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Roye	David	head	M.M.50		St.Eliz	Color.	Angl.	W.3.	farmer
"	Berita	wife	F.M.36	11.9.	"	"	"	W.3.	homemaker
"	Calvin	son	M.S.22		"	"	"	X	farmlab.
"	Mervile	dau	F.S.17		"	"	"	W.3.	4.E.student
"	Thelma	dau	F.S.13		"	"	"	W.3.	3.E.
"	Enid	dau	F.S.12		"	"	"	W.3.	3.E.
"	Hazeth	dau	F.S.10		"	"	"	W.2.	3.E.
"	Cicely	dau	F.S. 8		"	"	"	W.2.	3.E.
"	Glhyne	dau	F.S. 6		"	"	"	W.2.	3.E.
"	Ceciel	son	M.S. 3		"	"	"	-	
"	Clive	son	M.S. 2		"	"	"	-	
"	Osburn	son	M.S. 2/12		"	"	"	-	

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His farm in 1942.

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Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 32 years.
 Owns 21 acres in 3 parcels: 9, 9 and 3 acres resp.
 Main income from mixed farming.
 No labour employed.
 Works 50 weeks p.a., 5 days p.w. 9 hours p.d.

10 acres under cultivation, 5 acres cultivable but not used, 3 acres for pasture, 1 ac. woodlands 2 ac. other.

Total value of farm £ 600, of buildings £200
 1 catchment.

Cultivations: 0.1 ac cabbages= 600 heads.
 4 rows okras= 25 doz. 5 rows peppers= 28 lbs.
 2 1/2 ac (?) tomatoes= 9600 lbs. 1 ackee= 50 heaps.
 10 avocados= 100 doz. 6 breadfruits= 27 doz.
 45 bananas(25 fruiting)=25 bunch. 5 coconuts=120nuts
 12 mangoes= 1135 doz. 5 cashewnuts=25 quarts.
 1 ac. corn= 4 bush. 1 ac congo peas= 5 bush.
 0.2 red peas= 1/2 bush. 5 acres cassava=15000 lbs.
 0.1 cocoe s=125 lbs. 1/2 ac. sweet patat= 560 lbs.
 1/2 ac. yams= 300 lbs. 1/2 ac. tobacco= 700 lbs.
 1 beef cow, 20 goats, 1 pig, 4 swine,

Interviewed Bereta Roy.

Present household.

Bereta	Roy	Head.
Calvin	do	Step son.
Thelma	do	Dau.
Enid	do	Dau.
Hazett	do	Dau.
Glen	do	Son.
Cecil	do	Son.
Clive	do	Son.
Colin	do	Son.
Vinton.	do	Son.
Analdo	do	Son.

Cicely, one of Bereta's children live in Kingston with her/sister Joyce. She is David's daughter by his first marriage. Calvin is also a child by David's first marriage. "When Joyce come up for holidays, she spend it at Fortsea with her Aunt." Joyce teaches at Central Branch School in Kingston.

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Family History.

Mother: Martha Rochester. Father Henry Rochester (d) Mother's mother "Don' remember name." Mother come from a place they call Ginger Ground." Father's mother Annie Rochester. Father's father Henry Rochester.

Bereta's husband died about 3 years ago. His parents were Esther and David Roy. Thelma, ~~whaxwas~~ said "Tourist to call my father Uncle."

Land.

About 7 acres around the house. "More or less, I only average it out to that." 9 1/4 acres in the wood. 3 under the hill, and 4 a little way from there." Thelma said there was another 5 acre plot. She said this very softly to her mother, and Bereta shook her head and said no, in a very low tone. She then asked "Then why you asking all this? I gave an explanation, even though I told her before, why I had come. "It wont be anything to give we any worries though? Bereta did not want to talk about the land. David bought all the land. Work tomatoe and cassava on share. Calvin plants tomatoes largely. He shares the money with Bereta. Enid had a small garden. Thelma smilingly said that Enid stole the plants from Calvin. She made 7/6 from her little plot. Thelma intends to have a garden of her own for the next crop.

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Illness

Last year, Bereta and 6 of her children were in the hospital with typhoid. "Thelma go way to Kingston to

her sister. She get injection here and she get it in Kingston. That is why she did not have it. Bereta's house was locked up and the other children were sent to her brother Wilbert Rochester. After leaving the hospital she was not strong enough to go home. She had to stay with Wilfred. "I couldn't walk. They have to arms me up. I use stick till I could cramble about a little."

"This one (Analdo) was sick to', but them hide it from me. Them didn't carry it to doctor, you know, them work on it with them own remedy. When I come from hospital and see it, I say it not going to live, but I work on it. Bath it, give nourishment, try all kind of things, and now see him here - big man, soon come and work for me."

Bereta's last child

Analdo was born on Christmas day. He is nick named Christmas. His father is John Roy David Roy's cousin. Asked if she loved John. "You see if it was not love I would not have this one" (~~she~~ Analdo) "I don't want to have any more children."

Childhood.

"I really did not grow with my mother. I was at Manning Home and I went to Southfield school. I was there from childhood ~~and~~ until I become a young woman up there. After I leave school, I went back to me mother home. I stayed home till I get married."

After husband's death

When Bereta's husband died, she did not have anyone to help her with the cultivations. "Is really through assistant why I have this one" (Anald) She said before that she had the child through love. "For husband die and leave me with all these children, and I did not have anyone to help me with them. If I don't have any thing in the ground to give them to eat, I don't know what can happen. I can't buy food all the time. Him help me with planting. Up to now him help me."

Asked if she would get married again. "I don't want to married again for I don't want any more children. Them too hard to min'!"

Education.

Thelma took the 3rd Jamaica Local elast year and failed. "I tell Thelma that if she don't pass this year, I don't know what will happen to her. It hard for me to send them up and down. It cost me what I don't have, and is plenty of them! Enid and Hazett will/be taking the 3rd Jamaica Local this year. Bereta pays \$1 per term for each child for the extra lessons.

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Merville take 3rd year 3 times and pass the 3 times. I

put her in school in Kingston. She take the senior cambridge and she fail it. She was living with her sister and she say since I could not put her back to that school, she would try for nursing. Well, she apply and get in. She was at Mandeville for one year. She pass that exam, and she is 2nd year in Town now!

"Joyce send for Cicely. She say, she going to bring up that one, and train her for her own purpose." Cicely is 12 years old. She is attending Mico practising school and will be taking 1st Jamaica Local in July.

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House

Bereta has a large 6 apartment house, including verandah. The roof of part of the house was of shingles, and another part of zinc.

Most of the time, she was in the drawing room. The floor was beautifully polished. In one corner of the room there was a kind of table with 3 shelves. On the top shelf was a vase with a growing "lucky plant" in it. About 4 christmas cards and photographs of some of the children. There was also a photograph of Mrs. Mills, one of the teachers at Central Branch Elementary school.

Books:

Books were on the other 2 shelves.: / 2 copies of Tale of Two cities. One for Thelma and the other for her cousin Nora Roy who is now in the hospital with typhoid. 2 copies of Christmas Carol. One for Thelma the other Nora's. Silas Marner, a Bible, Bible Certainties, bought from the Seventh Day Adventist for 22/-. Bereta said "It just put down so, nobody don' read it." Spanish language guide, David Copperfield. Common faults in writing english, Tales from Hans Anderson, Practical School Method, Tom Brown's school days, Treasurers of English Verse, Our opportunity in the West Indies, Vicar of Wakefield, Little Dorrit, The World - General geography, West Indian Reader - Jamaican Edition Book 5. Student's arithmetic, The Golden Science Series 1., West Indian Histories.

The lamp was placed on a big table to the other side of the room and the following books were also on the table: Let God be True, purchased from the Jehova's Witnesses for 2/- Bereta said she bought it to get rid of them. The person from whom she bought it said she should study it, and ask him to explain what she did not understand. "They do that to get you to join them, but them wont get me." The good Earth, Elementary Algebra, Acts of the Apostles, and an Anglican hymn book. On the inner part of the hymn book cover was written.:

"Steal not this book, my honest friend
For fear the gallos be your end.
For when you die the Lord shall say
Where is that book you steal away?
And if you say you do not know,
The Lord shall say, to hell you go."

Enid said she copied that verse from one of Charles Dickens' books - "Little Ned." She read the story when she was in the 3rd standard. She was not able to tell me the story. I am not sure whether she did not remember it or she was shy.

There were a few pictures on the wall. ^{side of} One a small picture was written "The Father himself, loveth you." On another picture was written "The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace." On the other side of the same picture was written. "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich. And he abideth not sorrow with it!" Under the same picture was "There is just one corner of the earth, more dear than all besides. No gold could measure half its worth. That place wherelove abides. However far my feet may roam. My heart remains at home, sweet home."

There was another picture of a house with a man and woman standing before it. Above was written "Our Home" and under it:

"Abide with us Lord Jesus,
Let this home circle be
The resting place among us,
Another Bethany.
That in Thy love, our love may grow
And make our home, a heaven below."

A small round table was in the centre of the room, with a vase on it. There was also a chair and a settee.

The dining room was also well polished. There were a lot of school books on one of the tables. There was also a large Bible. This was given to Enid by her Uncle Wilbert Roy. She wrote in it "A nice present from my Uncle Wilbert."

While there Thelma got a letter from her sister Merville and also a picture of her. Thelma proudly showed me the photograph.

Midday meal

Thelma did the cooking today. Bereta said she had a lot of people to cook for. She cooks all the time for one of her husband's brothers Wilbert Roy. "He is old now, and him don' have anybody to look after him." Wilbert lives across the road. Enid took his lunch to him. Bereta had men working in the fields and she had to send their lunch too.

The meal consisted of bammies, yam, and codfish cooked with green tomatoe. "Still able to get one, one tomatoe."

Top Hill Savannah.

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Informant Bereta Roye.

Present Household.

	Bereta	Head	39.	
	Calvin	Step son	25.	
	Thelma	Dau.	19.	
	Enid	do	17.	
	Hazeth	do	15.	
	Cicely	do	13.	
Thursday.	Clive	Son	7.	→
	Cecil	do	9.	
Friday.	Colin	do	6.	
23. 7. 48.	Neville	do	3.	
I.D.	Glin	Dau.	10.	
	Analdo	Son	1.	12

Merville who figures on the Census schedule as a member of this household is now ~~at~~ ~~training~~ in the Kingston Public Hospital. being trained as a Nurse

Cicely lives in Kingston with her half sister Joyde. She is now at home on holidays.

Thelma is gone to Kingston to spend her holidays.

Children.

Analdo was eating roasted corn. Enid took it from ~~him~~ He cried and stamped his feet on the floor. Bereta asked Enid why she loved to play so much. She smiled and returned the corn.

Hazeth told Bereta Cisely was asking her if she could go to the cricket match at Ballard's Valley. Bereta said they would go together. Enid was annoyed. She said "How Cicely can just come from Kingston and go to cricket match." Bereta promised to send Enid to the picnic in August, which will be held in the school room. After Enid returned the corn to Analdo, she threw a small cat at him. It scratched him and he cried. While sitting on the floor he took up the cat and squeezed it. The cat cried but he didn't.

Bereta asked Enid to get beans from Calvin's garden. She would not go. Bereta said she was stubborn and lazy. "Send her to pick the bean, she stamp her foot and nod her head. I can hit her you know, Is she a run outside and hit. She will tidy this house and fix it nicely, but nothing else. She only want to go out. Is the cricket she want to go now. She don' want to stay and do anything in the home. Calvin was getting ~~at~~ dressed for the cricket match. Enid cleaned his brown and white shoe.

Cicely is very much attached to the baby. She does not like to see him dirty. She bathes him often, and changes his clothes. "When a was in the hospital she care this baby just like his own mother. When she bathe the baby, anywhere the clean clothes come from she find them and put them on on,him.

Thelma is industrious. "She usefull in doing everything. She can wash and keep house." Thelma is vain.

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Hazeth is quite willing.

Bereta said Glin was a little devil. When ~~h~~ the baby started to cry, she took him up. Bereta said he was hungry.

Teething.

Babies begin to teethe when they are 5 months old. "We give them teething powder, that help them to send out the teeth. Some babies get sick when they are teething. They generally receive presents when they begin to teethe. When the first tooth appears "tooth" should not/mentioned at all when referring to it. If the name is called the child has to receive a present from whoever said he or she saw the tooth.

Thumb sucking.

Mothers sometimes try to prevent their children from sucking their thumbs by rubbing alows on the finger. "It is a big job to stop them." Floret, Dudley Simpson's wife sucked her finger until she was a big girl.

Walking.

Children generally walk when they are 1 year old. Some walk at 7 months some at 10 months. "The bigger ones hold the baby's hands sometimes and help them to walk."

Babies bite their elders playfully. They are not spanked for so doing. "Sometime they knock you too."

Dressing.

Bereta has to dress her 7 year old son Clive. Her bigger children help to dress the small ones.

Baby's cries.

Babies cry when they are hungry, or sleepy. "You can look at the eyes and see that them sleepy. Sometime them hungry and you know that them hungry." Bereta could not say definitely how she recognised the different cries. "Sometime them don't want anything at all; just that somebody trouble them."

Baby's arrival.

She does not tell the bigger children when she is going to have another baby. "Make them find out fe themself."

Her babies do not go off to sleep easily. "Sometime you have to pat them or sang. Or do plenty other little things to make them sleep."

In the drawing room, Clive touched one of the cards. She told him roughly to leav it "You too rude." She chased the children from the drawing room. "Caan even keep the place clean. Go outside and play."

Cicely called to her mother and said "See Neville a beat the

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baby." While in the dining room, Neville ran in and hid under the table. He said Colin wanted to hit him. Shortly after, Colin entered, he went under the table and Neville started to cry and went to his mother. Bereta clapped Colin on his buttocks and sent him outside. At this time both were crying. Bereta said "You caan follow them, them will kill you out. You just have to hear them, and do like you don' hear. Them fight all the time. Till them to turn out to school, them just climb off all the clothes."

Bereta is able ~~sometimes~~ to interprit what her baby wants to say. "Sometime they try to say Mama or Papa. If they want water them say: ta."

Information from Lee Powell.
Interv. Bereta Roye.
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Present household.

Roye Bereta, 39.
Roye Calvin, stepson, 25. +
Roye Thelma, daughter, 19. +
Roye Enid, ,, 17. +
Roye Hasset, ,, 15. +
Roye ~~Clive~~, son, 10. Ghlyne.
Roye Cecil, ,, 8. +
Roye ~~Cisline~~, ~~dau.~~ 7. ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ son, Clive
Roye Vinton, son, 4.
Roye Analdo, son, 18 months.
Roye Cisline, dau. 7.

David Roye, Bereta's husband, died a couple of years ago.
He was son of old David Roye and Esther Roy in Top B.S.

Bereta Roye - is daughter of Henry and Martha Rochester in B.B.S. /Old Top/. Henry died, her mother Martha is alive. Her brothers and sisters: W lbert Roye, living in B.B.S. be beside the mother's place; Ernest Rochester in U.S.A.; Henry Rochester - in Kingston; Hilda Simpson - living in Bottom; Amanda Kana - in Kingston; Willel South - in Kingston;

Calvin Roye - ~~xxxxxxx~~ is son of David Roye from the previous marriage with Gertrude Elliott /then Roye/.

Bereta's children. Bereta's children staying in home - see the list. Living outside of the house: Merville Roye, 23 years old, living in Kingston and studying nursing; Roye Cisline, 13 years old, living with Merville in Kingston, studying for the 1st year T.P. examination. She has altogethre 10 children, but only 9 are by late David Roye. The youngest is by John Roy, ~~xxxx~~ David's nephew, ~~xxxx~~ who is now her c.l. husband.

David and Bereta - their marriage. They ~~met~~ became friends 20 years ago, lived together for 4 years, married 30 years ago.

Calvin Roye's outside children. Calvin has 2 outside children: Fay Roye, 3 years old; ~~xxxxxxx~~ and 10 months old Denzie Roye, both children by Myrtle Ebanks, ~~xxx~~ in Tad Town. Both children are with the mother.

House, land, occupations.

House: this is one of the best houses in B.S; shingle roof, 4 sleeping rooms, 1 sitting hall, 1 didning hall. Kitchen - thatch roof.

Land: 7 acres homeland; woodland cannot be estimated. Woodland was inheroted from the parents of David Roye. Homeland bought. 3 acres are cultivated, 4 acres grassland, the rest woodland.

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Cultivations: 19,000 tomatoes, £200. 100 yam hills.
1.5 ac. cassava. 1 ac. congo - 16 bags. 1/2 ac. corn.
3/4 ac. red peas. Only for home use.
Trees: 12 c. mangos, 2 robins, 7 breadfruits, 8 pears,
5 coconuts, 2 nasberries, 15 big thatch.
Animals: 1 donkey, 3 steers, 5 hens.
Spendings: 25/- weekly on food. £60 last year on clothes.
£50 last year on doctors. £10 on education.
Religion: Thelma Roye is Anglican.
Education: Thelma, Enid and Hasset left school at 6th
standard, now they are studying for the 3rd year T.P. exam.
~~Glyne is in the 3rd book, Cecil i~~
in the 2nd, Clive in the B book.