

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 56.

Edwards Richard	Head	M.M.37.	St.El.	Col.	Angl.	W.2.	Farmer
„ Etheline	Wife	F.M.40.l.l.	„	„	„	W.1.	Homemaker
„ Eric	Men.	M.S.13.	„	„	„	W.1.OE.	
„ George	Son	M.S.11.	„	„	„	Ill.	
Williams Leslie	AdSon	NtS 9.	„	Black	„	W.1.4E	

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His farm 1942.

20 years operates this farm: 5 years as tenat
 and 15 years as pwner. 2 parcels - 2,5 and 1 ac.
 resp. Toamtoes. No lab. empl. 52 weeks.
 Total land: 3,5 ac. Own 2,5 ac. 1 ac. rented
 from Miss Vicelt Lewis ~~fr~~ on 12 months lease.
 Cultivated 2,25 ac. Pasture 3/4 ac. /guinea gr. 1/4
 ac. othe past. gr. 1/2 ac./ Other land 1/2 ac.
 Value £80. Build. £40. No mortg.
 1 catchment.
 Escallions 0,2 ac. - 15 bund.
 Tomatoes 5/10 ac. - 5000 lbs.
 2 avoc. - 50 doz. 1 coconut + 2 nfruit. - 30 nuts.
 2 mang. - 120 doz. 2 budd. mang. - 40 doz.
 Congo 1 ac. - 10 bush. Potatoes 1/4 ac. - 900 lbs.
 Yams 1/4 ac. - 900 lbs.
 Stock: 2 sheep. 4 goats. 1 swine.

3 3/4 acre
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"Tyrie was mostly with her grand mother in Santa Cruz - mother's mother."

Children living in the house.

"Three children live there: two for Tyrie and one Etheline's brother that died. One/Tyries/ is supposed to be for the coolie man and one for the next man - I don't know: Coolie own one and dis-owned one. Nobody own him/the child/ so Mr. Edwards own him as he/the child/ live in his house."

"The child for Etheline's brother - around 5 - 6 years, adopted by Etheline and Edwards."

Asked how they would define the relation between the child /wife's nephew/ and Edwards they laughed: "Grandpa in law" and seriously: "No relative at all but him call him papa."

Edwards.

Visit at home. Interv. Richard & ~~Etheline~~
29.6.48.
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Mr. Edwrds was obviously waiting for me on the path leading to his homestead from the old Holness house where I have been. He greeted me invitingly. His wife with a child in her arms and two other small children joined us. He introduced the family:

head	Edwards	Richard M.	39	born Ridge	Sevend Day	cultiv & mason & mason homem.
wife	"	Etheline M.		St.Cruz	Q&	
wife's gr. son	Smith	Keith	6			
" gr.dau	Smith	Betty Delores	1½			
" niece	Williams	Junny	5			

They invited me to come and sit in their home. We passed the building with the kitchen and big but-tery to which a big katchment and tank are adjoining. Theu house has two rooms. We sat in the first one. The re is a small bed neatly vocered, a china cabinet, two tables. On ~~xxxxxx~~ one of the table about a dozen of boo oks all Seven Day Adventist publications.

Richard Edwards is a middle aged man, strong built and of strong personnality buldging from the Seven Day case freshly adopted. Proud of his economic achievements he wanted however mostly to impress me about his examplery family life - or perhaps persuade himself about it. He told with pleasure his life story: Richard was born in Ridge a place near Top Hill. His father was Richard Edward and mother Sarah nee Swaby. They had 9 children in the following successions: Allan Violette, Eric, Azual, Elnora, Arthur, Richard, Aston and Edith. Elnora married Izaac Lewis from Bull-Savan nah and took with her Richard who was at the time 13. Soon after Violette married the brother of Izaac Charles and took with her her brother Aston who died later on. Richard said that it was 30 years ago. (So he would ~~xxxxxx~~ be 43 now, but he says he is 39).

Immigration to
B.Sav.

Beginings of his ec. independence.

"At that time only tobacco could redeem a shilling. My brother in law rented a 2 acres field and we planted tobacco on shares: one acre for him and one acre for me. And I planted between tobacco some mel-lons. Well one day came my friends Dalson Sinclair and ~~xxx~~ it was hot. I took him and we had a mellon. My brother in law was very cross that I gave my friend a mellon and my sister didn't like the way my brother in low treated me. Well I determine to try on my own."

Buying land .

"I sell my share of tobacco 4d. per lb. I got £3:10:0. At that time my father was alive and he give me 30/- and I went to Mr. Arthur Linton and buy two acres of land. Mr. Linton he saw how eager I was and he sold me two acres of this land. I was 15 at the time and I am 39 now." Later on Richard inherited a portion of land in "idge. He sold that and for the money - or part of it he bought an adjoining $\frac{1}{2}$ acre also from Arthur Linton. For this he paid 30/-. Later on he bought $1\frac{1}{2}$ in Shadock Hill from a girl "There were two bastard daughters and the father before him die he made a will. Each got $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre and she lives in Junction, so she sold me this $1\frac{1}{2}$ and bought some land nearer. It was really an exchange."

Building the house and learning a trade.

Richard didn't tell me how long ago he built his house. He got somebody to lay foundations for the house and to "rough it out" for 30/-. Richard paid him 21/- in cash but he didn't have the balance so he gave him a plot of cassava. Richard laughed: "Now it would be worth £ 4 or 5 this cassava I give him for 9/-". Richard decided to finish the house himself. After he did so "I know something of the trade." He had another experience in this line. "I have a bastard son and his mother she is a bastard daughter. Well her mother was to build a little house. So a mason was giving a day. I went there to help them to mix the lime." "then Richard went there and it was on a Monday morning no mason appeared so he set to work himself. And in a few days the house was ready. Richard considered himself a mason now. Some years afterwards a mason "a contractor you call him" came to work for the factory. It was 8 years ago. The man was from Santa Cruz and as Richard's wife was from St. Cruz too "we fell in love and he stay in my house". Richard went to work under this contractor to the factory. He worked for 15 days "I got all my experience at that work". But the man proved to be a rascal. Richard was just about to go to Dt. Cruz to visit his wife's parents and the man payed him only for 4 days and kept the balance of his earnings for the 11 days for himself. At that time a mason working under direction used to get 2/6 a day. ~~Richard went to~~ When Richard returned from his visit "I put it to Major Moxsy" and got what was due to him. Richard practices this trade now. To-day he just came back from the factory where he is doing some mason's work.

Richard used also go "fishening with Moses Elliot brother" But he doesn't do it any more, it doesn't pay

Richards outside children.

Richard didn't tell me that he had 3 outside children and he didn't tell me the name of the mother. I knew it however from a previous interview with Alma Sinclair with whom all his children stay now in Shaddock Hill on the fringe of Ribbit Town. During our conversation was present all the time his wife and now we were joined by two "brothers": a Mr. Biggs from com ma Pen and Jehu Simpson who works with Richard. So I let him say on the subject just what he wanted.

"I had a bastard son he stayed with me all the time, but he left us just last Christmass. He didn't like the rule (Adventist) We converted in August and he left us at Christmass. He stays with the mother now Young people they won't obey the rule. And now he is quite rude." Richard said that while the boy stayed with him he was well behaving but he left him and became a "really rude boy". Richard attributes it to the mother's influence: "The mother lives near here, just below Joint so there was some influence." The boy is "around 19" and he used to help Richard in his work. Since he left Richard got to help him Jehu Simpson, who "Was baptised the same day with me". This Jehu Simpson is the son of Stanford Simpson who went years ago to Cuba. Jehu "Sleeps at Mrs. Cella Simpson but he stays during the days with us. He has his meals with us." Richard didn't express any regret that the son left him. It is a rude boy and Richard lives a new life since his conversion.

Richard's wife: Etheline Edwards . She looks a much older woman than her husband has not a single tooth. She didn't say much. Even when I asked her about something Richard would answer the question. The problem of her age was carefully avoided. Richard was referring to her as "my wife Mrs. Edward" with great respect which he seemed to pay more to himself than to the woman. He told me how they met "I went to the market in Mandeville to sell tobacco. At that time I still deal in tobacco. Mrs. Edward she was working there and so we met. That was God's work - I went to the market and she was working there - God's work." Mrs. Etheline Edwards parents lived in a ~~stix~~ place in Santa Cruz district. Etheline's maiden name was Williams. Richard and Etheline don't have children, but Etheline had one daughter before she married. This daughter stayed with Etheline's parents. ~~she had two children who stay now~~

The adopted children. The three small children who stay now in this household are all adopted and come from the wife's family. The bringing up of these children is in sharp contrast with those I just visited (see Daisy Powell F.R.) When I was saying good-bye to Mervey Simpson - daughter of Daisy Powell - the 11 yrs old girl was sitting on the bed, gave me her hand putting it under her leg. Not because she was cross with me - we were good friends throughout my visit. Now when I asked a question the little 6 yrs old Keith who was

sitting on the floor the adopted father told him "Get up". After the child answered me, the father said "You may sit". When the three children were playing and laughing on the floor quite gently, the father told them to be quiet and not disturb our conversation. They obeyed immediately even the little $1\frac{1}{2}$ yrs old Betty. These children were dressed more poorly than the children of Daisy Powell but were much cleaner. They seemed quite happy playing together and laughing. Keith and Betty are the children of Etheline's daughter who works at present in Mandeville. I was told that the father of the children is in America. Junny Williams is the daughter of Etheline's brother who died. Also the mother of the child died. All the children call Etheline "aunt".

Means of subsistence. Richard has 3 and $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land. $2\frac{1}{2}$ round his house which he bought in two instalments from Arthur Linton and $1\frac{1}{2}$ in Shaddock Hill on the other side of the road which he bought from his brother in law (Isaac Lewis) bastard daughter. He works this land with the help of Jehu Simpson. Round the house there are many fruit trees: ~~kwayxx~~ a long hedge of tropical apples - he offered me a few - mangoes and some coconuts. He told me with pride he planted all of them himself. He spoke with love about these trees "I plant them myself every one of them and see they are big now." He had a good tomato crop - didn't say how much. ~~kwayxx~~ He stressed the importance of grass and was greatly astonished people don't use mulch in my country. He plants cassava, peas and corn and some vegetables. Does occasionally some mason's work. Now that the tomato crop is over he works at the factory as mason "To get a little something". The weeding now is done by his helper.

Bull-Savannah patriotism. Richard said in previous years life was hard here. "A shilling was worth more than a pound now." It was more difficult to get a shilling but also you could buy more with the money than now. Khaki used to be 6d. a yard and other materials 4 d. But there was no means of getting the cash. "Only tobacco could redeem a shilling and we had to sell 4 d. a pound". Richard used to travel in other parishes selling the tobacco. And people would laugh "You from St. Elizabeth - you eat bamboo roots and mango stones there". But things changed. "The promise was fulfilled and the barren land became fertile". The tomatoes are a real blessing to the district. "Now I travel I say I am from Bull-Savannah and I am proud of it".

His religion. Richard was full of religious zest and at several points implied what a good life he is living since he joined the Adventists. "There are only two kingdoms: the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Satan. If you are not in the one - you are in the other". "There are no two ways of living". However I ~~repeatedly~~ avoided this topic, as - especially with the presence of two other "brothers" - I was afraid the whole interview will turn into a theological discussion of which I have had a lot already. From what he said however on the subject I got the impression that Richard was rather adapting the ~~religion~~ new religion to his life than himself to the religion. He spoke for instance very scornfully about his eldest brother Allan, who took his part of the patrimony, although he has been to Cuba and had a lot of money and this land would mean so much more to other brothers. Richard is sure his Jehovah will inflict a proper punishment to this brother. Now his other brother Arthur got his part and "succeeded to Eric who died." Arthur paid for it "£30 to the bastard children of Eric Eric". That was right.

I got also the impression that his religion helps him to reconcile to his marriage, the piquant story of which is in File .

Racial attitude.

When speaking of the mason who wanted to robb him of his 11 days pay Richard said "Bad man - black man. They are all bad. You won't find 6 out of 100" (among the black ~~to be~~ good.) Richard himself is rather dark in any case he was much darker than the two "brothers" who came to visit him.

Household

Edward Richard head M.
 Ethelnie wife
 1 adopted son (wife's nephew)
 2 gr. children (wife's outside daughter's)

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