

C.D. 22, Sbd. 14, Household 29.

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Banton Laban	head	M.Cl.	32	St. Eliz, Black	Angl.	X Farmer
Elliott Hilda	wife	F.Cl.	27. 7.7.	"	col.	X homemaker
Banton Nicolas	son	M.S.	13	"	"	W.2. 3.E.
" James	son	M.S.	11	"	"	W.1. 3.E.
" Duncan	son	M.S.	9	"	"	W.1. 3.E.
" Sarah	dau	F.S.	5	"	"	-
" Alvado	son	M.S.	3	"	"	-
" Gloria	dau	F.S.	1	"	"	-

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His farm in 1942.

Operates this farm as owner or part owner for 9 years.

Owns 3 acres in one parcel.

Main income from mixed farming.

No labour employed.

Works 50 weeks p.a. 6 days p.w. 8 hours p.d.

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

Total value of farm £ 25, of buildings £8

1 catchment

cultivations: 0.5 ac. tomatoes= 100 lbs (?)

1 ackee and 1 avocado (not fruiting)

3 coconuts= 150 nuts, 1 mango not fruiting.

4 pawpaws = 48.

0.2 ac. corn= 1 bush,  $\frac{1}{4}$  ac. congo peas=  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bush

$\frac{1}{2}$  ac. cassava= 500 lbs.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  ac. sweet pot= 300 lbs.

0.1 ac. yams = 215 lbs.

2 goats, 1 pig, 1 hen = 4 doz eggs.

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Interviewed Hilda Elliott.

Present House-hold.

Laban Banton	Head
Hilda Elliott	Wife (c. 1.)
Nicholas Banton	Son
James "	"
Duncan "	"
Joyce "	Dau.
Sarah "	"
Gloria "	"
Elaine "	"
Monica "	"

Family History.

Hilda is the daughter of Francella Elliott and Henry Elliott of Ballards Valley. Her mother and father were married. Her mother is dead. Her parents had eight children, one is dead and seven are alive. They are all living in Ballards Valley. Two of her sisters are married and three of her brothers. Her sisters are Mrs Sarah Facey, Mrs Emily Simpson, and Marian Elliott.

Her brothers are John Curtis Elliott, Nicholas Elliott, and Charles Elliott.

Laban's Parents.

Laban's parents are Margeret Anson, and James Banton. His father is dead & but his mother is alive. His mother was McDonald before she was married. His mother has married twice, first to Banton and then to Anson. Laban was born in Bull Savannah. He has ~~four~~ four brothers alive, three abroad, and one in Jamaica. His brother in Jamaica is Enoch Banton and he is living in Bull Savannah. She does not know much about Laban's brothers & that areaway.

Courting.

Laban was courting her, he came to Ballards Valley and there he saw her. He got to love her and went to ask her parents for her. "Me parents them accept of it well and me ha' four children a me mother's home." When she became pregnant with the first child "me parents didnt say anything out a the way. Only say if me fe ha' the children Laban mus' find place fe put them. She could not send the children alone to stay with the ~~& father~~ father, they needed some one to care them. So she had to come with them.

At the time when Laban was visiting her at Ballards Valley He did not have a house of his own. He was

staying at his mother's house , but after the storm 1933 he built a house for himself. About a year after the house was built Hilda and the children came to live in Bull Savannah , at Laban's house .

She had nine children for Laban , one is dead and eight are alive . Laban has two outside children by Theresa Elliott of Ballards Valley. "The girl is a big woman now, me no even think she do home , she mus' sey up Kingston side . The boy is about 12 years old. The father used to support the boy , but from last year me no see them come to him fe any thing . Him no worry him self fe send anything ~~at~~ either".

#### Lose Baby.

Hilda had a baby in December last that did not live more than five days . It was a girl "she dead before me come out a~~r~~ room . From it born it groaning , none a the others never groan so . And she a did full time birth , x so me no know wha' did wrong ( means it was not premature)

#### House .

The house is made of Spanish Wall . It does not look very strong , around the side the wall is breaking away , and the roof is getting scanty with thatch . The house has one room , and another room is being added . The other room was started last February . The posts are~~up~~ up and the roof is covered , that is all that is done to the new room . "We waiting on little money fe get material fe finish it". Laban got a "little money off the tomato , but him~~x~~ take it and buy three fish potx , or else him could finish the house " .

#### Land .

Laban is living on his mother's land . She does not know what portion of land his mother has His mother gives him permission to live on the land . He does not pay rent to his mother. He can cultivate any where he wants to cultivate . He and his sons help his mother to cultivate .

#### Living & Occupation.

Laban does not work for any one , neither Hilda . Sometimes Laban works "day for day "with David Brooks, and once for Luther Brooks. He cultivates a little , "little patch , patch nothing to speak of " . He has ~~1~~  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre in tomato , and a little french bean , cassava , and yam. When he reaps his crop he gives his mother some of his produce.

One of his pods that he bought with his tomato money is finished , and the other two ,his son Nicholas is working on them . The one that is finished has been taken

out to sea to set.

Hilda does washing for her sister Sarah Facey sometimes . She does not charge her the real price as Sarah is her sister . Sarah gives her 3/- , 1/6 , or 1/- for the washing sometimes , and now and then Sarah offers her a little food as a present . She does not work for any one else.

Nicholas .

He does fishing at Alligator Pond . He does not have a boat for him self . He used to work as a hand with Percy Brooks , and while he was working as a hand he learned the fishing trade . Percy did not charge him for learning the trade . When working as ~~an~~ a hand he was paid according to the amount of fish Percy caught.

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He is going/with Percy still . They go twice for the week , Monday and Friday . "Them caan go out on Saturday because the boat belong to Mr Clastan Rochester ~~is~~ , and him join Adventist . Nicholas is not getting pay from Percy again , because he has his own pods and is going on his own now . He does not pay Percy for using the boat . When he does not go to sea he helps his father with the cultivation . His father does not pay him for what he helps to do .

James.

James does not sleep at his parents' home . He stays at his grandmother's place at nights . During the day he is at his parents' home . He goes from one yard to the other , residing most at his grandmother's house . He ~~has~~ ~~now~~ cultivates a little garden for his grandmother , and a little tomato for himself, on his grandmother's land.

Duncan, Joyce & Sarah.

Duncan helps his ~~father~~ father with the cultivation Sarah and Joyce go to school . Alvado is dead , and the other children are at home .

Catchment & Kitchen.

Hilda has a catch-ment , but it is dry . She gets water from her mother-in-law's catchment. Her kitchen is not looking very strong , but it was tidy inside . There is a fire-place that is built about 2½ to three feet off the ground , a dresser (table )where some plates were turned down , and a little bed made out of some box board . On the bed one of the sons was resting . He went to the dance the night before and was sleepy .

Saturday .  
17. 7. 48.  
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Interviewed Laban Banton & Hilda Elliott

Present Household

Laban Banton	Head	38
Hilda Elliott	Wife c. 1.	33
Nicholas Banton	Son	19
Duncan Banton	"	14
Joyce Banton	Dau.	11
Gloria Banton	"	7
Elaine Banton	"	5
Monica Banton	"	3

The House & Kitchen

It has one room , there is another room left to be finished . The family live in the one room . The building is of spanish wall , with thatched roof. The house was built after the storm 1932 . Laban's house is built on his mothers land . His mother is Margeret Anson (see F. R. 189 ) . He built his house himself .

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The kitchen is not substantial . It/made ~~chiefly~~ chiefly of coconut leaves . It is partly falling down . Inside the kitchen there is the fire place , there is also a piece of board about five feet long fixed in a corner to serve as a seat. On the piece of board two of the children fell asleep, Gloria and Elaine . The mother was standing beside the fire place preparing coffee , and the other children gathered around . The father was sleeping .

There is also a place built in the kitchen to serve as a table . Two little birdies caught by Duncan were in a box under the table . Gloria and Elaine were very busy feeding the birdies with cassava meal . Duncan was preparing "September catch " (that is the/gum from naseberry tree and some other /mixed with water and put on the fire to boil . After boling for a time it becomes a thick gum and is put on trees to catch birds in September)

milk /  
trees

Source of living

Laban cultivates to make a living . He used to do fi the fishing trade , but he stopped that about two years ago . "Me stop because me x have pain in a me foot , and me caan do the walking up and down again. Me go to Doctor ,but me no have the money fe follow it up fe make ~~ix~~ i' get better " . Laban cultivates on his mother's land . He does not pay rent to his mother for the land he uses . He does not ~~xxxxxxx~~ work on partnership with anyone . His x sons help him to cultivate. He plants  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of tomato , one hundred hills of yam , and a "little cassava , wha' this fe serve me and the pickney them".

He sells only his tomato. "And the crop no did so prosperous this year , we hardly get anything out a it ". Hilda does not work , now and then she plaits a little straw and sell. The straw plaiting does not pay so well now "for a only 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> d fe 16 yards". She and the children have to be supported by Laban . ~~Charles~~ Nicholas can help himself a little as he is f doing fishing at Alligator Pond .

Land and possession

He does not have any land for himself , but his mother has given him permission to live on the land he now occupies He does not know the portion of it . He has a goat and three kids , he has also a pig . "We always try fe raise one or two all the time " .

Laban's Family History

Margeret Anson his mother alive . His mother was married twice , first to Laban's father , then to "Anson" .

James Banton his father dead

Giziah McDonald his grand mother , his mother's mother DEAD

"Uncle Dunk " his grand father , his mother's father He is dead.

His mother's children for James Banton:-

Himself

Clarence Banton called "Eddy "

Enoch Banton

Oreillo Banton

Vincent Banton

Clarence Banton called Edward or Eddy was in Panama for a longtime , about 18 years . He came home on Friday.

Enoch Banton is married and living in Top Bull Savannah.

Oreillo and Vincent Banton are abroad , but he has never heard from them .

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Laban's children by Rixie Elliott from Ballards Valley:-  
Birdie Banton ,who is quite grown and living in Kingston . Laban used to support her , but he has stopped because "she big now " . He has never heard from Birdie .

By Rosa Gordon :-

Hexford Banton ~~XXXXXX~~ who is very unruly "him tun man before time . Say a no me a him father , so me no ha' a thing with him. Him no even speak to me".

By Hilda Elliott :-

- Nicholas Banton
- James Banton
- Duncan Banton
- Joyce Banton
- Sarah Banton
- Gloria Banton
- Elaine Banton
- Monica Banton

Hilda Elliott's Family History

Francella Elliott her mother

Henry James Elliott her father

Her parents' children

Emily Simpson (nee Elliott ) livign in Little Pedro . She has a shop there .

Sarah Facey (nee Elliott ) lives at Ballards Valley .

Marion Elliott lives "by herself "at Ballards Valley

Charles Elliott married and living in Ballards Valley

Curtis Elliott married and he is ~~ixixgx~~ living at Ballards Valley .

Nicholas Elliott is married and living in Ballards Valley.

Herself

Hilda's children

Her son Nicholas is learning the fishing trade with Percival Brookd . Percival does not pay Nicholas to go out with him . Nicholas has his own pods "wha' him catch in a fe him pods a fe him" . When he cannot go to sea , he helps his father with the cultivation . Nicholas went ~~at~~ to school and read to the 4thstandard . He does not have a girl friend .

Duncan

He left school in the 2nd standard . All he does at home now is to help his father in the field , and helps to look wood for the mother , and feeding for the goats and pig .

Joyce who is called Margeret after Laban' mother goes to school . She is reading in the first standard . Gloria , Elaine , and Monica stay at home .

James Banton

Hilda's second child is staying at his grandmother Margeret Anson

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James has been staying with his grandmother for about ~~xxxxx~~ years . He helps his grand mother with her cultivation , and sometimes "him work fe him little garden fe himself ". His grandmother supports him , "and him try fe help himself too " .

Sarah

Is also along with her grandmother . She went to stay her four months ago . Margeret supports Sarah too . Sarah is going to school . She visits her mother Hilda "all the time "

Laban Banton

He grew with his mother and father . He was sent to ~~xx~~ school , "but me does hide a bush sometime and never go ". He left school in the 3rd standard ", me no so 'member, a mus'e 'bout that though". He lived at his mother 's house until e he ~~x~~ was able to build one for himself .

Hilda Elliott

She grew with her uncle Lewis Elliott at Ballards Valley Lewis is her father's brother . Her uncle asked her parents for her and they gave her to him . Her uncle did not send her to school . "You see da same Miss Zip dey, the school teacher a fe her father me grow with . A me help care "Zip" when she little . Fe her father did have car , and did well off .but them kind a broke down now , for the woman wey her father married to squander him money . "Zip" mother did ha' one brother wey she always take the money and give " .

"After the father broke down the pickney them begin fe feel it hard . A no little fight "Zip " have fe fight fe come out to something , she really ha' good mind ,fa she meet i' hard . But now she a full teacher , and she dey try fe see if she caan help the other brother and sister them . One a the brother over Bull Savannah here with her , and she ha' Miss "Ossie" one a the sister a Kingston a school fe see if them caan come out tom anything " .

Hilda stayed with her uncle for five years and then she went home toher mother . "A no nothing make me leave , me dis home sick " .

Children - their behaviour &and what theyare taught

The children looked very shy during the time spent there . They ~~x~~ sat very still , and when they had to move they did it timidly , as if they were afraid to move. There is a strong love existing between brother and sisters . Brother helps sisters with ~~xxxx~~ things that are too much for a little girl to do , without he is asked . or told to do it . The children are not very rude , but when there is need to chastise mother does it . The father "only talk " . She does not allow the children to go to no other yard ,/the grand-mother's yard . She feels they are more safe when they do n not go to the other yards.

She trains her children to use the chimney quite soon

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"fa not even Monica now na wet bed ; anyixx time in a night she want use the chimney she call me ". The two smaller children Elaine and Monica cannot wash up by themselves ,mother has to help g them , but Joyce and Gloria can wash up by te themselves .

Mother set work for the girls and father tells the boys what they are to do , "and sometime me tell them too wha them fe do ". Joyce washes the dishes , sweepsthe house and is learning to make the bed . Gloria helps to w sweep the yard , while Duncan looks wood and takes care of the gaz goats. Joyce can also clean the house .

Information from Leo Powell.  
 Interv. Laban Banton and Hilda Elliott.  
 19/6/48.  
 J.O. 20.7.48.

Present household.

Banton Laban., 38.  
 Elliott Hilda, his c, l. wife, 37.  
 Banton Nicholas, 19.  
 Banton Joyce, 8.  
 Banton Duncan, 15.  
 Banton Gloria, 7.  
 Banton Ellen, 4.  
 Banton Monica, 2, 5 years.

Laban Banton: son of James Banton and Margaret Banton, now Margaret Hanson. His father is dead. His brothers and sisters: Enoch Banton - lives in T.B.S.; Orillo Banton - he is a ship captain, abroad; Eddie Banton - in U.S.A.; Vincent Banton - somewher in Lemon; Freda Banton - died; Hilda Elliott - is from Ballard's Valley. Her parents: Henry and Francella Elliott. Brothers and sisters: Charles Elliott, Curtis Elliott, Nicholas Elliott, Sarah Facey, Marrion Elliott, Emmy Elliott - all living in Ballards Valley.

Their marital life. They became friendssin 1932, live together from 1934. Have 8 children, 6 live with them, 2 with the grandmother, Margaret Hanson. Two with the grandmother: 17 years old James Banton and 10 years old Sarah Banton - both supported by the father. Nothing is said about Laban's outside children.

House, land, farming.

House: 1 room, thatch roof. Furniture poor, 2 beds, 1 chair 1 kitchen.

Land: Laban "works ~~mother's~~ mother's land, gives mother a portion of crop."

Trees: 3 cocnuts. Tomatoes: 1500, L7. 1/4 ac. cassava, not much corn and congo, 1/4 ac. red peas. 3 goast, 1 pig.

Fishing. Laban Banton is a fisherman. He does fishing with Percival Brooks. Owns 3 pots for himself. Goes 2 a week to sea. "Small income."

Spending: 15/- per week for food. L12 spent last year on clothing.

Religion. Anglicans.

School Nicholas in the 4th, Duncan in the 2nd, Joyce in the 1st stand.