

J.J. Rutty. He does not figure in the Census.
 (John Isaac Rully.)

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The letter.

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brissit. I am grateful for the help you has ~~g~~ given me I would rather die than to expose myself but cant do better I understand that the Government has sent some people around here to see the conditions I would be glad if you would speak to them about me or ask them to come my way that I can speak to them.

I am passing a terrible time. I dont even have a child that would stretch out a hand and give me a drink of water. I can just scramble about a little if anybody give me a ~~piece~~ piece of row yam. I have to get water and wood and cook it myself. Enid Campbell an envalid she cant move and she wash and patch my cloths for me. Mrs. Gallimore and fambly/?/ has help me very much. Mr Roy and Mrs. Plummer. ~~understand~~

I understand the Government are compelling children to help their parents. Let me know if that is true. I dont want to force any one to help. I cant work and to sit down at one place and die from hunger must be terrible.

What make me so bad old Woodfin has taken the lands from me and give it to his son Willi and sold maland to Cyril Robinson. I have an acre of lands left. Claud has stolen the land paper from me. Please call him and council him to give me some. /same?/.

I am sorry I hav to entrude on your precious time but it will be long for we are all standing on the borders of the Eternal World

Respectiffully Yours J.J. /G.G. ?/ Rutty.

Family Origins.

"I have English and Scotch blood in me. My father was an Englishman. He came from England. My granfather was Scotch. Rankin was his name." "I dont even mention my mother. She brought Negro blood between us. She went to a black man." She was bad. She had white blood by her father and her husband was white, and still she went to a black man? He cannot say anything good about his mother. People of white blood should not mix with black people. "God created all of us. We are all creatures of God. But even take the animals - the white pigeon never bears chicken to a black bird." It was his mother who ruined his life. "Had I some understanding when I was young boy I should go somewhere away and never come back."

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Old Rankin was father to a ~~woman~~ girl, who later on in her life became Rutty's wife. Old Rutty left his wife for a number of years and went back to England. The deserted wife went to ~~Woodfine~~ a black man Woodfine, with who she had a child. His name was Andrew Alexander and he is J.J. Rutty's elder brother, Woodfine the Busher. When the old Rutty came back for a period of years to Warsop, his former wife came back to him and produced to him an offspring. In this roundabout way J.J. Rutty came to world being ~~an~~ an offspring of the first ~~marriage~~ and legal marriage of his mother, and at the same time a younger brother of the first born son of her next "common law" union.

Miss Ida H.
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Old age and loneliness.

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He is now old, decrepit and without no means to live. He cannot walk or work because of severe pains in his leg and weakness. His house is falling into pieces. It is bent on one side and the poles which support it can hardly stand a stronger hurricane. He must do all his cooking, and washing - there is nobody to help him. He is starving - has nothing to eat and to-day will certainly go to sleep without dinner. He is ~~walking~~ awaiting death. "My only hope is that our Saviour Jesus who redeemed us with his blood will take me soon." "I suffer financially and physically. When you are in grave, you dont feel any more."

His property.

The ~~he~~ old delapidated board house, ~~an~~ in which he lives and a piece of land on the hill-slope in front of house/planted with sugar cane/ is all his property. He had more, but having

land in pieces to other people "to feed myself and to get living." There is little left to-day of his old possessions. And the trouble is he cannot work it and has nobody to work it for him. ~~There is a piece of land with some cultivation which touches almost his house at~~

The land which touches ~~his~~ almost his house on the opposite side of the platform was previously his. Now it passed to somebody else. He was robbed of this land by a man whom he wanted to take as his own son. He had nobody at him, he was alone. He sold this land for 12 pounds to this ~~man~~ man instead of 30 pounds. "The land was worth 30 pounds and I sold it to him for 12 pounds."

They were to live in community, sharing each other's property or money. If they had a shilling they should divide it in two. They would create a congregation, a church, in which mebers of the church lived according to ~~Christian~~ the Bible. They would work in common and share everything in common. ~~One day he found~~ The man he admitted to his property was to be his first follower and Ruty himself - the head of the Church.

One day he found that the padlock from his house is damaged. He showed it to his acolyte. And in the night the man came and stole one pound and six shillings which he kept hidden in the room. No other could do it but him. Ruty chased him and the Church was never organised. His acolyte sold the land he got from Ruty to somebody else. and never came back.

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Fatherx and sons.

Now he is alone, practically without any property and with nobody to help him in his decrepitude. He has two sons but they do not help him. They do not come to see him. ~~and~~ For months they do not see each other. He saw his son Claudius last time three or four months ago. Claudius lives near-by. Another son lives down /in Bottom Warsop? /or Wilson Valley/. ~~He~~ He does not come to see his father. They never help him and do not ~~worry~~ worry whether he is dead or alive. His poverty is due to them. They robbed him of everything he had. To-day he has only one chair in his hut which he bought recently. He had nice ~~and~~ and expensive furniture. They took everything from him.

His sons are bad. They married ~~had~~ black women - very low black women. When Claudius wanted to marry ~~his~~ this woamn he forbade him to do it. Still he did it against his will. He refuse to recognise this black low woamn as his daughter

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in law. She was not only black woman, but also very low woman. She went with other men and does the same inspite of being married to his son. His son is under the influence of his this black woman. That is why he does not come to see his fath father and disobeys him. He hardly can recognise this woman and her children as his family. The children "turned blood" and are black. He was of the same low opinion of his escond son, Teophilus, but did not dwell much on the subject.

His black family.

His wife died 14 years ago, on 13th of March. It was after the death of his wife that ~~he~~ the coflict with his ~~xxx~~ sons became so acute. He ascribes all his life misfortunes, his ~~presentxxx~~ ruin, his present poverty and starvation to his black family, especially to the old Woodfine, the Busher. They took land from him - the land which was his mother's

house. They estranged his sons. On the land near by, which his land previuosly, now the family of Willy Woodfine have ~~the~~ their house and cultivations. This land was taken by old ~~Woodfi~~ Woodfine and then given to his son Willy. Woodfine has ~~many~~ sons in Warsop. He had many women. William Woodfine is an off-spring of such an union. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Osbourne, who lives with old Woodfine, is his son from another union. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Osbourne and Williams are both sons of Woodfine, but they ~~had~~ different mothers.

~~Source~~

Once several hundred pounds worth.

"I retrograde, if you know what I mean. I retrograde. You must understand how I feel, how anybody can feel, who was may be several hudred ~~hund~~ pounds worth, may be even more, and to-day I have nothing and nobody to help me." "I am ~~man~~ invalid. And I must do everything myself. When I want to eat I must go to this kitchen and cook myslef. I must bring some wood to make the fire and I must carry water ~~to~~ myself. I have not even a child to do this for me. Enid Campbell helps me sometimes. ~~She~~ patches my clothes. And if I want a new shirt, I must buy it and pay 10 shillings for it." Still "I have Jesus here, in my heart, and this only makes me happy."

To-day with Jesus in the heart.

~~xxxxx~~ His religious convictions.

He can stand all his present sufferings only owing to his relious convictions and to the faith in Jesus Christ, in the Bible writings, and in the Eternal world. He knows that his misfortune is only a part of the general deterioration of the world. "The world is getting worse." This is because people are not Christians any more, they do not listen to the Bible. Recently, he read, there was a terrible crime in America. A daughter, who wanted to go to some night-dancing, was admonished by her mother, the Adventist, and called to comply ~~to the principles~~ in her life to the teaching of the Bible. She killed her mother, preaching to her the ~~xxx~~ Adventist truth, and went dancing all the night. This is what happens to-day everywhere. He thinks that only by the ardent belief in Jesus Christ and his teachings the world can be saved. He reads a lot of religious books. He reads the Adventist Bible and all the books they sent him. He has nothing to do all the days and often reads religious writings in the night. He has no friends to stay with him - his only companion is religioius book.

Brilliant and gay
past.

To-day he leads a life of a true Christian and is devoted mainly to religion. He was not so in his past. "I was a bad man, I must confess to you, I was a bad man." "I was a ~~bad~~ bad sinner. My worst sin was the rum. I liked to drink. I liked to buy two bottles of whisky and a bottle of rum, to sit down - in front of the house - and to drink. I liked to call company and ~~dr~~ to drink in company. I was very liberal. When a man had nothing to eat I gave him. And when he was naked, I gave him his shirt, I gave him money to buy clothes. I did not care about money. I shared what I had with other people."

He stayed for a long period of time in Panama, where he served in "Panama Division." It was during his staying in Panama that he was robbed of his land property and his possessions by old Woodfine. When he came back he found no old ~~house~~ house on the old place and the land-papers stolen.

He earned here a lot of money in old times. He was not just a survivor. He was a ~~business man~~ business here. He had a dry-goods store near China-man's shop in Top-Warsop. ~~and made~~ And this was not the only source of his income. When he liquidated this business, he passed all the goods which were left in his store to the "Current Company" for which he was working.

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He liquidated the business because he went bankrupt. He wanted to give this shop to his son. The son was 17 at that time. He use to eat the biscuits and friends persuaded him to sell goods below the cost. He did not understand about the business, so he brought the shop to bankruptcy.

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He had ~~Rs 16~~ Rs 16 sh 6.- which he kept in his room and showed to his friend. The friend warned him that someone might steal it. So he put it in the kitchen under a stone and told his friend now he was sure no one will find it. The paddlock of the kitchen was damaged. Butty fixed it. It could be opened without a key but could not be locked without the key. He showed it to his friend. And one day the money was gone. His friend took it.

Interview with
Miss Eda Heighinton.
4.5, 1947.

Rutty's
Family Origins.

Rutty's family origins are traced through his mother to the old Rankin. ~~xxxxxx~~ His property of ab. 52 acres in size was subdivided or passed to his illegitimate childre, one of whom was Rutty's mother. Rankin's daughter was a fair girl. She married a Rutty, who came from England and stayed in Warsop. He was a white man. They had no children. Rutty after a couple of years left his wife and went back to England. The deserted wife went to life with a Woodfine, for whom she bore a child. The name of the child was Alexandrew Andrew, which figures in this family history as "the old Woodfine, the Busher." After the Busher was born, ~~the~~ old Rutty, the husband of Rankin's daughter, came back from ~~England~~ back to live with him and produced to him one or two sons, one of which was J.J. Rutty, the hero of our family history. In this roundabout way J.J. Rutty came to the world being an offspring of the first and legal marriage of his mother, and at the same time a younger brother of the "first born" son of her next "common law" union.

His family history. Rutty married a fair /colored/ woman, the sister of Victor Robinson, who is his brother-in-law and his nearest neighbour now. The marriage was not very successful. The wife did not know ~~xxxxxx~~ how to cook for him and he had little help in her. He had four children with his wife: two sons and two daughters. He left all the family, when his children were still very small, and went to ~~xxxx~~ Panama, where he stayed for a long time. When he came back, his sons and daughters ~~xxxx~~ were already grown up. Their father was a stranger to them. They felt no sentiments to him. His wife died several years ago, or even more. But it was not long time ago.

His two sons married women of their own choice. Old Rutty was against this marriage. Claudius' wife was a Campbell and she was an illegitimate descendant ~~from~~ of old Jeremiah Carter. Her father was Stewart Carter, an illegitimate son of Jeremiah. She had white blood in her veins, but was rather dark. She is alive now and lives with her husband. She had an illegitimate child before she married Claudius with "Tanatan" Woodfine, one of the sons of the Busher. Tanatan is alive he stays in St. Elizabeth and is "weakly".

We lack details concerning the family history of the next son of Rutty, Theophilus.

His daughters were most unsuccessful in their life. His older daughter went to Panama, where she married a Mallit /Mullett?/, who was a gangster and led very adventurous life. He shot his wife, as it is known in Warsop left ~~xxxx~~ Panama and came to Warsop. Here he found his late wife's young sister - a girl of 17, beautiful and charming. He adopted the girl and went with her to Kingston. They lived as husband and wife. ~~xxxx~~ The young daughter of Rutty shared her husband's life. She was mixed into criminal affairs of her husband, the gangster. He left her after a period and went to New York, where he was shot in gangster warfare or a police raid. She led very disorderly ~~life, xxxxxx~~ and promiscuous ~~xxxxxx~~ li-

fe. She got ill and came back to Kit Warsop, where ~~she continued her~~ she continued her "bad life." She is ill now, but leads more quiet life. ~~At Chinese~~ She live with a Chinese, in a room behind Allen Watson's shop.

History of the family property.

Rutty was one of the claimants to the property which his mother inherited from her father, the old Rankin. It was a property of about 50 acres in size, but there were many ~~successors~~ successors to it. When Rutty left for Panama, he left his mother without any protection and help. Old Woodfine, /the Busher/ who was the manager of all the property, took their mother to his house. He removed the old house, in which his mother lived alone and passed this part of the ~~land~~ maternal land to his son Williams Woodfine. The mother ~~gave~~ her property, ~~in~~ giving a share in it to everybody. Rutty ~~got~~ got a part of it, but he was not satisfied with his share. He did not give any land to his sons. All he has now is what has been left from his share in his mother's land.