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Ebanks	Alice	Head.	F.S.	34	9.3.	St. Eliz.	Black	Ang.	W.2.	Homemak.
Blackwood	Leslie	gr/son	M.S.	10		Manchester	black	"	W.2.	4.E.

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NB. Pages 2-3 sent to Ringston as Fam. Rec. 91, (as pages 1-2).

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In Census Sch.1 Ebanks Alice figures as the tenant of the house she occupies. No rent paid. ~~In her interview~~ In an interview she states that the house belongs to her.  
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Brooks Jacob	Head	M.S.56.	St.El. Black	Angl. Ill.	Farmer
,, Curtis	Son	M.S.24.	"	"	labourer

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His farm ~~1941~~ 1942.

Sch.3. - under 1 acre.  
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 - 7 doz.

Interview with Alice Ebanks.

Alice and Jabob Brooks are living together. They are not married. She is the daughter of Williams Ebanks and Sarah Parchment. Her father died 16 years ago. Her mother lives at Alligator Pond. Her parents had 10 children, six alive and four are dead. She is 40.

She went to school and left in 3rd standard. "Me head did hard, me no take no lesson."

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When she left/she went to work as a hand on a boat. "Me used to draw seine with plenty man and other woman down a Alligator Pond". The Captain for the boat was William Martin. She was paid according to/was caught.

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She had 9 children, 3 alive and six died. She had 5 for Martin and 4 for Blackwood. The fathers for the children are from Alligator Pond. Black-wood died and she was living with Martin. After a time she left Martin and came to Bull Savannah to live again.

She met Jacob heren and they became friends. They are living together now for 12 years. "Him say ~~xkixnax~~ him no going to marry to me, and me no marry him either. Me love him but me can' get him fe marry me. Him won' leave me and the house belong to me".

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"Me was living a him yard, but we couldnt 'gree, so me leave and come make fe me own house, and him follow me come up ya. Him too quarrel, quarrel, no peace we no live good. Him have him own house, but him won' ~~sixy~~xdey."

She does not know Jacob's parents. She has a lame leg for 20 years now. She was bitten by a dog. She has been to several Doctors and cannot get better.

Her children.

Mary one of her daughters livesat Alligator Pond



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She has two children, but she does not know the father for ~~the~~ Mary's children. Mary is buying fish for the truck men from Kingston. They give her the money and she buys the fish. She is getting pay to purchase the fish, but she does not know how much she gets. Mary has not a home of her own, she has to be paying rent for the one she ~~a~~ lives in.

Betsy the other daughter has no children. She is along with a young man. Alice does not remember the young man's name. Betsy is doing the same work as Mary. She has to pay rent too for the house she lives in.

Charles her son lives at Comma Pen. He is living with a woman, but she does not know her ~~name~~ name. Charles has a child, but not for the woman he ~~is~~ is living with now. The mother for Charles' child is from Alligator Pond.



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Curtis Brooks : Informant - Alice Ebanks.

Curtis is the son of Jacob Brooks and Rodella Sinclair of Bull Savannah. He was living at his father's house, but he ran away from home. He was suspected of stealing board at the factory, so he ran away and is now in ~~Kin~~ Kingston.

"Him did too unruly, them say him thief board a factory. Them no did see 'im, them only suspect 'im. Them sen' fe Police, but the Police no did come, so them no bother with i'."

He is in Kingston nearly two years now. His father has never heard from him since he left, neither his mother-in-law. So no one knows what he is doing.



Saturday.  
10. 4. 48.  
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### Interviewed Alice Ebanks.

#### Early Child-hood.

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I visited Alice again today - she told me she was born in Bull Savannah. Her mother and father are from Bull Savannah. She spent ~~xx~~ a part of her child-hood in Bull Savannah with her mother. When she was very small her ~~xx~~ father went away to do fishing at Fauker- in Milk River. Her mother and her father parted when her father went to the fishing.

Sometime after her father left, her mother removed from Bull Savannah and went to live at Alligator Pond with Johnny Blackwood. She was left with her sister Rebecca Sinclair (nee Brooks) at Bull Savannah. Alice went to school for a little time at the Bull Savannah School. Later on her mother sent for her to come to Alligator Pond- so she went and spent the balance of her childhood ~~xxxx~~ at Alligator Pond. "Me readt o third book an' yet caan read, me caan practise -ata me no ha' any book fe practise".

#### Her Children.

She has three children - one for Tom Blackwood of Alligator Pond and two ~~for~~ for William Martin of Alligator Pond. The children are - Mary Blackwood, Betsy Martin and Charles Martin. The children were owned by their fathers, and were supported too. The children grew with her, except Betsy ~~for~~ after a time.

After Betsy had started for school just a week when William's sister Jestina Martin came down from Spanish Town to Alligator Pond for a visit. She offered to ~~ix~~ take ~~Bxx~~ Betsy up with her to Spanish Town. Alice was glad for the offer and so she sent Betsy. Betsy stayed with her aunt Jestina for 7 years and the aunt and her ~~x~~ family came down from Spanish Town to make their home at Alligator Pond.

After they came home Betsy still remained with her aunt. "Betsy a big woman now - take her own course". She has a boy friend "they call him Brim".

#### Return to Bull Savannah.

Alice came back to Bull Savannah about 10 years ago. "Me come back ata me min' gi' me back fe home. Me did live ya an' want did fe come back bad. Me no come do a some thing more and come sid down".

#### Her Land.

She lives on her mother's land. Her father William Ebanks left  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ac res of land for her mother



when he died . Alice's mother has given  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of the ~~ixx~~ land to Alice "Me no know how much Rachel me sister get for you see i' no run off yet, but me mother gi' me  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre".

Her house

The house she lives in is hers . She built it after she left Jacob's house down at Thatch Walk

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First it was made of Wattle , but last Christmas she had it rebuilt . Now it is Spanish Wall - it is/and tidy from without . Looking inside it was not very untidy , only dusty . It is one room, not very large - with a bed that was half made . There is a table with glass wares- there are two chairs , and a few pictures around , also some other little things here and there in the room.

"Me sell me dumb things and work 'pon the house . Jacob no ha' no money in dey". She rears a pig or two all the time , and one or two sheep also. When they were working on the house she went back to Jacob's house at Thatch Walk , and remained there until her house was finished .

Her Kitchen.

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Her kitchen is very shabby . It is made of coconut leaves and a few posts , that have become/~~xxxx~~ weak. The coconut leaves are now dry and one can stay from without and see inside the kitchen . During the rainy season it will be very awkward to prepare the meals in the kitchen. Jacob will not build a new kitchen ."Ata the man them x come ya 'bout latrine and me get the post them cut and see them lean up dey - and 'im wud a dead before 'im make the latrine , much less the kitchen."

Her Grandson.

Her grand son Leslie is still staying with her .She took Leslie to ~~xx~~ stay with her because she wanted company at home - and some one to run her little errands . "Leslie read to 5th book , but me stop him , because me no did have i' fe help ~~ixx~~ him fe go further so as the work ~~xxx~~ start a the factory me senz him could get any work."

Leslie works in the cannery sometimes and sometimes at any of the other department in the factory . When he went first to work he was getting 1/- per day , but now he is getting  $\frac{2}{3}$  per day . He has been working there from Major Moxsy's time .

When Leslie works he gives his grandmother some of



his money , sometimes 5/- , 8/- , or 12/- . Some - times";im no nyam ef off out a packing house. ( when he does not give his money to his grandmother he uses the money out ~~side~~ side - either eating it out or wasting it other wise.

Alice's/

No one besides herself , Jacob , and ~~the~~ her grandson Leslie share the house . Jacob has a son by the name of John . John stays at/~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ house during the day , but he ~~xxxx~~ does not sleep at Alice's house - he sleeps at his father's house at Thatch Walk. Alice does not know ~~his~~ John's mother . She had been living in ~~the~~ Kingston for a long time.

Her living & providing for the family .

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She cannot work - all she can do to help her - self is to rear a few pigs and sheep, besides the little help she gets from Leslie now and then . ~~xxx~~ Jacob does not help her apart from/her meals .

In providing for the home Jacob does it all . He will find fish , food, and every thing that is necessary. Alice has a garden that Jacob and her grandson cultivate for her . The garden is very ~~xxx~~ near the house - and now and then a little peas or cassava or potato from the garden has helped with the meals.

John helps sometimes ~~xxxx~~ with the meals by giving from a 6d to 1/6 to provide . Jacob quarrel s if Alice does not help to provide , "but me caan do better for me caan work. All me can do is tget up every day and sid down one place". In preparing the meals sometimes Jacob does it , and sometimes John does it.

John works at the factory digging dump holes at 3/6 per day

Her Garden & Jacob's.

Her garden around the house is not very large . The crop from it has been reaped , and it was a good crop . She has no other cultivation , Jacob has his cultivation at Thatch Walk and Brennot Wood.

He plants cassava at Thatch Walk and tomato and peas at Brennot Wood . He has about an ~~xxxx~~ acre of, tomato at Brennot~~x~~ Wood.

Leslie planted a little garden of tomato, and though is was very dry this year he got a good crop.



Monday.  
12. 7. 48.  
D. B.

Interviewed Jacob Brooks & Alice Ebanks

Present House hold

Jacob Brooká	Head	(does not know age)	looks	46
Alice Ebanks	Wife c. 1.	" " " "	" "	45
Leslie Bálckwood	Gr. Son to Alice		15	
<i>John Brooks,</i>	<i>ab. 30., Jacob's son.</i>			

*4 persons*

Jacob was found at home for the first time , but he was in a great hurry said he was going to Rig Ridge, and could not stay to "talk this evening , ypu better come back one'nother evening me caan stop this evening at all .

His children

He has two children by Rodella "inclair , They are John and Curtis . Curtis grew with hid/grand mother Dorothy Sinclair , his mother's grand mother . After the death of hisgreat grand mother , he went to stay with his father . Two yearsaago he left for Kingston . Curtis went to school , but Jacob does not remember what Book he left schoolin , A mus'e second book". He believes Curtis is working but he does not know x what kind of work he is doing . He has never heard from him .

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John

During the days John is at Alice's yard , but at nights he sleeps at his father's house at Thatch Walk . John has to work and support himself for his father does not support him . "Me wan' some body fe support me now , much more fe go min' John . Him dey sleep a me house, but him have fe left i' for me wan' me house , and him a big man now , him have fe look fe him own house . Me dey tell him , him mus'e think a joke me deymake , but me ~~were~~ mean i'". John works for Septy Holness , Charles Dyer , and Mr Robinson at 3/- per day . He does all kinds of work for them . "henhe is not working he cultivate for himself on his father's land. During the crop he works at the factory . He plants tomato and cassava , but last year his team tomato did not x turn out to a good crop through the crop . John lives alone at his father's home .

Alice's children

Out of nine children Alice has three alive , Mary Blackwpod (who Alice calls Nancy ) for Thomas Blackwood . Two for William Martin , they are Betsy Martin and Charles Martin . Mary was living at Alligator Pond , but Alice heard from Betsy not long ago that she has gone to Mandeville .

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She does not know what she is doing in Mandeville .  
Mary has a child for Charles Gayle , the child is Leslie,  
but she did not name Leslie after the father . She named  
him after her ~~self~~ of Blackwood . She does not know why  
Leslie was not named after the father .

Betsy is still at Alligator Pond working , and living  
with "Brim " . She does not have any children . Charles  
lives at Comma Pen at his girl ~~friend's~~ friend's house .  
His girl friend is called "Sisimum" . Charles has one  
child by "Mavis" from Alligator Pond . (Alice does not rem-  
ember Mavis' surname )



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 J.O.

In 1942 Jacob Brooks lived in his own house in Thatch Walk. To-day the house is ~~in~~ uninhabited - he moved to live in the house of Alice Ebanks in Overroad.

See FamRec.171 for further particulars concerning Jacob Brooks and his son Curtis Brooks.



Information from Lillian Powell.  
 Interv. Alice Ebanks and Jacob Brooks.  
 14.6.48.  
 J.O. 20.8.48.

Present household.

Ebanks Alice, 40.  
 Brooks Jacob, c.l. husband, 50.  
 Blackwood Leslie, Alice's grandson, 16.

*Jacob Brooks' son  
m. 30.*

Alice Ebanks: her father, William Ebanks, was from Bull Savannah. Her mother was Sarah Parchment, also from B.S. /?/. She has 2 full sisters: Rachel Powell /B.S.P./ and Esteline Ebanks /Tad Town/. 3 half sisters: Rebecca Sinclair /married/, Bull Savannah; Ann Francis, Alligator Pond; Maggie Blackwood, Alligator Pond.

Jacob Brooks: father Henry Brooks, mother Vant Brooks, both from Thatch Walk. Has one full brother Nicholas Brooks and one full sister Dall Brooks, both in Thatch Walk.

Leslie Blackwood: father Charles Blackwood, dead. Mother Nancy Blackwood, daughter of Alice. Leslie was "grown and brought up by grandmother Alice Ebanks".

Travels: Jacob went to Cuba 1929-1924. Used his savings for cultivations.

Land, house, farming.

House: /belongs to Alice/: 1 room. Kitchen. Furniture: 1 bed, 1 table, 2 chairs.

Land: 0,5 acres owned by Alice Ebanks. Inherited from her mother.

Trees: 5 mangoes, 7 sweet saps.

Cultivations: 100 tomatoes, L1. Cassava.

Stock: 2 sheep, 2 hens, 1 dog.

Spending: weekly for meat, fish, food - 20/-. For the past year they spent for on clothes: Alice L3, Jacob L5 /shirts, pants/, Leslie - L2 /pants shirts/.

Health: Alice spent L3 on medical treatment.

Savings: "very little kept at home".

Leslie read till the 5th stand. ~~xxxxfatherix~~ His mother's father is Ernest Blackwood. His mother Nancy Blackwood lives in Alligator Pond.