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Family Record No. 169

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Harris Francis	Head	F ¹ / ₂ S.	42.	9.	9.	Farmer
Lewis Amalson	Dau.	F.S.	21.	1.	1.	
" Icinata	"	F.S.	18.			
" Bobsie	Son	M.S.	14.			
" Mavis	Dau.	F.S.	11.			
" Zaribel	"	F.S.	9.			
" Denzil	Son	M.S.	8.			
" Walton	"	M.S.	7.			
Campbell Winston	"	M.S.	3.			
Miller Lenford	Son	M.S.	11/12 ¹ / ₂			
Knight Beatrice	Niece	F.S.	12.			
Palmer Linnett	"	F.S.	3 ¹ / ₂			

Family Origin: Francis was born at Allsides. Her mother Christine Brown is from Manchester, but came to Allsides "when a youth". She also had rented land at Allsides "not on this spot" Her father James Harris died when she was a child.

Children: Francis has 10 children, the first 6 for John Lewis with whom she lived for a long time "We live together and did really expect to married, but me and him could not get on, so I leave him and come over here." She has a child for Harold Genas and I asked her if they lived together "I did not live into a house with him, I did live alone to myself but I still get little something from him, and after I have the child him support it till him dead, even though him poor me get something The other 3 children she called Harris (her name) "Them me call Harris, me no have for one man, me only a look help and belly come. You hardly find a woman attach to one man have plenty pickney. Lenford father name Mack, I hear say him at Balaclava and is him I am after."

"Beverly father never own him so me dont worry" I asked her several times the name of the child's father but she refused to disclose it. Although Beverly is 1¹/₂ years old she is still breast fed. "I prefer to bear my own worries, because sometimes you say you running after one man for one shilling and it cost you more". Winston's father is Isaac Campbell "him gone". "I even say I would go to Nurse, Mr. Neita, or Mr. Motta, and aské them if them could write up, and see if the public could help me support even 2 of the pickney them".

Land: Rent 1¹/₂ acres at Allsides, and ¹/₂ acre "buy land" over Durham. Land was bought from Adolphus Allen for £3.

Crops: Yams, cane, "2 roots of banana, but nothing to speak of sometime for one year I cant even produce 3 stems, bitter cassava, and potatoes. That ia a woman gorund every little thing that ~~for~~ can supply your wants".

Stone breaking: // Francis breaks stones sometimes. She buys the stones from the property at 6d a yd. "I have to gather it, bring it to the road side, break it, and sell it ^{P.W.D.} 3/- a yd. or 1/6 a box. I dont have any man to help me".

House: Francis' house looks quite new and it is neatly thatched I asked her the cost "It finish since July, I cant tell how much it cost I never cipher it out, I start it long time, from November. Not even a bec I cant put up yet, cant get nail. We put mat on the floor and sleep". The first house is still standing but is not used as a kitchen, she said a lot of people helped her to build the house. "give me little time".

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Religion: "When I was able to go out it was Weslian, the heart is willing now but the body cant go any where".

Meals: The first meal for the day is tea at about 7:00a.m. "Sometime bush tea and bammy, sometime I grater a corn and turn it and give them". Mid day them may get a little piece of cane and eat it. When the crop come on the time not bad as all now." Dinner is served in the evening " If I work and get a shilling or two, I buy flour, like breadfruit come in now, I buy one or two, and some time I buy penny butter. These times we cant bother look for fish, we only want something to keep wind off the stomach. All last night them go lie down same way so, nothing to eat."
