

Date Visit.Edwards, Mr and Mrs.

11/2/47.  
E.C. with L.T.  
and D.

Taken by La T. Mr E. ("Brother Jo" to wife) steward in Methodist Church. Fair-sized house from exterior (all we saw) with wide floored verandah front and side. Bad repair. Raised on piles at rear. Ginger drying on side verandah. Mrs E. arrived with small girl from rear, head-kerchief and working clothes. Pregnant. L. T. opened with P.C. project and asked her if she had any children for it if it were started. Mrs E. looked shamefaced and hung her head and said she had "plenty". Admitted she had nine. Hang-dog ruefulness in the admission as if thought we would not approve. (L.T?) Did not feel it the moment to pursue the enquiry. Husband owns land and house -- about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres. Also rents on Allsides and has sugar mill. At work now making sugar. Left every morning at 9 and would not return till dark.

Thought best day for a meeting to form the Community Council would be a Sunday afternoon, between 3 and 4 p.m. It should be announced at least a week in advance in all churches. Sunday only day as they were working people and in the fields all weekdays. Not sufficient to announce it on Sunday morning for same day-- people would have "made their plans -- they would not come out".

Suggested we see Mrs Ethelyn Allen on Allsides but said it would be difficult to find people at home now (i.e. 5 p.m.) as would be in fields working. Were picking ginger, planting yams or making sugar.

Attitude friendly. Interests to co-operate with L.T. who is in the Methodist Ministry of which her husband is steward.

To get: - Christian names of Mr and Mrs E. and children to identify on Sch

D. 23, S.D. 20, Household 37.

Edwards.	James	Head.	M.M. 39.	Farmer. Mixed Farm.
"	Ethline	Wife.	F.M. 30. 9.7.	Homemaker.
"	Albert	Son.	M.S. 12.	
"	Beryl	Dau.	F.S. 11.	
"	Terrence	Son.	M.S. 8.	
"	Dennis	Son.	M.S. 6.	
"	Thelma	Dau.	F.S. 4.	
"	Mercella	Dau.	F.S. 2.	
"	Lucille	Dau.	F.S. 2/12/	

COPY OF FORM 2 attached.

23rd May. 1947.  
Friday 9 a.m.  
E.C.; J.O.; T.O.

We went to the Edwards' home and found Mr Edwards about to leave for his fields "to look his stock". He was in clean working clothes with rubber gum boots and a machette, with which he was brushing bush about the garden as we came up.

We also saw Mrs Edwards. Mrs O. went into the house to talk with her while O. and I went round the cultivation near the house with Mr E. We found Mr Edwards eager to give information on farming techniques and procedures and in regard to the crops he grows and after about an hour's conversation suggested that we go with him to his fields on Allsides. This he willingly consented to, and all the walk he was pointing out other holdings greeting neighbours, by nick-names, and conversing with us on the war, on Germany's present position, and Poland's share in the war.

Mr E. said he had all his farmer's lore "in his head" and would be glad to come and talk to us at the house so that we could write down all he told us, so we have arranged that he should do this on Sunday afternoon.

Friday  
23.5.47.  
T.O.

Case Hist. 2

When E.C. and J.O were talking to Mr. Edwards I went into the house to meet Mrs. Edwards.

The house is large, with three "rooms". In the first side room - two beds. The middle one is the "drawing room, with ~~two~~ 2 tables on which is china and two tables with a lot of books on them. Most of them are religious books and text-books. There is however the life of Nelson presented to Mr. Edwards by some friends from Kingston. Among the photographs there is the photograph of Mr. Caswell Bartley - the owner of the house in which we live now. Mrs. Edwards explained that her husband is preacher in the Wesleyan Church and he reads a lot of books, he even makes them come from Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were married 18 years ago. She was a Miss Vassel. Her father was not born in Warsop and died many years ago. The mother was born in Warsop. She had 12 children, 8 of which are alive - all girls. Old Mrs. Vassel

lives in All Sides near the China shop. One of her daughters lives with her. Another sister of Mrs. Edwards lives with the tailor.

When Mrs. Edwards married she lived with her husband for 3 years and 9 months on the parochial road to Mount Tappin. She says it was an unhealthy place it belonged to the Edwards family, and now one of Mr. Edwards brothers occupies it. While still in their first home, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards bought a piece of land from George Wiltshire. They built a grass house on it where they lived till 1940, when the new house was built. The new house is built on a little hill which was purchased together with another piece of land from Mistress Hanson. She lived with her husband nearby. They are both dead now and her son lives in this house. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards set their mind to build the house on this particular spot. It is on a hill, and there is no bush in front of it. It is not healthy ~~to have bush right in front of your house~~ "Made up mind to have house on hill - not to have bush in front". Higher up towards the road is the Edwards family land with the wooden house on it where Mr. Edwards parents - now dead - used to live. The house is empty now. The timber is sound but the roof needs repair.

Mrs. Edwards has 8 children. She is expecting soon another one. Her eldest son is 18. When we were leaving accompanied by Mr. Edwards who was to show us his All Sides rented land, she was addressed by her husband "Miss Lin" and answered "Yes sir".