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Brooks David	head	M.Cl.	28	St. Eliz.	Col. Angl.	W.2.	farmer
McDonald Imogene	wife	F.Cl.	25	6.5.	"	"	Homemaker
Brooks Ardel	dau	F.S.	11	"	"	W.2.	3.E.
"	Navlin	dau	F.S.	6	"	"	"
"	Cedrick	son	M.S.	2	"	"	"
"	Cordelladau	F.S.	4	"	"	"	"
"	Agstley	son	M.S.	1/12	"	"	"
Banton Sydney	nephew	M.S.	28	"	black	"	X farmlabourer
Brooks Eunice	niece	F.S.	14	"	black	"	W.2. no (none)

His farm in 1942.

Operates this farm as owner or part owner for 3 years.

Owns 6 acres in 2 parcels 3 acres each,

Main income from mixed farming.

No labour employed.

Works 45 weeks p.a. 6 days p.w. 5 hours p.d.

3 acres in cultivation, 1 acre cultivable but not used. 1 1/2 ac. pasture. 1/2 ac other

Total value of farm £ 50, of buildings £ 20 1 catchment.

Cultivations: 3 rows of okras= 25 doz.

0.5 ac. tomatoes= 2160 lbs.

2 ackees= 50 heaps, 1 avocado= 2 @ z.

1 coconut not fruiting, 12 mangoes=1000 @ z.

5/4 ac. congo peas= 4 bushels, 1 rare cassa-

va= 3000 ;bs 1/2 ac sweet pot. = 1000 lbs

0.1 ac. yams= 500 lbs. 0.2 ac. tobacco=58 lbs

3 sheep, 4 goats, 2 swine. 1 pig,

3 hens = 10 doz eggs.

*7 acres
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Family Record

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Interviewed Imogene Brooks.

Present House-hold.

David Brooks	Head
Imogene "	Wife
Ardel "	Dau.
Navalin "	"
Cordella "	"
Cedric "	Son
Astley	"
Bertram "	"
Lloydie "	"
Eunice "	Daughter Niece to David
Lucal Crawford	Cousin to "
Lauren Ebanks	Niece to Imogene

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Family History.

Imogene parents are Wilfred McDonald and Roberta Ebanks . Her parents has four children . They are Marian , ~~Isa~~ Isabell Ebanks (nee McDonald) , Wilfred McDonald , and Imogene . All the children live in Bull Savannah .

Courting .

David used to visit Imogene's parents' yard . "Is me mother yard him see me , for you mus' know me never even know down a fe him house . We hardly ever go any way . Him fall in love with me and ask me fe friend with him . Me tell him yes for me did love . David asked Imogene s parents" for her and they gave consent " . So they started to court .

While courting they visited each other . Once they went to Mandeville to a wedding "that's the furthest ~~one~~ me and him ever go . We stay for two days and we enjoy meself nice " . It was David's sister's wedding they went to . "We court fe three months , and then married . She had one baby before they were married for David . "When me fall me parents never say a thing for them did love the young man .

Wedding .

They were married by Rev. Mumford , at the Anglice Church at Bull Savannah . It was on a Wednesday that they were married . The Reception was held at her parer yard . They had "plenty people from all 'bout and plenty care . They had people from Alligator Pond , Mandeville Ballards Valley, and Bull Savannah.

Her Children.

She had nine children, two are dead and seven alive. Ardel her eldest daughter is learning to sew with Verona Brooks. Ardel can make her own dress and a shirt. Imogene will be buying a machine for Ardel, and then we won't have to pay to make me a dress. Navalin, Cordella, and Cedric are going to school. The others are at home.

Eunice.

Eunice is David's niece. William Brooks and Keziah Brooks are Eunice's parents. William is David's brother. William gave David the child Eunice from she was six months old. At that time David did not have a child of his own. Eunice has a baby for Nicholas Banton. When she fell her uncle quarrelled, but that time she had the stomach already (she was pregnant already) can't kill it! The father is supporting the baby.

Eunice lives freely at her uncle's place. She does not pay rent, or find herself anything.

Lucal.

Lucal is the son of Henry Crawford and Mabel Crawford. David took him when he was a little boy from his mother and raised him. Lucal's parents are dead. He is fishing with Percy Brooks. Lucal has his own pods, so he is not paid by Percy. He lives freely at his cousin David's house. He does not help to provide for his meals. Now and then he sends "fish for me from the sea". "Him must have girl friend at Alligator Pond, so we hear".

Lauren.

Lauren is Isabell's / ~~xxx~~, Imogene's sister. Lauren's father is Arthur Banks. Arthur is dead. Lauren has been staying with Imogene for two years now. Isabell has plenty of children so she asks me to take Lauren.

House & other buildings.

There are two houses in the yard, a kitchen and a latrine. David built both houses. One of the houses is thatched and the other is covered with zinc. One was built before David was married and the other one since he is married. Both houses have two rooms each. Work was being done on one of the houses. The foundation was being renovated. The cost for doing it is 1/- . Imogene does not know how much the houses cost to build them. "must be about £100. 0. 0. to build the two of them. All the buildings are made of Spanish wall. David, and Imogene with four of the children occupy one of the houses and the other children occupy the other house.

daughter/

The kitchen is thatched and of a large enough size. The latrine is not finished as yet. The walls are just going up.

Land.

David has seven acres of land. His father left it for him. He cultivates on his own land. He does not rent land from any one.

Occupation.

Imogene does not work to make a living. She stays at home doing her home duties. Her husband is a cultivator, and a fisherman. He cultivates largely. He has one acre of tomato one acre of peas, one acre or more of cassava.

He has planted half bushel of peas this year. He had to buy the peas at ~~56/-~~ 56/- per bushel, and he bought $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel. Sometimes when selling the peas after the crop is reaped he can get 56/- for the bushel, and sometimes less. He does not sell any of his other produce, except the tomato.

He is not fishing any more. He had to give up fishing because fever was worrying him. He has given it up about three years now. He bought a boat and has given it to his brother William Brooks to work for him. He has given his brother fish pods too, and he is work the boat one year now. The brother works on partnership. He has one cow, one donkey, and three goats.

Wilfred McDonald.

On visitng Imogene her father Wilfred was there. He was anxious to hear where I had come from, and what was my errand. Hearing that it was Hanover he said "but me know Hanover. Me travel all to Green Island, Negril Orange Bay and Cave Mountain and all 'bout".

" We go, go buy food, breadfruit, yam and banana. Me member after the 1912 storm we go down a Logwood fe Nicholas Rochester. Him did down dey, dey work, and him take sick and we did ha' fe go fe him, take boat and go. 'im did ha' lame foot and fever".

When we go we draw up a Orange bay beach, and one young woman a name Agatha come and take we to her yard and giv' we refreshment. We get cane and roast breadfruit, and all kind a somethin'. When we fe come wey Gatha fall in love withme and no did want me fe come we. After that a whole gang a man go down a Green Island go work".

"We ha' plenty people up this side that can tell you plenty 'bout down that side".

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Interviewed Imogene Brooks & David Brooks

David Brooks	Head	40 /
Imogene Brooks	Wife	33 /
Ordell Brooks	Dau.	16 /
Navlin Brooks	"	12 /
Cordella Brooks	"	11 /
Cedrick Brooks	Son	9 /
Astley Brooks	"	6 /
Bertram Brooks	"	4 /
Lloydie Brooks	"	3 /
Eunice Brooks	Neice to David	19 /
Lauren Ebanks	" " Imogene	5 /
Vilma Jean Brooks	Dau. to Eunice	6 mths /

The house

There are two houses in the yard . One was the home of David's parents and the other was built by David after the storm 1932 . Both houses are made of spanish wall , x one having a roof of zinc and the other a thatched roof. The mother and father with four of the children sleep in one of the houses , and all the others sleep in the other house. The houses have to be renovated all the time , so as to keep them in good x condition.

The kitchen was also built by David , it is spanish walled with thatched roof. The kitchen has two parts , one part is used for preparing meals and the other for store room . In the kitchen a baby was lying on the ground crying while the other children sat around on the ground .

Source of living

David makes his living by cultivating . He plants $\frac{1}{2}$ acre tomato , $\frac{1}{4}$ acre peas , $\frac{1}{2}$ acre corn . He plants plenty cassava, " we have fe plant plenty a that , far a that we have fe depend ~~an~~ pon , if we no have that we stay bad " . He has about ~~an~~ acre of cassava or more . He does not work with any one on partnership , he ~~xc~~cultivates alone on his own land .

To help him in his planting , sometimes he has to employ people to help him , for his sons cannot help him as yet , as they are still small . David sells his tomato , but sometimes the crop is very poor , and he can only make a small amount from what he plants . He does not sell his cassava or any of his other produce . His field of corn close to his house has turned out a good crop , according to what he said , "them no bear too bad at all". The field looks much better then other fields that have x been observed .

David does not do Fishing, but he has a boat that he bought for £70. His brother William Brooks is working the boat on shares for both of them. "That no pay me to had at all, i' help me well. When him make 30/- fe the day we say him no catch nothing. Since the yrian them dey buy the fish now i' can pay when you catch fish. Sometime you can make £5, to £6. for one day. First time you did have fe string up one whole long string a fish and sell fe 1/-, but now i' different. I' can pay better now".

Imogene, David's wife does not work, neither any of his children. He supports his family.

His land

David who was not in place when the interview started told me when he came that he had three acres of land, that was given to him by his father, Charles Brooks. Imogene had mentioned that her husband has six acres of land. David like his brother Luther Brooks/, was bent on having fun on the matter, instead of giving the right ~~six acres~~ answer. The land in the woods that his father left for the children, he does not use that land, the other brothers use it. It is for no special reason why ~~he~~ does not use it, as he has his own he ~~can~~ uses it.

(see F. R.)/

His Family History.

Alice Brooks his mother dead

Charles Brooks his father dead

His parents children

His parents had fourteen children, nine are alive, and five are dead. Seven live in Bull Savannah and two in Manchester.

The children are - in Bull Savannah :-

- William Brooks
- Luther Brooks
- Himself
- Percival Brooks
- Edith Powell (nee Brooks)
- Reneta Roy (" ")
- Samuel Brooks

In Manchester:-

- Verona Logan (nee Brooks)
- Jane Weathers (" ")

David Brooks

He grew with his parents. "Me caan say me go a schol

for me never stay dey any time , because me go through one door , and come out through the other door . Fe go tell you me age now is a hard thing , for me and Methuselah a play mate . When me dey a school Methuselah use to copy out a fe me slate , sake a that teacher x ha' fe trun we back to back fe make we no scrib from one another" . (Methuselah is mentioned in the Bible) .

"Me spend two or three day a school and come out in a mus'e fourth book . From me left school me dey cultivate till now , a time fe me come out a hit now . But me poor from me born , so me ha fe work " .

His wife

Imogene ~~xxxxxxx~~ stays at home and looks after the work of the house , and her children . She does not work in the field . She is helped with the work of the house by Eunice Brooks ; neice to her husband David Brooks . Imogene does not have any outside children , that are not for her husband . David said "if me even ha pickney outside me no fe tell you 'bout them , and me wife no fe know That fe keep in a secret " ,

Eunice Brooks

The daughter of William Brooks (see F. R. 253) went to stay with her uncle when she was six years old . ~~Rxix~~ David did not ask her father for x her . William the ~~fx~~ father asked David to take Eunice to stay with him . Eunice has a baby , but Imogene does not/x know who is the father of the child . Eunice will not tell who . David has to support Eunice and the baby , because Eunice does not work .

The children

Imogene's children are rude . If they are taught good manners they do not display their good training . They stood in a circle gazing intently into the note book , x and not the children alone , but the bigger folks also . It was most embarrassing to do the interview . Bertram , one of Imogene's little sons had a machette in his hands , he waved it first at one of his brothers , then to another . Eventually he came and confronted x me with it , as if he meant to make use of it .

His mother shouted at him to put it down . He did not obey , but continued to wave it at me . The mother dragged it out his hands and put it away , immediatly it was put down he took it up again . It was taken from him for the last time . Not succeeding to do any thing with the machette , he filled his two hands with dirt , and flung it on me . It scatterd on my dress , and was caught up in my hand bag . It was a shocking bit of performance . The mother scolded and shoved the child away saying at the same time "you too rude a gwine beat you "