

Bailey Elia	Head	M.M. 40.	Farmer	Mix.farm.
" Ethline	Wife	F.M. 35.1.1.	Homemaker	
" Mable	Dau.	F.S. 12.		

Inf. Mrs. Ashman
I.V.47. J.O.

Elihu /Elia/ Bailey is a successful and able gradener. He lives on "New Road." Elihu and Ethline were married long, but she ^{has} no children with the exception of one daughter. The man is "a devil". He lives with another woman and beats his wife. He wants her to stay with him and the announcement, published in the Gleaner is one of the means of enforcement he uses to make her to comply to his will. The wife was right by leaving him and going away. Their discord is old - almost as old as their marriage.

see press cut in originals.

18th May 1947.
Sunday after-
noon.

E.C.

On a walk this afternoon I came to the shop of Mr Bailey where there were three people -- two young women in the shop and a young man leaning through the window talking to them. They were "sporting." I spoke to them and went to the door where I could see in. Except for some harness on a shelf there seemed to be nothing in the shop. on the right there was a door leading to an inner room. I asked after Mr Bailey and was told he was "in there". They called to him and presently a man appeared finishing pulling on his trousers and looking either sleepy or slightly drunk. He was not very responsive to social chat so I moved on.

On my return from my walk he was in the roadway outside the shop still having difficulties with his trousers. He then spoke to me and I inquired about the "nice crops and breadfruit trees" round the shop-house. He said the land was his and he had bought it from a man called Simpson who lived next door. He thought the old man who was very poor and sick should be on the pauper roll. He had an old wife who could do little to help him. They were in great need. I noted that the land (Simpsons) was cultivated and that he had not sold all the breadfruit trees to Bailey. We went together to see the Simpsons. They greeted us, she by saying how poor they were and he by showing me two shocking looking legs with old syphilitic sores. (He said his last course of injections was last year. He had been in the Almshouse at Falmouth for a time). I suggested he go see the doctor at Warsop on Tuesday and ask his advice and help.

I have doubts whether Mr Bailey's concern is entirely disinterested. Under the Poor Law if S. becomes a "registered Pau-

his land is forfeit to the Parochial Board and can be sold when he dies (or at any time) against the cost of any relief given. If it comes into the market Mr Bailey would be able to acquire it at probably a very reasonable figure as the P.Bds never take any great trouble over the sale of Pauper Property.

Mrs A. Later discussed with her and she said that Bailey had bought "all the old man's breadfruit trees". She thought he would like to get the rest of his land. But Mrs A. does not think highly of him (see above). She said his wife was living with Mrs Kennedy the searpstress with whom she took refuge when he beat her.

Elihu is a son of Francis Bailey the blind man (see C.H.110)

19th May.

I passed Bailey on the road this morning. I had just seen a blind girl and asked him whether that was Mrs Skeen's daughter. He said yes, and that she was a poor girl. I remembered that his father was supposed to have had a somewhat unsavoury relationship with her (see 110). Bailey said the girl was now living with her mother (see C.H.114).