

22/13/26

Perkins Jane head F.S. 41 2.1. St.Elizab. coloured. angl. W.1. farmer

8.75 ac
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Owns 6 acres, rents 3 acres from McDonald Rebecca Junction P.O. Cultivates 3, not used 3 ac, grazing 3 ac. Value of land and buildings £150. Value of building £70 Employs during 6 weeks 2 labourers.

cabbages - 2x 0.2 Okras 5 dozens, escallions 0.1 ac
tomatoes 1/4 ac = 2000 lbs, water melons 0.1 ac.
1 ackee, 2 avocados, 3 coconuts, 1 lime, 2 mangoes,
2 pawpaws, 1 cashew nut.
0.1 corn, 1 ac congo peas, 1/4 cassava, 0.1 coconuts,
1/4 sweet pot. 3/20 yams, 1/4 tobacco = 300 lbs.
3 sheep, 1 goat, 1 swine 4 hens 4 rabbits.

Interviewed Jane Perkins.

Monday.
15. 3. 48.
I. D.

I went over to Clarence Perkins house and one of his children took me over to their grand mother Mary Perkins. Shortly after, Jane arrived.

Jane said that the people called where she lived Thatch Walk "but it is not Thatch Walk. Thatch Walk is lower down. Here is really Bull Savannah, and if you go by the old patent the right name is Seaton Run."

Family History.

Jane's mother Mary Perkins came from Top Hill. Her maiden name is Brooks. Mary and is a sister of David Brooks (now dead) Henreitta Brooks' husband. Jane did not say David lived at Thatch Walk she only pointed and said "down that way." All the Brooks in Thatch Walk are related to her through her mother. Mary does not know where her father William Brooks came from.

Mary's sisters and brothers are :

Henry - father of Nicholas Brooks.

Joe - father of Martha Brooks.

Ann - Albert, daCosta and Francis Sinclair. ~~Francis~~
~~is in the U.S.A.~~

David - died at Thatch Walk. did not get the name of his children.

William and Robert were soldiers. William died in Kingston but was buried in Bull Savannah on the family land. "Robert did not have any settlement died at sea."

Charlie died in the island.
Mary isthe only one alive.

Children of Mary and Edward Perkins.

Estella - "married and live in St. Sndrew."

Nicholas - died abroad. His only child Ellen came out to Jamaica when she was about 8 years old. She was reared by Jane. Ellen was sent to the Bull Savannah school, then to Blake Tutorial (a private Secondary school in Kingston. She was afterwards sent off to the States. "Ellen is now a doctress." Ellen went back to America about 2 years ago.

Albert - in America. He has 4 children. "3 of them were here with me." Jean died at 13. Joyce went off to America after leaving the Half Way Tree High School. Albert is now at the Half Way Tree Elementary School. These children remained in Half Way Tree with their father's sister Mrs. Larwood. "since she is a teacher and I see she can help them more than me ; I just send them on.

Agnes - died in Jamaica and left 3 children. Jane reared them. One left for the States in '46, and the other 2 are living in the home wi

her. "One of them out school but the other one take himself out of school. Since them can work the tomatoe, them don't worry with the school." The bigger boy would like to be a mechanic. Jane tried to get him in at Homwood Practical Training Centre. He did not get in because he did not pass the First Jamaica Local Exam. Jane intends sending him to one of the garages in Kingston. Jane wanted Lloyd to go off to America "just as I put him on the quota, immigration close down."

Sarah - another sister is in the States. Her last visit to Jamaica was in 1946

Most of Jane's sisters and brothers who live in the United States send their children to Jamaica when they are young. They prefer the Jamaican standard of education. "Especially english." The children generally return to America when they get bigger. "They want to go back and work and help them other one. People are willing to educate their children, but nothing to do here." The relatives abroad generally help those in Jamaica to get over.

Nicholas was the first one who left the island. He went to Cuba and then to America. "All of them go to Cuba first."

Jane only went to Cuba. In 1935 she wanted to go to America but the same time her sister Agnes died "Could not think of leaving the children and my mother could not look after them." Since 1946 her name has been on the quota to travel to America. She was sent for in '48, but owing to illness she could not go. One of her brother in laws in the States says "he will file all papers in Washington" for her. Jane would like to travel again. She wants to go and earn some money so that she will be able to help the smaller ones.

One of her nieces - Valarie Barrett, went to America on vacation for 6 months. On her return home she boarded out her 2 children and told her husband that she would be going back. She sent the girl to Wolmers and the boy to Kingston College. Jane stated that Rigley Barrett, the children's uncle was Headmaster of Kingston College, he used to teach at Munro before he got that position. (Bishop Gibson is Headmaster of K.C. Barrett may be one of the Masters attached to the school.) I saw the photograph of these 2 children.

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Valarie told her Annt that while on vacation she earned £10 a week and here she battered her fingers on/type-writer and was not able to buy herself a good pair of shoes. Valarie is now working in America in the days and she goes to school at nights. After a while she will return home.

Jane returned to Jamaica because she was longing to see her mother.

Land

Jane does not know how many acres of land her parents

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 6.15
 1.15
 1.25

 8.75

possessed. Jane was given half an acre. She has the title for it. Clarence a brother who lives near to Jane "got his portion," the balance now belonging to the others." Jane bought 6 acres in the woods. She also has 2 other pieces, one is 1 acre and the other 1 1/4 acres. She employs people to work on her land. Pays them 3/- a day. "Sometime have up to 8 men working, when I feed them I don't pay 3/- .

House

The house is a lovely 6 apartment concrete nog building with a wide verandah. Two of the rooms are rented to teachers. The boys occupy one, The one down - stairs is used as the dining room, Jane and her mother occupies one room, and the other is the living room. Jane proudly showed me around the house. There are ~~quite~~ a lot of photographs of her relatives some of whom are living in the island and some in America. The dining room is now used to store cement which is going to be used on the new tank. Jane does not hope to have any worry as far as water is concerned when the tank is ~~emptied~~ ready for use.

The house was built by Sarah, Fan, and Jane. The contractor was Neil from Manchester. Hewitt from Ballards Valley was one of the carpenters and Roye and Elliott from Bull Savannah.

Maud - one of Jane's sisters is building her own home at Royal Flat, Manchester.

Perkins history

Jane's father's father was an English man, "his wife was Jamaican." He went bac to England and died there leaving his son Benjamin in the island. Benjamin's wife was Martha Rochester. "I hear thet him meet her at Alligator Pond wharf. Down there was a busy place you know." Asked what Martha was doing there "Must be a yougg girl go down there to spree." Edward, Jane's father was born at Cheapside.

Jane showed me two small buildings very old now, ~~and~~ they are quite near to the big house. She was born in one of the houses and her parents lived there before this big house was erected.

Edward was not at home when I called. I am not sure if he lives in the big house.

The room in which the interview took place is a big spacious one. There were 2 beds, made alike and they were covered with the same colour spread. There was a table behind one of the beds, and another table very near to the door; the cloth on this table was badly torn. The beds were well made and the vanity was neat and tidy.

Life on the sea.

Some of Jane's relatives were fishermen. (I have forgotten the names) They often told her stories of their fishing voyages. One of them told her that he saw a huge monster with horns and there was a rope attached to it and the rope tied up the fish pot. When the fishermen saw it they were afraid. He was not able to tell Jane what it was but she thinks it was the "sea devil." She got a present of a lovely tree which grew at the bottom of the sea. She had it for a time but afterwards sent it to New York ~~to~~ to a friend.

She also heard of a fish which is supposed to be the one that Christ stepped on. "As him step on it you know, one eye kind of pulp out in the other one, and you can see his foot print in the back of the fish. All the toe mark." Christ is supposed to have stepped on one fish and all the others/after that came with the mark.

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xxx Mary

Mary - Jane's mother said little or nothing throughout the interview. Jane stated that ~~xxx~~ was quiet all the time.

Another house.

Jane has a one roomed house on the same premises as the bug ~~xxx~~ but much nearer the road. This house is neatly thatched and the ceiling is of linoleum. ~~The xxx~~ It is furnished. During the hot months she sleeps in that building "and sometimes I come here and sew." She also rents it out. sometimes.

xxx building

Tuesday
16. 3. 48.
I.D.

Jane Perkins was busy entertaining her guests. The doors of the living room which were closed yesterday, ~~were now~~ were now wide open. I saw Mary; (Jane's mother) sitting at the door with one of the visitors arm around her. The stranger was the wife of one of her sons in America. The son died and she married again. She is now in the island on vacation, and came up to see the Perkins family. She intended to return to Manchester in the afternoon.

I told Jane I would like to see her father. She said he was outside a short time ago but she could not say where he was at the moment. She left shortly afterwards and said she would ~~try~~ try and find him for me. Jane returned to ~~the~~ the living room twice and did not say anything about her father's coming to me or whether or not she had seen him. She started to prepare tea for her guests and I left without seeing the old man.

Interviewed Elsa Whitter

Elsa lives very near the Perkins' family. I asked her if she was in any way connected to that family. She said "no, we are only good neighbours." She said the Perkins were a rich set of people. "Them have money, you see and them help them one another, help them one another! Partly the whole of them over sea, Eula" (Jane's niece) "she just gone last year, and I believe Lloyd / him soon go."

/ Eula's brother

Edward and Mary have not been living together for years. "The old woman too miserable. Him live in the little house round the back. I don't believe from the big house make him ever go in there. If you ever see the man you would not know is Miss Jane father, good quality man, you know." Asked if he was better than Mary "What, the old woman black like what, I don't know how him married to her."

Jane does not look after Edward at all. He has an outside daughter - Daphne Perkins who lives at Thatch Walk. She cooks for him sometimes and at other times he does it for himself. Elsa did not remember the name of Daphne's mother. "Sarah, one of the daughter in America sends money to her father regularly. She pay the maid and she look after the old man well!"

The kitchen connected to the big house is used by the 2 teachers. "Miss Jane she have her own kitchen and her own little house. When she ready she stay up there. Miss Jane she good and she bad. The lady up there, she say she was away for 27 years. Is so people must travel eh."

Jane said her mother was the oldest Brooks in Bull Savannah. Next to her in age in Martha Brooks. According to Census Schedule Jane had 2 children only 1 alive. She told me she did not have any.

C.D.22. Sbd. 13. Household 29.

Perkins Edward	Head	M.M.82.	St.El.	Black	Angl.W.3.	Retired
,, Mary	Wife	F.M.79.9.6.	,,	,,	,,	Ill. Homemaker
Tracey Audley	GrSon	M.S.29.	,,	,,	No rel. W.3.	Farm.
Perkins Louisa	Gr Daugh.	F.S.46.	,,	,,	Angl.ill.	F.help.
Roy Eulah	GrDau	F.S.16.	,,	,,	,,	W.3.4E.
,, Lloyd	CrSon	M.S.13.	,,	Col.	,,	W.2.4E.
,, David	GrSon	M.S.12.	,,	,,	,,	W.2.4E.

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Their farm 1942.

No farm neither in F.Sch.2 nor 3.

Wednesday.
17. 3. 48.
I.D.

xxxxx"brown"

Interviewed Edward Perkins - 87.

Family History .

Edward's father's father was Benjamin Perkins "a white man. He had a child by Kate Barrows a ~~black~~ woman also called Benjamin. Benjamin Senior went away to Australia "only get 1 letter from him." Kate's sister "Mrs Dillon, was black, them was the same mother but different father."

Settlement

Edward's father, Benjamin used to live in Malvern. He was a painter and used to work for Charles Isaacs. Charles took ~~him to~~ Savannah Benjamin and old Forbes to Bull Savannah Charles was also a white man. "As my father have a touch of white, him cleave to the white. Father use to work for Charles all the time. When him come here him stop with Benjamin Senior. Then him see me mother, court me mother, and married to me mother." Edward's mother was Martha Rochester. "My father, Benjamin Senior and Tommy Rochester are the first people come to Bull Savannah."

One of Edward's brothers died in Panama. Jane - his sister died in Port ~~Limón~~ Limon.

Land

Before Benjamin bought land he used to live with his wife's people at Green Olive. "Him buy land from old Mr. Myers, it is called Seaton Patent" Edward does not remember how many acres. "Barrett Pen, a place in Kingston was for my father. His father leave it for him and Mrs. Dillon rob it away. She was to live on it for her life and after her death, father should get it; but sister Beck (Edward's sister) lose the title. Don't know who own it. Last time I hear, nobody settle on it.

/ Edward's son
/ " daughter

Benjamin's land was divided between Beck - living in Kingston - Clarence/is now working on her portion but she pays the taxes. Mrs. Simpson - living at Chocolate Hole - Jane/bought our her portion. Edward has given his piece to Clarence.

The road leading to Alligator was cut, years ago through the Perkins property. They have not yet received any money for the land used up by Government. "We sign up paper, and sign paper till we tired and what hurt me we still have to pay taxes now. I hear Mr. Snagster say

we must get pay for him take it up in hand. Every man value him land, mine was £12. Up to Sunday gone we a sign paper, Sangster send it to us."

✓ gave Stephen land while he was alive. Some of Benjamin's land went to Stephen Simpson an adopted son. / "Him die and leave it to his sitser Seles and I buy it from her. "5 acres. You must say them give it away for I buy it for £7. If man did know that time, that them would buy it now for £75 an acre, them would buy more."

Edward bought the land while his parents were alive. "Me always crave for me own"(land) "Mother have, father have, happy the child that have it's own. Me never look to father. From the time me a pay taxes, Government should give me something now. Me make over the land to Sarah and Fran." (daughters in America) Jane got 1 acre, Clarence 1, and Clarence bought 1 acre from his father for £1.

Church and School.

"Me never go to school till me a big man. After them never have any. The people them never even hear the word of God. The first school, breeze blow it down so me no know nothing 'bout this one." Edward was about 20 when he left school.

"The first Parson that come here was McGregor and him preach sameplace in the school house."

Occupation.

Edward was a cultivator and a trade's man. "Me never learn a trade, was more for the dirt. Is there me love - in the earth. Plant cassava nag gongo. Any time you out of cassava, you don't have nothing." Formerly, ships used to come to Alligator Pond and Edward used to supply them with mutton. "Buy mule and sell, have man carry them to Kingston. Walk all the way." Edward does not know Kingston.

Bull Savanah in the old days.

& goat
Formerly "all them place here hog/run wild, beast run at large. Nobody never hear of a rope round a hog foot. Meat was no trouble. Me kill this week, you take quarter, next week me give you back your quarter. All goat skin just dash it away, now you can't even buy a goat. Pork used to sell 4½d a lb, if it don't fat 3d, now is 1/- and I hear it may soon be 1/3d a lb."

"When you look all at Shaddock Hill - plenty sheep."
Edward feels that the young men of today are the cause of

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"hard time" because they refuse to work. "What we did know about boot on foot and cravat/ at neck? the young man them now a gentleman. Young people wont work, every bit a gentleman. Before time we join a kind of club, maybe 12 of us. You come with me to my field to day and me go with you tomorrow, work day for day. We don't hire one another and food was plentiful. But the place inhabit up now."

Water problem

During the dry months, Edward and others used to go and live in "John Clarke cave", This cave is at Alligator pond and they used to draw water from "sailor's well, first time the sailors used to come there for water." At the end of the drought period he would return home. "After we find Rock, we stop go to cave. Even now, people go there and wash." Edward's father had a tank but it got dry quickly.

Factory.

/ God

"I go over to the factory there and look and wonder. Look where them lead water from! All like when them see cloth dear, gold dear, and can't get fish in the sea, the Master / did promise it. Sea eel - nobody didn't eat it you know, them just dash it 'way and now them glad to get it.

Children

/ children

Edward has 6 children alive "only 2 in Jamaica. Send them abroad. When them go abroad and see life there it better. Me fraid of the hamper/ every year one at themeside.

/ grand daughter

"Fan. married to a man and him dead and she married again. Dorothy's / mother was here yesterday. Dorothy she working with the President.

Jane has 2 children 1 is dead. "Charlie son breed Jane is that I tell you that I fraid for the hamper ~~be~~ them. Charlie Brooks was Edward's wife's brother. His son is also Charlei. Jane's daughter, Mereta Brooks lives with her father's ~~brother~~ sister (do not remember name) in Buol Savannah. Mereta is now expecting a baby.

Edward said it was a good thing that he decided to send off his children. "When me send them way, me send them to school. What them know now, if them was here them would not know it. It was a good day job when I did send them 'way for I am living off them now."/

During the interview we heard the noise off an aeroplane, Edward said "Hear over we head, what we did know 'bout all that."

Interviewed Thomas Heathe.

Thursday.
19. 3. 48.
I.D.

"Mass Ned (Edward Perkins) stand up on money you know." He had plenty of money. "Him would not go from here to there without horse and saddle. Him take sweet heart mash up him life." Asked who was the sweet heart "Me can't tell you that, that must not go in the book." He told me afterwards that Vernice Elliott was Edward's sweet heart and that Vernice and Edward are Daphne Perkins parents. Thomas said perhaps I know Daphne "the kin up mouth one (turned up mouth) ~~As~~ The Elliots were "a pack of heathens.

"Nicholas send £500 come and give the father and him use it to the last copper. Well him send the other children to America out of it."

Edward can neither read nor write. "If you make B. as big as the world him can't know it." Thomas sometimes reads Edwards letters for him.

When Nicholas died he left word that his only daughter should be sent to Jamaica to know her grand parents. The child was small and his wife did not know Edward. Nicholas' people abroad got in touch with the Police in Kingston and a constable visited Edward's home., The people abroad wanted to know if the home was "fortified" enough to take the child. The constable found everything in order and reported accordingly. Shortly after the child arrived by plane.

Thomas does not remember the child's name "but she speak nice and sweet you see. All time she and her Aunt Jane used to come down here." Nicholas's daughter is now gone back to the U.S.A.

Asked how Mary acted when Edward had a sweet heart. "She raise at first, but afterward she just cool down. What you can't cure you must endure no." Thomas was not able to say how they are living now.

Interviewed Edward Perkins

I saw Edward sitting on a boxby ~~the~~ the door of his room reading the Roman Catholic Catchesim.

Land.

He has divided the land among his children as stated before. He is still responsible for the taxes. "From I 16 years of age I a pay taxes till now and I never give/the Government, never give them any trouble." He paid £1,4: this year for taxes. Me en a pay for 29, me only pay for 10 now, the other 10 sell." He sold land to Jane and Clarence. "Me noh sell the picknie them land, me give them to help support me, and bury me when me dead. The children pay the taxes. "But me name still ~~de~~ de de, me noh give up yet!"

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"The Government must know that if a man ~~come~~ come 86, him caan work for himself, him noh should give little something but me noh know wha' do fo we distric'. Other distric' get help and we caan get."

Maintenance

Edward is maintained by his children in America. The money is sent to his wife Mary Perkins. "My draft come separrate and she give me. "Three months now I don' hear from her."

Going off to America

Valarie one of his grad daughters is now in America. "She lef' the husband and gone. Is the husband ~~fault~~ wrong, him should not make she spen' any time over de. She go and see the life, so she come home and gawn back. She board out the 2 picknie them. The husband sorry now.

Valarie's mother is Maud Perkins. She is also in America. "Maud have the child for a white man. She was working with the ~~wife~~ and gentleman. The lady dead and leave her in the home to take care of the children until the man is provided for, and him fall her." "I take off Maud baby 6 mont old off a him and make him go to America."

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The Tank mentioned in Family Record 20 is now ready for use. ~~The~~ The cost is estimated about £200. "From the digging a it, the guttering, everything. Them have to buy cement, buy lime, buy everything."

Cost of living

"Everything is expensive, for if you have a shilling, it bring you confuse, you don' know what to buy. Before time cassava 2/6 a cw; now is 10/-. In fe me days cow meat bit

a lb. (bit means 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d). Hog and goat noh the same. Before time when me go in a yam piece Christmas time, 2/- worth a whole heap."

He said again that the Government should help them. "The Government should look out for we the poorer one, for we was them servant. Me kind a confuse, for me know before time how fe me business en 'tan (stay), and now every thing mash up. God say onnce a man twice a child, and fe him word caan drop a dot. Him did tell Peter that them would lead him, and them noh lead Peter. "

Religion

Edward is an Anglican but he believes in t e doctrine of the Jehova's Witnesses. "Daniel ask God to show him the book, and God say the book is already closed, but the truth will be revealed in the lated days by the Dawnist. I say some-thing in the translation was wrong, that is why God tell Daniel that. Scripture show you again that in the lated days there will be so much religion that it will bring man ~~under~~ confusion, and you noh see the confusion ~~now~~ is onn now, you don' know which one to join. Every body pointing to the one God and still them is 'gainst one another." ~~ppd~~

"God only want the heart. Him say rend your heart and not your garment and turn unto the Lord your God, and know that He is the God of Heaven, 3 persons and one God. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. No ~~man~~ has seen the Father nor yet ~~wilixsaxhim~~ expected to; for no man see the face of God. Moses hid in the rock and him see his back part. Him was in the fire, Him was in the cloud. Him say to Moses, take off thy ~~sook~~ shoes from off thy feet for the place on which thou standest is holg ground."

Roman Catholic

He showed me the catechism of the Roman Catholic church, and said "Some people against it and it is the first church that God create. One in heaven and one on earth. Me read any one, for is the one God. Me only trust in God and if you trust in God you will live, him will help you."

Youth and old age .

"Solomon say what the use you gain the whole world and lose your own soul, I have seen no profit in it. The world give you nothing, and it has nothing to give me. Solomon was right, I give up now. God said when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, $\frac{1}{2}$ he shall save his soul alive, but he that taketh up the plough and look back, he shall have no part with me. God said we should do to we neighbour as weself, but how much a we do it."

"When you see Saturday night come, me throw me saddle on me horse, and me gone, noh come back till morning. Not a dance could a pass me. Not a set up could a pa ss me,. Not a race could a run and Perkins noh de de. If you are a man and you

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and doeth that which is lawful and right;

don't spree youself, it is no life at all. When it come Sunday I go to St. Mary's church, the mother of every one of the Church of England Church."

"Me en a good looking man. One day when I was going on, I see some girls, one of them say, but what a pretty man. Ah me pickney! , then days money was no trouble. When you hear we go a church, the Bible read and we noh hear. Noh gal we go for. We hear 'bout set up, you think a any set up we go for - a gal! We hear 'bout dance, you think a any dance we go for - a gal! Some time me sit down and consider say life is a worry. You see me have to sit down every day, gib (get) up sit down, is that beat me. What I use to do last year I can' do this year. Maybe if I live to see next year, I can' come out the house. is that worry me, nothing else. I use to go to Breadnut every day, and now I can't ~~go~~ even go and see the sea. Sometime you may come 'long ya and hear me like me a talk, but is read me a read. Me one and God. Me go lay down even before fowl go 'pon boos'."

Outside children, and the Scriptures.

He has a child by one of the Elliotts at Thatch ~~W~~ Walk. He does not remember her name. she is called Sister. The child is Daphne. Daphne washes ~~W~~ Edward's clothes. Sister Elliott was working in his home as a "servant. You noh know man all over, me fall him."

"I fall Teacher Black daughter. Teacher turn her out and I take her. She was here with me. She go to her grand father after she have the baby." The baby died. "She was a pretty girl. That time they tell you that if you don' married, you would go to hell and fire would burn you up. I find out that was not true. What God said to ~~Adam~~ and Eve? Go and multiply and bring forth ye people."

"Him put him and Eve in ~~g~~ the garden, but them was not to know about each other. Is the serpent do it. God called Adam, and he said, I am naked. God said who told you that you were naked, and Adam said "The woman Thou gavest me hatg beguiled me, and I did eat. Him never deny that him eat it. God drive them out of the garden and say By the sweat of thy brow shall thou eat bread. That was a ahrd thing."

"You see after the serpent begin to play with him at that part, nature rise. The serpent could not satisfy him, and him had to ly with Adam. Don' care what them going to do the workd must multiply. Don' care what you do, if you don' multiply, the world caan go on. If it was wrong Him would not say Blessed is the womb that bring forth a child. And if the tree barran cut it down." In explain- ing this he said "If I have a neisberry tree, and it don' bring fruit, whaⁿ me a keep it for? noh cut it down."

He had ~~chi~~ a child by Julia Witter, and one by Margaret Cuff. The children are dead.

/ Adam

He started to talk again about Adam and Eve in the garden. He said "God say them must not eat of the fruit, for the day him eat it, him shall dead. Satan say, you na dead, go nyam i'."

Marriage.

"You know wha' cause me to married, the same Maud Perkins." She is now Mrs. Thompson. "She was a pretty little gal.

She dark and the hair ~~was~~ jus' lay down on the head. That is why I married to the old lady, I have pretty pickniw with her."

"Sarah (one of his daughters in America) won' married. She come out ya, and one man want to marry her. She say if I did wan' married, I could get your master."

Asked if he loved ~~his~~ his wife. "Some sort." Edward and Mary (his wife) are not living together. He would not say why they separated. Mary lives in the big house built by her daughters.

Housing.

The house in which Edward and Mary used to live is now broken down. Edward uses it as a kitchen. Where he lives now, was used as ~~an~~ out room. "When me en name man, me thatch it meself, but now me a pickney." The house was thatched by his son Clarence.

At the begining of our interview he said, he stayed at his room in the days ~~at~~ but slept over the big house. at nights. After staying with him for a while I asked him again, and he said he stayed at his room all the time. "Sarah come and say me must take one of the room over de, Me say no, a me buil' this, a noh me buil' that, me must dead ya." Edward's house is very near to ~~his~~ his daughter's ~~house~~.

The room was very untidy. There was a heap of dirt in one corner. There was a board bed with a badly torn and dirty grass mattress on it, and a dirty pillow. On the table were a tin lamp, a bucket of water, a big dirty spoon, and about 3 cans. The table was covered with dirt.

One of Clarence's children sleeps with him sometimes. He could not remember his name, he could only say "One little black one."

The house has 2 appartments. The furniture in the other room also belongs to Edward. It is generally used by the ~~men~~ "men who come to work on the tank." Furniture: Double board bed, 2/basons, 1 table, ~~ixhex~~,

/wash

Meals.

Jane looks after his meals. "Sometime have to do me own

little blow nose. (cooking) All like me coffee, me do that meself. Me noh go to nobody yard and eat, is only one man Dedee Dyer, if him have the last sip of coffee, and me go de, him boil it give me." Asked who was Deedee Dyer "Jud (Judith Rochester) buy the shop spot from him." Dyer is a young man but he had been going to the home when his parents were alive.

Edward does not smoke. "No smoking at all, from ~~on~~ I was a boy, but me coffee, I caan do without it. De same Laban (Rochester) de, use to sen' coffee for me every year. This ~~z~~ year, him say it don' bear."

Thatch Walk.

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Family Record 82.

Present Household.

Saturday.
10.6.48.
I.D.

Jane Perkins	Head	(She does not remember her age)
Mary Perkins	Mother	(Jane does not remember Mary's age.)
Lloyd Roy	Nephew	19.
David Roy	do	16.
Audley Tracey	do	30.

(See Family Record 88.)

*1 Father
2 Teachers*

Thatch Walk.

Family Record ~~80~~ 82

Present/Household

Interviewed Edward Perkins.

Present Household

Edward Perkins.

When the Census was taken the big house was not yet built.

Tuesday.
13. 7.48.
I.D.

Mary, Edward's wife, who figures on the Census Schedule as a member of Edward's household; is now living in the big house with her daughter Jane. (~~See Family Record 82.~~)

Audley ^{Tracey} ~~Perkins~~, his grand son, also lives in the big house with Jane. Audley is the son of Edward's daughter Sarah ~~Kaniza~~ Perkins. She is in America

Louise Perkins. Edward's daughter is dead.

Eulah Roy, daughter of Edwards's daughter - Agnes; is in America. Agnes is dead. Eulah's father David Roy of Top Bull Savannah, is also dead.

Lloyd Roy. lives at the big house with Jane. Mother Agnes Perkins. Father David Roye.

David Roye ~~lives~~ also lives with Jane. He is a brother of Lloyd and Eulah.

Jane Perkins was also living with him when the Census was taken. According to Census Schedule, she was living alone. (~~See F.R. 82.~~)

From Miss I.D.
16.7.48.
J.O.

Jane Perkins, her father Edward Perkins and her mother Mary Perkins constitute - with younger members of the family only one household .

Present household.

Perkins Jane, head, /census age ab.47/.
Roy Lloyd, nephew, 19.
Roy David, nephew, 16.
Tracey Audley, nephew, 30.
Perkins Mary, Jane's mother /Census age ab.85/.
Perkins Edward, Jane's father 87.

Perkins Edward lives separately in the old one room thatch roofed house. He quarrels with his wife Mary and she shares the big house with her daughter Jane, where also other members of the family are lodged.
Both Edwards Perkins and Mary Perkins are looked after by Jane, their daughter.

Also 2 teachers lodgers.

29.7.48.
T.O.

436 Manhattan Ave
~~496 West 158 St~~
New York City 26
May 27/46

My Darling Jane,

I hope these few lines will find you, Nana and entire Family circle quite well as I am indeed very thankful it leaves dear Maud Helen Lloyd Fa and all the rest of Family at present. I am ever so happy and indeed very thankful that I arrived Home here in New York more than a week ago Thursday 17th inst. after having a very pleasant and most enjoyable trip, above all I had a safe jourbey (thank God) Everybody was very happy to see me back to these shores. I only regret that the time out there was rather limited especially as I had been keeping busy re my Home Building at Royal Hall that it was not possible for me to see you more often but you understand and we understand each other so is Life is spared some day we hope to spend much longet time together. Isn't that so? (smile)hos is Sis Sarah? I realize that by now she must be in Kingston fixing up to leave for U.S. She certainly spent a long and most enjoyable time with you all. Leslie Strong and I now getting busy with the fixing up of your papers etc. as promised so you will be able to come over to U.S. early as possible. I am endeavouring to fill your application this week and as soon as everything is OK then you will be notified. We are having plenty of rain together with real damp humid local..I hope you will succeed in getting a real good competent woman to take good care of Nana during your leave of absence to the United States when the time comes. I received your last letter at Home Regal Flar a few weeks ago before left. I wish to tell many thanks for same which was indeed very nice and most interesting. darling I must now close as time is rather short and I am kept exceeding bus. K,ndly give my love to Nana, Mass Neil, Ma Ju and everybody and don't forget Isannah/lots of love(yes the real stuff) lots of Kisses and any sincere best wishes to you. Now take good care of your Dear Self which I hope to hear from you again real soon. Dar Maud sends lots of love to you and all .

Regal Flat?

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Ever
Sincerely yours Herbert(?)

496 West 158 St.
New York City 32.
U.S.A.
Dec. 5 1947.

Dear Jane,

I mailed you a letter few weeks go. I hope you receive it an notice the contents of what I mention

to you. We all hope you are feeling much better now. Please go on see the Doctor, don't stay there till you get worst. Enclose you will find thirty dollars \$30 with the exchange this will amount to seven pounds four shillings £7 3.4 and a little more.

Eula send you £ 2 pounds Helen send you 2 pounds and Sarah send you £ 2 pounds

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The above two letters were given me by Jane Perkins to copy the addresses of her relatives in America. I copied also the contents.

J.O. and I went to-day to pay some visits before leaving Bull Savannah. Miss Jane was just coming from her small house which is near the big one. She was dressed in a pretty pink dress and a becoming fichu on her head. She invited us to her big house. We passed near a small all thatch kitchen near the small house. Miss Jane told us that this is the place where she cooks when the two lady-teachers who stay at the big house are in Bull Savannah. "We are too many there so I transfer to that one". (Meaning too many women to cook in one kitchen which belongs to the big house. Now the teachers are on vacations. They are Miss Ruby Blythe and Miss Elliott from Ballards Valley.

The room to which we were invited is a very big one about the size of the whole cottage in which we live. There is a double folding bed made into a sofa a few wooden arm-chairs very comfortable, a china cabinet with porcelane one little table with ashtrays etc, anothe one with some bibelots and one in the corner on which a lot of family pictures are displayed. The people on the pictures are all of fair complexion. It might be the result of a "natural selection". The pictures are of family who went to America, and those were more likely to be fair. In the corner there is a kind of big gramophone on which there are more pictures. The last ones are of a nephew who is at present in the army in Berlin.

Miss Jane fitted very well/this elegant room. She entertained us as any middle class hostess would receive neighbours paying an informal visit. She directed at once the conversation on her relatives in America. She has two sisters there: Maud Thompson and Sarah Perkins. The last one is "like mother" to all numerous nieces and nephews who went to the States.

Sarah Perkins was the first to go to America. She went there "by Cuba way". Miss Jane Perkins joined her in Cuba in about 1920, and stayed there for 14 years. Sarah proceeded from Cuba to America.

A niece Dorothy Perkins is a matron in a hospital. Another niece Helen Perkins (~~daughter of James' late sister Agnes~~) is a "doctress". I asked the age of this girl and Miss Jane told me she is 20, (I wonder what kind of doctress she could be at that age.) Eula

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is "commercial". The young girls were brought up by Miss Jane. She sent them to the Bill Savannah school and gave them private lessons. After that the sister Sarah would get them over to America where "They go and develop themselves high."

Miss Jane put a great stress on education. She says in Jamaica the government doesn't enable poor people to study to make a way in life. Only the elementary school is free and after that if the parents can't afford private lessons the young person "stay where he is", Miss Jane thinks that when children are out of the elementary school at the age of 14 or 15 they are just at the age when they understand what they could do in life and then the opportunity is taken from them. "Many feel it hard." Education according to Miss Jane gives an impetus to do something in life "The more educated the more ambition." It is different in the U.S.A. "They go to work in day and go to school at night, that's how they get educated in America."

Miss Jane tried - and in most cases succeeded with the help of the sisters in America - to give education to every child she brought up.

"I rear seven of them" she said. (When we set to count them it was 9) Her "adopted children" were: Valerie Thompson the daughter of ~~Max~~ sister Maud Thompson. Tracy Perkins - the son of sister Sarah; Eula, Lloyd and David Roye - children of the late sister Agnes; Lloyds Thomas who is now in America; Jean Perkins - that girl died; and Albert Perkins, who is in school in Kingston; Ellen Perkins who is now "the doctress" in U.S.A. was apparently very bright from her school times. ##

Miss Jane Perkins would like to go to America but she says she wouldn't leave the mother. Even if she would get somebody very good and reliable to care for her it wouldn't be the same as own daughter.

##Lloyd and David Roye stay at the home with Jane Perkins as well as Tracy Perkins. (He is known as Audley Tracey - I don't know which name is the formal one).

Additional information from Dudley Simpson.

"The house is Sarah's house, the one that is in America. Sarah was here recently on a visit. Audley Tracy he is Sarah's son. He is not quite.. When the mother ask him what trade he want learn he said he want be a blacksmith. The mother wanted him go over to America, but he won't. He keep company with a girl. That girl is beneath that boy position. Low grade girl daughter of Nicolas Brooks. The boy has no ambition."

It seems that on the whole the girls "reared" by Jane have more "ambition" and succeeded better in life than boys.