

C.D. 22, Sbd. 13, Household 33.

Ellington Albert	Head	M.Cl.35.	St.El.	Black	Angl.	Ill.	Farmer
Heath, Michael	Uncle	M.W. 81.	"	"	"	W.2.	Retired
Elliott Marteen	Wife	M.Cl.33.9.6.	"	"	"	Ill.	Homemaker
Brooks Clarice	StDau	F.S. 20.	"	"	"	W.3	Labourer
Ellington Vincent	Son	M.S. 15.	"	"	"	Ill.	Labourer
" Victor	Son	M.S. 14.	"	"	"	Ill.	f.lab.
" Roberta	Dau	F.S. 7.	"	"	"	-	-
" Ursella	Dau	F.S. 5.	"	"	"	-	-
" Hixfordd	Son	M.S. 2.	"	"	"	-	-

Albert Ellington's farm in 1942.

4 acres

Operates this farm for 7 years as owner or part owner. 4 acres in 1 parcel. Fruits, Tomato, Roots, Cassava.

Employed labour for 3 weeks in 1942. Worked 40 weeks, 6 day per week, 9 hours per day.

In cultivation - 3 acres. 1 acre for pasture in guinea grass.

Value of farm £100. Value of buildings: £30. No mortgage.

1 catchment.

1/10 a. in corn/sweet/ - 12 doz. ~~xxxxxx~~ 1 row of okras "5 yards/" - 3 doz. 24 pumpkins. 6 rows of escallion "5 yards/" - 16 bundles. 2 doz. water melons

1/4 a. tomatoes - 500 lbs.

1 ackee - not fruiting. 1 avocadoc - not fruiting. 1 breadfruit - 4 doz. 2 coconuts - 60 nuts. 11 mangoes - 990 doz. 1 naseberry - 50 doz.

1 cashew nut - nut fruiting.

1/20 a. beans - 1/2 bushel. 1/10 a. corn - 1 bushel. 1 a. congo - 10 bushels.

1 a. cassava - 1120 lbs. 1/2 a. sweet potatoes - 1000 lbs.

1/20 a. tobacco - 12 lbs.

1 sheep. 2 goats. 1 swine.

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Saturday,
Feb. 28, 1948.
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Interview With Albert Ellington

Albert said he is "about 40" but appears to be nearer 50. He was born in Thatch Walk, Bull Sav. in a house now "mashed down." The land he lives on is his own. His neighbours are on the E. Henreitta Brooks, and on the S.W. Jane Ellington a sister.

Family History

His mother ~~is~~ was Mrs. Georgiana Ellington; his father Johnie Ellington. They died many years ago, his father before his mother. Children of the union of his father and mother were 14. Four only are alive. They are: -in order of age:
1. Jane Ellington -lives on premises in own house.
2. Clemy " She is now Mrs. Francis having married Stanley Francis. ~~it~~ They ~~live~~ live in Green Olive.
3. Rachel " She lives in Kingston.
4. Albert " (informant)

The land

Albert inherited the piece of land on which he lives from his mother. He does not know whether his mother and father inherited the land from their parents or bought it.

Jane:

He is the only male child alive and the sole owner of the land of his parents. He has given his sister Jane a house spot, and allows her to cultivate a bit on the land. Her gave her the house spot after she quarreled with "her sweetheart" (husband c.l.) Willie Holness and left him. That was about 8 years ago.

Jane now has "another intended," (c.l. husband) named Naaman Rowe. Naaman and Jane became friends only a short while now. Naaman shares house with Jane.

Clemy :

Clemy used to share house and housekeeping with Francis before they were married. -They lived in "Sweetheart life;" they had 5 children before they were married. Before she went to share house with Francis in Green Olive, she used to live in a rented room standing by itself in Over the Road.

Childhood:

He grew up in the house now mashed down with his mother father brothers and sisters. He is the youngest child of his parents.

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School:

He did not go to school -can neither read nor ~~write~~ write. When he asked his mother to send him to school she used to explain that she had lost her first son by drowning in the school tank, and was therefore not going to risk sending any more of her boy children to school lest a like fate befall them. All his sisters were sent to school. They can read and write. Said he -"The girls dem know something."

At cultivating

He began working at planting cassava ~~xxxxxxx~~ before he had reached his teens. He has been planting ever since. He has never worked for anyone.

Crops:

He plants now tomatoes for the factory; has about 1000 of this at the moment. He also had planted 1/4 acre of cassava, a little corn and yams for home use. Only the tomatoes are sold. He keeps the remainder of his crops for "home use." -The cassava he used chiefly to make bammies (cassava bread) and sometimes to make "dumplings" and starch" He never sells the starch. He grates the corn and uses the gratings to make dumplings or roasts the matured corn on the cob. He added that he also grows some gungo peas all of which is always used at home

Conjugal Relations:

Altogether he had about 10 children. Those alive are as follows -by ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Martena:
1. Dolfus Ellington "about 20;" - shares house with his Aunt Rebecca on Elliott fam. prem.
2. He was not seen.
3. Vincent " "about"18" -appears nearer 21. Share house with parents.
3. Victor " Shares " " " ; looks 19.
4. Robertha " " " " " "about 12."
5. Ursella " about 10. Shares house with par.
6. Hickford " " 6. " " " " "
/2 other /Children by Esmine Roach are:
1. Wilfred Ellington about 12. -Not seen.
2. Georgiana " age not given; born after Wilf.

Wilfred and his mother share house with Esmine's father. Georgiana shares house with informant her f

Vincent came in during the course of the inter~~view~~ interview. He is working on Sam Lynch's truck. Sam lives in Dunders Hill. Vincent is paid by the day; he works every day during croptime. When the crop is off said he -"A tun (turn) back to mi work;" i.e. to cultivation of a little corn tomatoes and yams grown on his father's land.

Dolfus ~~ix~~ described as "a hard worker" cultivates for a living tomatoes grown on Errol Elliott land.

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Present Household.

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Albert Ellington.	Head.	M.Cl.	ab. 40,
Marteena Elliott	Female head.	M.Cl.	38.
Clarise Brooks	Daughter	of Marteena Elliott.	24 years
Vincent Ellington	Son		21 years
Victor Ellington	Son		20 years
Roberta Ellington	daughter		13 years
Ursula Ellington	"		12 years
X Georgina Ellington	"		13 years. (by Esmin Roach)
X Hicksford Ellington	Son.		7 years (by " ")

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+ 2 children of Clarise Brooks

Interviewed Clarise Brooks.

I was brought to the house of Albert Ellington by E.F. Marteena Elliott was busy weeding the grass out of her vegetable patch, and somewhat reluctantly followed us along to the house. E.F. then left and I began to talk to Clarise Brooks, who was sitting in the kitchen with a baby fast asleep in her arms. Parentage.

She is the daughter of Marteena Elliott, and "Bredda" Brooks, who Marteena added was the son of David Brooks. When asked the proper christian name of Bredda, Marteena said she could not remember it was so long ago.

She has lived all her life with her mother and her step father Albert Ellington. She is the oldest of the children now in the house.

Career. She went to the Bull Savannah school. It was then in charge of Mr Black. The school building were nothing like as nice as now, as they were a lot smaller. She was very fond of school, and left when she was 14 years of age. She immediately started working at the factory, and during the out of crop season she helped with the cultivation of her step-father's land, planting cassava, and corn.

She only got 7/- per week in those days, at the factory but she added that this was really better value than it sounded as things were so much cheaper to buy, rice for instance.

She has never set up a separate household with a man, but she has been going with George Thompson for five years. By him she has two children:-

- 1) Patrika Thompson aged 3 years.
- 2) Noreete Thompson aged 9 months.

He is having a new house built for her and the children, which should be ready to be lived in by August. She very much wants to be live on her own and start her own home. George was the first man she ever fell in love with, and there is still nobody else. As far as she knew he had been entirely faithful to her, ever since they had met. "I don' hear nuthin' against him, missis." He gives her some help with the children, in the way of money, but it is not very much, and this another reason why she will be very pleased when she can live with him all the

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time. He is really very good to her. He works on the land of his father Phillip Thompson.²
Her Children.

Patrika Thompson is a very quiet little girl with a very attractive face. She is a good deal lighter in complexion than her mother, who is black. The baby is still lighter. Clarise said that Patrika is a very good girl, and seldom needs to be smacked or punished. She weans her children at about one year, but starts them off on food at the age 4 months when they are given tinned milk, and porridge made from corn meal. She has not had any trouble with either of their teeth although all the baby's were not yet through of course. Whenever anything seems wrong with them she gives them a dose of castor oil, and this usually settles them again.

Pre-natal

She personally ate everything she could get before the birth of both of the children, and she added laughing I still do. She had heard that some old people gave out rules about not drinking water and so on, before the baby was born, but she had never followed it herself. She stopped working about three months before Noreete was born. She had in the local Nana, Miss Cella (?) Miss Cella comes early and does everything, she washes the mother and baby before she goes. She sometimes comes at the start of Labour and ~~comes back~~ again goes back for a bit, returning when she is called. (Rather like a doctor, I gather) She charges according to the means of her patients, she charged them "A dollar and five shillings."

Noreete was born easily and quickly.

Training. She trains the children to use the "Chimney" from about 1 year old, and ~~xx~~ Patrika has not been particularly difficult.

Clarese herself was dirty, and the baby was very dirty, with mango juice stain all over her face. She was at first asleep but woke up crying and scratching her head very violently. She stopped crying after a while, Clarese made rather a fuss of it, and Noreete ~~x~~ sat and stared at me, at first with fright, but later calmed down sufficiently to smile a bit. She is another of the big babies that seem to abound in this district. She was rolling in fat, and seemed very strong and healthy.

Her sister, aged three seemed to be fussing around her quite a lot, and anxiously watching her to see that she did not cry again.

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The remaining children seen.

We were followed into the kitchen by a girl aged 13 years, called Georgina Ellington. She is the daughter of Albert and Esmin Roach. She was a little shy and hung around the kitchen during the talk with Clarese without saying anything. She led me out of the house when I was finished, and spoke to her for a bit. She said she did not go to school, although she knew she was of age to go to school. She had been kept from going to school for quite a long time now. When pressed to say how long she became vague. She would really like to go to school, but she had to stay and help in the home. She said she could not read or write.

Her brother Hicksford Ellington, also the son of Esmin ~~Roach~~ Roach was also away from school today as he sat with everybody else in the kitchen. I did not get an opportunity to ask him if he was also being kept away from school. All the small children of Marteena and Albert were absent, as they were at the school.

I offered them all sweets, which they all took Patrika being told to take one only, in a strong voice by her mother

Albert Ellington came in chatted for a minute, he explained with pride that he owned five acres around here. He gave me a coconut to drink on the spot, and one to take home with me. I promised to take a phot when they were

dressed nicely on Sunday next. I would have like to get one as they were, but they obviously didn't want it, so I let it stand.

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Patrika Thompson	grandaughter(step)	3 years
Noreete Thompson	"	9 months.