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Interviewed Ernest Holness &
Doris Brooks

Present House hold

Ernest Holness	Head	31 (looks 38)
Doris Brooks	Wife c.l.	29 (looks 34)
Leonora Heath	Dau. to Doris	12
Veron Holness	Son	8
Raphael Holness	"	5
Sylvan Holness	"	4 1/2
Earlin May Holness	Dau.	1

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The house & Kitchen

Was built by Ernest four years ago . It is on his own land . It is a spanish walled building , with thatched roof . The house has two rooms . The members of the house hold all sleep in the house . Through the door that was opened, nothing in the line of furniture could not be seen , except a chair .

The kitchen is very neat and tidy . To one end there is a fire place nicely built . Places for putting dishes were arranged , and a place to serve as table is fixed to one side of the kitchen . In the kitchen Doris was busy preparing her evening meal . She had some cassava meal which she put in a pan and went outside to beat in a mortar . She came in and started to bake on the baking iron .

Ernest who was in his field near his house came in to join us .

Source of living

Ernest is a cultivator . He has been cultivating for many years . He and his father/ work on partnership . He does all his planting on his own land , at home and in the woods . He plants sometimes one acre of tomato , and sometimes more , as well as at other times he does not plant more than half acre . Cassava he cultivates largely , planting an acre, and an acre and a half so sometimes . He plants gungo peas largely too , and a little corn and yam .

Sometimes he sells some of his cassava , but the most of it he uses for his home use . His tomato he sells to the factory .

He used to do fishing at Alligator Pond , but owing to his health he had to give it up . He used to work as a hand with William Lee , who is now dead . He did the trade for five years then he stopped . In the tomato season he is employed by the Jamaica Vegetable Co. as supervisor at one of the selecting stations . He is paid by the day , but he did not say how he is paid .

Wilfred Holness/

"He no wok fe any man 'bout ya , except we work day fe day . That pay you better 'an fe go hire out".

Land and possession s

Ernest has two acres of land at home , and nine and a half in the woods . "A Government me buy i' from , i' more like Land Settlement . He has three donkeys"between me and me father ". He has five goats , two pigs and one sheep.

Ernest Holness

Grew with his mother and father Jane Ellington and Wilfred Holness. His father did not marry his ~~father~~ . At school he read to the fifth standard . He started to cultivate immediately he left school . He began his small pobbion on his father's land . In his ~~early~~ earlier years he had several girl friends , but he would not tellof his lifes with any of them . "Some a them dead and gone and me no even 'member some a them name " .

He lived at his father's house until he built his own house four years ago . He and Hilda became friends long ago , but they did not live together until ~~they~~ he built his house . Most of Doris' children for him were born at Doris' home . The two last children were born at their new home . He and "cris are not married as yet, but they hope to do so soon .

Doris Elliott

Doris grew with her mother Emily Rowe. Her father Henry Elliott died leaving her mother with sixteen children . "He mother have fe work weed grass fe raise we . Sh She had to start to work for herself at an early age . She did straw plaiting , and washing for a few people in the district . She washed for Margeret Roach and Lucinda Elliott at 6d per day .

She cannot read for "me mother couldnt afford fe see sen' me a school , fa she did have too mucha wee fe min'". Doris and Junior Thomas Heath were living together for three years - She has two children for Thomas - a boy and a girl (did not get the name of the boy). The girl is Leonora and is staying at the mother's house. She and ~~then~~ Thomas could not live in peace "him too miserable , every minute we quarrel , so me leave him " .

She and Ernest became friends after she parted with Thomas . She came to live at Ernest' house four years ago During the crop she does a little work in the shed , working at 2/- per day . After crop she goes to Little Pedro with bannies that she trades on . She goes twotimes for t the week . When she can get the straw she plaits , but she is not doing it now for she cannot get the straw .

Leonora and Veron

Go to school . Leonora is reading in the 6th standard

She has been in 6th std. for about three years . Veronix is in the "B" form.

Raphael , Sylvan and Earlin

Are all at home . They have not reached the school age as yet. Rannel the second to the last child does not stay at his parents home . His aunt Dinah Elliott , Doris' sister has taken the child to stay with her . Rannel has been staying with his aunt for one year . He visits his mother's home every day , and eats at his mother's house , but he does not sleep at his parents' home . The father helps to support the child still . The parents did not give the child to Dinah . She loves it and so offered to take it .