

C.D. 22. Sbd. 14. Household 31.

Hanson Margaret	Head	F.M.	74	10.5.	St. Eliz.	Col.	Angl.	X retired.
Casagrande Maczinagr. son		M.S.	20		"	"	"	W.2. labourer
Turner Marjorie	gr. dau	F.S.	16		"	"	"	W.2. none
Turner Zilva	gr. dau.	F.S.	15		"	"	"	W.3. none

4

Her farm in 1942.

see p. 6  
3 pieces  
area?

Operates this farm as owner or part owner for 16 years. Owns 13 acres in 2 parcels: 8 and 5 acres resp.

Main income from vegetables.

No labour employed.

Works 52 weeks p.a. 6 days p.w. 8 hours p.d.

1 1/2 ac. under cult. 6 ac. cultivable but not used. 3 ac. under grass, 1 ac. woodlands, 1 1/2 ac. other.

Total farm value £ 90, of buildings £25. 1 catchment.

1/4 ac. tomatoes = 1200 lbs.

1/4 ac. corn = 1 bush. 1/4 ac. congo peas = 2 bush.

1/2 ac. cassava = 500 lbs, 1/4 ac. tobacco = 60 lbs.

1 pig. 6 hens = 8 doz. eggs.

Friday .  
30. 4. 48.  
D, B.

- 2 -

Family Record. 189

Interviewed Margeret Anson. & Magzima Cassigrandie.

On visiting Margeret they were all very busy in - side the kitchen . Margeret was beating something in a mortar . Zilpha was picking out some corn . Asked what they were going to do with the corn . Zilpha told me they were going to make corn a cake .

Corn Cake. - To make the cake the corn is soaked in boiling water , from the night to the morning, or it can soak for four hours . After soaking for the limited time they are taken out and put to dry . Then they grate them after , and next they beat the corn in a mortar . After beating they sift it so that it becomes very fine .

When that is done the corn is mixed with hot or cold water , then the spice is added and sugar . A pot or pudding pan is greased with butter and then the mixture is put in the pot and then put on to bake . The fire is put on top of the pan or pot & after it is covered and at the side . No fire is to be at the bottom , or the cake "will burn" .

Sometimes they sell the cake and sometimes it is only used for the home . When it is sold , they sell according to what amount the person wants , whether it is 1d or 1½ d or any ~~xxxx~~ amount .

Naseberry . - Zilpha does a little trading on naseberry . She has just started again after ~~xxx~~ stopping for a long time . She buys the naseberry at 6d per doz. for the big ones and 3d for the small ones . She sells them at ½d , 1d , 1½d each when they are ripe , according to size .

Working out. - Zilpha used to do domestic's work with Teacher Coke at Alside . She worked at 18/- per month with Teacher Coke . She left after a month "for the work was too hard" . After leaving there she went to work with Mr and Mrs Baker at Sea Air in Manchester . She got there 20/- per month for domestic s work. Baker and his wife "couldnt 'gree" so Zilpha Grandmother went for her. What was the cause of the discord between Baker and his wife , Zilpha's grandmother would not tell.

Friday.  
30. 4. 48.  
D. B.

Present House-hold.

Margeret Anson	Head.		
Maczima Cassigrande	Gr. Son to	Margeret	
Zilpha Mandricka	" Dau.	" "	
James anton	" son	" "	
Sarah "	" Dau.	" "	

Family History.

Margeret is the daughter of Keziah McDonald and Duncan McDonald. Her father came from Ballards/and her mother from Bull Savannah. Her parents had 18 children. Margeret does not know how many of her brothers and sisters are alive. She grew with her mother. She knows only one of her grand parents, her mother's mother, - Susan Anderson.

Working out .

"The first place me work when me turn young woman was Sav/lamar with Mrs Honey"doing domestic's work. She was pai 12/- per week. After she left Mrs oney she went to Mrs Ranch from Black River to Santa Cruz. Later on she worked with Mrs Surridge at Black River getting ~~£2. 15. 0.~~ per week. She stopped working with Mrs Surridge and came home. She spent a little time at home and then went to Milk River to do washing at ~~£2. 15. 0.~~ £2. 15. 0. per month.

After a time she left the washing and went to sell in a store at Milk River. Mr James Bryan was the owner ~~me~~ of the store. She got 10/- per week for selling at the store. She went to Kingston next and 15 years working up and down. She work at Governor Blake doing washing. "Me wasnt the head washer, me was the second and me help to do ~~me~~ every thing. When me working out and me finish my work and me see anythin to do, whether is my work or not me do it, because me no like to see ~~me~~ anything out of order".

"Every way me work them love me and never want me to leave .

Courting .

She was courting for ten years by Alfred Edwards. The were engaged ~~me~~. "A that time me know people court, after no courtship no dey~~me~~ again. Young people na court again". She had her first child for Alfred, but she did no marry Alfred, because "him was too wile and me was jealous". "Alfred say him wouldnt marry till he see what would becom of me, because him did well love me."

"Me meet him up one day afterr me married to me first husband, and him say him no going to give up, for prehap

Valley/

10/- /

me first husband would die and him would get the chance to be married to me ". But me tell him know me not going to be married to him ". Her first child was Elfreda Edwards.

Her Husbands.

Her first husband was James Banton of Top Bull Savannah . She had 10 children for first husband . In all she has 11 children , six are dead and ~~xt~~ five are alive . Her first husband died long ago . Her husband left nine acres of land for her . "After me first husband dead , you know me never even have a grey hair . Me hair did long and me did big and and fat . When me ~~wix~~ walk-ing you just se me dey roll .

"One day ~~saxxi~~ when me was in Kingston me hear some body calling after me on the street saying what a nice girl and what a lovely hair . Me never even turn 'round to look , me only just step on . Every way me go people love me . If me did stay like some women me could a married over and over since me first husband dead . Me never particular 'bout married , for me did have me children did fe work for and no time did fe think 'bout married . You know say is seventeen years/~~sixxx~~ me first husband dead before me married a gain".

after/

"Up to the time when me married me second husband a him worry and worry me till me married to him . Sometime him walk with me if me going out , him visit me and worry me all the time . You mus' know is him go to the Minister go get out the band<sup>2</sup> . They were married by Rev. Digging . After she was married she went to live at Rose Hall .

Her second husband is Lionel Anson from Rose Hall. Lionel went to Central America and after he came out he ~~built~~ built a big house . The house has five apartments . Lionel has only one child . The mother of the child is Hilda Spence ~~He~~ since he came from America . His wife does not have any children for him . Margeret and Lionel are not living together , because "Lionel dont have nice~~x~~ ways . Margeret got sick and Lionel "never worry 'bout me ". Sometimes she goes to see Lionel , but not very often . He does not come to see her .

happen/

"Me leave come home , because him too naggie , naggie. Him feady fe quarrel 'bout everything and nag . If anything/ all two three week gone him nag over it , and me no like nagging and before me stay there and quarrel me come home . Any way me go , go live me like live in peace and~~xt~~ people mus'n hear me dey quarrel". Her husband is not supporting her "me no say if me go there and him have anything him wor give me , but otherwise me no get anything form him ".

Her House .

The house is very old and shabby from without . It is made of spanish wall , but the walls are breaking away now

and the outside is patched with little bits of boards . The house has two rooms that look very crowded . A better description of the house cannot be given as most of the time when visiting them the house is shut .

The kitchen is made of wattle and thatch . Some of the wattles are falling out and with that the kitchen has become very shabby . The kitchen has two parts , a part for preparing meals and a part ~~fix~~ as a store room .

### Her Living .

She has done "every little thing to make a living " . She used to do trading from here to Christiana . She traded on mangoes , bannies , starch , and any "little thing that me can get to buy " . In going to Christiana she from here she used to ride her donkey "me always have a donkey that me can get fe go up and down " .

"When me going up now me make me coffee and take it with me , me carry it in a pint or bottle for me caan do with out it , Then when me ready for it me catch up fire any way on the road , for me never out a carry me matches with me . Me have me little pan and then me hot it and me drink it , and me offer them other one who travel with me!"

"Sometime them boy coming down in a truck call out to me dey beg me some ~~of~~ a the coffee . When me no wan' catch up the fire me can go to any of me friend and fix up me coffee , for me have friend all on the way . Every where me go me make friend . You mus' know all Miss Rosie Clerk and some of the other people who travel with me say them love to travel with me ~~because~~ because them always / things , and people treat me nice . They wonder how me have friend every where me go " .

She used to do baking , when she was living at Rose Hall . She has an oven at her home here and she used to come twice a week from Rose Hall to bake here . In going home she sold her things on the way to her customers . Sometimes all the things were sold off before she reached home , and sometimes a little was left .

She rears sheep and goats now for a living . She had "plenty sheep , but the luck change with me ~~know~~ , all a them dead out " . She has pigs and goats now . She has two donkeys , one she gives to James her grandson , and the other she uses to go up and down . The one she gives to James is a little one . When it is grown and James sells it he and grand mother will share the profit .

### Her Sickness.

She got sick while she was living at Rose Hall . One day she came to bake and when she was going back she met

a little boy leading a donkey belonging to Mr Clifford Billingsphantie of Rose Hall . The don key that the little boy was leading saw hers , and started towards her . She called out to the little boy telling him to tie the donkey he was leading on to tree , for he was too small to control it .

The little boy took it for a joke and let his donkey go . Then the donkey galloped up to her and both donkeys started to fight . She could not control them either , all she could do was to jump off soas to save herself . In jumping off she jerked herself and had to stay in bed for a few days .

The two donkeys fought until they reached the shop that was near her home . The fight started when she was ~~near~~ very near home . Some men who were ~~near~~ at the shop ~~parted~~ parted the donkeys . All her things were spoiled , the bread and buns were eaten and trampled , and scarcely any thing was left .

day/

The day following/ she sent a message to Mr Billingsphantie telling him about the damage ~~the~~ the donkey had done, and asking what he was going to ~~do~~ do about it . She went to see him two days after the incident occurred as she got "no good word from him " . Mr Billingsphantie told her that he was not going to do anything about it and he has no help to ~~give~~ give her .

Seeing that she got no satisfaction from him she decided to take it to Court . Mr Billingsphantie got a man who was not in place when the ~~the~~ fight took place to be his witness. The first month they went to Court the case was not tried . They were told to come back ~~the~~ the other month , it was put off again , and every month they put it off/ .

had/

It went on like that for about five months , and during that time she was sick and/ to be going to the Doctor . The month before it was decided they were coming from Court and she felt her eyes paining her . She went to the Doctor with the eye and Doctor told her she got a hit on it and it would not get better . She cannot see out of one of the eyes and she has to wear ~~glasses~~ glasses . "Is so me get me sickness " .

Land .

She has the land that her husband left ~~it~~ for her . The husband did not make a will "a me a the will " . She has three pieces of land that she has bought for herself . Enoch Banton her son works on some of the land that her husband left and Laban works on piece of the land that she bought. They do not pay rent for the land they use .

Monday .  
. 5. 48,  
. B.

Interviewed Zilpha Mandricka.

Paying another visit to Margeret Anson I met Zilpha , Margeret's grand daughter . Zilpha is the daughter of Elfreda Edwards and Clifford Blake . Zilpha was not christened after her father , she does not know why . She was christened by the name of Mandricka . She was born two months after her mother came from Cuba , Her mother has k three children , Majorie Turner , Zilpha and Maczima.

Zilpha grew with her mother and grand mother . Zilpha's mother died in 1941 . She has been living with her grandmother since her mother died .

Majorie .

Majorie grew a little with her mother , then later on her mother sent her to stay with one Louise Gregory at Toll Gate . Majorie stayed with Louise for a time until she came home . She remained at home for a long time , then went to work with Mrs Coke , doing nursing .

She is now living at Littiz . She has a child for one Crofton Brooks. She has come home once since she left home and that was when Zilpha was sick . She came and went the same day.

~~Monday~~  
Tuesday.  
4. 5. 48.  
D. B.

Interviewed Margeret Anson.

I visited Margeret again and she told me Zilpha was not named after her father because her father would not support her . Zilpha was named after a friend that Margeret had in Kingston . Zilpha does not like the name of her father ; she prefers the name Mandricka . Once she took Zilpha to the Doctor and the "Doctor say what a lovely name where you get that name". He told him it was the name of a friend of hers.

James and Sarah are her grand children . They are Laban's children . James ~~xxxxxxxx~~ has been staying with her for 14 years . She took Sarah a few months ago "after the father have so much a them , and she did sick with Typhoid Fever . Doctor say she shouldnt come back to school till a few months time , for the Typhoid trouble the brain . We take her fe try help the father , we support her and everything " .

"When James get any thing to do him work , for him big now , him have to try and help himself now".

Maczima.

Maczima is Elfreda's son . His father is Rufus Bent . His father went away to British Honduras 25 years ago . He too was not named after his father. When his mother went to Cuba he was not christened , so she sent the name of the Spanish man she was working with, to her mother, for her mother to give the baby that name , Maczima Cassigrande .

Maczima grew with his grandmother . He cultivates a little on his grandmother's land , "no nothing much". He works on partnership with David Brooks . "Wha' them dey heap a writing for ? Na go be no help to me . Government too tricky !".

David gives Maczima a half of the crop when he reaps the crop . Maczima was working at the factory in the last crop . He worked in the packing house , where he got 3/6 per day . This year is the first he has worked at the factory . He is a shareholder , "but if Government did even ha' the mind fe help me , when him see me put down as shareholder him no gwine help me again".

" Loward side people never less than sen' them pickney go learn fe do all them dey things (shorthand). He does not have a girl friend . Me no bother with that , caan manage them . What them want me no have . Them want money and me no have it . But what is all this? A mussy story book them gwine make ".

He had two children by Clemintina Robinson of Top Hill one is dead and one is alive . The child is Elaine May Bent The child lives with the mother and Maczima is supporting the child. The child is one year old. "Me see the gal a Top Hill and fall in love with her . Me no ask no bady fe her, me na ask no mother fe them pickney , fa me na go a them yard . Me na married none for me daddy no married me mother. Married a trouble , them like machine , married today, give trouble tomorrow. Young gal too bad ". Maczima loves his child "after a me blood ".



Information from Leo Johnson.  
 Interv. Margaret Johnson.  
 19.6.48.  
 J.O. 21.7.48.

Present household.

Hanson Margaret, 80.  
 Cassagrande Magzima, grdson, 24.  
 Banton James, grdson, 17.  
 Turner Jelpha, grddaughter, 19.  
 Banton Sarah, grddaughter, 9.

*dan's children*  
*sm's children*

Margaret Hanson: her father Duncan McDonald, her mother Keziah McDonald /Barrett first/. She was born in Ballard's Valley. She came to live in B.S. about 70 years ago. All her full brithers and sisters died. Alive: one half brpther: Frederick Wilson /same father, but he did not take father's name/ and Caroline Lewis /same mother/.

Her husbands. She married twice. Her first husband was Banton. After his death she married Lionel Hanson of Rose Hall. She had altogether 11 children - only 5 are alive. Two of her ~~children~~ sons are living in Top Bull Savannah in their own homes: they are Laban and Enoch Banton /Laban is 38, Enoch 49/. ~~3~~ others are abroad: Orrel is captain of a ship, travelling; Adelle is in Panama; Vincent in Lemor;

Her grandchildren. James and Sarah Banton are children of Laban Banton and Hilda Elliott, his c.l. wife. They are adopted by Margaret and supported by the father. Cassagrande Magzima is son of Alfreda Edwards, her daughter by Alfred Edwards, for whom she had this child before she married her first husband James Banton. Cassagrande was born in Cuba, ~~and his father's name~~. His father was Rufus Bent, but he did not take his father's name. Turner Zilpha is next ~~child~~ child of her daughter Alfreda. Her father was Clifford Blake, but again she did not take her father's name. Both these grandchildren are adopted by Margaret. Cassagrande is cultivatibg; Zilpha is a "speculator."

House, land, farming.

House: 2 rooms. kitchen and "store room." No "estimation" of land.

Refused information of occupations and farming.

Spending: 10/- weekly. "Cant tell of other ex?enditure."

Religion, anglicans.

School: Cassagrande left school at 4th stand,, Banton James at the 2nd, Zilpha at 5th. Sarah is at the 1st.