

U.S. and **HAITI**: A SKETCH of 500 YEARS

1492 Columbus' first "new world" landing on what is now Haiti.

"The "lovable, tractable, peaceable, gentle, decorous Indians" as Columbus had described them in letters home, sickened and died at a rate that appalled even the Europeans. Estimates of their number at the close of the fifteen century reach as high as eight million, by 1510 only 50,000 natives remained on the island. Less that 30 years later the native population could be counted in the hundreds...Transatlantic traffic in humans began in earnest in 1517."

Paul Farmer, *The Uses of Haiti*, 1994, updated in 2003, p. 54

St. Augustine 1565

Jamestown, Quebec,
Santa Fe, Plymouth
1608 - 1620

1696 Spain cedes Haiti to France

1776 U.S. Declaration
of Independence

1787 U.S. Constitution

1803 Louisiana Purchase

**1804-62
Non-recognition of
Haiti by the U.S.**

**1804 Haiti is 2nd western hemisphere
country, after U.S., to gain independence**

**15
1917-34 U.S.
Marine
Occupation of
Haiti**

**1983 U.S.
National
Endowment
for Democracy
established***

1957-86
Duvalier Years

1986 Baby Doc Duvalier to exile
1988

1990 Aristide elected to five year term

Sep '91 - Sep '94 32nd coup

1992

1994 Oct 15 President Aristide reinstated

1995 Rene Preval elected President

1996

1998

2000 Aristide re-elected to a five year term
starting February 7, 2001

2002

2004 February 29, coup d'etat #33

2006 Aristide term ends February 7, 2006

* For further reference

WWW.NED.ORG <<http://www.ned.org/>> ; also

WWW.IRI.ORG <<http://www.iri.org/>> (International Republican Institute)

WWW.NDI.ORG <<http://www.ndi.org/>> (National Democratic Institute)