

C.D. 22. Sbd. 14. Household 12. p.2.25.

Brooks	Egbert	head.	M.S.	44.	St. Eliz.	Black.	Ang.	X	Farmer
"	Iriah	son	M.S.	11	"	"	"	W.2.	3.E.
"	Keneth	son	M.S.	9	"	"	"	W.1.	3.E.

His farm in 1942.

*13 acres
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Operates this ~~land~~ farm as owner or part owner for 14 years.

Owns $12\frac{1}{2}$ acres in 2 parcels $9\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 acres resp.

Main income from vegetables.

No labour employed.

Works 52 weeks per annum, 6 days p.w. 8 hours p.d.

4 acres in cultivation, 5 acres cultivable but not used. $1\frac{1}{2}$ ac. in guinea grass, $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. in common grass. $1\frac{1}{2}$ ac. other.

Total value of farm £70, of buildings £ 24. 1 catchment

Cultivations:

0.5 ac. tomatoes= 2300 lbs.

1 ackee=? 3 coconuts= 40 nuts,

8 mangoes (4 fruiting) 250 lbs.

$\frac{1}{2}$ ac. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ corn= 2 bushels. 1 ac. congo

peas= 3 bushels. $2\frac{1}{4}$ ac. cassava= 1440 lbs. 0,1 ac

tobacco= 50 lbs.

2 sheep, 9 goats, 1 swine.

Monday.
10. 5. 48.
D. B.

Interviewed Egbert Brooks.

Present House -hold

Egbert Brooks	Head
Iriah Francis	Son
Kenneth "	"

Family History.

~~XXXX~~ Egbert is the son of Ann Brooks and Charley Francis . His father did not marry his mother . He was not named after his father , he got his mother's name instead - Brooks . He does not know why he was not ~~named~~ named after his father . "Some people call me Francis all the same and me name me children after me father name Francis " . He does not know any of his grandparents . His parents died along ago . His mother died when he was a little boy .

Mary Perkins.

He grew with his aunt Mary Perkins . Mary is his mother sister "one mother and one father children" . He stayed with his aunt until 1927 he left , "but still me use to go and come " . He started to build his house in 1927 and it was finished in 1930 . When it was finished he moved to his own house . Yet he visits his aunt still .

When he was living at his aunt's house he used to cultivate on his aunt's land , planting tobacco , cassava , sweet potato , corn and peas . The tobacco was sold and he got a third or a half of what it was sold for . He lived like a son in his aunt's home , "me and Jane Perkins grow like sister " . The other things were used in the home .

His Children.

Egbert has three children one by Babelle Dyer and two by Birdie Brooks . Louis the eldest son ~~ix~~ grew with his mother Babelle . Egbert used to support him , but he has stopped now . "Him a big man now, have him own house, own wife and him own children " . Louis is married and is living at Ridge .

Iriah~~xxxx~~

Iriah grew with his father . His mother is Birdie . He and Kenneth are one mother . Egbert did not marry Birdie because "we couldnt 'gree at all . Iriah is working on the Public Works~~x~~ , "doing road work" . He started two weeks ago and is getting 4/6 per day . He helps his father to cultivate ~~xx~~ when he is at home . He does not have a girl friend .

Iriah read to the fifth standard at school . When he works his money he uses some and gives his father the balance to put up .

Kenneth.

Kenneth helps his ~~father~~ father to cultivate . He is still supported by his father . "A double support after me have fe feed and clothes him". Kenneth does not have a girl friend .

Relatives.

Egbert has one brother in Bull Savannah. His brother is Albert Sinclair . He and Albert are one mother but not one father^s. Albert has his own house and family. Egbert's aunt Mrs Perkins/~~are~~ still alive .

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His Land .

2.5
10.5
13

& Living

The land that Egbert is living on is his . He bought it from Benjamin Heath for £10. 0. 0. , it is 2½ acres. He has 10½ acres of land in Brennot Wood which he bought from his uncle Henry Brooks for £18.0.0. Henry is his mother's brother . He cultivates on g his own land, at home and in the woods.

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He plants about two square chains of tomato, some-½ acre or one acre of cassava . "All like corn you caan / imagine

~~what~~ what you plant ~~bec~~ because this not a real corn soil , some time you get plenty , soemtime nothing much " . He plants about ½ acre of peas . He does not ~~se~~ sell all the things he plants . He sells the tomato, and uses the other things for the home .

"Me never work fe nobody at all in Jamaica , me work fe ~~me~~ meself " . He makes his living off his cultivation He has one donkey , one pig , and one goat . He had a few sheep , but he had sold them out .

His House & other buildings.

He started his house in 1927 and it was finished in 1930 . It is made of spanish wall and the roof is thatched . It has two rooms that are of a fairly large size . One of the rooms is scantily furnished . There could be seen a table with glass wares and one or two chairs . The other room was locked ~~up~~ and nothing of the interior could be seen .

The house cost him about £30. 0. 0. to build , "perhaps a more me now even remember , it would a cost doub that fe build it now " . He built his kitchen in 1935, the kitchen cost abo ut £17 to £18 to build it . The kitcher is spanish wall too , and is a very big kitchen . He is just going to build a latrine . He has a catchment .

Meals.

The sons and the father prepares the meals . When

they are all out for the day , any one who comes home first cooks the meal until the others come . Egbert has to be buying food "right now " . We have time of adversity and time of prosperity , sometime three year of adversity ~~and~~ and same time of prosperity . For having the very least a three meals for a day it couldnt take less than 40/- for the week "

Health.

"Me no spend nothing less than & £7. 0. 0. last ~~year~~ year for a lame foot with Kenneth . Havefe carr' him go to Doctor , him get injection and medicine . Up to last week me spend £4. 0. 0. fe meself a the Doctor . Me was sick and ~~and~~ me go to Dr. Henriques a Mandeville " .

Clothing .

"If me fe tellyou 'bout the clothes , is a hard thing . You can only buy when you have the money , but ~~the~~ cloth gone up on such a height that you can hardly afford it. Me caan hardly tell you for the year for that a plenty money . An ordinary suit of drudging clothes wi' cost 'bout 28/- or 30/- shirt and trouser . If a man fe buy a good suit o clothes now it wi' cost him 'bout £18. 0. 0. "

Information from Lilian Powell
 who interv. Egbert Francis
 on 18.6.48.
 J.O. 13.7.48.

Present household.

Francis Egbert, 48.
 Francis Iriah, son, 18.
 Francis Kenneth, son, 16.

Family history.

Egbert Francis - son of late Charlie Francis /husband of Sarah Francis/ and of M Ann Brooks /daughter of old "Uncle Brooks", sister of David and Henry Brooks/. Egbert Francis was annoutside son of his father. ~~Brought up by his mother~~

His half brothers through the father: Adolphous Francis /in B. Savannah/, Edmond Francis /in B.S./, Theophilus Francis /in Top Hill/; his half sisters through the father: Ethel Spencer /married to Joseph Spencer. B.S. on the verge of Th.W./ These 5 ~~were~~ were all lawful children of Charlie Francis /by his wife Sarah Francis/.

Another half sister through the father is Alice Swaby in Shadock Hill. She is outside daughter of Charlie Francis and Jane Lawrence in Shadock Hill.

He has also a half brother and a half sister through his mother: Martha Burton lives in Kingston and Albert Sinclair - in Thatch Walk.

Egbert Francis children:

He ~~had~~ has 3 children by 2 different women.

Louie Francis, the oldest one, was by Barbell Dyer, daughter of Hubert Dyer in Ridge. Barbel Dyer is now in Kinston. Louie Dyer built his house on his grandfather's land /Hubert Dyer/ and lives in Ridge.

Iriah and Kenneth Francis are both by Burdie Brooks, daughter of David and Henrietta Brooks. Burdie is alive she married and lives in ~~Ridge~~ Blowden Hill as Burdie Christian.

Travels. Egbert Francis went to Cuba in 1918 and came back from Cuba only in 1927. His home is built from his Cuban savings.

House, land, farming.

House: 2 living rooms, furniture: 1 bed, 2 2 tables, 4 chairs. 1 kitchen. 1 latrine. 1 tank.

Land: owned by Egbert Francis 15 acres in 2 lots: 3,5 acres homeland bought from Benjamin Heath in 1929; 11,5 acres woodland bought from Henry Brooks /his uncle/ in 1928.

Trees: 4 mangos, 3 coconuts, 1 pear, 5 sweet saps, 1 ackee, 1 pomme granate, 1 lime.

Cultivations: 3000 holes toma., L17. 40 hills yams. 1/2 ac. cassava. 1 acre congo. 1/4 ac. red peas.

Animals: 1 donkey, 5 goats.

Spending: 20/- weekly for meat, fish, groceries. L20 for clothing last year for all the househ. Health for the past year: L4.