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Thompson Stanley	Head	M.M.	32	Farmer
" Mary	Wife	F.M.	33.25	Homemaker
" Enid	Dau.	F.S.	8	
" Sybel	Dau.	F.S.	7	
" Eda	Dau.	F.S.	5	

The house.

Corrections: Mrs. Thompson had 5 children altogether. The daughter from the previous union stays for 4 years already with constable Powell in Warsop. The son from the previous union is in Manchester with Mrs Thompson's father.

The house is one of the last towards Wait-a-Bit. Consists of ~~the~~ three grass buildings: living house, kitchen and pantry called "battery" (?) The house was built about 10 years ago. Mr. Thompson showed sticking amachete under the poles that they are all rotten. The house is propped by poles from the front. It leaks and walls are transparent in many places. Inside the house is partitioned with a board wall into two rooms. In the first one there is a small couch, a table with very little "china". Over the bed a saddle, on the shelves running across both rooms some raw leather, a scale, baskets (little ones made by daughters). ~~In the other room a big bed, a small one, wooden boxes on a barrel. On top of them are pairs of shoes. On the wall a lot of dresses. On the whole the inside lacks the display of "niceties" but is rather better than many others with useful commodities. There is a small Singer sewing machine. Mr. and Mrs T. were very bitter about the house and the fact that they were not allowed to build a decent one.~~ On the wall a row of straw hats. In the other room a big bed, a small one, wooden boxes on a barrel. On top of them are pairs of shoes. On the wall a lot of dresses. On the whole the inside lacks the display of "niceties" but is rather better than many others with useful commodities. There is a small Singer sewing machine. Mr. and Mrs T. were very bitter about the house and the fact that they were not allowed to build a decent one.

Farm.

Mr. T. said he rented 3 acres. Round the house there was big plots of escallion. They sell it to higglers who take it to Christiania by bundles of about 2/- worth. Main cultivations are yams and bananas - very little cane which is a characteristic for the whole of Thompson Town. Mr. T. has a mule ~~who~~ which he was shoeing. The whole family was decently clad, Mrs. T had shoes on. She is svelte very good looking. She says her daughter who is with the constable is 18 years old. It seems rather incongruous with the age of the mother as given in the census. (She would have been a mother at 12)!

Family

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Mr. Thompson's parents came to Allsides from Lower Trelawny. Mrs. T. from Manchester. She herself stayed longer in Manchester than her parents (Possibly outside child?) She went to school to Craig's Head. (In the census it is recorded that she does not read, and also that she is from Trelawny.) She says daughters go to school, but all three were at home, thisday (Thursday).

Shopping.

Mrs. T. says she does not send to shop every day. She goes once a week to the chinese shop at Craig Head. Sends for little things to the local shops - Johnson's and Powell's. "Sometimes you need something for supper". She does not know or does not want to say how much she spends weekly for the shop.