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*6 to 7 p.m. 2 p.m.*

INTERVIEW WITH THERESA ELLIOTT

Miss Theresa is 38. She was born in Ballard's Valley. She lived there till 3 years ago when she came to share house with Isaac Roye for whom she has 7 children. Her present household is as follows:

/Elliott

1. Isaac Roye, head -38.
2. Theresa ~~Roye~~/wife -38: c.l.w.
3. Charles Roye, son, 20.
4. Locksley Roye " 15.
5. Pearl Roye, dau. 12.
6. Sarah Roye, dau., 10.
7. Lloyd Roye, son, 8.
8. Elaine Roye, dau., 6.
9. Veron Roye, dau., 4.

Family History

Her mother Mrs. Edith Elliott and father John Elliott died long ago -her father in 1918 and her mother about six years ago, -"in 1941."

Her father had with her mother 8 children, 6 of whom are yet alive. They are:

1. Wilfred Elliott who has married Elder Gale of ~~Try Hall~~ of Try Hall. They have 9 children and are "still having" others. They live in their own house built on their own land of 2 acres. They married five years ago.
2. Mrs Robertha Elliott of Ballard's Valley; she married Alfred Elliott of Ballard's VALLEY. They live in a 3 apt. house built on "plenty of land." They have 8 children, but are not going to have any more.
3. Theresa Elliott -i.e. informant.
4. ~~Locksley Roye~~
4. Harold Elliott who married Lilly Deer of Ballard's Valley. They live there: they share a two apt house with Lilly's mother and step father.
5. Ellis Elliott; he married Delsie Elliott of Ballard's Valley. They live in their own home of 3 apartments built on the old home site of the family consisting of about  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres.
6. Miss Milda Elliott of Ballard's Valley. Milda is sharing house with an old lady who has no one otherwise, to take care of her. This old lady -Mrs. Sarah Elliott, is at present supported by Miss Theresa, Isaac, and by an adopted son

Herbert  
named/Charles Roye. Charles is now a farm worker  
in the United States of America. Mrs. Sarah has  
has about "from 12 to 14 acres of land on a  
portion of which Isaac cultivated cassava tomatoes  
etc.

Early Childhood: Miss Theresa grew with the  
above named brothers and sisters and with her mother  
and father in Ballard's Valley. They lived in a  
2 roomed house built on about  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres of land.

Childhood duties: ~~XXXXX~~ "I have to help mi  
mother do everything in the house." She learned  
to wash cook and do other house work. She had  
learned to plait hat straw before she was 10. She  
earned a "little money form this occupation. She  
was allowed to sell her plaitings herself. She  
never bought candy or anything like that with this  
money; she always gave it to her mother "to buy  
CLOTHES.

Career

School: She attended the Bull Savannah  
elementary school from she was 7 till she had  
reached the 3rd. book. Her school age was not then  
up, but she left school. She did not say why. Her  
brothers and sisters did not go to school -were not  
sent to school.

At sewing: After school: "I went to sewing with one of  
my aunts" named Margaret Elliott. She went 2 or  
3 times per week to her aunt Margaret's, never  
more. On the days she did not go to sewing, she  
remained at home plaiting hat straw. She saved  
the money got from the sale of the plaitings.

Her mother paid Aunt Margaret for her sewing  
tuition. She does not know what was the sum paid.  
Being an-aunt-e a relative Aunt "argar ett could  
not really have charged much.

She remained at Aunt Margaret's for about  
8 or nine months. She was able then to sew her  
own dress.

She makes hats: Having left off going to  
sewing, she hired a machine, and began to sew hats  
from the straw she plaited, with it. She had tried  
and succeeded to make her own hats after "watching  
~~xxxxxx~~ ~~SHE-KNEW-do-it.~~ a lady do it." She sold  
the hats hse made to local people as well as to  
others. She saved the monies made from the sale  
of these.

She buys her own Sewing machine: From her x  
savings she was able to buy herself ~~xxxx~~ her own  
sewing machine - "a national."

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Having acquired her own sewing machine, she began "to take in sewing" from people in Ballard's Valley. She saved "a little" money from her sewing.

Pregnancy:

Her courtship: Isaac and herself were "children together -went to school together." They became friends from a was about 17." She had Charles when she was 18.

Reaction to pregnancy: When she found out she was going to have a baby she had felt "quite alright." Charles did not turn his back against mi. " *Isaac*

Her mother's reaction: "Mi mother say a lot. Sh' quarrel 'pon mi an' everything." Her mother felt that she should have waited till she was older and married before having a baby. None of her other relatives quarreled with her or otherwise ~~said any-thing-to-her~~, expressed disapproval. Her mother ~~xxxxx~~ quarreled only when she found at first that Theresa was pregnant. She did not quarrel after that.

Baby's Delivery: Charles the baby was delivered by a "nana" named Alethia Elliott. This nana has attended Miss Theresa in all her childbirths. She died 3 years ago.

Taboos during pregnancy: Some of the things she did not do during her pregnancies are as follows:

She did not walk over "holes" -pits, nor did she stand in door-ways. She has been told she should not coil plaitings of rope straw etc. around the hand, ~~not-to-stand-and-put~~ as these things if done "will cause hard travelling." She was told also not to stretch to much out of ~~her~~ reach ~~xxxx~~ or the child in the womb might stretch also; she should not sit with her legs crossed -"cut ten" lest the baby tends to arrive with ~~kix~~ its legs crossed also. Standing and folding the arms atop the head is dangerous to a pregnant woman too be cause her baby might be born with its hand atop its head.

She had no taboos about eating. She ate "every and anything she wanted.

Family Life

She set up house with Isaac: She set up house with Isaac with after Charles was born. Before they came to live in the ~~xxxxxxx~~ house they now occupy they used to share house with her mother in Ballard's Valley.

The house and land: The house is built on 2 1/2 acres, which was owned by Isaac's father. His father had gone away when Isaac was a ~~xxxx~~ baby. He went to Colon; never wrote back; is now believed dead. She did not say what Isaac's father's name was.

Isaac's mother Esther Roye (now dead) gave the land to Isaac before she died about 4 years ago. He built the house on the land after it had been given to him. This house is a neat looking four apartment structure of spanish walling and a zinc roof. I saw little into the interior of the house.

The kitchen

The kitchen was built by Isaac described as a carpenter, mason, fisherman and a tanner. (Isaac is said to have been taught by "nobody." in these trades) The sides of the building are spanish walled; the roof is thatched, the floor concrete. The highest point of the roof is about 10 feet (3 meters) the eaves about 6 1/2 feet (2 meters) high.

There are two windows measuring about 2 feet wide and 3 feet high, -(60 by 90 c.m.) and one door about 5 feet 6 inches high, -(aprox. 1 meter 75 cm) Adjoining this building is a shed which is cement paved also. Miss Theresa described this shed as being "just a shade for the kitchen." Under the shed was packed some boards on which we sat during the interview.

In the kitchen were two benches one about 6 1/2 feet (2 meters) long, and the other about about 3 1/2 feet (1 meter) long. The fire-wall 3 feet 6 inches high by 5 feet long and 4 feet wide, has been built in the corner furthest from the door. Above it was a large circular "coop" -a kind of contrivance closely resembling a fish-pod. This contrivance is used for "smoking/corned meats; fish and fish. The smoking and curing is necessary because "we don't have NO ice." /and curing

There was a rack suspended ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ on a cross beam; on it were stored some pieces of renta yams.

Just before the interview concluded ~~xxx~~ Isaac came in. He said it is difficult to catch him at home but that he could be ~~xxx~~ seen on Tuesday or on Thursday evenings.

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### INTERVIEW WITH ISAAC ROYE

Isaac is 39. Born in Bull~~xxxxxx~~ Savannah he lived in Ballards Valley from "when a was a ~~xxxxxx~~ kid, till 4 years ago. He came then to settle on the land owned by his father. In preparation for the proposed settlement here he built a 2 apartment house before he came. Last year he added 2 other apartments to these.

### Family History

His mother Mrs. Maud Roye (now dead) was born and grew up in Bottom Bull Savannah. Of his father William Roye he said "a don't know where he is; he go away foreign; the last time I hear from him, him was in Costa Rica. That was aroun' 7 years ago now."

He has not since heard from his father but believes he is alive; if he were dead, "other people there from this side would write an' tell us."

Parents Children: His mother had for his father 5 children -all sons; in order of their age they are:

1. Charles Roye ("Uncle C") He is "about 50," lives in B.B.S.
2. Claston Roye of T.B.S.
3. Herbert Roye -in America.
4. This child died a baby.
5. Issac Roye (my informant)

Father's other Children: Six

His father had by 3 other unions 3 other children. They are, ~~in-order-of-their-ages:~~

1. John Roye. John's mother Mary ? was born in Rose Hall, but is now living in Santa Cruz. She used to live in B.S. many years ago. She came to see John last week. John lives on his on his own premises situated opposite the Dudley Senior Shop -T.B.S.
2. James Roye called "Turist Roye" is the eldest of Isaac's father's outside children. He is about 44. (He appears nearer 50 to me) He lives in premises he owns and which adjoins the Moses Elliot's. Moses Elliott is a brother of Isaac's mother.
3. Ezra Roye who lives in Shaddock Hill, in premises adjoining Bullu Gusta's. Bullu has about 5 sons. the names of 2 of these are Feti/and Boodie Gusta.

/Gusta,

/other

Mother's ~~name~~/Child

His mother had one child ~~David Thompson~~ named Cornelius Powell, for Charlie Powell of Top Bull Savannah. Charlie is a neighbour of David Thompson. Cornelius lives in B.B.S. ~~with~~ on Earnest Powell's premises. Earnest is also Charlie Powell's son.

Herbert

Herbert, a farm worker in America writes home "very often, -at least once per month. He was adopted by an old lady named Mrs. Sarah Elliott. She lives in Ballard's Valley. He "support her." He sendsthe support money to Issac. He sends form \$25 to \$50 each time. Some of this money is for Isaac, some for "paying servant" wages," some for the other brothers (usuallly \$2 each time.)

He never stipulates how much must be given to his adopted mother. He leaves the decision of that point to Isaac who "spen' that money to give her what she want, need." The servant at present working with Mrs. Sarah, is Milda Hewitt of Ballard's Valley.

He interchange of Visits

Isaac goes to see his bothers as well as half brothers about twice per month. The visits are made "chiefly on Sundays." His brothers and half brothers come to see him also ~~xxxxxxx~~ "all the time." During illness between them are more frequent .

Asked if he took them any presents he said -"Well, no. If a know them need some food a sen' it; all of us pocket is about the same, so a don't need to sen' them money." Wi all to live y'u know."

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Isaac had been to the doctor who had told him to take some rest while he took the medicine. He was sharing some sheep skins in the David Thompson's tanney yard, because he could not afford the time to rest as advised.

He went off to take his medicine.

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Information from Leo Johnson.  
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Issac Roye: son of Mauf Roye and nee Elliott and William Roye. He was raised by his aunt Esteline Senior in Ballard's Valley. His halfbrothers through the father: ~~Edna~~, James and John Roye, all from Bull Savannah. One half brother through mother: Cornelius Powell, in Bull Sav. Full brother ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Charles and Clston Roye, in B.S.

Isaac Roye married previously Margaret Elliott, daughter of Mons /M Elliott and Alice Elliott. They parted 16 years ago. Now lives with Theresa Elliott, daughter of John and Edith Elliott. Theresa is from Ballard's Valley.

Theresa Elliott has had 7 children with Issac. Issac had 10 children, 2 with his first married wife, 7 with Theresa, and one outside child. His children besides those living with him in the home: Canute Roye, 18, son of Margaret Roye and Isaac, lives in Ballard's Valley. Dotsy Elliott, daughter of Isaac and Theresa, in Ballard's Valley.

~~xxxxxxxx~~ Verna Elliott, daughter of Isaac and Phyllis Elliott in Ballard's Valley, lives in Ballard's Valley.

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Theresa has one halfsister through mother: Milda Hewitt. 3 brothers and 1 sister: Wilfred, Harrold, Ellis Elliott and Roberta Elliott.

Theresa is ~~xxxxxxxx~~ c.l. wife of Issac for 21 years.

Isaac went to U.S.A. in 1944.

House: 4 rooms, prtly under zinc roof. Tank.

Land: 6 acres in 4 lots, 2,5 ac, at home, rest in Woodland.

2 ac. under cultivation, 3 ac. in g. grass.

2 comm. mangoes, 1 ~~xxxxxxxx~~ bombay. 2 naseberries. 4 pears. ~~ix~~  
1 ackee. 2 breadfruits.

Tomatoes: ~~xx~~ 15,000, bright crop. 300 yam hills. 1,5 ac.

cassava, corn small amount, 16 quarts red peas. planted.

1 donkey, 3 goats, pigs.

Isaac is fisherman and owns 1 boat, over 20 pots. Employs 1 man, goes fishing once weekly.

Expend.: £1 weekly. £10 spent on clothes for adults last year, £3 for children. Doctor £12. On chilr. educ. £2.

Theresa is dressmaker.

All the fam. are Moravians. Children in school: Pearl, Sarah, Lloyd, Ellen.