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Mendez Burnetta	Head	F.S.	35.	3.3.	Farm labourer.	Mix
Hutchinson Myrtle	Dau	F.S.	16			
Williams Naomi	Dau	F.S.	10			
" Lorenzo	"	F.S.	6			

She was sitting on the threshold of her house ~~working~~ mending a child's dress. She was putting a patch on it. Nearby a black pan was on ~~fire~~ open fire. She said she said two daughters. One is in school. The house she lives in is not her own. It is her brother's in law. He was her sister's husband. Her sister died 15 years ago. He married afterwards with another woman. ~~But they are in law~~ Her brother's in law name is Mr. Bartley. He lives in a house nearby. She has no land of her own. She works on Mr. Bartley's land. He is very good to her. They never quarreled.

We asked her about her husband. She laughed. ~~Bad luck~~ ~~she said~~ "My husband sir? - bad luck".

The land property of Mr. Bartley extends - more or less- from the place where her house is situated till the road / leading to All Sides/ and till the limit with Mr. Lucius Baley's, farm. She does not know how much land is owned by her brother in law. "I can't tell you how much acre". Mr. Bartley came here from Manchester, from the village on the other side of Wilson's Valley. He rented some land in All Sides for many years, and then ~~got~~ the land on which her house as well as Mr. Bartley's house is situated. He is an owner of a sugar mill / in front -a little below/ of his house. She does not know from whom Mr. Bartley's land was bought and when. "The land was here before me live here

bought +

She was born in Worsop. She had one sister and one brother. ~~But they had~~ They were orphans. Mr. Bartley took them and later on married her sister. He took care of ~~the~~ all of them. "Me had no mother, he raise me".

Her sister had no children. Burnetta Mendez is in good relations with her brother in law. He has three children from his second wife. Her brother in law is a "hard man" He work a lot. He rents land in All Sides. She was 20 when her sister married Mr. Bartley.

The people who live in the hut at the other end of her yard are Mrs. Freckleton and her family. They are "good neighbours". They help each other in sickness, they visit each other. "On a visit, on a live good". They do not quarrel, - "no quarrel". Good neighbours never quarrel. They quarrel sometimes "when the cow come to the limit". Mrs. Freckleton is no ~~her~~ cousin to her. They live on buy land, and from old times "Freckleton live here before me be born"

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Her elder daughter is at school. She will finish next year. Mrs. Mendez looks for a "good lady" to take her daughter ~~and~~ to help and to continue her career. The butcher's wife promised she will take her daughter. Mrs. Mendez says: her daughter is a good and clever girl but "just a black girl".

When complimented on her dress Mrs. Mendez laughed. Her dress was in good condition, clean enough and of a rather complicated fashion. It had a peplum and an elaborate heart shaped decoltee. I asked her whether she made it herself, she said yes. She has seen the fashion in a journal. She bought the material at the shop. She took it to one cousin and told him how she wants to be cut. He cut it for her. Then she took it to her other cousin Mendez who is a tailor and has a sewing machine. She took the cut pieces there and has sewn them herself on the machine.

Asked whether there are ~~any~~ dressmakers in the village, ~~she said~~ dressmakers she said "Plenty dressmakers. Everybody try for himself and for others."