

Date Visit.

13.2.'47.  
E.C. and  
D.

Brooks. Miss Muriel ("Mumsie").  
Bailey. Mr David.

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After leaving road on a path running down the slope, we saw three men making yam hills. Two were on the path leading to the house, and to these two we spoke. The first one we came to gave his name later as Patrick, the other was David Bailey. The third, some distance away, to whom we were not able to talk, and who later came to the car to see us, was named Ira Allen. Both Patrick, and Allen appear to have been working as Labourers on Bailey's place (check). Patrick was much the more talkative and dominant personality. While he talked to us he continued to work on the yam hill, breaking up the sods with his fingers. He said they were planting negro yams. You can dig 40 or even 50 hills in a day if the soil is light -- in this sort of soil sometimes not more than 30. Yam sticks -- "good hard ones that will last for ever" -- cost 40/- per 100. You can get cheaper ones for 16/- but these have to "be doubled in a season". Yams sell for 16/- per cwt but if you can hold till March you can get 20/-. Patrick having then told us that the second man was Mr Bailey we asked him if "Mumsie" were at home and could we see her. He said she was out. He was not very communicative. Explained we wanted to inquire for the children and would come again.

Went back to our car and were writing up our notes when the third man -- Ira Allen -- came up and asked please he would like to know about the Welfare, he had not heard what we had said to the others. He is a member of the cricket club which meets every Wednesday and they play on Saturdays. He told us of a number of fixtures with other cricket clubs in the neighbourhood. The club is a useful thing -- they make firmers there.

Mumsie came running up to the car. She had just been home and would like to tell us about the children. It was now drizzling, so we asked her to sit in the car with us and tell us. Ira still stood outside and took part in the conversation. She said she had six children and then gave us the names of five -- all Baileys. Except Cecil aged 7 who is Brooks : -

1. Cecil Brooks aged 7.
2. Joscelyn Bailey aged 6.
3. Easton Bailey aged 3.
4. Ellen Bailey aged 2.
5. (Missed this name).

I said that is only five -- and she said hesitatingly, "I believe you can't count the other -- it died." (Any accent on the "you"??)

Said a P.C. would be a great help to the mothers. They would be willing to help by giving food or money. Ira Allen thought the Chinaman might help with one tin of milk -- I said every week? and he said he did not think he would give thesecond week.

Bailey confirmed that he worked as a labourer for Bailey. He had some rented land on Allsides. You paid 32/- per acre for land on Allsides and 4/- for the back lands. You did not have to give the backlands back in grass. You only used it and "moved on".

C.Sch. No 29. Household 60.

Bailey. David Head. M.Cl.30. Wage Labourer. Mixed Farm. ~~Writes~~. Neither reads nor Wr.  
Brooks. Muriel Wife. F.Cl.21. ? ? Neither reads nor writes. No schooling?  
Cecil Step-Son. M.S. 5.  
Bailey. Ilene M. Dau. F.S. 2.  
" Infant Son. M.S. 1/12  
Bailey owns house. All born in Trelawny, Black, Baptists.

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