

Wallace Thomas	Head.	M.M.	46.	Farmer.
" Ethel	Wife	F.M.	41. 10.7	
" Eda	Dau.	F.S.	22 1.1.	
" Monica	Dau	F.S.	16	
" Sylvester	son	M.S.	14	
" Cordella	dau.	F.S.	6	
" Valerie	dau	F.S.	3	
" Benjamin	son	M.S.	1	
Thompson Audley	g/son	M.S.	3	
Edwards Stabford	servant	M.S.	24	Labourer

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Monday
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Introduced by Mr. Hansom. Present "womenfolk" and children. Mrs. Ethel probably expected visit. Nicely dressed and a most elaborate "coiffure". On the verandah was Mr. Carter / the "beef man"/ he left soon after we came. The small Benjamin was clinging to his mother, Eda and Monica shyly stayed in other rooms.

"when much -
young"

and St. Ann/
Mrs. Ethel's parents were from Manchester. Her husband is from low Trelawny. Was brought up by an uncle in Warsop/ they married in 1919. in the Baptist church although they are anglicans. ~~Ixxxasxx~~ "I was only attending/ the baptist church/ but not a member" "we married at the baptist church because the parson was staying there" The anglican minister is not residing in Warsop. They started their married life with 1½ acre of rented land in All Sides. They had a grass hut there which was pulled down when they moved to the present house. When they started their married life "Things were rather dear at that time", it was after the first war - 1919. All children attended school. ~~Monicxvx~~ The eldest daughter - Eda - is called the "big daughter", Monica - the "size daughter". "Monica did not get so much school as the big daughter because things were down. Husband got sick and I couldn't afford". Syvester was not very successful at school. He is helping now with cultivating. He is not working too hard because " Don't try to force him because his nerve go weak". The husband Mr. Thomas is sick at present, he did not show, but I got a glimpse of him when leaving the house.

Beginnings

Schooling

"We badly want an infant school" said Mrs. Wallace. / I believe she heard we were connected with a scheme of infant school/ She thinks children ought to be "trained" before they go to the govnt school. The teacher can't do much with them if they don't have previous training. She estimates that 7 years of school is too little. "Can't learn much in 7 years".

Present possessions:

They moved to the present house 8 years ago. Bought 8½ square on the road with an old house ~~from xxxxxxxx~~, for £ 105, from Ernet Lee. He does not live in Warsop. ~~xxxx~~ They paid off in installements and each time "the gentleman" gave the receipt. When the last installement was paid the land was surveyed and the boundary marks put. The house was an old one when bought - perhaps 20 years old. They added 3 more rooms behind. She showed us all the rooms "Because teacher said we mustn't hide anything from you". The house is packed with furniture, trunks, boxes, lot

of clothes, hats hang on walls. The house is in bad repair, and the roof undoubtedly leaks when it rains. There are 6 rooms: 3 in the front and 3 at the back which were added by the present owner. The middle front room - coming from the verandah - is a "drawing room". On two tables a display and the "Almanachon china. An intricate kerosene lamp with reservoir - a present from the minister /outside "arsop/ where Eda was a maid. / I learned afterwards that she had to quit the place as she is expecting her second illegitimate child/ pictures on walls were bought "from the Adventist people who walk around", one picture was sent by a lady from Kingston. A table clock framed in wood is from America. It cost 35/ "I sent the money to the firm/from advertisement/ to America. We use to sent to America and import things". The adjoining room is her bed room. There is a double metal bed. It was bought for \$3 before the war in Kingston. It is a good bed. In that room clothes hang on walls. In corner a barrel on which some more clothes. Trunks, valises and boxes. Near the window hangs on the wall a small enamelled reservoir with a long rubber tube / irrigator/ I wonder for what kind of hygenic purposes it is used. The next/back/ room has a big bed, and a primitive camp-bed folded. I learned ~~xxxx~~ from little Benjamin that he sleeps in it with his father. The middle back room has a smaller bed and a table and sewing machine. On it one of the daughters sews. The third back room is again a bed room. The last front room has no bed in it but a dresser with plates etc. I believe it is used for a dining room and household activities.

To the original $8\frac{1}{2}$ squares they added $1\frac{1}{2}$ chain to "make it balance" - to have a full acre. This was bought later from Mr. Williams for \$8.

They rent $7\frac{3}{4}$ acres in All Sides. They plant cane there, yams, some acres ~~xxxx~~ are not cultivated "some have nothing - to tidy the mule and goats." They have one cow. She was bought not long ago for \$18.- Doesn't give milk "I believe she will calf". One mule and one donkey. "The mule to drive the mill around and donkey take to the cane/ to the market". 2 goats. On All Sides rented land they have a sugar mill. They had a mill for many years. But the old one was "giving trouble" and was pulled down. Bought and installed in its place a new one which cost \$32. They "serve the district" with this mill, there is no other in the vicinity. People came with their cane to the mill. Their banana plantation was affected by the disease. It used to be a big plantation. In old times sold for $1/6$ a bunch. "Now you sell smaller amount and redeem more money. But things are dearer and we are at loss". Their All Sides ground is not on the road, but near the road. There is a little shelter for the men to hide when they work on the field. Food is sent to them or they cook on the spot. It is pleasant there when the weather is fine but in "rain time - it is muddy there". On the whole they plant in All Sides: cane, yam, a little bananas, cassava and gungoo. Only yams and cane are cash crops, the rest is for home consumption. Round their house on the road there is a good cane and econ. trees.

Present family.

The eldest daughter Eda is at home. She used to "work for the minister" who gave her the clock as a parting present. She is expecting now a child. Her first child the boy Audley was mentioned by Mrs. Wallace in a way as to imply that it is her own child. She enumerated him along with other children of her own.

Monica is married and has a 6 months boy- fat and strong. She married Mr. Cecil Spencer, who stays with her in his parents in law house. He rents 1 1/2 acre in All Sides. The baby's name is Gwendell. Cecil Spencer is 29 or 30. Monica's wedding was at the anglican church. The mother stressed the fact that she is married. Asked about the wedding expenses Mrs. Wallace said "The cheapest rate" It cost £30, "A little dress, a little hat" I believe it was much more.

The youngest Benjamin attends the infant school. Today the teacher was absent and the child was at home. Sylvester was in the fields. Other children were at school. The "sickly" Mr. Thomas Wallace was somewhere in the back yard. The son-in-law Cecil Spencer wasn't in either.

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Lady Campbell

Mrs. Wallace was astonished we did not know Sir Archibald. She was still more astonished when I told her we never heard of him before we came to Warsop. She said the All Sides property is "everlasting property, year to year property" meaning it was always in Campbell family hands. The former proprietor was Miss Alice Campbell. She is the sister or mother of the present owner. He was here with his wife for three years / during the war/ but returned to England. Lady Campbell circumcised the little Benjamin. Mrs. Wallace was proud of the fact but not quite certain of its meaning. Mr. Hansome who was present at the conversation said that circumcision was ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ prevented workers to get in USA. The medical officers would reject such men. I told Mrs. Wallace it was a custom in England.

Mrs. Wallace complained of the bad house. They seem very prosperous according to Warsop standards. 20 years of work on rent land enabled them to come to the main road and wooden house. They must have been a "clientelle" to the owners of All Sides/ bishop the employer of Eda, circumcision by Lady Campbell/- stress on legal marriage of one daughter and avoidance of the illegitimate exploits of the older/