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Brooks	Nicholas	head.	M.Cl.	42	St. Elizab.	Black.	Angl.	W.3.	fisherma
Rhoden	Linette	wife	F.Cl.	35.10.9.	"	colour.	"	X	homemak.
Brooks	Lauretta	+ dau	F.S.	22 1.1.	"	black	"	W.2.	higgler
"	Dearnda	+ dau	F.S.	21 1.1.	"	"	"	W.2.	higgler
"	Cyril	+ son	M.S.	19	"	"	"	W.1,	labour.
"	Retinella	+ dau	F.S.	15	"	"	"	W.2.	labour
"	Olive	+ dau	F.S.	13	"	"	"	W.2.	O.E.
"	Icilda	+ dau	F.S.	11	"	"	"	X	does not go
"	Whitney	+ son	M.S.	9	"	"	"	W.1.	4.E.
"	Canute	+ son	M.S.	6	"	"	"	X	
"	Aubrey	g/son	M.S.	7	"	"	"	X	
Elliott	Ena	g/dau	F.S.	7	"	"	"	R.1.	4.E.

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Gardens
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changes

Owns 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres in 3 parcels: 4, 2, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. for 7 weeks empl-
2 labourers. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres cultivated. 2 acres cult. but
not used, 2 acres for grazing. Value land and building
~~£100000~~ £ 100.-- no mortgage.

0,2 acr. cabbages, some okras, 0,1 peppers, 0,1 pump-
kins, some escallion, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre tomatoes, = 1000 lbs
1 ackee, 1 avocado, 4 coconuts, 1 grape, 1 lime, 7 man-
goes, 1 pawpaw, 2 cashew nuts.
0,1 corn, $\frac{1}{4}$ gangoo peas, 0,3 other peas, 1 ac. cassava,
 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. sweet potat. 0,4 ac. yams, $\frac{1}{4}$ tobacco = 224 lbs,
1 donkey, 2 sheep 4 goats, 2 swine some hens.

The house is in Thatch Walk - second going by path
from Alligator Pond and first after Charles Rowe's
house.

The house is spanish wall - painted.

The family.

The numerous women-folk were gathered under a man-
goe tree some 50 yards from the house. Mrs. Linette Rho-
den was peeling bittercassava, one of her daughters
grating it, the rest sitting around.

Mrs. Linette Rhoden history. Her parents were born in Bull. Sav.
but they are both dead now. She has a sister in Kingston
Her brother lives in Bull Savannah. His name is Adalgo
Rhoden. Her father Malcolm Rhoden used to be a fisher-
man - he died 4 yrs ago. The brother Adalgo does not
fish - he cultivates. When Mrs. Linette was young
there were more people in the village who used to go f
fishing.

Traditional
women's side-
business.

The mother used also make bammies and sell
them in Alligator Pond. It is what Mrs. Linette does
now. She dug the cassava early this morning. She peels
it with a knife and one daughter helps her in this.
Another daughter scrapes it. It is then put in a
bag and pressed with a big pole balanced with three
heavy stones. The poisonous liquid is squeezed out in
this way. To-morrow at 2 a.m. Mrs. Linette will backe
the bammies. Early morning she will go to Alligator

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Pond to sell them there at 9 a.m. She goes on market-days: Wednesdays and Saturdays. She sells one bammy for 2 d. It brings her (gross total) 6/- (About 6 continuous hours work for 3 women plus 6 hours for one not counting the time and cost of cassava planting, the cost of fire, equipment etc).

Her mother used to sell the bammies at one gil($\frac{3}{4}$ d.) and 1 d. She sells them at 2 d a piece.

Other sources of revenue.

factory work

The girls - three of them - work during the season in the factory. Olive -(she has a 2 yrs old daughter Enid, who lives also on this household)says she works there. ~~xxx~~ She works from 7 a.m. till 12 noon and 1 p.m. till 5 p.m. For this she says she gets 1/- The night work is from 6 p.m. till 6 a.m. and she says she gets also 1/- for it. Weekly she gets 2/-. All her information was rather mixed up and she changed her mind very often re the wages and hours of work. Probably she could not explain it. With Olive Brooks was her friend Esmella Powell who also works in the factory. The two girls had nice dresses. Did not help the others with cassava. Sat on the grass and were giggling merrily all the time.

thatch work.

They plait from silver thatvh. 16 yards is sold to higgler for 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 16 yards is called also "hat" as this is the amount to make a hat. It is also used to make bags, mats etc. They dont do it themselves, they only plait it and sell to the higgler.

Begging.

Olive got up, came nearer and said "What have you got to give us?" I told her that we dont carry money but I could give her a cigarette. The boy Aubrey shouted "I want a cigarette" but I explained to him that this is nd for children. The conversation changed and finally no-~~xxxx~~ cigarette was given.

I asked whether the girls planted tomatoes, but did not get a clear answer - rather not I gather. The boy was "lately sick" He has his head tied with a handkerchief. It reminds me of Sylvester Green from Warsop who also used to go round with his head tied in a handkerchief as the Obeah-man told him to do.

Bicholas' brooks family.

There are many Brooks in Thatch Walk and Over Road. His father house was just above his own - under the palm tree. The father died - Andrew Brooks - and one of his sons lives ther who also died recently (it is not clear). The house on the hill is empty.

Thursday,
March 11, 1948.

Ed. F.

Interview with Linette Rhoden

Asked her age Linette said - "Mi head so bad mi can't even tell y'u. Y'u mus' judge ~~xxxxxx~~ fi y'uself: " -i.e. "My head is so bad I can't even tell. You must judge for yourself.

She was born in Thatch Walk; came to share house with Nicholas about 15 years ago.

Family History

Her mother Rosetta Reynolds died about 8 years ago. Her father Marcus Rhoden died about 10 years ago. Rosetta and Marcus had 3 children:

1. (herself)
2. Relda Rhoden; she lives in Kingston.
3. Hidalgo Rhoden; he lives in Top Bull Savannah. in premises adjoining Sarah and Alice ~~xxxxxx~~ Francis, and Canova Rochester.

Till she was 12

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/She lived with her mother on a piece of land her mother had at Bottom Bull Savannah. Before her death her mother sold a piece of this land to Dee Francis. The remainder of the land has been left for her mother's 3 children -herself included.

Rosetta used to have a room on the land. ~~xxx~~ This was shared during her lifetime with ~~xxxxxx~~ her 3 children, Clifford Rhoden, -a son of "Marcus" with another woman, and with another woman whose name Linette cannot remember.

In Ballards Valley

At 12, Linette left her mother's to share house with ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Mrs. Diana Elliott of Ballards Valley. Mrs. Elliott is her God-mother, and was one of her mother's friends. She remained with her for about nine years.

At Mrs. Elliott's her duties were to go to office - post Office, and to scrape grate ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ cassava for making bammies. She used to visit her mother on undays - "now and then."

She left Mrs. Elliott's and returned to her mother when she was about 20. ~~xxxxxx~~ Her mother was sick with rheumatism for about one year. She had to leave Mrs. Elliott and go to take care of her mother, because her mother was absolutely helpless - "was just like a baby;" -she had to be carried about. Her sister Relda was also at home but she was too small to be able to take adequate

care of a sick person.

Rosetta had to be taken to the Black River Hospital. It did not caos a great deal of money to get her there because -"we did not charter the car only get a seat in it." Roselda was kept in the hospital for 3 weeks. She was feeling better when she returned home, but was still not quite better. She became stronger slowly. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in this interview

Nicholas whom elsewhere/she said she met 15 years ago, was ~~the first man~~ male to whom she became attached. -?? For Nicholas she has 8 children. Those not sharing house with her are:

- 1. Cyril Brooks 17.
- 2. Hamlin Brooks 16.

Cyril and Hamlin share house with their father's brother ~~Jacob~~ Brooks; they eat at their mother's -only sleep at Jacob's.

Her present household is aas follows:

- Nicholas Brooks Head.
- Linnette Reynolds Wife c/1.
- Olive Brooks dau. 15.
- Ruthenela Brooks " 18.
- Canute Brooks son 13.
- Loreitta Brooks dau 20.
- Whitney Brooks son 13.
- Icilda Brooks dau. 9.

Whitney and Icilda sometimes sleep at their uncle/ Jacob's house. (It was not then noted that ~~xxxx~~ Whitney and Canute are given as being of the same age.) Both/ Whitney and Icilda were at first given as sharing house with uncle Jacob; they sometimes sleep at Jacob's.

tieing

The interview concluded because Linette had to go to see about ~~ixing~~/out stock.

/Heathe

Samuel Elliott, ~~xxxx~~ his mother's father Thomas ~~xxxxxx~~/tells me, is a member of the the Nicholas Brooks' household. Linette evaded reference to Sam. however although she admitted vaguely that Sam is c.1 husband to one of her daughters. (For Sam. see Fr R. 12). Sam said he shares house with his grand father Thomas Heathe.

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Friday,
Feb. 5, 1948.

Ed. F.

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Family Record 12.

Interview with Samuel Elliott

Samuel is now 31. He was born in Thatch Walk in Thomas Heathe's his mother's father's house. He still lives there. Thomas' neighbours are Canover Rochester and Lodrick Rochester.

The pencil point broke as the interview began. Asked if he had a knife Sam said he does not keep one because he believes he would use it if he had a quarrel with anyone. ~~XX~~

To illustrate this point he told the story of a his quarrel with a friend named Hidalgo "nodon. The quarrel resulted from the playing of a game called Bushel. Bushel is played with 9, 10, 5 or 3 men. The aim of each player -there are always two players in this game- being to get ~~XXXXXXX~~ 3 of his men (players) in a line formed at three different points.

Sam had been playing this game with Hidalgo while Willet Heathe his Sam's uncle looked on. Sam Willet and Hidalgo had gone to fetch water from The "ock, a spring. Sam was then about 16. ~~then~~

While Sam was not looking on ~~XXXXXX~~ Hidalgo moved one of his Sam's men. That was cheating. Willet saw what Hidalgo had done and told Sam. Hidalgo began to quarrel with Willet, and later hit him. Hidalgo was the biggest of the three boys, Willet the smallest. Sam became very annoyed that Hidalgo should try to take advantage of his young uncle Willet, and flying into a temper because he felt Hidalgo was so much bigger than he Sam was, drew a knife with which he made two swipes at Hidalgo. The first swipe caught Hidalgo on the hand -fore arm; the second made in the region of the stomach, did not reach the skin, but cut open the shirt. Sam "was in a passion" then, and "did not care what he did -did not care what happened."

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Still he was frightened when he saw the wound he had made on Hidalgo's hand. Hidalgo was also frightened, and ran home. Sam went on to the Rock for water he had gone for. He took the water home.

On arrival home his mother asked him what had happened; -she said "am what happen y'u cut Hidalgo?" He told her -"Well y'u know Mumma (Mother) all of us come into a combat, an' him (Hildago) try to advantage Willet ~~XXXX~~ an' mi pull mi knife an' cut him." He added also that Hidalgo is bigger than he Sam was and could not be easily managed, hence resort to the knife

Sam's mother told him -"You are wrong, an' them go-
~~ing~~ ing fi di police fi lock y' u up." His mother
then went over to see Rosie Reynolds, Hidalgo's mother.
Sam did not accompany his mother.

Rosie told Sam's mother that she felt that
Hidalgo could have cut Sam instead of Sam him, and so
she was willing "to be done away with the matter" i.e. to
take no ~~action~~ action, providing however that Sam would
take on the water carrying duties of Hidalgo; this duty
~~was~~ was to carry one pan of water from the Rock
each day. Water had to be carried from the spring in
that time because there was then a "terrible drought."

Sam carried the water for 3 days. He would have
have had to continue ~~until~~ until Hidalgo's hand got
bet ter but fortunately it rained after the third day.

Sam felt sorry he had cut Hidalgo, but was proud
of the fact he had proved himself able ~~to~~ to protect him-
self from being "battered up."

"Bushel"

The game bushel used to be very widely played in
those times by boys and men. The men taught the boys
to play the game. The men played among themselves for
money; some of the boys too, but not himself, "because,"
said he, -"a didn't count the game enough to put ~~mi~~
money in it. He means by that ~~he~~ "he" did not
have enough interest in the game to put mi money in it."

The game is not now being as extensively played
as it used to be. Card games are now more frequent.

-At Hide-and-Seek ring games.

As a boy I used to play at "hide and find," i.e.
-hide and seek. We used to play ring games also. Girls
and boys played together then. Parents did not quarrel
when the boys and girls played together, but he believes
"some parents" would now quarrel. Boys do not now
play at ring with girls as frequently as ~~we~~ used to
be done when he was a boy. They still play now and then
at hide and find however. Sam remembers joining such
a group at hide and seek about a week ago.

The ring games and hide and seeking were usually
played in his father's yard in a part of the yard called
Mango Bottom, because it had "lots of mango trees. Play
lasted frequently till midnight.

Some of the girls would sometimes tell her part-
ticular friend a boy, where she was going to hide. "hen

such a boy found such a boy they could "have their little time;" i.e. they would have sexual relationship.

Before this happened there would usually be "little talks" leading up to the point where the boy would usually ask the girl "to give him a little," i.e. to allow him to share the sexual embrace with her. The girl usually would say "No" or then pretend not to understand. Whenever a girl said no the boys would usually know that to be "only show," -show is talk that is not meant i.e. -bluff. After the talk there would usually be some play in the grass, and after that sexual intercourse.

First sex experience

Samuel had his first sex experience when he was about 14. His partner in the embrace was a girl named Doris Brooks, now dead. She was about 2 years older than himself. They had used to have their little talks on many occasions before the occasion of the relationship.

He was emboldened to approach Doris about sex because she had previously told one of her girl friends that she loved him; this girl friend had relayed the information to him; the information "made him" bold to attack; besides, ~~Samuel~~ "as a boy (boy) a never afraid of not 'in' (nothing i.e. of anything)

He ask's her

Doris was one of the girls who used to play hide and seek with him in his yard. One night when they were playing at it she told him where she was going to hide they had arranged to do that, but had not said what they wanted to do. (He suggests here that it was a tacit arrangement)

He found her hiding place; he asked her "for a little of it;" she laughed. He knew -"that silent give consent," and so they began to play about in the grass, and then they did it.

He kept it secret

He kept that a secret from his friends "because that is a part of privacy." He added -"If it was not to be private then people would go into the open road and do it there."

He would not kiss any of his girl friends in public: -"why? because he does not consider that proper."

Family History

Sam's mother was Mary Heathe, but she ~~is~~^{was} generally called Mary ~~Heathe~~ ~~Stewart~~ Samuels in memory of her father's mother. She died in 1934. His father is Hubert Elliott. Hubert lives in his own house built on family land in Thatch Walk. (See F.R. 52,65.). Hubert ~~is~~ the oldest ~~xxx~~ of two brothers used to pay the taxes for the premises he is living on, after his (Hubert's) father died. Sometime ago however, Hubert became blind and unable to pay the taxes any longer. Canute, Hubert's brother took over the paying of the taxes then.

Early Childhood

When Sam was about 4 (he has been told this) he went to share house with a mother's sister ~~xxxx~~ named Helila Heathe. Helilia lived in Rocky Point Trelawny: she had sent to ask his mother to allow him to come to live at her house because she had then an only child who needed another child's company.

He gets small-pox

He remained with Helila for 5 years -left only because she died: she had chicken pox -caught a cold after and died. Sam developed the pox after Helila died. The pox was all over his body. His palms were stripped: only his head - the crown of his head was not affected.

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School: Sam has been to school for only 2 months. ~~xxxx~~ That was when he was with Helila at Rocky Point.

On his return to Bull Savannah he went to live -to share house with his g.f. Thomas Heathe. Mary his mother had used to share house with Thomas before he had left to go to Rocky Point, but had left while he was away. She went to ~~ix~~ share house and house-keeping with Charles Rowe for whom she now has 7 children. Charles and his mother are still sharing house and housekeeping. ~~xx~~

(Family History)

(Sam is older than all his mother's children, but his sister Martha Elliott (one of the Canute Elliott Household) is ~~only~~ older than ~~they~~ some of them, because his father had left his father to share house with Charles Rowe, and then return to his father. She conceived and had Martha then. After that she ~~is~~ again left his father and back to Charles Rowe.)

Grand father Thomas was a fisherman. After Tho

Sams return from Rocky Point he used to help his grand father with cultivating "cassada" (cassava) and He continued to help ~~xxx~~ at planting till he was about 16. He began then to go to sea with his grand father ~~xxxxx~~ to "fishen" (fish). They went twice per week only, because fish "were plenty" then and so did not sell much. One could get a long string of jack for 1/-

Sam remembers many occasions when his grand f. had to "carry flag" He means by that, that Thomas had to put up a white flag - a handkerchief or so to indicate that her had caught a "lot of fish" and that the people who wanted fish should wait till his boat came in. The flag was sometimes made from the piece of cloth used to tie up the "sea grub," i.e. the food taken by the crew to be eaten at sea.

Fish was so cheap in those times that when a fisherman caught 5 or 6 cwt of fish all he would get for his catches was £5. Now when fish is not so plenty and the demand for it is greater he can get £5 for one Cwt only.

Sam's grand father gave up fishing when he became too old to be able to stand up to the rigours of the sea life. He did not say how long ago that was.

He continued to fish after his grand father had given up. - has been fishing last in January. He is a Captain - i.e. he used to command the crew of a boat. He used to ~~have~~ his own boat.

Many men say they are fisherman but few of them really ~~xxxxxx~~ know much about "fishening." He can do anything and everything in relation to "fishenin" save make the wire for for making the fish-pots. He has tried out every type of "fishenin" done pot-fishing, line fishing, mullet net fishing, trammel and seine fishing.

There are many kinds of bats. A fisherman has to know what bait to set where and when. He has been catching turtle too - oxbill turtle.

To be a good fisherman one has to have brains: it takes brains to be able ~~xxxxxx~~ to find fish-pots that have been set out in the sea - often in the deep sea. A fisherman has to know how to take sight of the land marks, because the only way he can locate himself at sea is by that. He does that by aligning his boat with selected objects on the shore - objects like ~~xxx~~ the point of a hill, point of a cliff etc.

Pot fishing: deep sea

Deep sea pot fishing is done ⁱⁿ from 85 to 195 fathoms. Fish caught in the deep are silk and dear grouper. When a fisherman finds his fish-pot is very heavy at first, and then gets very light, it means that he is having a great catch, but only experienced fishermen know that.

Pot fishing -shallows

Pot fishing in shallows -water under 85 feet is for/usually done ~~xxx~~ against rocks, for jack and/yellow tail snapper. The pots are usually set on or near the rocks, never far from it. For catching goat-fish, parget, trunk fish, and lobsters pots are set on the sea grass.

When a canoe reaches the spot where fishing is to be done the captain of the boat gives order to "brok way" i.e. break away ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ -take down the sails. He usually uses a sail on his boats.

Going away form the land seawards the sea bottom is covered with:

1. Grass
2. Shallow rocks
3. White sand on which nothing lives.
4. Deep-sea rocks.

~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~

Fishing is never done beyond 195 fathoms. A fathom is 2 yds. He can measure a fathom with ~~xxx~~ his arms outstretched in opposite directions from his x side.

Tuesday,
March 16, 1948.

Ed. F.

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Interview with Samuel Elliott

Sam came up while I was interviewing Adolphus Ellington on the Canute Elliotts Premises. ~~xxx~~ To the remark that he was awake early he added that he had got drunk last night, and had slept in Adlin Tracey's room in Massa Brooks' yard. Massa Brooks yard ~~is~~ neighbours Miss Henreitta Brooks'.

Adlin

Adlin is one of his girl friends. She is from Plowden; has come to work through the tomato crop at the factory.

She has rented the room she lives in from Massa Brooks: Massa really only obliged her with renting this room because she is a stranger, and because his Massa's "wife" came from Plowden to share house here with ~~Massa~~ him. (Massa)

The drinking party

The drinking party of which Sam was a part consisted of Earnest Powell, Victor Thomas, John Ford, and Alona Sammon. There were others - strange fellows not residents of Bull Savannah. The drinking had begun from early evening. Everybody bought ~~the~~ drinks.

Fishing

Sam has not been fishing since January because -"in January month practically all the riggin' is usually gone, an' y'u practically have to rig up again Rigging is -fish-pot, sail, oars and other boating equipment.

During the present windy season only deep sea ~~fish~~ fishing is sensible -is practicable, because there are few fish in the ~~xxx~~ shallows: fish go out into the ~~de~~ deep waters in this time to avoid the beating of the waves whipped up by the high winds.

Sam admits he is one of the Nicholas Brooks household: "Said he -"A hear y'u come down a my place the other day but a was not at home." In a previous interview, he had said that he shares house with his grand father Thomas Heathe.

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March, 16, 1948.

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Interview with Samuel Elliott

Conjugal relationships

Sam used to be a "hot ~~blow~~ fellow" but ~~thinks~~ he is getting old now. He does not now bother about the girls as he once used to.

His first girl

*He was then living
at Rock Point
with a relative named
in a previous interview*

His first girl was Ivy Brooks, now dead. / He was about 12 years old when he met her. They did not really meet because ~~they~~ -"we grow together almost in the same yard." They used to have their "little talk,"courting like." Her parents did not suspect that that they had boy friend and girl friend interwined in one another. She was a bit older than 12 -than himself.

They share relationships

They began to have sexual relationships about 2 months after they began to have their little "courting talks." Where did it happen? -"Y'u have to call it in a bush," and in daytime.

Their reactions

They were frightened after this first experience for both; it was the first that had ever happened and -"both of us find ourselves in danger way! What danger? -"In a blood," i.e. in blood: both.

Kept it secret

He did not tell anybody about his experience. He does not know if Ivy told anyone. They met after the occasion and talked it over. ~~xxxx~~ He does not remember what they said to one another.

They do "it" again.

After about a month their fears wore off and they did "it" again. They were not frightened then although there was again some blood following the relations. They were not frightened this time because they had got used to "it."

Am I married? -and who
my girl here.

He wanted to know if I was married. I told him I was, and in reply to further questioning that my wife is abroad; -that I have children. He said he did not believe; wanted to know next "which of the girls them a fi y'u? -which ~~isxxxx~~ of the girls is yours? He was referring to D.B. and I.D. I told him they are just fellow workers. "Yes," he said, "but which of them is yours?" I told him -neither. "Why not?" he asked then, and would not speak till he got an answer. I told him I believe the ladies have their friends and that I have my friends ~~xxxx~~ also. He said that should not matter. Asked why not, he added -"You only have to put on y'u guard. What guard? -"If y'u don't know a wont tell y'u then. Y'u wrong a man mus' pop lines sometimes. He enjoyed the above as a great joke.

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Interview with Olive Brooks: Nicholas Brooks.

Wednesday, The present household consists of:
 July 14, 1948.

- +1. Nicholas Brooks, 52, head.
- +2. Linette Rhoden, age not given, -wife c.l.
- Ed. F. L. +3. Derinda Brooks, dau, "about 20." She appears to be at least 24.
- d. +4. Cyril Brooks, son; "about 19." He was not seen.
- d. +5. Amblin Brooks, son, "about 18." He was not seen.
- d. +6. Retinella Brooks, dau, "about 17." She was not seen.
- d. +7. Olive Brooks, dau. Her age was given as "about 15," but she appears at least 13.
- d. +8. Icilda Brooks, dau, "about 14." She appears to be xx, 16 at least, but Olive is positive she is no older than 14. This girl has a head of most unusual structure. The skull portion of the head slopes off to a kind of xxxi pointed oval at the back and highest point. ~~xxxxxxx~~ She has a small face which slopes back somewhat from the chin. Altogether the head is small. It all looks animal-like.
- +9. Whitney Brooks, son; 12.
- +10. Canute Brooks, son; "around 10." *Arthur Brooks Demy*
- /Aubrey 2 +11. ~~Ruthenella~~/Brooks, son to Nicholas and Ruth Ann Ellington. Aubrey is about 9. He was not seen.
- +12. Enid Tracy, "about 4;" dau. to Retinella and Audley Tracy. Tracy lives on the Edward Perkins home site.
- 13. Ena Elliott, "about 9," dau. to Samuel Elliott and Loretta.
- 14. Clevan Brooks, son; "about 2:" seen. He is the son of Sylvia Perkins with Amblin.

Linette her mother cooks for the entire family.

Re Samuel Elliott:

"He (Sam) use' to live here once aback. He is gone fo a change; (!) a jus' caen tell where he is because him dont write."

Re herself -Olive:

Asked who is her present boy friend, Olive said: -"A don't have any boy friend. Them don't have anyt ing to gix gimi;" (gimi= give me) -"A 'roid fi trouble; the go fall mi (fall= make pregnant) an' all that, an' then noh pay mi no heeds -go 'bout them business."

She had a boy friend for "2 years and 3 months." They

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broke up "good". She means by that, that -"he was too wild: him run run too much. Mi did hear how him wild, an' mi find out miself; mi see him miself; mi se him talk to who mi hear him along with, an' mi jus' tell him mi done wey with it -that mi jus' daon feel/to continue. Him sey -'Well if y'u feel a mind to mi caan boun' y'u.'
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Interview with Nicholas Brooks

Nicholas who Olive had said was in the woods, came home while I sat talking to Olive under a tree in the yard. He hailed me cheerfully as he passed into the kitchen with an armfull of corn freshly cut from the stalk. He remained in the kitchen for about 15 minutes, and then came out to sit on the box on which Olive had been sitting. (She had got up a minute or so before.) He did not believe there was anything else he could tell me, he said, as he had already told everything about his house and land, and who lived at his house, to a girl living in this district, who had called on him sometime ago.

He is a fisherman. He does his fishing from the Alligator Pond fishing beech. Our talk with this point of particular interest to him. He said complained: -"Fishing is a whole load bad now; wi caan find wi pot; the current and the breeze cause that.

He fishes with William Brooks, an uncles son. He last went fishing on Saturday last. During the present bad season he will go out fishing only once per week; during season of better weather, he goes out twice per week.

Family History

Born in Thatch Walk, Nicholas is 52. His father was Henry Brooks; she died 18 years ago. His mother was Emvilene Brooks. She died 21 years ago.

Henry, and Emvilene had 13 children; 3 only of these are now alive; These are:

- 1. Jacob Brooks -54.
- 2. Nicholas Brooks -52; (himself)
- 3. Robertha Brooks -age not given.

Re Jacob:

Jacob at present has a wife (c.l.) named Alice Blackwood. Jacob eats always at Alice's house "Over the Rd," and sometimes sleeps there too. When he does not sleep at Alice's, he sleeps at the old home site of his parents with Cyril, and Amblin, who, although a part of his (Nicholas) household, do not sleep in the house occupied by himself and his other children

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Jacob has no children by Alice Blackwood, but has by Rodella Sinclair, 3 children; they are:

1. John Brooks, "about 23;"
2. Curtis Brooks, "about 19."
3. Mariam Brooks, "about 18."

Children to Nicholas are as enumerated in household given by Olive.

Re Robertha:

"She live out the ridge at Earnest Forde;" she is wife (c.l.) to Earnest. Nicholas cannot remember how many children she has.

Childhood:

He spent his childhood with his mother and father brother and sisters. The brother and sisters not named died adult.

Family Land

His mother and father used to live on their own place of 7 acres. The land on which he is living is a part of the land. The home above him (he pointed to it) occupied by ~~Errix~~ Jacob, Cyril and Amblin, was the ~~his~~ home site of his parents and of his childhood. After his father's death, the 7 acres in the land around the home site, was left by word of mouth for himself and Stanford. (His father did not leave a will).

At the time of his father's death children other than the 3 alive and already named, were 4:

1. Phillip Brooks.
2. Stanford Brooks.
3. James Brooks.
4. Rosetta Brooks.

His father also left 50 acres in the woods to be shared up between between the children who owned the home site (i.e. Stanford and himself) and the other children who did not inherit any of the home site land. The 50 acre left in the woods were shared up between the brothers and 2 sisters a long time ago. (It appeared to me at this stage of the interview that there is some doubt and possibility as to what is to be shared where.)

/some controversy,

Phillips land: Phillip is dead, but his land has not been inherited by anyone, although he has a daughter named Lucille Brooks. Lucille is really Mrs. Vaughan, having married a man named Vaughan. She lives in Thatch Walk with her husband. After Phillip had died Stanford used to pay taxes for his land, and after Stanford had died - "Jacob and I pay the taxes

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"Wi goin share it up; mi an him goin' share it now." - He will share this piece of land with Jacob.

Asked if Lucille will get any of the land he said: -"A don't know yet, but a believe she will get a piece. Asked further who will decide whether she will get a piece of the land ~~xxx~~ he said: -"Mi an(Jacob will decide that."

Stanfords Land

"His son Eric Brooks will get that." - Jacobs is at present paying taxes for this piece of land. -"We dont cut it off; one taxes pay for the whole piece of land left by mi father." The land is registered in Jacobs name.

Eric, as a young man of 22, is living in Manchester; he is working in Manchester. He was here from Saturday 10th till yesterday, Tuesday 13th. He came to have a talk with Nicholas -to ask Nicholas when he (Nicholas) is going to share up the land. He told Eric the land will be sold on Tuesday of the coming week.

James' Land

James inherited 5 acres of the land in the woods. Said Nicholas: -"I bought it out; it run in arrears in taxes, an' the Government sell it out to me." He paid £7 for this piece of land about 9 years ago.

Rosetta's land

"Rosetta's daughter Violet Sinclair get what she/did have" (Rosetta)
This land was 5 of the 50 acres in the woods.

Re sharing remaining lands

"On Tuesday next, mi an Jacob is goin' to share up the land." The lands will be divided between -"Robertha, Eric, Lucille, Jacob and miself." This land to be shared up is the 7 acre plot left by his father around the home site. (He mentioned again that the land in the woods has already been shared up.)

In regards Robertha

"Robertha, she live away off mi -out to the Ridge out yonder; sometimes for weeks a don't see her."

He employs labour

He had just come up from the woods 3/4 mile away; he has 2 men working there for him. They are: Earnest Powell of Tob Bull Savannah, son of Harris Powell, and Vincent Brooks son to Luther Brooks. These men are cleazing land he will

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use to plant cassava. He is paying them 3/- per day -for the day. He is providing food for them. This food will be -"a piece of salt-fish and a piece of bammy." This will be eaten without any cooking fat; he is unable to provide any cooking fat.

He complains: -"Life is hard with us in these parts, very hard. Mi want money to help mi on, but mi have none a that."

He was wearing clean working clothes.

RE Linette Miller: Linette Miller 23, daughter to Florence Hanson and Isaac Miller, ~~xxx~~ (both dead) was washing in a tub standing on a box under a tree in the yard. She lives on land owned by her sister Catherine Barrett (Mrs.) who lives in Kingston.

Her boy-friend: She is sharing house at present with one of her mother's 3 sisters named Rosella Lindsay. Her present boy-friend is Massa Ferron.

Her child: She has one child for Wilfred Mullings of Lititz. The child Stivell Mullings, shares house with her.

Her relations with the Nicholas Brooks family

She comes to Nicholas' house often. They are -"near family; my father and Mr. Brooks here father is two first cousin. Mi an Olive a good frien' y u know; she (Olive) don't feel well, so mi jus' helpin' her to wash."

Linette said she no longer attached to Nicholas -that this happened recently. It is probable she is only joking since Nicholas on arriving from the woods went into the kitchen where relations seemed to have been most pleasant.

The adults as well as the children seen on these premises were comparatively clean.

Information from Lilian Powell.
Interv. Nicholas Brooks and Linette Rhoden.
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Presnt household.

- Brooks Nicholas, 53.
- Rhoden Linnette, c.l.wife, 40. (= *Derrick*)
- Brooks Merdie, daughter, 37.
- „ Derry, daughter, 26.
- „ Cyril, son, 24.
- „ Hamelin, son, 23.
- „ Rettle, dau., 20.
- „ Olive, dau., 18.
- „ Iwilda, dau., 15.
- „ Winty, son, 13.
- „ Canute, son, 11.
- „ Aubrie, Derry's son, 12.
- Elliott Ena, Merdie's dau., 12.
- Tracey Enid, Rettle's daughter, 3. / 14

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John.

Nicholas Brooks: Father Henry Brooks, mother Evelina Brooks both dead. One full brother: Jacob Brooks, one full sister Roberta Brooks.

Rhoden Linnette: father Marcus Rhoden /d/, mother Rosa Reynolds /Th. Walk/ /a/. Full brother Hidalgo Rhoden in Th. Walk, 1 full sister Relda Rhoden in Kingston.

Grandchildren:

Aubrie Brooks; son of Derry and Arthur Brooks /son of Henrietta Brooks in Thatch Walk.

Ena Elliott: ~~father~~ son of Merdie, father Samuel ~~Brooks~~ Elliott in Thatch Walk.

Enid Tracey, son of Rettle and of Audley Tracey in Thatch Walk /nephew of Jane Perkins/.

Grandchildren are "cared for by grandparents Nicholas Brooks and Linnette Rhoden".

Nicholas Brooks went to Cuba 1920-1921. Came back, built house.

House: 2 rooms. Kitchen. No tank. Furn.: 3 beds, 3 chairs, 2 tables.

Land: 9 acres owned by Nicholas. 6 ac. in Brednüt Wood and 3 ac. homeland, all inherited from his parents.

Trees: 4 mangoes, 1 ackee, 4 coconuts. 8 sweet saps.

Cult. 5000 tomatoes, £35. Yams, Cassava 1/4 ac. Congo 1,25 ac. 1/4 ac. red peas. 1/4 ac. sweet potatoes.

1 donkey, 4 goats, 2 pigs, 1 sheep, 4 hens, 4 chickens, 2 dogs.

Fishing: Nicholas Brooks is a fisherman. Has no boat of his own. Goes fishing with friends. Has 4 pots and does fishing on own account. Twice weekly. Earns sometimes 10/-, sometimes 8/- weekly.

Weekly spendings: calculated up to 50/-. Cost of clothes for the last year up to £40 /for the whole household/. £.8. was spent in the last year on medic. treatment by Nicholas Brooks. In school: Winty, Canute, Aubrie, and Ena. Nicholas, Linnete, Icilda - illiterates. No rel.