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boat*

Brooks	Percival	Head	M.M.	40	St. Eliz.	Col. Ang.	X	Farmer
"	Hilda	wife	F.M.	36	7.6.	"	"	W.3. Homemaker
"	Percival	son	M.S.	19	"	"	"	X farmlabourer
"	Charles	son	M.S.	12	"	"	"	W.3. 3.E.
"	Eula	dau	F.S.	10	"	"	"	W.2. 3.E.
"	Nesceta	dau	F.S.	8	"	"	"	W.1. 3.E.
"	Cleveland	son	M.S.	7	"	"	"	X no
"	Henry	son	M.S.	5	"	"	"	X
"	Vivian	son	M.S.	2	"	"	"	-

His farm in 1942.

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 20 years.

Owns 4 acres in 2 parcels 2 acres each.

Main income from mixed farming.

No labour employed.

Works 46 weeks p.a. 6 days p.w. 8 hours p.d.

3 acres under cultivation, 1/2 ac. cultivable but not used, 1/4 ac. pasture, 1/4 ac. other

Total value of farm £ 40, of buildings £ 15.

1 catchment.

cultivations:

4 rows of okras= 20 doz. 0.3 ac. tomatoes= 1680 lbs. 2 ackees=58 heaps, 1 coconut= 24 nuts, 6 mangoes= 400 doz. 1 pawpaw.

0.1 ac. corn= 1/2 bush. 1 acre congo peas= 6 bushels. 1 ac. cassava= 1400 lbs. 1/2

1/4 ac. sweet pot.= 336 lbs. 0.1 ac. yams= 200

1/4 ac. tobacco= 125 lbs.

1 donkey. 3 goats, 1 swine. 4 hens doz. eggs.

Interviewed Percival Brooks & Hilda Brooks.

Present House-hold.

Percival Brooks	Head.
Hilda Brooks	Wife
Charles Brooks	Son
Neseta Brooks	Dau.
Cleveland Brooks	Son
Henry Brooks	Son
Vivian Brooks	Son
Percival Brooks	Son

Family History.

Percival is the son of Charles Brooks and Alice Brooks (nee Brown). His mother came from Manchester, and his father from Bull Savannah. He does not know any of his grand-parents. His mother and father are dead. His parents had 14 children, 4 are dead and 10 are alive.

One of his sisters is in Cuba, two live at Mayday in Manchester - Mrs Verona Logan (nee Brooks) and Mrs Jane Weathers (nee Brooks). The others live in Bull Savannah. They are Luther, David, William, Samuel, Reneta, and Edith Brooks.

Hilda.

Hilda ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the daughter of Eliza Clerk and Charles Castle. Her mother and father are ~~frk~~ from Alligator Pond. Her father did not marry her mother. Her father is dead, but her mother is still alive and is living at Alligator Pond. She knows one of her grandmothers and one of her grandfathers. The grand mother she knows is her mother's mother, Jane Clerk, and the grandfather is her father's father, he is Robert Castle.

Her mother has two children for her father and one for Dicky Stephenson from Top Hill. Her father has seven children, two by her mother, two by Maria Martin, one by Limpie Myrie, one by Cinderella Sinclair, and one by Eliza Johnson. Hilda was born at Alligator Pond.

Hilda and her husband met each other at Alligator Pond. They became friends. She became pregnant for Percival. "Me mother quarrel ~~ix~~ when that happen, but me caan tell you what she say. Me no fe tell you that, me no remember what she say".

She had 11 children, four are dead and seven are alive. She had four of the children before she was married, and

the others after marriage . She got married 13 years ago by Rev. Mumford at the Anglican Church .

Buying Water.

During the conversation one of the little boys whispered to his father "me Pa you na sen' me go water the donkey Then come gwan no ". The child got y up loosed the donkey and mounted . The father asked "then you na carr' one farthing go through~~x~~ fe the water". He felt in his pocket , and took up some money in his hand . He gave the boy a penny . Asked what he meant by throwing a farthing for the water . He said "we ha fe buy the water fe the animal , you can get two kerosene tin fe a farthing".

"We buy from the Parish Tank , a fe Government it . Them ha some body put dey fe sell the water , him name Harold Wellington . We ha fe buy~~x~~fe drink to". The tank is at Ballards Valley.

Percival has a catchment , but the water is getting low.

Occupation.

Percival does not work ~~x~~ for anyone . He is a cultivator and fisherman. He has his own boat . He has three men go out with him . They are Lucal Crawford , Arthur McDonald , and Nicholas Banton . Sometimes they go to sea two or three times for the week . Sometimes four times and sometimes the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ cannot go out for the whole week . That is when the sea is rough .

He does not pay the men for ~~xxx~~ going out with him . Each man has his own pods . "Me this can make a little living off a it , but it no pay so well ". And wire so scarce now , we ha fe use mos so bamboo , and them sell it dear . The other day me see one girl with some , she sell them five joint fe 1/- . The joint a no wha' we take make the po We use the joint fe take make mark fe the pot ". The joint is tied to a rope , and that rope is tied to the pod . The joint floats on the water , and then the pods can be found easily.

He makes wire pods and bamboo pods , and sometimes he uses bamboo and wire together . He does his fishing at Alligator Pond . He was just preparing to go off to Alligator Pond while I was there . He and his men go down in the evenings and then prepare for sea the next morning .

He cultivates on his own land . He plants $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of tomato and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of cassava . "The other things a no nothing much , about 50 hill a yam , sometime 30 , sometime 20 . Me no sell wha₃ yam me plant , see the buyer them dey right round me ya".

He does most of his cultivation at Brennot Wood . His

father Charles Brooks left the land for all the children . The land is not divided . All the children work in common . They join in paying the taxes .

Sometimes Percival works "day for day" with some of his other friends , or neighbours . Some of the people he does "day for day " for are -Laban Bantoh , David Brooks , and Magsima Cassigrandie .

Percival has one donkey , one pig and seven goats . Three of the goats are at his yard and four at Brennot Wood

Land.

The land that he is living on , he bought it from his uncle Robert Clerk for £12.0. 0. . Robert is Percival's father's brother .

Sewing.

Hilda does sewing all the time . She has a machine of her own . "Me dress maker at all , me only try fe sew anyxi little thing " . Asked if she is a seamstress , Hilda said yes . Sometimes she gets work to sew very well , especially when the crop is on , and at holiday times . She sews a dress for 1/- , 1/6 , 3/- 3/6 , and sometimes even for a 9d . Now and then she grants a favour and will sew a dress for any of her customers for "nothing" (not charging for it) . Neseta her daughter helps her with the sewing when she is at home .

The House & Other buildings.

The house is made of spanish wall . Percival made his house him self . He does not remember how much it cost him to build it . "It cost a whole load a money fe build it . Me no know the amount , fa me never seti' down . There is another house in the yard , made of spanish wall too . One side or room of that house is used as a ~~xxxx~~ store house and the other as a living room .

Passing by the room there could be seen an iron bed that was made , and in the hall there two chairs and a shelf up on the wall with some glass wares . The door was partly shut and nothing else could be seen . The house has two rooms .

The kitchen is a good size one . It is made of spanish wall too . Nothing of the inside could be seen . ~~Nixx~~ The evening meal was being prepared , and a visit inside obviously would be ~~xxxxxxx~~ appreciated . While Hilda was in the kitchen to look about the meal , Percival and Charl kept up the conversation .

Eula.

Eula is Hilda's daughter . She is now in Kingston .

She is staying with her aunt Marian Castle, Hilda's sister. "Me put her with her aunt to learn to sew" She is in Kingston two months now.

Charles.

Charles is Hilda's ~~lx~~ eldest son. He goes to sea with Sydney Banton at Alligator Pond. Sydney has his own boat. Charles has his own pods so Sydney does not pay Charles to go out with him. They go to sea three times for the week. Sometimes the catch is good and sometimes it is very bad, "we no catch nothing at all."

When he does not go to sea, now and then he helps his father with the cultivation, "and sometime me only walk up and down". Charles does not have a girl friend.

The Other Children.

Neseta and Percival are sick in the Hospital with Typhoid. At school Neseta is reading in the standard 6th. Percival is the last child "him is this a little baby boy, and him have/~~ix~~ to. Them not so bad, but me carry them go to the Hospital before them get worse".

" One a the other boy having the fever, and the Doctor did say him going to inject him, but him didnt do it, and me figet did fe press him fe inject him". Cleveland, Henry and Vivian are going to school.

the fever /

Friday .
16. 7. 48.
D. B.

Interviewed Hilda Brooks

Present House Hold

Percival Brooks	Head	40
Hilda Brooks	Wife	36 (looks 40)
Neseta Brooks	Dau .	13
Charles Brooks	Son	18
Cleveland Brooks	"	11
Leo Brooks	"	9
Vivian Brooks	"	7
Percival Brooks	"	5

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The house & other buildings.

Is made of spanish wall . The roof is thatched . There are two rooms in the house . In the hall the things were packed away , such as the tables , and chairs and some of the pictures . Hilda said she would be going to Kingston on Sunday so she has packed the things away , to prevent the children interfering in her absence . There is a "waggon with glass wares on the shelves , the bottom of which is used as a "safe". There are also three or four chairs in the hall .

The house is built on Percival's land . He built his house himself . All the members of the house hold sleep in the house .

The kitchen is also spanish walled , with thatched roof . Much of the kitchen was not seen , as Hilda was in the house where the interview was held . The kitchen was also built by Percival . The family has a catchment , that was made by Percival .

Source of living

Percival is a cultivator and a fisherman . He does not work on shares with anyone . He cultivates by himself . The chief things he plants are Tomatom , cassava, peas and a little yam . He sells his tomato , but he does not sell his other produce . "We have too much buyer in a the house so we caan sell any thing else " (the children are enough to consume what the father plants). Percival plants on his own land .

Land & Possessions

Hilda does not know what portion of land her husband has . Her husband has a donkey , "and we raise a pig or two all the time " .

Source of living contd.

Percival goes to the sea two or three times for the week . He has working with him as hands , Nicholas Banton, and Arthur McDonald . Percival has jx his own boat . The men who work with him as hand have their own ~~beet~~ pods , so he does not pay them . Sometimes they cannot go to the sea for the week when the weather is bad , sometimes they can go only once for the week .

Hilda is a dress maker . She makes an ordinary print dress for 2/- and 2/-6 . "Me no sew silk dress at all , fa me hand no so fine, them k rough , and me finger them wi' hitch the silk dress when me fe sew them, so me no bother with them . And beside people no pay p'ice fe sewing , no care how much style you put on 'pon the dress . When you fe sew silk dress , you have sit down and fit up and base , and have iron fe press , and when them done them no wan pay for i' . I' no pay so me no bother with i'".

Hilda sells fish , but only for her husband . She does not buy and ~~nt~~ sell . Whatever her husband catches she sells all for him to people in the District .

Hilda's Family History

Eliza Clarke her mother alive and living at Alligator Pond .

Charles Cassels her father dead

Her mother's children for Cassels

Herself

Miriam Cassels Who is living in Kingston .

Beatrice Stevenson for Richard Stevenson from Top Hill

Hilda's children

Charles her first son is learning the fishing trade with Sydney Banton from Alligator Pond . Sydney has his own boat and Charles has his own pods , so he is not paid by Sydney . Sometimes they go out to the sea two or three times for the week , when the weather is good . Sometimes once for the week and at other times they cannot go . Apart from fishing Charles helps his father with the cultivations . Charles does not have a girl friend that his mother knows of .

Eula

One of her daughters is in Kingston . ~~She~~ She went to Kingston in February of this year . She is learning dress-making with her aunt Miriam Cassels , her mother's sister .

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Hilda has to pay 8/- per month for the sewing. She does not pay for board and lodging for Eula. When it is possible she makes a parcel and send for the sister. Hilda was preparing Friday to go and see her sister and daughter in Kingston on Sunday. She was preparing "every little thing" she could find to take for them. She does not know whether Eula will stay in Kingston or come home after she is through with the dressmaking. It does not pay very well in Bull Savannah, so she may arrange for her to stay in Kingston, but she cannot decide what she will do as yet.

Neseta

Is at home. She had Typhoid Fever recently, and went to the Hospital. She came home not so long. She is going to school, and reading in the 6th standard for about two or three years. Hilda does not know what she will decide to do with Neseta, "for me poor and can afford to make her study even though we would like to do that".

Cleveland, Leo, and Vivian are going to school. They do no other work, but help with the work of the home, and the bigger ones with the cultivation. Junior Percival has not reached the school as yet.

Hilda has the same love for all her children. Among the children she has no favourite. The children are very rude, "they climb trees and fight one another. And sometime when they are out a moment they use bad words". When the children are naughty, they are chastised by either father or mother. If the children want to join a game in the next yard, they do not ask permission to go from mother or father; they run away without asking. If they are needed to go on an errand mother has to call for them sometimes, as well as at other times they come without they are called.

Cleanliness & things that are taught to children

Mother has the responsibility to train the children to be clean and tidy. They are taught to use the chimney at an early age, and when they are two to three years old they can use it by themselves. Between the ages of three and four they are taught to wash hands and face, but sometimes mother has to help so that it can be done properly.

The mother has also to teach children good manners, and their prayers.

Neseta can help with the work of the house. She washes the dishes, take out the chimney, sweep the house and make the bed. She cooks sometimes, and is learning to wash and press. Mother sets the work that Neseta is to do, and father prepares work for the boys.

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The bigger boys help with the cultivation . They weed/and they plant . They also help to look wood for the home . They carry food from the field .

Hilda's first baby

When she had her first baby she nursed it for only four months ,and had to stop . She had "rising 'pon me breast , and the baby couldnt suck " . (rising- swollen breast) . She had to feed the baby on Condensed Milk . Then after that she gave it cornmeal porridge , and oats . with cow's milk or goat's milk . When the baby was 1 1/2 years old she gave it fish and cassava to eat .