalon, OJ, Hon. LLD supported numerous cultural and development endeavours. His contribution to the establishment of the UCC was recognised by his children: Joseph, Barbara, and Janet on October 30, 2023, the 104th anniversary of his birth. His children have donated a bust of him sculpted by Kay Sullivan, and the ICD Group has donated a substantial sum to help establish the library in honour of this pioneering businessman, hence,
The Aaron Joseph Matalon Library.