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Brooks James	Head	M.M.	50	Fam Labourer Mixed Farm.
" Estella	Wife	F.M.	40	4. 4. Homemaker.
" Casmin	Dau.	F.S.	11	
" Elga	Son	M.S.	10	
" Agatha	Dau.	F.S.	7	
" Aldam	Son	M.S.	1	

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Brooks James  
Brooks Robertha

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Mrs Robertha Brooks is the mother of Enid Shaw who lives on the Carter family land, Luther Shaw Enid's husband is J.C.'s Nephew.

q House: Mr. and Mrs. Brooks and some of their children live in a two room thatch house - very untidy and infested with bugs. - Ryland/gave them the lumber to build it. "Me husban' an' me go a woodlan' sometime fe the stick but as him out mos' a tlee time me turn the man an' cut the stick" the house was built early last year. "Before I buil this one I was living in a lean down house".  
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Land: When asked about the land she said "Can' tell, lan' jus' pass over to my husban'. James' mother, Mrs. Brooks, was living with a man called James Lindo after her husband dead, the lan' really belong to him, but him leave Mrs. Brook an' go 'way when she was going to have a child and she die in child's birth an' nobody ever hear 'bout him again so we jus live 'pon it". Sarah Lindo, James Lindo's sister ~~and~~ and Mary Brown, James Brooks Niece also live on this land.  
Taxes: "James Lindo use to pay taxes but don' know who pay yin it now".

Rent land: "Me husban' rent lan' at Allsides but I don' know is how much. Mrs. Brooks does not know much about land, tax etc. she said I would have to come when her husband is at hom

Crops: Yam - "Only plant as much to eat, have too much pickn  
Cane: "Till you pay fe mule, till you pay fe copper, till yo pay carriage you don' get a t'ing out a 1' 2/- a barrell fe boil the liquor, 1/6 fe mule, 1/- fe carry it to the mill, (according to the distance) 1/- fe use the copper, & 2/- a barrell fe boil it." Mrs. B. was not able to say how much 1 cost to take produce to Santaa Cruise, or Balaclave market. "Sometime when the market bad we have to take ld a head for the sugar, some time led. "If God take we out a the worl' an' make we find resting place it would a better.". (Compare cost of production of sugar with Cecil Brown's figures. F.R.

Children: Casmin Brooks 17, Dorcas 8, Aldan 3, Elga 14, Erri Lewis 26, (Married), "living up Christiana way" Enid Shaw, 2 (Married living on Carter land) Lilly Bailey 24. Mrs. B. di not know the children's ages, it was given by Enid Shaw which may not be correct as she told me some time ago that Cubba wa 30, and Cubba looks much more than two times 30. Elga is now at Stewart Town. "Ryland said he found him in his house "so him say, but him didn' fin' him wit' anythin' an them carry w to Court, them would give him to me but the Judge ask me if could min' him and I said no my condition was bad, and them sen' the higher quarters fe see where me live an' them see me

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condition sothem sen' him to Stewart Town to Miss Labrie at a School. Them call it 'formitory School all the same. The boy them take up thrash in a the yard ad learn lesson, him is there about 14 months now, an' I go an' look for him 2 time" "Dorcas was going a School but I stop her I can' manage to sen' her because she afi work & me have to take up me how stick an' work, an' the clothes beatme. Casmin can merely sign her name".

History of family: Mrs. Brooks came to Warsap from St. Elizabeth when she was a small child "From ginger a sell 1/3 a lb." long time now". Her mother was Jane Clarke, father Busher McLen She does not know anything about her husband's people she could only say that his mother was Mrs. Brooks, and lived on the same ladd.

Livestock: 1 pig "Somebody give me fe miné when me sell i' if me get a poun' or more i' share in two." the pig was given by May Clarke.

Farm impliments : Have to borrow from Ryland.

Financial Assistance: Does weeding in the fields, "clean house, wash clothes, do every little t'ing, sometime I work 2 day weedi I get 1/6, if me wash 9d, if me clean /huse sometime 6d, sometime 3d". Casmin worked as a domestic servant with Corprol Dwyer for about 1 year for 7/- a month "Did sick tha's why I leave".

Religion: Anglican. "but since I drag down now I don' even know the Church doo'".

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Clothes: Casmin has 1 silk dress and 1 cotton. Mrs. B. 2 shamrd dresses "I don' have wha fe wear a Church, can' even go a meetin I believe the mentioned meeting because she would be able to wear an ordinary print frock to a meeting, but would not wear it to an Anglican Church or any or the big Churches. She said that all the other children were nakid.

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Meals: "Sometime / me bake bammy or buy ld bread, and drink but tea- jackinie bush, "aska bush, or John Charles." At mid-day the children generally have a bit of cane. "Night when me husban' come in 'im may carry a 1/- an me buy 1 1/2 lbs of flour, ld cooking oil, 2d or 3d fish". Mrs. B. said that at present there is no yam. When she is working at Henlon's home / if she is there at mid-day she is sure of something to eat. "See there ma (showing me the bucket) as me poor them sen fe water me hafi carry i' as me wan' the money, an' me a go before/breakfas' done"

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