

C.D. 22 Sbd. 12. Household ~~size~~ 61.

Lawrence	Jane	Head	F.S.	75	3.3.	St. Eliz.	Col. Angl.	X	Retired
Swaby	Evadnegr.	dau	F.S.	19		"	"	W. 2.	None
Roye	Alvin	gr. son	M.S.			"	"	X	No

Her farm 1942.

Under 1 acre.  
 Stock: 3 goats, 1 hen.  
 Value of garden produce: L7.  
 3 mangoes - 50 doz.

*1 1/2 acre*  
*p. 7*

Inform. Dudley Simpson.  
 13.3.48.  
 J.O.

Lawrence family and their land in B.S.

Lawrences belong to old settlers in Bull Savannah. Old Jane Lawrence got her land from her predecessors in Shaddock Hill. Lawrences are related in a way to Simpsons, but Dudley does not know the details.

"Jane Lawrence - she never marry. I guess is her grandmother that give him / = her/ that piece of land. in Shaddock Hill. Jane ~~Lawrence~~ Lawrence and Emilina Simpson - they were sister by mother side."

Some of Jane Lawrence's land was passed to her daughter Alice ~~Swab~~ Francis on her marriage to William ~~Swab~~ Swaby.

See also Family Record 146 and 121.

Inform. Dudley Simpson.  
14.4.48.  
J.O.

Lawrence Jane's household to-day.

"Three people living now in this house: Lawrence Jane /the head/, Alvin Roye /her grandson/ and ~~Max~~ a little granny - we call him Catchpot."

"The boy Alvin is the wholest support. He is a young boy, but he is a able boy. He is around from 18 to 19."

Alvin Roye, son of Isabelle Dyer.

Alvin Roye is granny of Jane Lawrence. He is "Jane Lawrence daughter son: Isabelle Dyer. She now living in Kingston. But she is daughter of Hubert Dyer from Ridge. Isabelle Dyer had a son for John Roye - John Roy from Ridge is Alvin's father."

Cf. also Fam.Rec. 121.

"Catchpot" - the little granny, son of Ernest Elvin.

"Catchpot - a little granny, him is small boy, like Sun-man. We call him Catchpot - through the father. The boy father call "Catchpot". Him dont do much work, just go from house to house to get something, so we call him Catchpot. And the little boy through him." "Ernest Elvin was his father, son of Jane Lawrence."

Ernest Elvin, son of Jane Lawrence.

"Ernest Elvin living now in Axton district. Him was the son of Thomas Elvin from Ridge. ~~Hi~~ Thomas Elvin leave no land to ~~Hi~~ Ernest. ~~Joseph~~ Joseph Dyer living now in Thomas Elvin home. Thomas Elvin die and leave his estate to him wife Jane Elvin and Ernest his son. Jane Elvin was ~~the~~ wife of Thomas Elvin. but Thomas Elvin have his son by Jane Lawrence."

"Ernest Elvin was living with the father, Thomas Elvin and leave now ~~the~~ Ernest Elvin and him wife Jane Elvin. in the home. Ernest Elvin was to see the welfare of Jane Elvin. ~~Max~~ But he been a scruff - dont work. Through he never work, the old lady punish and start to sol'the land that him husband leave. Sol'the land to Joseph Dyer. And afterward she became blind, her daughter Edith Holness, mother of Claston Holness, took her home. She was there for a period of time and afterward she die."

"if Ernest Elvin did work the land and support Jane Elvin, she neednt would to sol'any ~~ka~~ of the lany. Being a scruff, she must have to ~~ka~~ soll the land to Joseph Dyer." "Old Thomas Elvin leave to support her of the estate. But since she had ~~ka~~ no support from the estate, she had to sell the land to support herself."

"Plenty of men would get the land from them old father if they would support their old father wife. But them neglect - through the neglectful they loose the land they use to get."

Evadne Swaby, visiting granny.

Evadne Swaby, who stayed with Jane Lawrence in 1943, is her granddaughter through Alice Francis, married to William Swaby.

"Evadne Swaby is the daughter of William Swaby and Alice Swaby. Alice Swaby - she is daughter of old Jane Lawrence. Evadne Swaby is Jane Lawrence granddaughter."

"She is now living with father and mother in Shadock Hill"/cf. Fam.Rec. 146/.

Jane Lawrence's husbands and children.

Jane Lawrence never married. ~~xxxx~~ She had 3 children by three different men.

"Alice Swaby was Francis first. She was by Sarah Francis late husband Charlie Francis."

Ernest Elvin - the only son - was by ~~xxxx~~ late Thomas Elvin from Ridge. Isabelle Dyer /living now in Kingston/ by a Dyer.

"She have three children: by three different men: one Francis, one Dyer, one Elvin."

Visit at home. Interv. Jane Lawrence.  
26.6.48.  
T.O.

Jane's hut is between Claston Simpson's shop and Galvin Simpson's new house in Shaddock Hill. It is a one-room hut made of sticks and covered with thatch. The kitchen is made all of thatch and very tiny and neat.

Jane was sitting on a stone covered with banana leaves under a crooked tree near her house. A little girl was grating cassava. Jane is a very old woman. Her eyes are sunken and her face all wrinkles. She has abundant grey hair tied with a white kerchief. Her dress was very short scarcely covering her knees. Her legs are wrinkled too. (old women ~~wear~~ usually much longer dresses)

Jane was very talkative, but she seems to remember best only what happened in her childhood and in the last few days. The rest is more or less a blank.

Present household:

Lawrence Jane	S. 96	retired (her age must be less)
Roy Alvin gr. son	20	cultivates
Elynn Roy gr. son	6	

Her childhood. "My father was Joseph Lawrence from Spanish Quarter down Letitz way. He died when I was 2. My mother was Judith Elvin from Morningside. She died too, when I was quite a baby. I am an orphan so an old lady, she's dead now Evelyn Simpson took me and raise me. Evelyn Simpson took me before I could wash me feet and him raise me. She took me before she have children so I help him to nurse them and they grew big men and they die." Evelyn Simpson was really Jane's aunt "My mother and Evelyn Simpson two sisters pickeny". Jane didn't go to school. When she was a child at Evelyn Simpson's home there was a church in Bull-Savannah and she used to go to that church, but "there was nobody to help me to go to school." She stayed with Evelyn Simpson till she died. The house was where the shop of Claston Simpson is now. Jane stayed in that house for some time.

Her children. Jane had 3 children whom she raised herself. The eldest daughter was Isabelle Dyer. Isabelle's father is still alive it is Hubert Dyer. Her second daughter Alice was "for" Charlie Francis who died. She had <sup>one</sup> son Ernest by Thomas Elvin. Alice married Mr. Swaby and lives nearby. Isabelle is in Kingston. I didn't understand what happened to her son. She said speaking of him "over" and waves her hand. Whether it meant he lives

his  
 over the hill or whether it means ~~xx~~ live is over I don't know. (She did not say he is dead though.)

Jane says that the land on which her house is was given her by Daniel Simpson, Izan Simpson's father. "A spot to live." The little hut was built by Mr. Witter. "The house a gentleman built it for nothing seeing I am so old and poor. Mr. Witter." However later on her son-in-law Swaby told me that Jane bought some land from the government and the land he lives on he bought from Jane who bought it from the Government.

The land is worked by the grand son Alvin Roy. He is the son of Isabelle (her daughter) and John Roy. ~~xixvuu~~ I could not get out from her whose son is the little boy Roy Elvin as Roy Elvin and Alvin Roy (the names of her two grandsons staying with her) were continually mixed up. Anyhow the older boy is working and supporting her. "Alvin he look after me, he work the land for me." Jane said that all the neighbours help her. "From I a little girl all of them (the Simpson family who was living around) help to raise me. They help me now." The little girl who was grating the cassava for her is the daughter of Lehi Simpson Estelle. The mother of Estelle Zada died 4 years ago. "Lehi Simpson last girl. He help nurse him ~~mugma~~ before him dead."

After Estelle has finished grating cassava Jane told the little Roy to bring some water which was poured into the cassava (which was in a wooden deep tray) and Jane asked Estelle to mix it well. I gave some sweets to the children and Jane insisted that Roy ~~thanked~~ me. "Them boys rough. I have no strenght no consecution to manage him."

I asked Jane about the fathers of her children, but she didn't seem interested in the subject. She told me their names but started to speak about the children not their fathers. Her "adopted mother" Evelyn Simpson and her children seemed to live the most vivid picture in her memory. She came back to Evelyn Simpson and said that really it wasn't her aunt, but her cousin. That Evelyn "was to call my mother aunt - Evelyn Simpson's mother and my mother two sisters." I came back to this subject again but now she was sure Evelyn was the cousin.

Jane hasn't any notion of time. When I asked her age she said she must be hundred or near hundred. I asked who was older Thomas Simpson (Daniel Simpson's father) or herself but it was a too difficult problem for her. "Thomas Simpson him die long ago an old man and I am old old and poor my leg pain and can't use my hand. Them says rhumatism."

I told her I would like to meet her daughter Alice Swaby. Jane told the little Roy Elvin to take me to her daughter's home.

When I was about to leave a hen jumped from a heap of small dry branches on which she was sitting. Jane (who was putting the grated cassava into a soft basket to be pressed) and the two children rushed to see whether there was an egg. They scratched with little sticks into the branches for the egg but didn't find it. Jane says it is her only fowl. Her grandson Alvin has a donkey and she has a pig and a goat, but this is also "for Alvin".

Information from Leo Johnson.  
 Interv. Jane Lawrence.  
 16.6.48.  
 J.O. 30.8.48.

Lawrence Jane, 96.  
 Roye Alvin, grson, 20.

Lawrence Jane is from Morning Side. Her parents: Joseph Lawrence and Judith Elvin. She was raised by her cousin Emmie.

Jane never married. She had 3 children by 3 different men: Belle Dyer - father Hubert Dyer; Alice Francis - father Charlie Francis /d/, Ernest Elvin - father Thomas Elvin /d/. All her children were raised by her.

Roye Alvin is son of her daughter Belle Dyer and John Roye. He is adopted and "supported" /?/ by grandmother. Alvin is a cultivator.

House: 1 room, Furn.: 1 bed, 1 table, 2 chairs.

Land: 1.5 ac. at home. Cultiv. by Alvin.

3 mabgoes. Stock: Alvin's 1 donkey, 1 pig, 1 goat.

Expend. weekly 6/- on food, Alvin spent last year £6 on doctor.

~~Neither Jane~~ Both Jane and Alvin are illiterate.

"Jane dont belive in religion, but believe in God."