

Rattray, Ellington.

18th May 1947.  
Sunday afternoon.

On my walk along New Road this afternoon after the rain I saw this well dressed young man outside a shop and made an excuse to speak to him. After we had talked as I was going I thanked him for pointing out some of the houses and he said "O.K." I said "You have been in America then?" and he told me he had spent 18 months there -- had bought land on his return for a home but had not the money yet to build a house. He would like to have gone back this year to get some money to add to what he had to build the house but he had not got a ticket.

I told him that I had just read in the paper that the Americans were reconsidering their decision only to take 1000 from Jamaica this year and that there was also talk of work being started by them in Panama for which they would need Jamaican labour. He said he would be glad to get the chance to go again. It was a good thing to be able to go away and earn enough money to get a start.

I identify Rattray on the Schedules as having been living with his ~~xxxxxx~~ grandmother, Vashti Wright in 1942.

P.D.23.S.D.20. Household 66.

Wright, Vashti.	Head.	F.S.42.	Dressmaker.	At home.
Facey, Florence	Boarder	F.S.32.	School teacher.	Elem. Sch.
Bailey, Ephraim	"	F.S.22.	"	"
Guy, Daphne	"	F.S.17.	None.	No.
Miles, Beaumont	Nephew.	M.S.15.	None.	Yes.
Stewart, Lenore	Niece	F.S. 8.		
Rattray, Ellington, G/Son.		M.S.20.	Farm Labourer.	Mixed Farm.

Is it possible for a woman of 42 to have a grandson of 20 even in Jamaica?