

D. 22. Sbd. 8. Household 12.

Rochester	Martha	head	F.M.	65	7.7.	St. Eliz.	Col. Ang.	W. 2.	homemaker
Powell	Floret	gr. dau	F.S.	23	2 ?	"	"	W. 3.	none
Simpson	Rupert	gr. gra. son	M.S.	4		"	"	"	
Simpson	Daslyng	gr. gra. dau	F.S.	2		"	"	"	

Her farm in 1942

Under one acre.

1 donkey, 2 swine, 4 goats, 6 sheep. 1 hen = 1 doz. eggs.

Value garden crop L4:10:0.

4 avocados = 3 doz. 1 breadfruit-not fruit.

3 coconuts = 48 nuts., 14 mangoes = 158 doz.

3 naseberries = 24 doz. 10 grapes = ?

Interviewed Martha Rochester.

Saturday.
17. 4.48.
I.D.

Martha did not want to give me any information. She said the Government should assist her as she had been paying taxes for a long time.

"Dudley Simpson wife is I raise her and she married out a my hand. Her little boy Rupie, come here every night and sleep with me."

or anybody

"All like me should get help. A poor blind like me, paying taxes for so long. I was in the church and not even the Parson/come and look for me. Teacher come here two time, long time now. I have 7 children all lawfully, is over 20 years me husband die. After the children leave Bellview, them come home to me. Them leave one by one until them married. I say is a good thing them not here, for there would not be anything for them to do. Over 18 years blind. I go to doctor at Malvern, go to Black River, Was in hospital in Kingston. After that I go to the highest eye doctor in Kingston."

"The children send thing for me. Sometime, a little present, then can' send for me all the time. This one down here Wilbert, him married and have 3 children. When them take a wife, you can' expect anything from them. Some wife have every thing under them care. See him just send this (cassava) for me."

Family History.

Martha was born at Malvern. "I am a stranger in this district.

Mother Caroline Robinson. Father James Robinson. Martha's brother Samuel Robinson is now living with her. "Him is a idiot. When me mother had the stomach there was a woman name Annie Benjamin who was a idiot. Any thing you tell her to do, she do it. If you tell her to put herself in that fire she go and do it. My mother did like the joke and she always laugh, She mark the picknie, and see him born so."

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Samuel said I sould marry him if I were not yet married. Martha said "Same thing I tell you, him/talk anything good."

Martha's husband was Henry Rochester. His parents Anna and Aaron Rochester.

Kitchen.

Martha does not like her kitchen. As I see a stranger come and I in any way looking funny indifferent. I feel shame for I don' use to it. From I was small my mother teach me to be tidy." Wilbert has promised to fix her kitchen.

Land.

Henry inherited 3 acres from his father. Has $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres at rurnate. Martha was not able to say how much he paid for it. "Gvoernment run out the land. Them send out surveyor. Him pay instalment." Wilbert works the land. His house is built vary near to his mother's."

"I don' will over any land to him, neither me nor him father. But you must say is me and him one in the house so I have to treat him kindly." Asked if Wilbert has bought any land. "I don' believe him will buy any.

I don' know what him will take and buy it. Him have wife and picknie, and him poor muma 'pon him." I kept writing all the time and she said "You mean you have to write that all the white people them should a shot. We can' come to nothing sake a (because of) them."

"I becomes weak, sick, ~~and~~ blind, and have to rake and scrape to meet the taxes. I never see any white man pay taxes yet. All the higher classes them do is to get money from us. When it come to sickness and old age them don' member us. All them lef' we to do is, go t'ief, and if you t'ief, them prison you. I never get aid from the church, nor the higher quarters."

"One woman did come a'ready and write down just like you. Them say is census. All the voting and voting - not a help. Even you now, you getting a bread what say on me who not getting nothing. And still it don suit you in some way, for it mash off you boot and stretch out you little clothes, and perhaps the pay is simple."

"How rich people land nobody don' seek after it. I don' believe them pay taxes." We heard the noise of a plane Martha said "Hear them old plane de ~~nowx~~ again, them wont even drop little something give you. If it was not the tomatoe, hungry would must take some of the people in this district. Two little potatoe for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Can' dash 'way my money."

Cost of living in Kingston.

Martha could be living in Kingston with any of her daughters but she does not like the city as things are too expensive. "According to what me see them buy in Kingston, me could not stay there. Me could not live in Kingston. Me prefer to come home and me can pick anything at all."

People of Bull Savanah

"There is no place where you find people work harder, than the people in the same district here - Bull Savanah. Where I come from - Malvern, the people work hard, but not like Bull Savanah people. If them go fe love you

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them love you. If them go fe hate you, them hate you for all times. If them want to give you anything, them give you them heart. If them don' want to give you; when them see you ~~is~~ coming, them hide it. Them lie and 'ceifful, but when distress them help you."

Martha did not have anybody in the home to help her grate t^he cassava. "Nobody to help grater cassava, I have to sit down on me batty and do it."

Children.

(mother's) "My husband dead leave me with all the children. Is Bellview home they grow. Amanda Gaynor (nee Rochester) living in Kingston. "She was working with white people from she could help herself. She go all around with them. She working and her husband working." Wilhel South (nee Rochester) and Henry also live in Kingston. Mrs. Hilda Simpson and Bereta Roy are in Bull Savannah. "Wilbert live in the same home/ you must say." Ernest is in America. When he went away first he used to write his mother and send money for her, He does not write to her again. "I send and ask him wife for him address and she tell me that him move. She fraid him send anything and give me." Ernest's wife is living in Kingston.

Premature birth.

~~When Martha was expecting and she~~
Martha lost one of her babies because she worked too hard. "I was a whole heap of clothes and I go to Alligator Pond market to sell bammy. I just feel something kind of let loose, and to tell the truth I was not even sure it was what. Anyway I don' make any noise I just take up me tray and put it on me head and leave the market. When I reach the bush, I feel like something let loose again, I just lap me frock so (She gathered her skirts and tucked it in between her legs) and take me time till I reach home." Before she reached to the house she saw her husband, ~~exit his~~ and asked him to put on some water for her. The baby was born shortly after. The neighbours helped her. "People was not unkind like now." The premature birth was more painful than the normal birth.

Courtship and marriage.

"I had some cousins living in Bull Savannah and them use to come and visit me at Malvern, and I visit them here. Well one night when I come here the hall was so full with young man I had to cry excuse and go in the room. Every body hear about this stranger, you know, they come to know me. Of all the man in the house I only like one, and that one was Henry."

"I am the last child, and its me one was in the house, so me mother use to dress me. When you see I step into

Bethlehem church every body have to look on me. Is now a days p̄ople don't look on me. All some who use to come here and we sit down and talk, them pass me a road and don' even say howdy."

Martha met young men in Malvern who wanted to write her, but she told them not to. Henry was the oⁿly person she allowed to write her. After meeting him at Bull Savannah she told her mother about him. She had to "pluck up courage " to do it.

"When the letter come, what you think me mother do, go and get somebody to read it and answer it herself. Up to now I don' see the letter." Me mother did like him.

"I could get Joseph Brown a shop keeper, I could get David Dennis a dispenser. A black man but a gentelman. Martha was married at 18.

Mannyé Powell.

Mannyé owned a truck. "Him bring cargo of all description from Mandeville. One day him leave here hearty, his was not really hearty, but we must say him hearty, and him dead in the truck at Mandeville."

nice

"Manny was sso wild him fool up the young girls with him money and him pretty face. Him fool a nice girl Bing Powell. Manny gwan and gwan and would not done till him fall her. She go to him house and she had to leave, for him would not consent to married. ~~xxx~~ It was not long after she leave him that she married"

Martha wanted to know if I were married. "Some of the men them whether them married or not, them miserable like what, you have to be careful with yourself. You may get a man and then you say if I did know. Me get one poor thing one, Him help me with the picknie them, him work, but him dād poor. Me don' regret it."

Colour preference.

Martha has a fair complexion. Asked if her mother or father was black "My mother gran father was a white man - a jew. When you hear'bout jew you must know is white people."

Children in Martha's days.

"Children now, different from my time. My mother tell me that when her mother send her out, she spit on the ground and before it dry she mus' come back. If you do anything wrong on the road anybody can flog you and you can tell you mother about it. If you tell her, she will beat you again for she will say if you was not doing something wrong, they could not beat you."

"These children now, if they hear big people talking, they

must come and enter into the discourse."

Sleeping arrangements.

Samuel sleeps in Martha's room. "He no like it even though a me brother, for me noh like no man to sleep in me room except me husband. Me son have a room down de (pointed to Wilbert's home) and me did want Samuel to sleep there. She tellme that I can' get the room. She make one girl - Myrtle Alvaranga - leave her mother home at Top Hill and come down here, then the mother man come here to her." Wilbert Powell is very black. He is nick named naaga. Wilbert sleeps with Myrtle. "I could get her out, you know, because is my place, but I ~~danxxxxxxxanxxxxxublix~~ feel I am out of dispute pitch now. I am getting old."

When Floret Simoson got pregnant Martha did not quarrel with her. "Is foolishness to quarrel, for it done a'ready. You will spoil them luck when you quarrel. Them can g have whole heap of pickins and them don' get the ring. If them out to have them you can stop them. Them say if you han' in a lion mouth, you mus' take time draw it out. Me talk to her, but you see maybe if me did quarrel with her, she would not get the ring."

"Mrs. Roy have a nest full ~~afxaham~~ (children) and they would not even come here and say granny how you do. Them don watch me again, get too high. As them gone up a top, and me down a bottom. I don worry meself for I know, I use to care them.. Is mother to walk after picknie, not picknie after mother."

"You must give the devil its due. The daughter in law down here, don' ~~kxakxam~~ cherish me so nice but I say one kindness deserve another." Mrs. Roy and her children had typhoid last year, after they ~~waxxhaxkx~~ left the hospital they were not very strong, and Willie's wife took them in her home and cared them until they were strong. "She use to go to hospital to them all the time and carry things for them, and now Mrs. Roy nor the pickney them don' even go there. Me tell her that she wrong and she don' like it. One of her ~~plé~~ little boy was at Willie and she take him 'way,"

Meals

She gives Martha Rupie coffee every morning before he leaves for home. Old time people say had' go han' come"(a present given or kindness done earns a return) if is even a little porridge, I take some for me son. I don' covetous, me one can' eat."

I gave Martha chocolates. She said she was very fond of it. "But you is a stranger, is me should give you something." Before she got the chocolate, she was looking for a boy to pick me a coconut. She said I should call on her again.

Inform. Dudley Simpson.
21.4.48.
J.C. + T.O.

Floret Powell, Martha Rochester's grand-daughter, is Dudley Simpson's wife. She is not staying more with her grandmother - lives now with Dudley in his house.

Dudley's and Floret's son Simpson Rupert, who was staying ~~permanently~~ with together with his brother Daslyn Simpson in their great grandmother's home, live now at least partly in the father's house.

Rupert spends days at Shadock Hill with his father and mother. ~~His great grandmother~~ But for the night he returns to his great grand mother's home. He does not call her great grand mother "gran-nie." ~~He call her~~ "He call him / = her/ Mamma." "And he call his mother Aunt Floret."

Visit at home. Interv. Martha Rochester.
4.7.48.
T.O.

Mrs. Martha was in her kitchen blowing into the fire. She had a clean plain dress of some thick cotton material. I introduced myself mentioning the names of her daughter Hilda and grand-daughter Floret. Mrs. Martha heard about me from them. She said she knew who I was but couldn't see me. "This eye is gone - she said pointing to the left one - and with this one I see a little light, just to find my way to the kitchen." I asked her how it happened she lost her sight. "I will tell you Missis" and the old woman crouched in the middle of her kitchen and told me the story:

The story of Martha's blindness. (Courtship with tragic end)

"My husband died and leave me with a decent lot of children, seven of them. Harry was only 10 months old. And I will tell you, there is no shame a gentleman Mr. Witter was paying me a visit, to me. It wasn't my consent A person brought him to me. Mr. Edman Witter from Niaber? near cross roads (Junction). After a time he pay a second visit and ask my consent. I did give him consent. He went to Kingston and I hear he was telling somebody about me - telling he shouldn't tell it. So when he come I ask him "who you said about my business and yours?"

Witter denied having told anybody about the "business" but Martha was very cross with him. She said she didn't want to have anything to do with him again. And Martha said "If you want a wife take my daughter and marry her." This offend Mr. Witter. He went away and the next thing Mrs. Martha heard from him was that he was sending to tell her that she has to give him back "whatever I have for him." "He only gave me a check and I buy calico to make an undergarment." Martha went to the Magistrate and asked him whether she is to give back the garment. The Magistrate told her to keep it as it will be a proof that the man promised to marry her. But Martha did not want to marry her suitor - she says. He never visited her again.

One day she was lying on her bed "broad awake. I hear donkey foot right under this naseberry tree. A voice, and it was that man voice, say 'hallo'. I don't answer. And again: 'hallo' and I don't answer. And a thrid time 'hallo'. I say 'Aye' meaning, 'I hear you'. I put a clean sheet on my bed. The one I was lying on was quite clean, but I put a clean one on it and open the door: nobody to see. I ask 'who may be that call me?' I look round and my dear Missis from that moment I could never see again. It was just between day light and dark. I only say "here is the person who call me" and from that moment blind, I am blind. Can't see a something. It was the voice of the said man, but nobody there. It's not the visitation it's the little bit of calico that blind me."

Martha visited Mr. Witter only twice. "The first time I take this Turis Roy and my daughter and pay a visit. And a second time with my son. Two trip. I didn't love the man and I didn't want him, so I tell him."

Martha went to many doctors to cure her eye. She went to Dr. Swaby and to Dr. Horsgrave and asked them to tell her what was the matter with her eye. She says her left eye - which is totally blind now - was hanging quite out of the socket. The doctors told her "It's very serious". They wanted to perform an operation but Martha didn't want it. "Through the good care of the doctors my eyes are clear but I can't see. Just bucking around. 19 years I am blind, Missis, 19 years."

Widowhood and bringing up children.

When Martha's husband Henry Rochester died 28 years ago she was left with seven children, the youngest of whom was a few months old. Henry Rochester died of "overstrain". (It is more likely Henry Rochester died 42 years ago. Eglon Rochester told me that Henry died exactly the same day and month only one year later than his mother, and his mother died on April 12th 1905. Also the eldest daughter of Martha, Hilda Simpson is 52 years old now. When the father died Hilda went to the orphanage so she must have been a girl in her teens and not a woman at 24 yrs old. Martha's notions of time are very vague and I would rather rely on the dates given me by Eglon Rochester, who is Henry's nephew.)

Martha wasn't able to support all these children and send them to school in Bull-Savannah "couldn't support them and find clothes for them." So she took them "one by one" to Bellevue in Morningside. It is a government orphanage which still exists. All her children, except the youngest Henry were educated in Morningside. "Henry was little neglect, I put him in school in Bull-Savannah." At that time the head master of this institution was a Mr. Boyen (?). "A very good teacher a noble squire." Martha was pleased with the education her children got, but she didn't like the clothes "The Government find for them." Once Hilda came to visit her mother and she was clad in a dress made of some rough sack cloth and bare footed. Martha went to the teacher. "Squire I say I am poor but have a high mind, I don't appreciate the clothing." The teacher was very polite to her and called her "Mrs. Rochester". Martha attributes it to the fact that "I would deliver myself nicely." Martha proposed to the teacher that the eldest girl Hilda would work in the school and get some wages, as the teacher said he couldn't find better clothing for the children for the money he had at his disposal from the government allowance. So Hilda started to work there and the teacher paid her 6/- a month. This didn't satisfy Martha. She went again to see the teacher and told him "It's rather small wages, wouldn't buy even a simple dress." So the teacher paid Hilda 12/- a month.

"After them come (from the school) them work for white people." Martha found for each child an employment with white people. She did it through the parson first and then through the people with whom the elder children were working already. "Every one working with white people and Amanda in a shop."

Martha's education.

I asked Martha what was her education and where she learned to "deliver herself nicely." Martha is from Ginger Grounds in the Malvern district. She met her future husband on a market day in Malvern. "My education was simple. I list myself to Church and the Sunday school teacher teach me to read my Bible. And my husband was very educated. He teach me to. I have from my husband." After she came to live with ther husband in Bull-Savannah Martha joined also the anglican church and was given further education there. "I buy even a copy book and do a little at home."

Martha's parentage. Her parents James and Caroline Robinson are dead long ago. Her brothers ~~and sisters~~: David, Hubert, Samuel and four married sisters: Georgiana Simms, Margaret Spencer, Ada Brown and Francella Brown are dead too. Martha wasn't interested in her sisters and brothers. For more than half a century she lived for her children. Samuel came 2 months ago from hospital & stays with Wilbert.

The story of Martha's children. Martha had 8 children but "one die so we don't count." (I heard a similar sentence on other occasions). The living children are: the eldest Hilda 52, Ernest, Amanada, Wilbert, Berita, Willel and the youngest Henry. Martha says Henry is 28 but it seems impossible, he must be much more.

After they left the orphanage Martha found for them employment with white people. Three of those children live in Bull-Savannah: ~~Wilbert~~

Wilbert: married Ann Powell. He lives in a house near to his mother's. He cultivates all the land which his father left and is the main supporter of Martha. (see F.R. 3)

Hilda, had an outside daughter with Edgard Powell. She married afterwards James Simpson (see F.R. 156)

Berita married David Roy who died about 3 years ago. (see F.R. 185)

Henry works in Kingston at Henriques. This very morning Martha learned that his wife died. Mr. Powell who owns a truck was in Mandeville Saturday and he read in the "Gleaner" that her funeral was on Saturday. From the beginning Martha didn't approve of Henry's marriage. Henry married a "high class woman". At the time Henry met first in Kingston Martha was there staying with her daughter Amanada. When she learned that Henry was seeing the girl she told him:

except Samuel.

"Will you be able to manage it my son - it's high class woman and sickly. You will have to give her a servant." Martha knew that the girl was brought up and educated in America. She came to Jamaica to join her uncle because she was "sickly", she had lung trouble. But Henry didn't listen to his mother's advice. "I was dutiful to my parents. The blessing of my parents is walking with me." Martha attributes the further misfortunes of her son to the fact that he didn't listen to her and didn't obey her advice. "From the time the ring got on his finger she was no use to him." During ~~the~~ the whole period of their marriage the woman was sick and Henry had to pay doctor's and hospital bills. He had to deny himself even food to be able to care for the wife. "He himself is sick because he starved." One of her daughters told Martha that Henry had to spend "£19 or £9 a week, I don't remember exactly, but ~~max~~ either £19 or £ 9". Martha also resented that "we never know the family (of the girl) till Henry marry."

Now Martha learnt that the wife is dead. "My son is relieved from the burden and the woman is out of pain. The Lord will pardon me if it's wrong, I feel that way." Martha heard also that Henry will have to sell his home he has in Kingston in order to meet the doctors' bills. "He hopes, that now Henry will be able to start his life anew. "He is 28, he married in young youth." (According to my calculations Henry is much more than 28.)

Martha intends to write in a few days a letter to Henry. "I will write a letter to come home and spend a few days with me - to clear up the burden." "The very home he has to sell to pay doctors. Sometimes when they (the children) don't hear what the parents say they are worse for it. He has no family to stay with him." Martha regards the fact that Henry hasn't got anybody of the family to stay with him as something very depressing.

Amanda married a Mr. Kance and lives in Kingston. She works in a shop for many years now. Once she worked for a white lady who took her to England. But it was in winter and Amanada came after a few months back to Jamaica, it was too cold for her there. "Amanada my child. Nothing is too good for her mother. She cares for me that one."

Ernest married and his wife and children live in Kingston while he is since 6 years on contract in America. Ernest married "A black woman but she has good deliverance." Ernest send from America "Plenty of money, but the wife lock Martha thinks the wife is right in "locking" this money. She actually puts in into the bank account. "Must look after the children." Martha approves of this daughter-in-law. Ernest sends Martha money from time to time from America. But Ernest's wife doesn't know about it. Martha explains she didn't tell the wife because they live far and so she didn't have the opportunity of doing so. However "She dont deal with me badly. She sent 10/- and 5/-. If she respect me as much to send 15/- - a good daughter in law."

Wilbert married and lives nearby. He works all the land and supplies Martha with all the food she needs. "He also gives her occasionally some money. One shilling or two shillings, or three." Martha cooks for herself. "The daughter-in-law is cross so I don't molest her. I wash my pot clean." Some daughters in law don't make much of the mother-in-law "once they marry the son." Martha doesn't need her help. "Since I have my children them, if I am in distress I can send and they help me."

The grand-daughter & great-grand-son.

Martha's first grannie was Floret Powell the outside child of the eldest daughter Hilda. Floret was brought up by Martha who sent her to school. "Floret is very tractable, can sew and wash do a little of everything." Even now thought Floret lives with her husband Dudley Simpson she washes for Martha "Floret - she will do everything to help me a good child." The eldest son of Floret Rupy sleeps with Martha "To keep me company." "He come every night, through rain, or dark he is here every night. He says 'Mumma I am not afraid' (To come by dark from the parents' home).

Martha's means of subsistence. "The main burden" the duty to provide Martha with food and occasional cash rests with the son Wilbert who cultivates the whole land. Martha gets presents and money from her children who are in Kingston (Amanada, Willel) & from the son Ernest who is in America, also from his wife in Kingston. The two daughters in Bull-Savannah Berita Roye and Hilda Simpson "Them good children, but poor, plenty of worries." Martha's washing is done by her grand-daughter Floret whom she raised. The great grand son Rupy keeps her company at night.

How Martha plans to dispose of the land. Martha says she has 7 acres: 3 acres of home land and $4\frac{1}{4}$ acres in the woodlands. (Under one acre in Census). "I am looking to my grave. I don't make any will yet." She told me that she didn't make any will and even didn't speak about it but she intends to call a witness and do it in the near future. "It's seven lawfully children and whatever I have is to share equal among them." But Martha is a little worried: she wants to give each child an equal share. Yet Wilbert works the whole land and supports her. Other children make their living otherwise. But she can't leave every thing to Wilbert "Seven lawfully children - can't take advantage." Now the $4\frac{1}{4}$ acres in Ruinate this Martha regards as a land which "concern me more, I get my title." After her husband's death she got the title of this land which was purchased by him, but the title wasn't yet given as Martha still paid the installements. "Suppose sell $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of this land and distribute. One can't get the whole - it would (look like) advantage." Martha works it this way: she considers the real patrimony as consisting of the 3 acres of home land. Of this each child should get an equal share. Excluding Wilbert it would be $\frac{1}{2}$ acre for each of the remaining 6. Now Henry has to get the old home as the youngest. "It is a poor house, a shack, but he will get it"

It leaves 5 children to get $\frac{1}{2}$ acre each. So she would think it fair that $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of the woodlands should be sold to pay them and the rest i.e. 3 acres of home land minus the old home and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre for Henry and over 2 acres of woodlands would go to Wilbert. The woodlands land Martha considers more as belonging to her and since Wilbert "has the burden" of her upkeep she would pass it to him. She asked me whether I thought it a fair deal. I thought it ~~avmrvsvlxx~~ very clever.

The house. Martha wanted to show me her house (we were speaking all the time in her kitchen.) It is a small one room house. In one end there is a big bed with a canopy on four pillars. (It is the only bed with canopy I have seen in Bull-Savannah.) Next to it is a small bed. This one is for Rupy. There is only one table and one chair. The pictures of her children are on the wall. She showed me the wedding picture of her daughter Amanada with her husband. She is a very good looking girl of fair complexion and wears big horn rimmed eyeglasses. She showed me the wedding picture of Henry and his late wife.

Additions about Ernest. Ernest's picture was also there. He sent it from America. Martha-says he had an accident with electricity and had his throat burnt. He has ~~ka~~ "A piece of leather to keep it straight." However this piece of leather didn't show on the picture. Ernest is already 6 years with a farmer in America. He is very homesick and would like to go home and see his family. The farmer will "Realease him in six months or six years, I don't know exactly which but it will be in October." Ernest wrote to his mother lately asking her to pray for him so he could come home safely. "The boss contain him for another 6 months - I must pray for him."

A child was passing and Martha sent it to the house of her son Wilbert to ask him to come and meet me. But the child returned saying Wilbert was not at home. So Martha took me accross to see the daughter in law and the grannies. She walks without a stick feeling the stones on her way with her feet.

The present household: After Floret married and moved with her children to Dudley Simpson's house Martha lives in this house alone and Rupy comes for the night. As according to Edith Sinclair "Your home is where you sleep" I count Ruppy also as occupant of this house:.

Rochester Martha head. Wid. 74 Ging.Gr. Angl. R.W. Ret.
Simpson Ruppy gr.gr.son S. 9 Bull.Sav. " at school

Information from Leo Powell.
 Interv. Martha Rochester.
 16.6.48.
 J.O. 27.8.48.

Present household:

Rochester Martha, 72. widow.

Martha Rochester: daughter of James and Caroline Robinson, Malvern. Her brothers and sisters: David Robinson /d/, Hubert Robinson /D/, Samuel Robinson now in B.Sav. Georgiana Simms /d/, Margaret Spencer /d/, Ada Brown /d/, Francis Brown ~~xxx~~ - nothing known of her. Her husband was Henry Rochester, son of Aaron and Ann Rochester. She had 8 children, 4 alive: Hilda Simpson in Botton, Willy Rochester, B.Sav., Amada Kana in Kingston Ernest Rochester in Kingston, Martha South in Kingston. Bereta Roye in T.B.Sav. Henry Rochester in Kingston.

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House: 1 room. Kitchen. Furniture poor: 1 bed, 1 table, 3 chairs. Tank.

Land: 1 acre homeland.

Trees: 3 greenskins, 2 robins, 4 common mangoes, 1 naseberry, 4 big thatch trees, 3 coconuts.

No cultiv. etc. Children support her.

Martha is Anglican.