

Interv. Mavis Jacob 28.6.48. & Reginald Swaby 2.7.48.  
both times at their home in Bottom.

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This family lives in a rented room at Sarah Simpson and they cook together with the family of Sarah and her son Crafton. (See F.R. 155.) They cook "in one pot". However they have to be considered as a separate unit as their life is only temporarily linked with the other people.

The occupy one room in the house of Sarah Simpson.  
Present household:

Swaby Reginald	head	32
Jacobs Mavis	c.l.wife	27
Swaby Etheline	dau	4
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Reginald Swaby is the son of William and Alice Swaby. Alice Swaby is the daughter of old Jane Lawrence. Old William Swaby is from "Low Lands". He was a fisherman and settled in Bull Savannah by marrying (first c.l.) Alice. They have three sons and one daughter alive: Reginald - the oldest; Clarence married and lives in Top Hill and Ferdie who lives in the yard of a neighbour Dorrel Dyer but is still linked with the paternal home.

Mavis Jacob is "from Junction way". She came to Bull Savannah around seven years ago. Her father is Edward Jacob and mother Violette Collins. She has three brothers and three sisters; only one sister is her full sibling, all the others are her half siblings on the mother side. None of her family lives in Bull-Savannah.

Their married life.

Reginald and Mavis started to live together about 6 years ago. ~~She works at the factory during the season.~~ They lived always in rented rooms. Their last rented place was at Izan Simpson's, they came to live with Sarah Simpson a few months ago. Especially Reginald complaint about this constant moving and living in rented places. He hopes however to settle soon on his own. He bought one acre of land in Dunder Hill from Albert Neil and is building his own house there, which he expects to finish perhaps this summer and move there with the family.

Means of subsistence.

Reginald's father has only one acre of land which is worked by his sons, for which they get a share. His however doesn't amount to much. Reginald works "other's people land" on shares. It is only for the past year he has his own one acre of land.

Mavis works during the season in the factory. Out of season she earns some money by pleating which she sells by the yard to a Mrs. Dyer from Chocolate Hole.

Their occupations during my visits.

I met Mavis Jacob during my first visit to "Bottom". She was sitting in the company of Sarah Simpson and her daughter in law Lydia Ford. Sarah and Lydia were busy shelling beans. Mavis was pleating the ~~skraw~~ palm-leaf "straw". This occupation is characteristic for the women in this tiny settlement. Mavis was clad more soignee than the other women there, her behaviour also was more restrained than/the straightforward and homely women living in the neighbouring homes.

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I met Reginald on my second visit to Bottom. He was busy with other men to put a new thatch on James Powell's kitchen. His old father William Swaby came for the occasion from Shaddock Hill and was watching the men working, sitting in the yard and smoking his pipe. Reginald and all the other neighbours who helped James with the thatching had their breakfast at James' home. They aren't paid for their work. It is a neighbourly service, which is returned when occasion arises.

Reginald said he had a hard start in life. He didn't go to America and his father wasn't able to help him much. He did go to the Bull Savannah school but didn't finish its whole course as he had to help the father being the oldest of the children.

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- Jacob Mavis, c.l.wife. 21.
- Swaby Dovie, daughter, 3.
- Swaby Ethline, daughter, 4.

Reginald Swaby is son of William Swaby and Alice Swaby /nee Francis/ in Shadock Hill. See F.R.146.

Mavis Jacob - is daughter of Eddie Jacob and Violet Collin.

She is from Exton, where her brothers and sisters and his parents live. She has 1 half brother and 1 halfsister through father /her relations kept/ and and 5 halfsibs /3 brothers and 2 sisters/ through mother. sib-

Reginald and Mavis are not married. She describes herself as his "sweetheart". They have no outside children, both their children are living with them.

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