

Enos Rochester was not in Bull Savannah at the time of census taking. He lives now in the household /separate building/ of his father James Rochester. /Fam.Rec. 201/.

Interviewed Gertrude Rochester.

Present-household.

Enos Rochester Head
Gertrude Rochester Wife
Trevor " Son 4 months.

Family History.

Mother Liban Ritchie. Father Alexander Ritchie. Mother's mother Annie Bent. Father's mother Julia Ritchie.

Gertrude's other child McKenzie, lives with her mother at Top Hill. "The baby sick for 7 weeks. Him had bad gas. To tell the truth I use to suffer with it. Him could not pee and the Dr. had to put a instrument up his little private. Him go to about 3 doctor and is Dr. Johnson cure him."

Gertrude's mother is a midwife. Her mother's mother Annie Benr was a trained nurse "when she use to go about she take my mother with her and she learn." Gertrude had a baby before this one and it died. "I take out me teeth and the baby live for about 10 months. Me mother did not have plenty cases and she come and stay with me for about 3 weeks. I have a big daughter Eulalee Blair, passed 1st year. She took the 3rd year but she fail. The teacher skip the second."

Gertrude and her sister got married on the same day "When the two of us dress, my uncle say him have to take us in the hall. Him sling up the 2 of us and carry us out. When him carry us out, him cry."

Exams.

"This teacher don't take 1st and 2nd year, only 3rd." One of the little girls said. "Him would get plenty children to study, but them can't take 3rd year... That will scatter people brains."

Enos came in after the rain. Gertrude said he was not well and she told him to stay home but he refused. "I keep on telling him to keep still for a little while, but you know, men all over, they say we cannot plan for them."

Enos stood at the door and he said; "I tell you, when you have pickenies, you don't know what can happen. Charles Dyer grand son, was rumin wheel, it rebound and prick him seeds and him have to gone to hospital."

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Inform: Bradley Rochester and Dudley Simpson.
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The only son.

Enos Rochester is the only son of old James Rochester /Fam.Rec. 201/ and he is expected to inherit the father's land.

"Old James Rochester have a lots of daughters but only one son. He/Enos/ is the first and last son - he succeeded father home."

Re-emigration.

Enos Rochester was living for a time in Top Hill. One of his sisters married there and Enos was living in his brother-in-law home.

Enos' wife and children.

"He was living previously in Top Hill with his brother-in-law Willy Alvaranga - Cuban name - and sister. He married a woman from Top Hill from a district called Big Yard."

"Enos built a room right in his fathers yard separate /building/. Built round 2 years ago. He lives with that woman's/wife from Big Yard/ They have two children, one around 3 years old and one a small baby, born just recently."

"Before marrying Enos didn't have children. He had a girl friend but no children."

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Interview with Enos Rochester

Household consists of:

1. Enos Rochester, "about 46;" head.
2. Gertrude Rochester, wife, "about 30."
3. McKenzie Rochester, son, 4.
4. Trevor Rochester, 6 months old son.

Enos is a cultivator and tanner. He cultivates on land around the house site and in "Bre'nut Woods." These lands all belong to his father James Rochester. He is discourgged with planting in Bre'nut Woods; theives have been frequenting his cultivations of cassava there. Since June of this year, he has had 9 visits from theives. Sweet cassava, grass, and firewood has been stolen. He grows sweet cassava only. He has no idea who are the thieves or where they come from.

Tanning:

His tanning is done in Southfield. He works there with his wife's brother Aston Ritchie. He met Aston -"through the love," i.e. he met Aston when he was courting Gertrude.

He has not been to Southfield for many weeks now. He goes ther only occasionally; he is not doing much tanning.

He has just completed building a latrine. Mr. Panton the sanitary Inspector has been threatening to take him before the courts for failure to build this laterine. He experienced great difficulty in the hunt for a spot where the earth is deep enough to allow him to dig a pit of the right depth. The pit he has dug is 15 feet, measuring from the seatboard of the latrine. This latrine will be used by all those living on his father's premises.

Enos is at home today because he is suffering with a pain in his back. The pain used to bother him some time ago, returned while he was building the latrine. He believes it is caused from his having to lift heavy loads.

Vivlyn , his niece (dau. by his sister Lettice Francis) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ would not leave our presence during the brief talk, although in effort to have her leave, he asked her -"You have nothing to do noh?" Vivlyn told him she wanted to see me; he left me with her.
