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Rowe Louise	Head	F.S.	70	6.5.	St. Eliz.	Col.	Angl.	X	Retired
Banton Doris	da	F.S.	35	6.6.	"	"	"	X	none
Roye Gedeth	d u	F.S.	34	6.4.	"	"	"	X	labourer
Powell Nicolas	son	M.Cl.	32		"	"	"	X	labourer
Bromfield Hilda									
	dau in law	F.Cl.	27	5.4.	"	"	"	X	homemaker
Powell Ivy	gr.dau.	F.S.	9		"	"	"	W.2.	4.E.
" Harbert	gr.son	M.S.	8		"	"	"	W.1.	3.E.
" Cathle	gr.dau	F.S.	5		"	"	"	-	
" Oreth	gr.son	M.S.	1.		"	"	"	-	
Ebanks Marion	gr.dau	F.S.	20		"	"	"	X	none
Robenson Daisy	gr.dau	F.S.	16		"	"	"	X	none
Smith Myrtle	gr.dau	F.S.	5		"	"	"	X	
Smith Alvin	gr.son	M.S.	4		"	"	"	-	
Brooks Crafton	gr.son	M.S.	27		"	"	"	X	labourer
Ellington Weston	"	M.S.	11		"	"	"	X	no
" Stanley	gr.son	M.S.	9		"	"	"	X	no
Simpson Elsie	gr.dau	F.S.	5		"	"	"	-	

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Her farm in 1942.

Under one acre.
 1 swine, 1 goat, 6 hens=16 doz.eggs.
 Garden crop value=10/-
 1 ackee=5 doz. 1 avocado=?
 4 mangoes=48 doz. 1 naseberry=30 doz.

Sunday.
11.4.48.
I.S.D.

Family History

Interviewed. Lucy Rowe and Judith Rowe.

Family History.

Lucy's mother Dorothy Johnson. Father Lodric Rowe. Lucy does not remember the names of her grand parents. "Granma and granpa raise me. Can't remember them old time sitting. Don' have the head piece." Lucy has a very bad memory. She said that her daughter Judith would be able to tell me more about the place.

Land

Lucy owns half an acre of land. "Can't tell how it come. I see me granpa/'pon it and them dead and leave me 'pon it. Me daughter can tell you 'bout the taxes. Judith said "Is only the little ring you see ya. We don't have no land. The last time taxes pay, me have to take me machette and ~~gaxworkxfaxxpsaxia~~ weed people grass. As you hear we get a shilling a flour." (have to buy flour.) "All you hear tomatoes money a flash. We noh have a where to workit. Me only employ out to carry it." Women carrying tomatoes to the shed are paid 2/- a day. Judith only worked 3 days throughout the season. 3/10 is paid half yearly as taxes on the land.

/ and granma

Lucy's children.

Ada Young living in Manchester. Agnes Banton, Judith Rowe, Nicholas Powell, Doris

Judith's children - Crafton Brooks. Verton Ellington. Donovan Ellington, Elsie Simpson, Estel McDonald. Easton Ellington the father of 2 of her children is dead. "When him dead not even the gongo trash, him never leave for one of them. Is me raise them with me maschette in me hand. Even the common clothes him lef them take it 'way."

Crafton's father - Smmie Brooks helped her to support him. Judith is not satisfied with the assistance she gets from Crafton. He gave her presents sometimes before he established his own home. "When you hear them take up sweetheatt, them can' give you anything." Crafton has 3 children, 2 with Hermie Powell and 1 with Clemmie Cartwright. He lives with Clemmie at Top Hill." Asked if Crafton was right to live with her? "Noh what young people give." Does he support Hermie's children? Him have to support them or she would fling him up to Malvern".

Elsie's father - Felix Simpson is from Rose Hall." Where did you meet him. "You know, when them ready to

turn devil; them would come from Kingston come which paret you de, talk all kind of fool. Distress can' out of the world. The last time I hear 'bout him, I hear that him dead down at Westmorland side. For these many years I never see a face like him. Old walk 'nook. walk something. Him know the child when she was a baby, but away from that him don't know her."

Agnes lives with Alan Ebanks not very far from her mother's home. Is she better off than you? "Same heap of distressful pickinie." Lucy said that Agnes did not visit her at all. "Agnes don' come here and me don' go there. Don' show no feeling to him mother. If me sick, him don' come and look for me."

Nicholas ~~xxxxxxx~~ and his girl friend Hilda Bromfield are at Lucy's place in the day. Hilda sleeps at her mother's place. Nicholas and Hilda's children: Ivy Ornett, Rupert, Herbert and Kathlene. Nicholas does not have any land of his own. He works on share. He prefers to work on the land than to work at the factory.

Doris' children: Marion Ebanks, Hubert Lewis, Lives with his father Charles Lewis; Lilla Roye, lives with father Percival Roy; Myrtle Ebanks, lives with Mrs. Charles Lewis. "Alvin (the last child)" him condem through my own fault. When I had the stomach around 3 weeks it never even catch up month yet, I go look an go roun' at Junction. I look on the little beast them, and see the picknie come like that.

Marion has 3 children: Lilly and Merlin Roy. Doris could not remember the baby's name. What did you say when Marion had her first child? "Me quarrel with him, but the youngman never turn him back 'gainst him. ~~xxxxxx~~ And you know the devil strong. Since me know a wrong she do, me quarrel with her,"

Doris said that the first house they had was destroyed by the storm. "Get £2 from Government and put up back the house." The house is roughly made of thatch. It has a ground floor. "Mother was on the Poor List con' know why them take her off. Them must be hear that Bull Savannah fruitful with tomatoes money, but them don' know that poor we don' have land. If we don' hire out we don't get nothin'. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Only big people have land." ~~xxxxxxx~~

We born poor. We don' born under no star fe get nothin'. If you don' born under a star, don' care how you batter, you never have anything. Masa Jesus never set me under no star!"

Doris' occupation

"Me do speculation, but can' get cassave, as to fish it worse. One rich man, Mr. Joe, from Kingston get every

thing. The walk foot people them don' get a thing, same way you go down with you pudding pan, same way you come up back. We the poor people, don't get a ~~XX~~ thing."

Doris had some gongo peas. Asked where she got them. Marian's boy friend Joslyn brought it for her. Marian and Doris do their cooking at Lucy's place. They sleep with Marian's children at Mrs. Indigo's place. "Pay her 2/- a month. She sick and we look after her. If she sick in the night, is we have to get up and give~~x~~ her hot water. The old woman miserable you know, She don' like hear the children make noise, so we down here in the days. Doris shares her meals with her mother. "Anything at all, we give her."

Meals

What's ~~have you get~~ for dinner today? "Did not go to the seaside yesterday, so it bad with me. When I go to seaside, I can buy if is even a pound of the dear yam, I get cocoe, potatoe, every little thing make up. Doris' favourite dish is meat, "and me like thin bammie to'.

Interior of house.

The house has 2 rooms. One room has a bed made of board. A grass mattress covered with crocos bag was on it. A box was at one corner of the room with old, dirty rags packed in it. The room was very stuffy, it does not have any windows. The other room had 2 beds, a table covered with a very dirty cloth. a small trunk, placed on top of a barrel. Clothes were hung on the side of the house, and some very dirty slothes were on the bed. A pair of shoes hung from the roof of the house. When I came out of the house, Lucy said. "That no hose that a coop, just keep dew off the old lady head. There were 5 glasses and 3 bottles placed on the table.

Kitchen.

When I arrived, Lucy, her children, and grand children ~~y~~ were in the kitchen shelling peas. After talking to her daughters, I returned to the kitchen. Lucy was busy baking bammies. She said the children would have to eat the "dry bammie till later me cook the peas and give them with the bammie."

It seems as if they started to build the kitchen but did not have enough thatch to finish it. It is not e - cbsed all around. "This nhh kitchen, it only bear the name." As rain come, me have to fly out."

~~y~~ Hilda uses the other kitchen. One of the children who Hilda said was not feeling well, was lying on a ~~xxx~~

piece of board in the kitchen. This board is used as a bed at nights. Some of the children sleep there.

Baths

Judith stated that the children had a bath every Sunday.

Inform.: Dudley Simpson,
23.4.48.
T.O.

Dudley knows well the family of Lucy Rowe. His old aunt Mrs. Enigo who raised his sister raised also Judith Roye.

The intricacies of a family budget.

"In Lucy Rowe - its a big, big family and all of them living on 1/2 acre of land. If they was to live on 1/2 acre of land - they couldnt. But the old lady (Lucy Rowe) do a little goat raising and fowl. And the grannies on old lady's hand. Nicholas help the old lady and Judith help the old lady and Doris help her."

Lucy's children.

Dudley Simpson doesnt know who the fathers of Lucy's children were. Anyhow she had her 5 children by at least three but possibly by four different men.

Her children are:

1. Ada Young - she married and lives in Manchester
2. "Agnes Banton lives at Alan Smith (not Ebanks) home - have lots of children - dont contribute to the home"(Lucy's home).
3. Nicholas Powell and his cl. wife Hilda Bromfield daughter of Rosa Gordon and their 5 children live at Lucy Rowe's home.
4. Judith Roye and her four children live at Lucy's home
5. Doris Banton adn three out of her seven children olus her three grandchildren and Cl. son-in-law live during the day at Lucy's home.

Nicholas Powell his family and occupation .

"Nicholas Powell work on share on Calvin Roye land. Had quite a good return this year. Hilda Bromfield - she was working at Perkins with Miss Blythe. (Hilda was a maid of teacher Blythe). Hilda mother is that Rosa Gordon. All of them (Nicolas his wife and ~~my~~ all children) stay there(at Lucy's home)." Dudley says they dont go to sleep to Rosa Gordon - they sleep and eat at Lucy's home. Their children are: Ivy, Orret Rupert, Herbert and Catheline.

Judith Roye -her children ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ & grandchildren

"My old aunt Enigo raised J^udith Roye. Judith she is over 40. Crafton (her son Crafton Brooks) over 21. Him father travel from here to Cuba around 1923 and leave that boy before he leave. Judith was a young girl at that time."

Crafton has 2 children with Hernie Powell and one child with Clemmie Cartwright. But acc. to Dudley he ~~wasnt~~ didnt settled with any of these girls.

"Crafton Brooks - he move up and down (i.e. from the grandmother's home to his girls and viceversa) He feed night in Lucy Roye home."

Judith's other children: Weston and Stanley Ellington and Elsie Simpson stay also with her.

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Doris Banton,
& her children
& support from
the fathers.

"Doris carry tomato - weed grass in field, she go to Alligator Pond buy fish and speculate. Meet it hard."

Doris has 7 children.:

1. "Harbert Lewis - stay with his father Charles Lewis."

2. "Myrtle Ebanks - that girl Myrtle is Smith. They make own it Pantan Smith." She stays also in Charles Lewis home, where she helps with the housework.

3. "One girl for Boulou Ebanks - she go away in Clarendon, one place we call Olvon (?)"

4. Lilla Roye

5. "Alvin - terrible boy - eyes going over, out of control - we call him idiot. That boy - Doris dont know who is the father. We claim it either for Samuel Alva or Wilbert Simpson from Tad Town. This Alvin - Pantan Smith owned that Alvin. Pantan Smith is still moving with Doris. Support both Alvin and Myrtle & that girl living up at Charles Lewis. The little benefit go to the mother (as the girl has her upkeep at Charles Lewis).

6. "Doris Banton has a next girl Daisy Robenson - father from Manchester. She (Daisy) moved recently. Has two children so they couldnt tolerate her (at the home) so she moved to a little hut near to Little Pedro. The hut she rents from David Brooks in Top Bull Savannah. Daisy - quite desolate. She was living in my aunt's home (Mrs. Enigo's) but she was unruly so my aunt couldnt tolerate her. The first pickeny she had there. The father of the children is Stanley Roye. He live with a next girl in Alligator Pond. Daisy get no support. She have to go out to wash clothes, weed grass - poor scale - to help herself. The boy (the father of Daisy's children Stanley Roye) has a child in Adolphous Powell house - that girl Irene Elliott. The wife of Ad. Powell raised a child of her brother - this Irene Elliott. Ad Powell have any children so she (Adolphous' wife) adopt it (adopted Irene who is her niece)."

7. "Marion Ebanks is for Boulou Ebanks in Tad Town. "Marion Ebanks has three children with Joslyn Roye. This Joslyn Roye is the first child of Birdie Rochester the wife of ~~xxxxxx~~ Ernest Powell - Uncle Peany. "Joslyn Roye - he is a fisherman and cultivator and gamble: cards, domino, dice. Him father live a little land but he dont settle on it, him do a little work on it. Joslyn Roye eats at Lucy Rowe home - all the cooking carry on at Lucy Rowe' home"

"Joslyn Roye and Marion Ebanks and Doris and children occupy one room at Mrs. Enigo. They rent a room from Mrs. Enigo, they don't have a place to sleep (at Lucy Rowe's house)".

Third generation
of "husbandless"
others.

Add. Informations
re Judith Roye.

Judith Roye has still another child Clarice MacDonald who lives with her father Percival MacDonald in Tad Town.

"Douggy (Percival MacDonald) he have Winston and Clarissa - that girl he own as his. Him got that girl by Judith Roye at Lucy Rowe home. Call that little girl "Boudou".

Easton Ellington the father of Weston and Stanley Ellington:

"He was living in Thatch Walk. He died a good time now - before the war."

Felix Simpson - the father of Elsie Simpson:

"He was from Rose Hall. Went away to St. Thomas." (He died there acc. to Lucy Rowe).

Thus out of the four fathers of Judith Roye's children: 2 died (Simpson and Ellington.) One went away over 20 years ago to Cuba (Brooks) and one is living in Tad Town and took his child (MacDonald.

Acc. to Dudley Simpson Judith doesn't get any support from any man.

"She work with somebody - a little day's work on a poor scale."

Going in the kitchen admiring the way she was baking the bammies, she showed me how it is done. "We can bake a whole lot in a short time, I only want the wood to keep the fire going". She got through the baking very quickly. Doris who had gone to the shop came back with salt fish and flour, that she went to buy to help with the evening meal.

Doris started to make another fire on the same fire place that Louise was using. Doris became very busy, and did not have any time to stop and talk. She went away to look some little twigs to put in the fire. "Me sorry me caan sit down with you this evening, but after me have so much to do". Every now and then she went out doing one thing or the other. "But we would really like to know what all this questioning means, and this setting down. All 'bout you dead people, we caan remember them for them dead long time. Some of them we no even know, we only hear 'bout them. Them shouldn't be in business in a this now, for them dead long time. We go remember all 'bout them now we have to sit down and think, and we tell Miss Dale every thing a 'ready".

Louise when spoken to did not reply. Doris said, "Mumma she dey talk to you", she replied, "Missis me ears full a wind me caan even hear you, cunno other one way caan hear answer her dey fe me". Marion, Louise's grand daughter came up to join the crowd, Louise said, Marion you remember the name of the pickney them, you tell her them fe me". Marion started, but had to leave to go and look after cassava for the dinner. Marion asked Ivy Powell Louise's grand daughter to help with the telling of the names, and every now and then Marion came to see if Ivy was giving the right names. After finishing with the cassava Marion came back and told where each unit in the house hold slept and ate.

Louise's house

It is one of the poorest houses in the District. It is made of wattle, and covered over with thatch. The roof is thatched. The house has two rooms, but nothing of the interior could be seen, as the door was shut in the room that was nearest to where I sat. The inmates of one room are: →

Louise Rowe
 Nicholas Powell, Louise' son
 Hilda Bromfield wife to Nicholas, with
 their three children :-
 Ivy
 Dell
 Rupert

In the other room :-

Judith Roy , with her two children :-
Elsie Simpson
Estella Mc^Donald , and three of Nichol's and Hilda's children :-

Kathleen
Orrett
Herbert

In Juanita's house that Marion rents from Juanita are:-

Doris Banton
Marion Ebanks
Jocelyn Roy , and three children of Marion and Jocelyn's :

Lily Rose
Merlyn
Revena , and
Alvin Smith son of Doris'

Donovan Stanley Ellington , son of Doris' sleeps in the one room that Juanita lives in . Weston Ellington sleeps at Benjamin Powell's house . Every one was extremely busy , and had no time to talk , so the interview came to an end.

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Interviewed ^BNicholas Powell, Marion Ebanks &
Hilda Bromfield

Paying a visit again to Louise' house , Nicholas , Louise' son was at home , also Nicholas' wife (c.l.) Hilda Bromfield . Nicholas had just come in from the woods where he is working . Hilda was plaiting straw . She did not go to work to day for "me no get any clothes fe wash " .

Source of living

Nicholas is a planter . He works on a partnership with Alvin Roy, in the woods . At home he plants on the $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land that they live on , 2,000 or 3,000 roots of tomato . "Me ~~like~~ this dey prepare land now fe plant in the coming season . When me get the little money off a wha ' me plant , me gamble with it , and see if me caan get little more 'pon i' . A so me have fe do fe live " .

Hilda , his wife plaitxstraw and washes to help to make a living . When she does not get the washing , she stay at home and pliat . "The 19 straw caan sell fe $\frac{1}{6}$ fe 16 yards , and the eleven straw 16 yards fe $4\frac{1}{2}d$ or $6d$ " .

From what Nicholas earns he supports his mother , Louise .

Louise ^Rowe

Louise who is called Lucy was sitting in the kitchen said " a him me ha' fe depend 'pon fe support , if me no did have him me no know wha' me would a do " . Nicholas has never travelled from Bull Savannah to another place . "Him caan go no way for him a me one boy pickney , and him caan leave me fe go any way . Him ha' fe stay near me , that him caan help me . If the daughter them even go a plenty a them , all the same me wi' want one a them fe, dey near that if me sick them can care me . The boy him ha' fe stay , for a him one and him ha' fe min' me " .

Meals

It was getting near dinner a time , but there was no sign of fire or any one looking about preparing the meals . "Evening come now and not a thing dey fe cook , fa we no ha' a money , if we could a get one shilling fe go a shop that would a good " .

Doris Banton , Judith Roy , two of Lucy's daughters , Marion Ebanks , Lucy's grand daughter, and Lucy, join in using one pot for cooking . Each person provides her own food to serve each unit of the family. Hilda Bromfield does her cooking seperatly for her family .

13.7.48.

T.O.

Visit at home: Joslyn Roye.

Joslyn Roye ~~xxxxxx~~ lives with his wife, children and mother in law in a rented room at Wanetha Enigo (F.R. 183) They rent a one room-house.

Joslyn Roye was shaving in his room. I could see his upper ~~stripped~~ part through the window; the interview was very short, as he had to proceed to further details of his toilette.

Present household:

Banton Doris	head	about	40
Ebanks Marion	dau		25
Roye Josslyn	cl. son-in-law		30
" Lilly Rose	gr. dau		6
" Merlene	gr. dau		4
" Revina	gr. dau		5/12

They all live in this room but the cooking is done at the kitchen of Lucy Rowe the mother of Doris Banton. I put Doris Banton as head as it seems to me that she is a more stable factor in this group of people than Josslyn Roye. However as far as the material basis is concerned he supplies more than Doris.

Doris Banton is the daughter of Lucy Rowe .(See F. R. 184)

Josslyn Roye is the outside child of David Roye (dead) and Birdie Rochester who is at present the wife of Ernest Powell. Josslyn was brought up in the house of his maternal uncle Eglon Rochester from whom he learned fishing. He is a fisherman now and goes fishing to Alligator Pond.

He cultivates about one acre of land in the Bottom District. This land he rents from "Tousy" Roye who married a Senior and lives in Ballards Valley. He says he didn't get any land from his father.

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~~After~~ ~~xxxx~~ left the place in company of Adolphus Powell and Dudley Simpson they told me that the young man "Likes the fun". He has the opinion of being a gambler.

The two women and three little girls were not present. I was told that they are in the house of Lucy Rowe where they spend always the whole day.

I do not know how much ~~rent~~ they pay to Mrs. Enigo. She said it was "a pittance".

The Lucy Rowe "compound" seems to overflow with people. ~~it~~ ~~xxxx~~ Some more people gravitating to it sleep outside the premises. It is a queer example of disruption and family cohesion at the same time.