

C.D. 22. Sbd. 14. Household 4.

Stephenson Florence	Head	F.S. 59.9.2.	St. El. Black	Angl.	Ill.	Labourer
Bent Edith	Dau	F.S. 27.7.5.	" "	" "	W. 2.	none
Francis George	Gson	M.S. 14.	" "	" "	Ill.	Labourer
Francis Lena	GDau	F.S. 13.	" "	" "	W. 1.3E.	
Francis Viola	GDau	F.S. 6.	" "	" "		
Francis Adina	GDau	F.S. 8.	" "	" "		
Banton Lewis	Gson	M.S. 4.	" "	" "		

Their farm 1942.

Figures in Sch. 3 - under 1 acre.

Stock: 1 swine, 2 goats, 1 rabbit, 3 guinea pigs.

~~xxxxxxx~~ Poultry: 2 hens.

Value of garden produce: none.

2 avocadoe pears. 2 bananas. 8 coconuts/100 nuts/.

3 mangoes /50 doz./.

3/4 acre

*James
p.s.*

Interviewed Edith Bent

Present Household.

Thursday.
5. 3. 48.
I.D.

- 1 Florence Stephenson - Mother 64
- 2 Lena May Francis Edith's Dau. 18
- 3 Adina - Sylvia do do. 13
- 4 George. do " Son 19
- 5 Viola do " Day. 11
- 6 Uping Burke Banton " Son. 9
- 7 Hubert Nathaniel Powell G. son. 9

Edith Bent - her daughter ³²

Family History.

Edith was not born at Thatch Walk. Her mother and herself were living at Alligator Pond. Her mother's father Nicholas Stephenson left $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of land for Florence (Edith's mother). After the father died Florence and her family moved up to Thatch Walk.

Hubert Powell is Lena's child and his father is Decell Powell.

Children

Edith has to support all her children. Francis asked Edith's mother for her. When she had the first child "people tell him that is not his own." Asked Edith what her mother said when she was pregnant. "After you know a'ready. Beatin' and all with the first one." Edith's mother flogged her when she was pregnant. "After you love a person anything can happen. Through him me stil on the boxing. You know when you young. Him mash up me life and now me neither get married nor ring." Banton, the father of her last child also treated her badly. "Him never give the child farthin'. Beatrice Powell tell him that the child was not his." Before Edith had the child Banton used to give her money. "After me have the child him jus' draw 'way."

Housing.

The house in which Edith and her family now live was erected by Charles Dyer. Her mother gave him £10 to make it "she have to find post, white lime, everything and is this little shanty him give her."

Occupation.

Edith takes ⁿ washing. Price List : trousers 6d, shirt 6d, Under pant 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, merino 3d. "Only have to do that to hinder me from lose me character." Her mother works at the factory. She cleans the floors and seat of the latrine and picks up paper about the yard. She ^{is} receives 2/- a day, and goes out to work every day. Edith and her mother cooks the same pot. When she have it she spen' for ^{all} o' we we and when me got it me spen'." Adina, one of Edith's daughters plaits silver thatch. She buys the thatch @ 9d a dozen and sells the plaited straw @ 6d for a hat. 16 yds. make 1 hat.

Rachael Heathe who I saw in the yard has a wooden leg her face was swollen and she tied it with a white cloth. Rachael is from Alligator Pond. She is cousin to Thomas Heathe (F.R. 73.) and is one of Edith's Aunts. She has been here for 1 week. "She come up for change of air."

George came in and told us that the Inspector had condemned Archie's meat. He was not able to say what was wrong with the cow. Edith said "It mus^t be have some disease. Is so you see people get sick, sometime the meat not good."

The children were dressed in rags. They were very bright and cheerful quite unlike the other children I met in the district. Viola kept talking all the time and she called her other sister telling her to come in the house because "the woman" wanted to see her. She told me that her brother George was nearly as tall as the house.

Saturday.
20. 3. 48.
I.D.

Edith Bent, her children and Decell Brooks were sitting outside under a tree. The children as usual were happy and kept on talking all the time. There was nothing like restraint among them they spoke ~~very~~ loudly.

Dressing.

Lilly saw a woman going to Alligator pond. She said any time she decided to go to the Pond she had to be well dressed. She would have to wear a silk frock, shoes, socks and a hat. She told her mother that she wanted a red and white, or a brown and white shoe

Sylvia had material to make a frock and she wanted it made like mine. Herself and Lilly were trying to copy the style.

Factory work.

Asked if they could not get work at the factory. Edith said she had tried several times but without success. "Them don't want all like we but there. Is only straight hair people get work out there factory."

Meals

Asked Decell what dish he liked best. He said he would eat anything at all right now. Without asking Lilly she said she liked rice and peas and stewed beef. She said she was a good cook. Edith went to the road for a while. During her absence Lilly picked a green mango and hid herself in a pit ~~thaxxwaxx~~ until she had finished eating it. She shared the fruit with her younger brother. Asked why she hid herself. She said if her mother found ~~it~~ out she would get a flogging.

Edith was not very bright she said I should call aother day "when I feel more strengthify, then me and you can argue."

Information supplied by Lillian Powell who visited and interv. Flor. Stevenson and Edith Bent on 17.6.48. J.O. 12.7.48.

Present household,

Stevenson Florence,	54.		
Bent Edith, daughter,	29.		
Francis Sylvia, daughter to Edith,	15.		
Francis Viola,	"	"	13.
Francis George,	son	"	21. 19
Banton Lewis,	son	"	11.
Powell Negbert,	grson	"	4.

(son of Lena Francis)

Parentage.

Florence Stevenson: father Nicholas Stevenson /Ballard's Valley/ /dead/, mother Mary Sincliar /Top Hill/. Florence Stevenson had 9 children, of which only 2 are alive: Edith Bent, staying with her, and Maud Roye, living in Alligator Pond. Edith Bent's father was Joseph Bent from Top Hill /dead/.

Edith Bent. Her father was ~~Ed~~ Joseph Bent /d/ from Top Hill. Edith Bent had 7 children, out of which 7 are alive. Those alive:

1. Lena Francis
2. George Francis
3. Sylvia Francis
4. Viola Francis
5. Banton Lewis.

Lena, George, Sylvia and Viola ~~was~~ were all for Theophilus Francis, living in Top Hill. Theophilus Francis is brother of Adolphous Francis /in B.B.S., son of Sarah Francis and father of Merton Francis/. Only George, Sylvia and Viola stay at home with the mother. Lena Francis is living in Santa Cruz with some relatives.

Lewis Banton's father is Dewett Banton from Top Hill.

Negbert Powell is son of Lena Francis and Decell Powell /vel Brooks/ from Thatch Walk.

Housing, farming. One room house, 1 kitchen. ~~Franklin~~ Furniture very poor - 1 bed. No tank. Land - 3/4 acres in one plot around the house owned by Florence Stevenson - inherited from her parents. Trees: 7 mangos, 2 pears, 8 coconuts, 2 cashews, 1 soursap. Tomatoes - none /George Francis planted on partnership/. Yams - 20 hills. Corn 1/4 acre. Congo. No animals. Weekly spendings: 14/-. Clothing for all the household last year L10. No savings.

School: Banton Lewis in the 1st stand. Francis Viola - 4th. Sylvia - did not go to school.

Religion: Florence Stevenson is Bible Church of God.