WHY November 19th, Disnéfu lídan Únsu Háti…

THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE GARINAGU TO NATION BUILDING INCLUDES:

1. 1799 to beyond 1813 participated in extending the southern boundary to its present status:

Garinagu laboured cutting logwood for the Settlers further south—Sibun to Deep River at 1799, to "Stand" Creek early 1800s, to Rio Grande north of present day Punta Gorda by 1806, to Moho River by 1814 and later to the Sarstoon.

2. Garinagu educated Belize from 1880s:

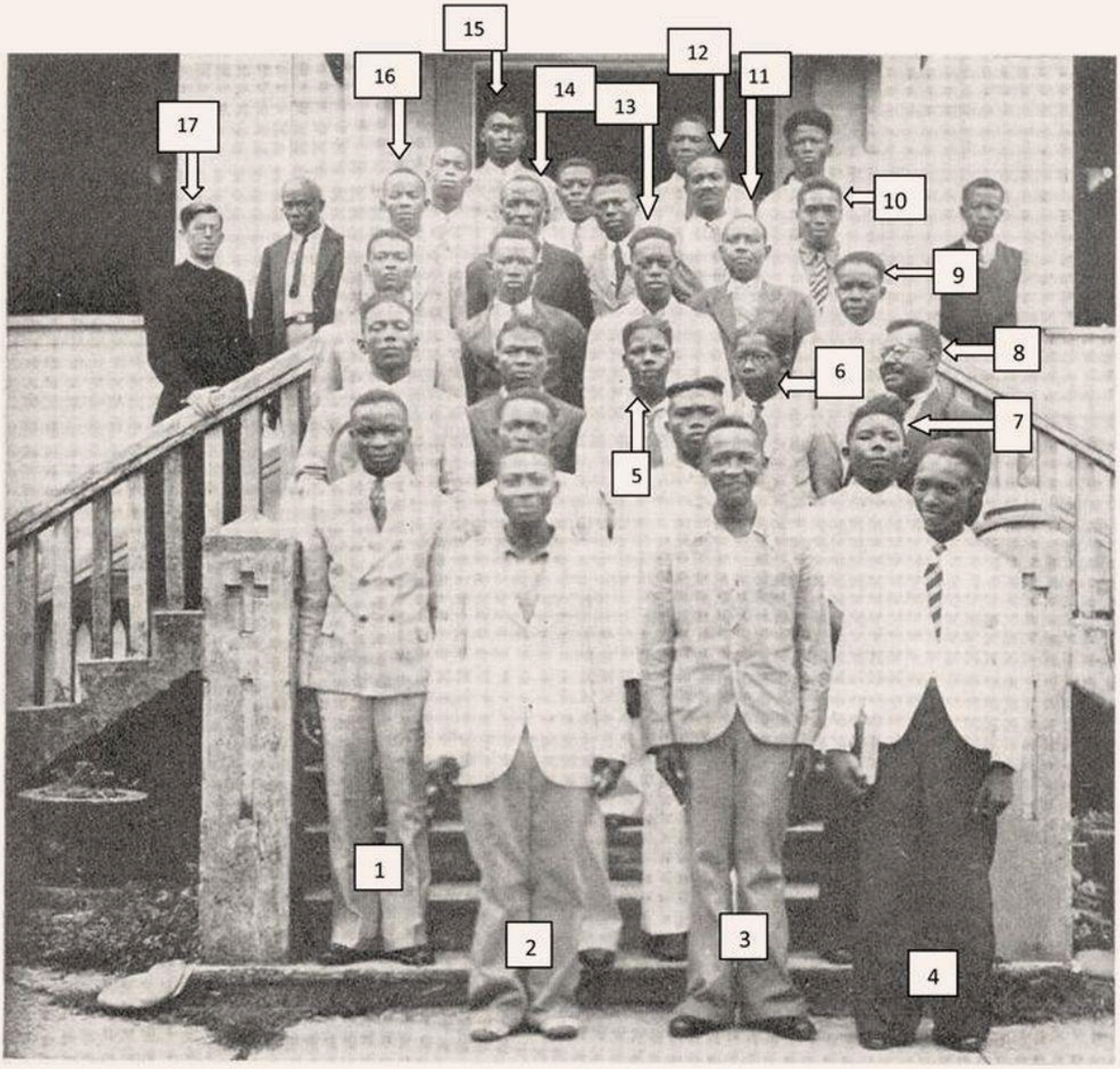
Garinagu took education to rural Belize, teaching in remote areas of every district, and spreading Roman Catholicism (check pic below). They laboured under very adverse conditions, traveling through and living in unhealthy conditions. They left their families and communities leaderless for months at a time

3. Garinagu were vanguards in the evolution of democracy and governance from Colony, to Self-Government to Independent Belize:

Garinagu were leaders of the UNIA (1914), Members of the Soberanis' Labour and Unemployment Brigade (1934), members of the GWU. They were candidates in the parliamentary elections after adult suffrage for the NP and PUP/GWU in 1954 and 1957. Nathaniel Cacho (1954), David McKoy (1957) and Faustino Zuniga (1957). Representation continued at ever parliamentary election until 2020.

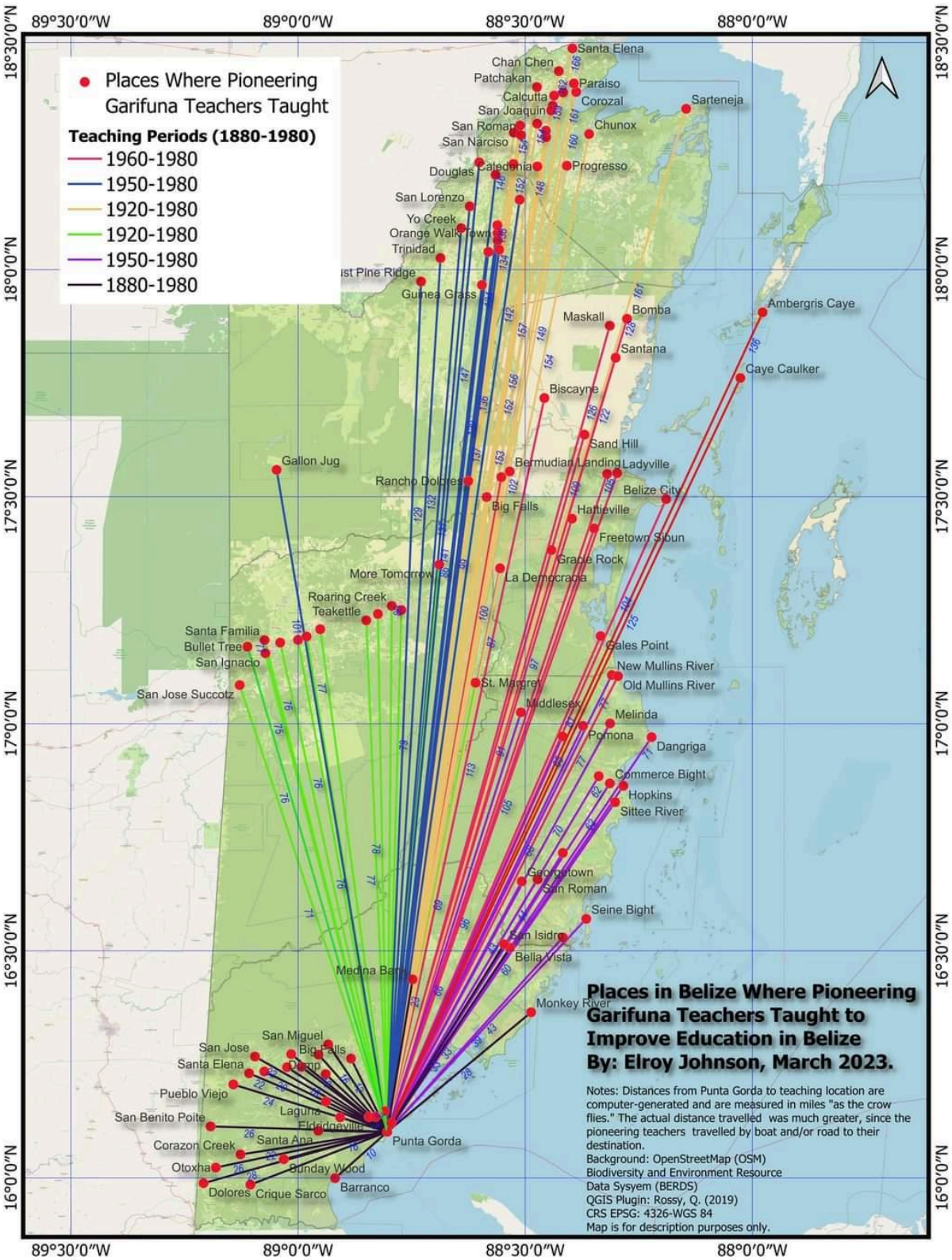
Sources: Palacio (1993, 2024), Enriquez (2017)

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Garifuna Teachers at a Cathecist Training Retreat in Punta Gorda. *Taken on May 1936 in front of St. Peter Claver Church in PG. Source: Carlson Tuttle collection from Jesuit Archives, St. Louis MO.*

Included in this photo are Messrs. **1.** Felix Noralez, **2**.John Paulino, **3**. Peter Avila Sr., **4**. Francis B. Martinez **5**. Joe Ogaldez **6**. Anthony Lewis, **7**. Ben Hector Contreras, **8**. Sam B. Daniels, **9**. Francis Cayetano, **10**.Santos Arzu **11**.Santiago Labriel, **12**. Simeon Sampson Sr., **13**. Basilio Enriquez **14.** Andres P. Enriquez, **15**. Eugene Cayetano **16.** John Zuniga **17.** Fr. R. McCormack, S. J., and others.


Places Where Pioneering Garifuna Teachers Taught
Teaching Periods (1880-1980)
1960-1980
1950-1980
1920-1980
1920-1980
1950-1980
1880-1980
89°30'0"W
89°0'0"W
88°30'0"W
88°0'0"W
18°30'0"N
18°0'0"N
17°30'0"N
17°0'0"N
16°30'0"N
16°0'0"N
Santa Elena
Chan Chen
Patchakan
Paraiso
Calcutta
Corozal
Sarteneja
San Joaquin
San Roman
Chunox
San Narciso
Caledonia
Progresso
Douglas
San Lorenzo
Yo Creek
Orange Walk Town
Trinidad
Guinea Grass
Maskall
Bomba
Ambergris Caye
Santana
Caye Caulker
Biscayne
Sand Hill
Gallon Jug
Bermudian Landing
Ladyville
Rancho Dolores
Belize City
Big Falls
Hattieville
Freetown Sibun
Gracie Rock
More Tomorrow
La Democracia
Roaring Creek
Teakettle
Santa Familia
Bullet Tree
San Ignacio
Gales Point
New Mullins River
Old Mullins River
San Jose Succotz
St. Margret
Middlesex
Melinda
Pomona
Dangriga
Commerce Bight
Hopkins
Sittee River
Georgetown
San Roman
Seine Bight
San Isidro
Bella Vista
Medina Bank
Monkey River
San Miguel
San Jose
Big Falls
Santa Elena
Dump
Pueblo Viejo
Laguna
San Benito Poite
Eldridgeville
Corazon Creek
Santa Ana
Punta Gorda
Otoxha
Sunday Wood
Dolores
Crique Sarco
Barranco
Places in Belize Where Pioneering Garifuna Teachers Taught to Improve Education in Belize
By: Elroy Johnson, March 2023.
Notes: Distances from Punta Gorda to teaching location are computer-generated and are measured in miles "as the crow flies." The actual distance travelled was much greater, since the pioneering teachers travelled by boat and/or road to their destination.
Background: OpenStreetMap (OSM)
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Data Sysyem (BERDS)
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