

C.D. 22, 16d. 14, Household  
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Interviewed Adassa Brooks

Present Household

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I.D.

<u>William Brooks</u>		Head
<u>Keziah</u>	do	Wife
<u>Edith</u>	do	Dau.
<u>Adassa</u>	do	do
<u>William</u>	do	Son.
<u>Aneita</u>	do	Dau.
<u>Joyce</u>	do	do
<u>Leroy</u>	do	Son.
<u>Veron</u>	do	
<u>Correl</u>	do	
<u>Norma</u>	do	Dau.
<u>Patricia Ebanks</u>		G. Dau.

Family History

Keziah is from Rose Corner, Manchester. William is brother to Luther and Samuel Brooks.

Edith has 3 children: Patricia, Audrey and Feren. The last 2 mentioned live with their father Luther Ebanks at Tadd Town.

Land.

William owns about 4 acres of land. "More than 4, but the crown only know of 4. Him father give it to him but it put in the crown as if him buy it."

Luther Ebanks and Stanley Smint work on William's land. He had 1½ acres under tomatoes including the amount planted on share.

Fishing

William is a fisherman. The boat he works is owned jointly by his brother David and himself. David does not do fishing.

Adassa is able to make her own clothes. "Sewing 'round these parts can' work.-- No money."

Marriage

"My grand parents use to tell me that nobody of 20 couldn' approach them parents say them a married. All when them 30 or 40 them a married."

Parents' work

William and Keziah were not at home. William had gone out fishing and Keziah had gone to sell fish. All the men in this area are fishermen. The women are "speculators."  
"Me mother is higgler, so he don' stay home."

Jane  
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Interviewed William Brooks

Present House hold

+ William	Brooks	Head	56
+ Keziah	Brooks	Wife	40
+ Edith	Brooks	Dau.	23
+ Adassah	Brooks	"	21
+ William	Brooks	Son	17
+ Anita	Brooks	Dau.	16
+ Joyce	Brooks	"	11
+ Leroy	Brooks	Son	9
+ Vernon	Brooks	"	8
+ Correl	Brooks	"	6
+ Norma	Brooks	<del>Dauger</del>	1,2 mths
+ Ferrel	Ebanks	Gr. dau. to son	3
+ Patricia	Ebanks	" dau.	2
+ Audrey	Ebanks	" "	6mths

*Edith's*

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The house & Kitchen

Has one room . It is made of spanish wall , with thatch -ed roof . William built his house after the storm in 1932. He has built it on his own land . The house does not look very new , but the walls are still firm and strong . All the members of the house hold sleep in the house . The house is not very ~~ing~~ large , and it is a wonder to know how it can accommodate the members of the house hold . He was living in another house close towere the new one is , but the storm blew it down , so he had to build this one . Inside the house could be seen two shelves with glass ~~xxx~~ wares , to the shelves was attached what is used as a "safe". A little table with a ~~xs~~ cover was quite near to the shelves with glass wares. Nothing else could be seen , as the door was half closed .

The kitchen is of spanish wall too , but is rather old and parts of it are breaking away . Quite near to the kitchen there is the catchment . That also was made by William.

Source of living

William is a fisherman and a cultivator . He does his fishing at "lligator Pond . He does not have his own boat , but he uses his brother David Brooks ' boat working on partnership with him . He has working with him as hands , James Rochester from Green Olive , Luther Ebanks from Tadd Town , and Nicholas Brooks from Top Bull Savannah . He does not pay them to work with him . Each man has his own pods . The trade pays well , when there is good weather . He goes to the sea three , or two , or one time for the week , and some times he cannot go at all "when the breeze dey blow " .

He plants on his own land  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre tomato ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre cassava  
 "me no have not even a hill a yam . Gungoo peas a one a  
 fe we chief crop , we plant i' well enough . You caan put  
 down say me plant 'bout  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre a that ! William sells  
 his tomato , the peas and cassava are for his home use .  
 "One a the crop wey we have ya too a the mango crop " .

Keziah ,William's wife trades on fish . She buys the  
 fish at Alligator Pond ,and sell to the people in Bull Sav-  
 annah . She goes to Alligator Pond fourx times for the week  
 sometimes one time , when the weather is bad. Keziah was  
 not at home , she was gone to Alligator Pond.

Land & Possessions

The land William is living on is his own . He bought  
 it from Government , when he was a little boy . "Me work  
 the money , and me father buy i' . That time land did cheap  
 me no know how much him pay for i' , me only work the money  
 and him pay for i' ". The portion is five acres . He has  
 land in the woods too , "wey me father leave fe all the  
 pickney . We all work the land , i' no divide yet " . He  
 plants on his home land ,and the land in the woods . "See me  
 dey clean up place dey now fe plant tomato ! His son  
 William is helping hom to weed the grass . He does not work  
 on partnership with any one .

He has one pig , two gaots , "and one bend foot donkey  
 wey me buy fe £2. . Them other donkey jump up 'pon him and  
 make him foot them sprain , and now them bend and set funny!"  
 (he imitated with his hands , and showed the form the don-  
 key's feet ) .

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His family History

Alice Brooks his mother dead . His mother came from Fair-  
 field in Manchester .

Charley Brooks his father dead . His father was a citizen  
 of Bull Savannah .

His grand-parents

Isabella Gayle his mother's mother . She came from Santa  
 Cruz.

James Brown his mother's father . She was from Montpelier.  
 He does not know his father's parents.

William

Grew with his parents . He was sent to school , "some-  
 time me go and sometime me no go . Me stay home catch ground  
 dove (bird) ,fat , puss , mangoose , lizard and all kind a  
 other some thing " . He could not say what book he left school

in . "Me never go a school much long , fa we always have fe go hunt fe food up and down and prag . Me go all to Hanover and Little London go buy food . Me know  $\frac{1}{2}$  Green Island , and Orange Bay , and one 'nother place themcall Cave Valley. All dey we go,go hunt food ! William started to cultivate at an early age " from me a little boy me dey plant fe meself

#### Keziah

William's wife Keziah comes from Manchester . Keziah had a child before she and William became friends . Her first child is Vincent Powell, called John Brown as a nick name . Vincent is the son David Powell from Alligator Pond . William could not tell about Keziah's life with David Powell. Keziah and William have been living together for a longtime . They were married one year and two months ago at the Bull Savannah Anglican Church, by the Revd. Immanuel . He does not have any outside children , all his children are by Keziah .

#### The Wedding

The couple walked to church, "we no did bother with any car as a no did far " . The Reception was held at William's yard . He had guests from Kingston , Mandeville , Montego Bay and Spalding , "and a heap a people from Bull Savannah, and plenty children . We did have plenty things fe eat , cake , rice pudding , beef and a food , and bread " . They had five cakes .

#### Vincent

Keziah's first son is living in a Kingston with his father David Powell . Vincent went to his father when hex was two years old . In Kingston he is fishing with his father . He writes to his mother all the time , and sends presents to her . "Him min' him mother you see , no ask if him min' him"

#### Edith Brooks

Their daughter has three children for Luther Banks from Tadd Town . She and Luther became friends six years ago , but she does not live at Luther's house. Luther supports his children . He is a fisherman , working with William Brooks, Edith's father as a hand . Luther is also a cultivator , cultivating over Tadd Town , Edith helps him in his field to weed the grass. Edith trades on fish at Alligator Pond . She goes twice for the week . She provides for Luther , he helps to contribute to the house hold . Edith's father helps to support her still , when it is hard for her . Edith went to school and read to 5th standard .

#### Adassah

Is a dress maker . Her father gave her a machine . She does not get "plenty work " to sew , only a little now and then , and the price is not very encouraging . For the best silk dress she gets 2/- or 2/-6 , and 1/- for a print dress . She is supported by her father still , with what help she gets from the work she sews. She went to school and read to

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the 5th standard . Adassah deos nothave a boy friend .

Eunice

The daughter that follows Adassah does not live x at her parents' home . She is staying with her uncle David Brooks (see F. R. 187 ) . David is brother to William , Eunice's father . David, who probably is in a better positon asked William to give Eunice tohim . He took her from she was a little girl . David supports Eunice . Sometimes Eunice "come and look fe we , but she never come back to ~~the~~ live " .

William (junior)

Helps his father in the field . He started three weeks ago to learn the fishing trade , but he stopped to help his father prepare the land for the tomato crop . He was going out with Eric Forbes . He would not like any other trade "fe wrok in a the dirt a the best trade" . William went to school , and did not go any ~~far~~ x further than the 3rd. standard .

Anita

Helps with the work of the home , and to help herself she plaits straw and sell . "Sometime them buy i' well , but sometime i' no sell at all . The price drops sometimes , and that time she sells at 3d or 3½d per 16 yds. When the price is up she gets 4½d or 6d per 16 yds. Anita will be going ~~in~~ for an operation shortly "fe cut him 'pendix" . Anita's father supports her . She left school in the 6th standard .

Joyce , Leroy, and Vernon

Are going to school , Joyce and Leroy are reading in the 1st standard . The others stay at home .

Children - their behaviour

The children were most boisterous . In playing together they did so in such a rough way . They shouted at each other as if they were not playing together . They did not display what they are taught as good manners . They peeped into the note book , and crowded around in such a way that a few times the/had to be closed . The little girls were like tom-boys riding on two bags with white lime . They were chased off the bags , but did not obey , only laughed and screamed as if that added more fun to what they were having .

The children and bigger sisters looked quite hungry - Joyce who was boiling mangoes , shared the amount ~~in~~ to the others , including father . They all ate the mangoes greedily from the youngest to the eldest . When the children are rude "any body beat them , and them rude , them quarrel with one another and fight one another and do all kind a thingsx " .

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Work that the children do

The smaller children , boys and girls , sweep the yard. They also take care of the goats , by moving them and looking feeding for them .

Joyce is learning to tidy the house , making the bed . She takes the chimney out and washes it . She helps to clean the house and to wash dishes . The smaller children Correl , Norma, Ferrel can wash them selves up with the help of the bigger ones , but Patricia and Audrey have to be helped .