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Thompson	Charles C.	Head	M.M.	26	St. El.	Col.	Ang.	W.3.	farmer
"	Myrtle M.	wife	F.M.	25 3.3.	"	"	"	W.3.	homemaker
"	Orett	son	M.S.	2	"	"	"		
"	Veron	son	M.S.	11/12	"	"	"		
"	Iris	niece	F.S.	9	"	"	"	X	no

His farm in 1942.

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 35 years.

Owns 55 and 1/2 acres in 9 parcels: 6, -2 and 1/2 - 2 - 5 - 2 - 5 - 9 and 1/2 - 1 and 22 and 1/2 ac. resp.

Main income from cassava, tomatoes and congo peas.

12 ac. in cultivation. 25 and 1/2 cvable but not used. 7 and 1/4 ac in grass - various. 4 and 1/2 woodland used as pasture. 5 acres woodland not use as pasture. 1 and 1/4 ac. other land.

Total value of farm = £1200, of buildings = £ 130.

1 catchment. 0.3 ac. of escallion = 80 bund. 1 ac. tomatoes = 7500 lbs. 2 avocados = 13 doz. 1 breadfruit = 1 doz. 8 coconuts /2 fruiting/ = 12 nuts. 17 mangoes = 918 doz. 1 naseberry = 140 doz.

4 ac. congo peas = 19 bush. 5 and 1/2 ac. cassava = 15800 lbs. 1/4 ac sweet pot. = 336 lbs. 0.5 ac. yams = 3130 lbs. 1/2 ac. tobacco = 448 lbs.

2 donkey. 5 sheep. 9 goats. 3 swine. 5 hens = 20 doz eggs. 4 pigeons.

*Mistake
this is the
land of Thompson
Charles senior
F.R. 49.*

Interviewed Myrtle Thompson

Friday
7. 5.48.
I.D

Present Household

Charles Thompson		Head.
Myrtle	do	Wife.
Orrett	do	Son
Veron	do	do
Barrington	do	do
Betsy	do	Dau.
Beverley	do	do
Winsom	do	do (Charlie's child - motjer Eva Gordon of Ballard's Valley.)

Her first child Fay, lives with her mother Mrs. Edith Elliott.

Family History

Parents Edith and Winty Elliott. "Mother born here don' know of father. Mother's parents Fredrica and George Powell. "Naana Feddie and Granpa Georgie" Myrtle was not able to give the names of her father's parents.

Land

Charlie's parents gave him a house spot. He does not own any other land. He cultivates his father's land and Myrtle cultivates her father's land. Myrtle pays Panton Smith to look after her garden. He receives 2/6 a day. "Me work to', plant me own french bean. Charlie has not bought any land. "His father have plenty, plenty. His father and my father, I believe, have the most land around here."

Other occupation.

Charlie owns a truck/ Asked whether he preferred to drive a truck or work in the fields. "Him love the 2, truck driving and cultivation. Him don' take it make a profession. All like during tomatoe season, him drive for it. Sometime him jus' lay it down. Him do tanning to' at his father's place.

Sewing.

Myrtle owns a singer sewing foot machine. I saw Myrtle Alvaranga using the machine. Myrtle stated that her machine had gone bad and she had to use Mrs. Thompson's. Mrs. Thompson makes her children's clothes. "Common dresses and all that, me sew it meself, but a give out the good dresses I don' take in work, I sew for me and me familyx children."

Top Bull Savannah.

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Interviewed Mrs. Myrtle Thompson.

Present Household.

Charles Thompson	Head	About	30.
Myrtle do	Wife		29.
Orrett do	Son		9.
Veron do	do		7.
Barrington do	do		5.
Betsy do	Dau.		3.
Beverley do	do		1.
Clinis Ebanks.	Maid		14.

Children.

Sunday.
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Myrtle's babies teethe when they are 4 or 5 months old. They are given castora and codliver oil which help to ~~st~~ strengthen them. Her babies are hardly ever ill during the teething period. "My babies never have anything at all, no exma or nothing. Only the last baby have spot in the head!" Asked if the baby received presents when it started teething. "If anybody find out that the baby teething, they give them a present, money or so. But all like me the mother, me noh bother ~~wixthatx~~ give them anything. Sometimes her babies may have fever. "Some people baby, the bowels free, (diarrhoea) Some of them laim fly out all over the little skin!" (sores) If the parents have pure blood, the babies will not have exema.

Thumb sucking.

Myrtle sucked her finger until she was a big girl, She stopped herself. Her mother rubbed the finger with allows "and all kind a things." That did not prevent her sucking it. "The finger sweet just ~~a~~ like a child nursing." She sucked her finger especially when she was going off to sleep. Her children has never sucked their fingers.

Dressing the children.

Orrett is able to dress himself. His mother has to fix the ~~x~~ clothes after he puts them on. He cannot bathe himself. "Him can only wash him foot. Him caan wash all him back."

Elimination.

Veron "wets" his ~~bed~~ bed every night. Myrtle has to wake him, sometimes 3 times for the night. She has taken him to the Doctor and he recommends "gin pills". He has not been better after taking the pills. Beverley does not "wet" her bed. If she wants to urinate at nights she dries. She teaches her children to use the chimney when they are 3 months old. She holds them up on the chimney. "Beverley dirty in her baggy. Ag you see she start do anything, she stand up one place. She must make some motion to make you ~~a~~ know that she dirty. And I know just when her bowels to go, and I put her on the chimney. Sometime she tell you she want to dirty, and if she dirty the baggy she make you know."

Crying.

Myrtle knows what her baby wants when it cries. Sometimes the baby is sleepy. "A judge the time from when a feed her and a can tell if she hungry." Beverley tells Myrtle when she wants water. "She sas ta ta." Beverley has a bad temper. When she cries and she is neither hungry nor sleepy, Myrtle takes her up. ~~and then~~

Weaning.

Her babies are weaned at 9 months. They are given Klim and other Cow and Gate foods before they are 9 months old. "Some of them greedy. When them turn all 3 months you have to buy extra feed for them. Even one time a day, you have to give them the feed." She has never had any difficulty in weaning her babies. "I just don' give them, and them stop off."

The parents.& Flogging.

All the children prefer Myrtle. "We do all the flogging and talking. After Charlie is hardly here. Sometime if him is even here, him sleeping." She sometimes tell the children that if they are rude she will tell Charlie about it. That ~~does not help them to have~~ makes no difference in their behaviour. "Charlie don' beat often; but when him beat them, him really beat them hard!"

Beverley will not go to sleep unless her mother of Clinis rocks, or pats her. If she is put in the crib she will fall out. "She is too rude."

Origin of babies.

Myrtle does not tell the bigger children when she is going to have another baby. After the baby is born she tells them that it came by an aeroplane. When her girls start menstruating she will tell them everything. "The children so sensible now, them know before you tell them." Her mother did not tell her about babies. "But after me get big, me noh read for meself, and know everything."

(Upper class) baby.

Ivy class Mrs./Millard/would be considered a member of the upper/of Bull Savannah. Myrtle and herself are sisters. Ivy's baby, Shirley and Beverley are the same age. Shirley is not yet ~~not~~ able to walk. "Them keep the baby too confine, It in crib all the time. She can afford a maid. The more you keep a baby confine. The more they ~~more~~ keep you confine." Ivy has an untrained Nurse to take care of the baby while she is at school.

Observation.

Clenise bathed the children while Myrtle and I were in the house. She was told to bathe Beverley last as she would soon be going to sleep. Beverley's hands were washed and Myrtle fed her with corn meal porridge. Shortly after, she had her

Wife of
Teacher Mil-
lard.

bath. When she came to her mother she was dressed in a cotton frock. She did not wear a panty. Myrtle took off the frock and put on a white shimese. The day was very hot. The child would be much cooler without the frock. She also put on a cotton panty and fastned it at the side with a safety pin.

Beverley would not allow her mother to comb her hair. Myrtle gave her a piece of floran cloth and told her that it was pretty. She took the cloth and looked at it but still kept tossing her head about, and crying. Myrtle stopped combing the hair and said when Beverley fell asleep she would be able to comb it.

Beverley is afraid of "Demon" the dog. Myrtle told her that she would call Demon if she would not allow her to comb the hair. Beverley kept quiet for a while and then started to cry again. Myrtle told Barrington to call Demon, this he did gladly. Demon did not come, but Beverley kept quiet for a short time. She cried again and Myrtle slapped her. After a while she was given a flower. Beverley was sent to Clenise, who put on her frock and finished combing her hair. About 10 minutes after, she returned to Myrtle, and eventually fell asleep in her arms.

Beverley

At nights when Myrtle tells Beverley about Demon. ~~she~~ hugs her up tightly.

Beverley calls her shoes, "foot". Myrtle ~~sent her to Clenise~~ told Beverley to ask Clenise to put on her foot. Myrtle called to Orrett and Veron and told them to take their books. Betsy tries to read. ~~sometimes~~. "You want to hear her in the room, say she is reading, and she don' know what she is saying. Sometime she read for her father, and him enjoy the joke.

Betsy stayed close to me most of the time. She asked me to put a rose in her hair. Myrtle told her to leave the room. She said "No." Myrtle said "What" ~~with a very~~ in a very harsh tone. The child replied "No." I told her gently to go to Clenise and she went. Myrtle smiled.

She sent Verron to Mrs. Geraldine Lewis to buy 1 lb. mixed flour. When he reached out in the road, Myrtle asked him what he was going to purchase. He told her loudly what he was sent for. Before he was sent to the shop Myrtle told Verron and Orrett to put the sheep and goat in the shade. They did not do it promptly. Myrtle said "All you have to do, if you catch them, don't talk at all. Use the switch. You think them can hear without the switch?"

Betsy and Winsome quarrel all the time. Winsome say Charlie is her daddy. Betsy tell her that she caan say I am her Mama. Winsome calls Myrtle "Miss Myrtle."

Winsome's mother is Eva Gordon. "Some of the ~~womenst from too~~ ~~Badlandst Mahlgust~~ she was playing on Yafe. for a while and she came up to see her mother. About a month after, she became pregnant. "She say is fe Charlie, but I don' know. I

caan say is not his. I am not swearing for any man. When anything happen is the woman to be blamed is not the man; for a man and a woman are two different creature."

Charlie would not maintain Winsome. "After him see the baby one time, him start to show it a little ~~o~~ love." He sent for the baby, and it has not yet returned to the mother. "Charlie don' send it back, and the mother don' come for it. All sammons-did come her for him you know. So as not to make the mother gget anything, is better if the child stay here." She treass Winsome as her own. "You know even though the child is here, anywhere the mother see Charlie, she ~~w~~ still want to say something to him about the child."

Clinise Child Labour.

Clinise Ebanks has been living with Myrtle for about 4 years. She stopped going to school before/started to live with Myrtle. Before Clinise came to the house, ~~she~~ used to keep a servant. She found it too expensive. When she has a baby she employs a maid.

/she
xxxMyrtle

Presents

Mrs. Edith Elliott (Myrtle's mother) send a chocho, turnip and carrot for Beverley. These will be used to make soup.

Barrington asked Myrtle a question (I did not hear what he said. Myrtle r eplied "Don't worry me." Barrington repeated what she said. Then she said to me "The boys too rude, tell them to climb tree and that is all."

Games.

Myrtle said it was impossible to keep her children clean. (They were all clean)~~nowxxx~~. The children make their own toys. "They take up all kind a things and play with. If you see them iron with rock stone, you bawl."

Religion.

Some of the Witnesses of Jehovah passed the house. Myrtle said she did not like them at all. "Them believe christianity is walking about with a bag. I caan bear see them sometime. I believe that when you live the life it is better. Some of them go to the church, and afterward them go sleep with them woman a night. That is why I prefer the church. I don' give against them, but is just how them go on. When them come to you, them want you to believe that is Jesus come to you."

Myrtle likes the Seventh Day Adventist. She does not agree that people should give "tiths of what they possess. It just come like you buying it; and salvation is free, without money and without price."

All the same Jehova's Witnesses wreally do good for the district. I tell you Africans were still here. Some people did not even know about God the Father. The Jehova's Witnesses read the Bible and explain it to them.

Some of the Adventists only keep the sabbath. During the

week them do anything and say anything. That is not Christianity, you must have the sabbath with you always.

Children (cont.)

Myrtle's children were very happy. When she spoke to them roughly, they did not seem to mind it.

Information from Leo Powell.
 Interv. Myrtle Thompson and Charlie Thompson.
 18.6.48.
 J.O. 29.8.48.

Thompson Charlie, 31.
 ,, Myrtle, wife, 29.
 ,, Orrett, son, 8.
 ,, Veron, son, 6.
 ,, Barry, son, 3. Thompson Beverley, dau. 1.
 ,, Betsie, dau., 2.
 ,, Winsom, dau. of Charlie, 4.
 Ebanks Clines, adopt. daughter of Charlie, 14.

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Thompson Charlie: for his parentage see F.R.49.
Thompson Myrtle: daughter of Wentworth Elliott and Edith Elliott nee Powell in B.B.S. Her brothers and sisters: Sydney Elliott, U.S.A. Glenrick Elliott, Kingston. Harry Elliott, B.B.S. Byron Elliott, B.B.S. Millard ~~Elliott~~ B.B.S. Winnie Elliott, Malvern. ~~Philip~~ Phyllis Elliott, U.S.A. Pearl Elliott, B.B.S.
 Charlie and Thompson became friends in 1936, married in 1940. They have 6 children, 5 staying with them, one, 8 years old Fay Thompson living with grandparents, Wiatw. and Edith Elliotts.
 Charlie has an outside child, Winsom Thompson, living with them. Her mother is Eva Gordon.
Clines Ebanks is adopted daughter of Charlie. Her parents: ~~Arthur and Isobelle~~ late Arthur Ebanks and Isobelle Ebanks in Tad Town.

House: ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ 4 rooms, zinc roof. Kitchen.
 Tank. Furn. 3 beds, 6 chairs, 3 tables, 1 waggon.
 Land: works on father's land.
 Trees: 5 c. mangoes, 1 naseberry.
 Cultiv. besides tomatoes, 200 yam hills, 1,5 ac. cassava, 1/4 ac. corn. 1/2 ac. congo, 3/4 ac. red peas.
 1 milch cow, 1 heifer, 4 goats, 3 sheep.
 Occup.: Charlie is truckdriver.
 Expend.: 20/- weekly. ~~xxx~~ L28 clothes last year. L10 doctor. L4 nurse. L4 - educ. of children.
 3 children in school /including Fay Thompson/.
 Thompson Charlie is J.Witn. Myrtle and children - Anglican.