

CAYMAN ISLANDS WILD TREES & THEIR USES

Wattle and Daub Houses Daub



The ground-floor of the 2 storey Panton House was wattle and daub



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The only place where **Candlewood**, with its aromatic compound leaves of 3 leaflets, can be seen in the George Town area, is in the remnant of ancient growth forest behind the University College of the Cayman Islands

Coral rocks from the sea were reduced to powdered Lime and mixed with sand and water. The plaster was then daubed on the wattles. Highly resinous **Candlewood** (above) *Amyris elemifera* Family: RUTACEAE, was used for kindling, because it burns readily, even when green.

Logs of **Sea Grape** (right) *Coccoloba uvifera* Family: POLYGONACEAE or **Almond** *Terminalia catappa* Family: COMBRETACEAE were used for the fire.

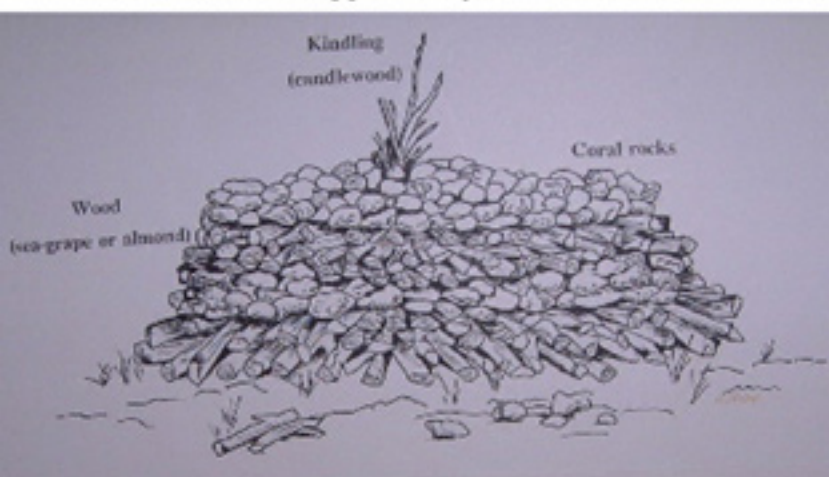


Photo of the **Lime Kiln** taken at the Cayman Islands National Museum

