Definitions starting with L

Lucayan, Lucayon

/luwkáyan/ [from Lucayan lukku-cairi island people (Craton 1962:18); cf. Arawakan lóko person, acáera island, cay (Taylor 1977:20 and p.c.)] n. the Lucayan Indians, an Arawakan-speaking people who inhabited the Bahamas at the time of Columbus; they were enslaved by the Spanish and disappeared within fifty years: 1929 [Columbus] was, of course, mistaken in calling the inhabitants he found here Indians. They are now known to have been Lucayons or Caribs (Defries 7).

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