ONCE UPON A TIME…

Entities that at some point issued or overprinted postage stamps,
and that ceased to exist as such

BRITISH GUIANA



Period: **1850 – 1966**

British Colony

HOW TO IDENTIFY THESE STAMPS



Design (Various formats)
1907

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

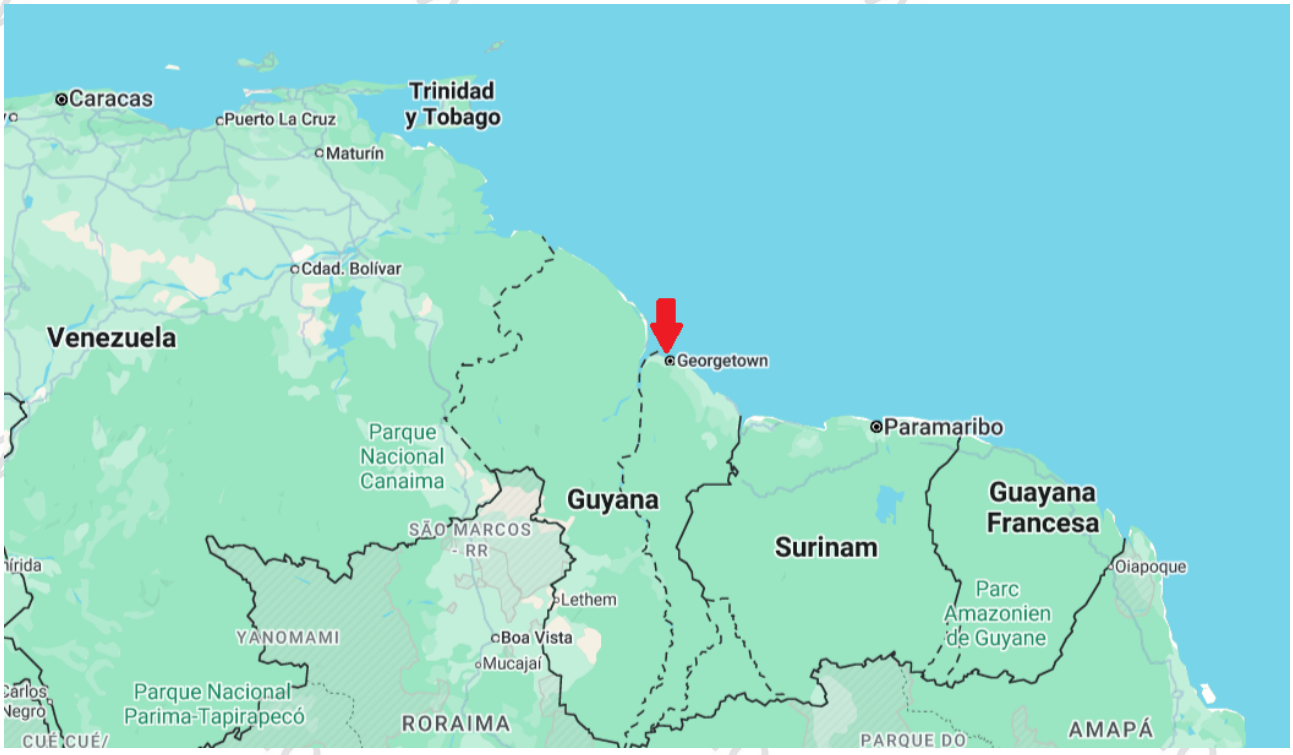
During the Napoleonic Wars, the British occupied the Dutch colonies in this part of South America—territories that had belonged to the Netherlands since the 17th century. The slave trade was abolished in 1807, at which time there were approximately 100,000 enslaved people in the territory. In 1831, the territory was designated as "British Guiana." The enslaved population was emancipated in 1838.

Beginning in the 1840s, indentured laborers were brought in from the East Indies and China to work on the plantations, as the newly freed individuals had acquired their own land and refused to work on the sugar estates. By 1917, nearly 240,000 people from the East Indies had migrated to British Guiana.

British Guiana was established as a British colony in 1928, and in 1953 it adopted its own constitution and parliament, with provisions for voting and the election of legislators. It gained its independence in 1966.

LOCALIZACION GEOGRAFICA





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