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Visit at home. Interv. Ricardo Elliott.
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T.O.

It is a thatched house ~~xxx~~ in ~~xxxxxyxgavix~~ rather a poor condition though not delapidated. The kitchen is in a kind of shed, two sides of which have board walls. It is situated on the southern part of the parochial road leading from school to Top Bull-Savannah. This part is called "thatch Walk, but in the case of Ricardo it is called "over the road". (When referred to by his parents)

The house was empty and locked. After a few minutes appeared however Ricardo with another young man. I learned that the wife of Ricardo went to visit her mother. The young man was an Elliott from Ballards Valley who came on some business to Ricardo. They planned to go to-day to Top Hill.

Present household.

Elliott	Ricardo	head	20
"	Dalsy	wife	16 (?)
"	Freddy de Cordova	son	2/12

Ricardo Elliott is the son of Calbert and Esthella Elliott (see F.R. 15) Ricardo ~~xxxxx~~ has one sister, seven full brothers and one half brother and one half sister.

He didn't go to America like his brothers Calvin and Damien (which is reflected in his poorer house). His three elder brothers are carpenters. He has chosen the trade of tailoring which he learned with Ernest Powell. Ricardo's work-shop is at the back of Miss Edith's shop. (Mrs. Edith Elliott the wife of Windy Elliott.) He works on his own account. He said he was the youngest tailor in Bull Savannah. His earnings during the season are much higher than now. Ricardo wanted to impress me that he earns very well. "Tailor - a good trade, can earn a lot of money, better than carpenter's".

Ricardo got one acre of land from his father. He didn't buy any more land. He plants cassava, peas and yams for home use and had 3000 trees of tomatoes which brought him £ 15.

His wife is Dalsy daughter of Isaac and Margaret Roye. Ricardo knew Dalsy since childhood. He says they were married two years ago. (If Dalsy is 16 now as he says, she was at the time 14 which seems rather early for marriage)

Local talk on activities of the Bauxite Co.,

The companion of Ricardo was very friendly. After he has taken off his wide-brimmed hat I realised he wasn't so young - perhaps round 35 - 40.

Speaking of land etc. he said that the other day three lawyers came from Mandeville trying to buy land between Little Pedro Village and Alligator Pond. In the opinion of the people in Ballards Valley the Bauxite Company wants to have the whole shore between those two villages. The Company intends - the gossip goes - to blast all the rocks and have a harbour. The lawyers offered to a certain person £300 for two acres. Mr. Oke who is the representative to the House in Kingston advised people not to sell the land. In the opinion of Mr. Elliott it is very foolish to sell the land. "Some people they see the money and want sell, but it's foolishness, they sell the land and how they will live after they spend the money." In his opinion there is nowhere to buy some land instead. Another concern of the local people is what will happen with the fishing. The lawyers representing the Company assured that the Company will not interfere with the fishing, but people are dubious. "After them have the beach who can tell." The situation doesn't look very good for the people. Much of the land belongs to the Government and of course it can be sold by the gvnt. to the Company. The people who live on it pay the taxes, but they don't realize that the land doesn't belong to them. Also a lot of people living there - especially fishermen - rent the spot. The "big man" who is the woner may sell it. This would result in many people left without any means of subsistence and no place to live on.

Information from Leo Powell.
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Elliott Ricardo, 20.
Elliott Datsy, 16, wife.
Elliott Petra Decordova, son, 3 ~~xnkk~~ weeks old.

Ricardo Elliott: son of Calbert Elliott, F.R.15.
Datsy Elliott: daughter of Isaac and Maggie Roye in ~~tan~~
~~xnkkxavannuwx~~ Ballard's Valley.
They are in friendship from 1946. Have 1 child, 3 weeks
old.

House: 2 rooms, thatch. Furn. 2 tables, 1 bed, 4 chairs -
"poor". No tank.
Land: 1 acre ~~xnkk~~ given by father.
Cult.: 3000 tomatoes - L15. 1/4 ac. cassava, 1/2 ac. red pe
peas, 75 yam hills.
Ricardo is tailor. Earned L50 last year from his trade.
Weekly spendings: 20/-. Spent L20 last year on clothes,
L10 on doctor nad nurse. L30 savings.
They are Anglican