## **Baobab**

Baobab trees have come from the West coast of Africa to the Caribbean aboard European trade- and slaveships. The baobab tree in the picture holds a special status. It is more than 250 years old and "witnessed" the Fireburn as well as some of the horrible acts of revenge that occured in its wake.

According to oral history a group of women were burned alive under the tree. The plate near the tree commemorates these women, the tree and the riot.

Unfortunately, the baobab was severely damaged during the hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017.

## BAOBAB TREE (Adansonia digitata) 194 & 194A GROVE PLACE

This specimen originated in West Africa, noted as one of the oldest life forms on the planet. These trees provide food, medicine, shelter and places of worship. This tree is over 250 years old. Under this tree, some of the women, who joined Queen Mary Thomas, in the rebellion of 1878, were burned alive.

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