Links Related to Trinidadian French Creole (TFC or Patois):

ARTICLES

<u>Sunday Express</u> Articles on French Creole (Patois) in Trinidad
This three part series written by Julien Neaves in September 2006 investigates the loss of Patois in Trinidad and the attempts being made to revive it. Click here for Part One, here for Part Two, and here for Part Three. "Trinidad French Creole", an article written by Gertrud Aub-Buscher

This page includes excellent information on the sociohistorical background of Trinidadian French Creole up to the present time, as well as the vocabulary, sound and grammar of the language. Montray Kréyol

This page (Péyi kréyolopal > Latrinité) gives links to interesting articles written about or in TFC (Patois) (mostly in French, but some articles are in English and in Trini Kwéyòl). See especially the newspaper (in PDF) created by the LING 2899 (L280 - French-lexicon Creole) class of 2006-07 of UWI, St. Augustine. Université Laval This page gives an overview of Trinidad & Tobago's sociolinguistic situation (in French)

WORDS AND PHRASES

Linguist List

This site summarises what is available on the web for TFC (Patois).

This site gives four useful travel phrases in TFC (Patois).

HISTORY

Calypso and Patois

Many of the early calypsos were written and sung in Patois (TFC). See an article on the Musical Traditions website for lyrics of calypsos in English and Patois. Mass in Patois

Click here and here for links to NALIS articles on Paramin. Here is an article on the Paramin church, Paramin Cultural Organization, Paramin Village, Maraval, Trinidad

This site focuses on some of the cultural activities of the organisation.

LANGUAGE MATERIALS

Audio New Testament in French Creole

Listen to an audio sample of the (Lesser Antillean) French Creole New Testament from Hosanna/Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH), download the St. Lucian French Creole New Testament for free or purchase it online at FCBH. Check out the Jesus Film in St. Lucian French Creole. Click here for general information. (The print version is available from the Bible Society of the East Caribbean in Barbados.)

St. Lucian Kwéyòl Dictionary

The St. Lucian bilingual Patois-English dictionary is online (in PDF). Although there are differences between the two language varieties, they have much in common, and speakers of Trini French Creole will find this dictionary very useful. Researchers are working on the Trini version.

ORGANISATIONS

The International Organisation of Creole People

This organisation focuses on creolophone people worldwide. Pages appear in French, English and Kwéyòl. There is a special emphasis on International Creole Day/Jounen Kwéyòl Entennasyonal (started in St. Lucia in 1981, and celebrated annually on 28 October since 1983).