

P.D. 27. Household 11.

Bailey Rhoda Head.	F.W.63.	7.7.	Farmer.
" Leatham Son.	M.S.33.		Farm labourer.
" Vincent.Son	M.S.31.		"
" Esmond "	M.S.17.		None /yes/
Dixon Linnett.G/Dau	F.S.7		
Bailey Gerald G/Son	M.S. 4		

First Visit:

8th April 1947.

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Stepped in to ask the permission to take with me Gerald for a walk around the village. "He may go" - Mrs. Rhoda Bailey agreed. She was alone in the house sitting on the threshold. A girl of about ten was playing near by.

The boy is her grand-son - she explained - and the girl his cousin. She lives in her own house, on her own land. The land is 1 and 1/2 acre. They have also some rented land. Their farm land amounts - if I understood what was said - together to 2,5 acre. She has two sons staying with her. One of the sons was working nearby in their garden /down the footpath/, making yam-hills. There is a third son, as far as I could gather, but he does not stay with her - working somewhere in town or so. She told me, she is the mother of the ~~woman~~ woman whose farm I visited yesterday. The daughter is married and stays with her husband. I am not sure how is with her sons: there is certainly one son staying with her, and the other either staying with her or in Warsop.

11 1947. Mrs Rhoda Bailey. Head. Born 1880(?) Widow..

morning. Bailey. Stephen (husband) died 11th September 1941.

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"Raised" 7 children -- five boys and 2 girls. One girl, named Elfreda Mills, now lives at Vere was not by her husband. She was the first. The others were all by the husband and are Baileys. The other girl is at Rose Hall. Three of the sons live with her in the house: Clifford, Vincent and Esmond. Edmund works on a piece of land I bought in Wilson's Valley. Clifford and Vincent work on rent land. Vincent she knows "goes with somebody" and she gestured with her head in the direction of Allsides. Asked if the other sons had family she laughed and said "So I hear ~~xxx~~."

She had come with her parents to Warsop when she was 6 years old in 1886. Her parents were William and Eliza Green. The road was then a track till Mr Farey and Mr Baker -- it was "he build the road" -- build the road from Auchenbeddie to Rock Spring.

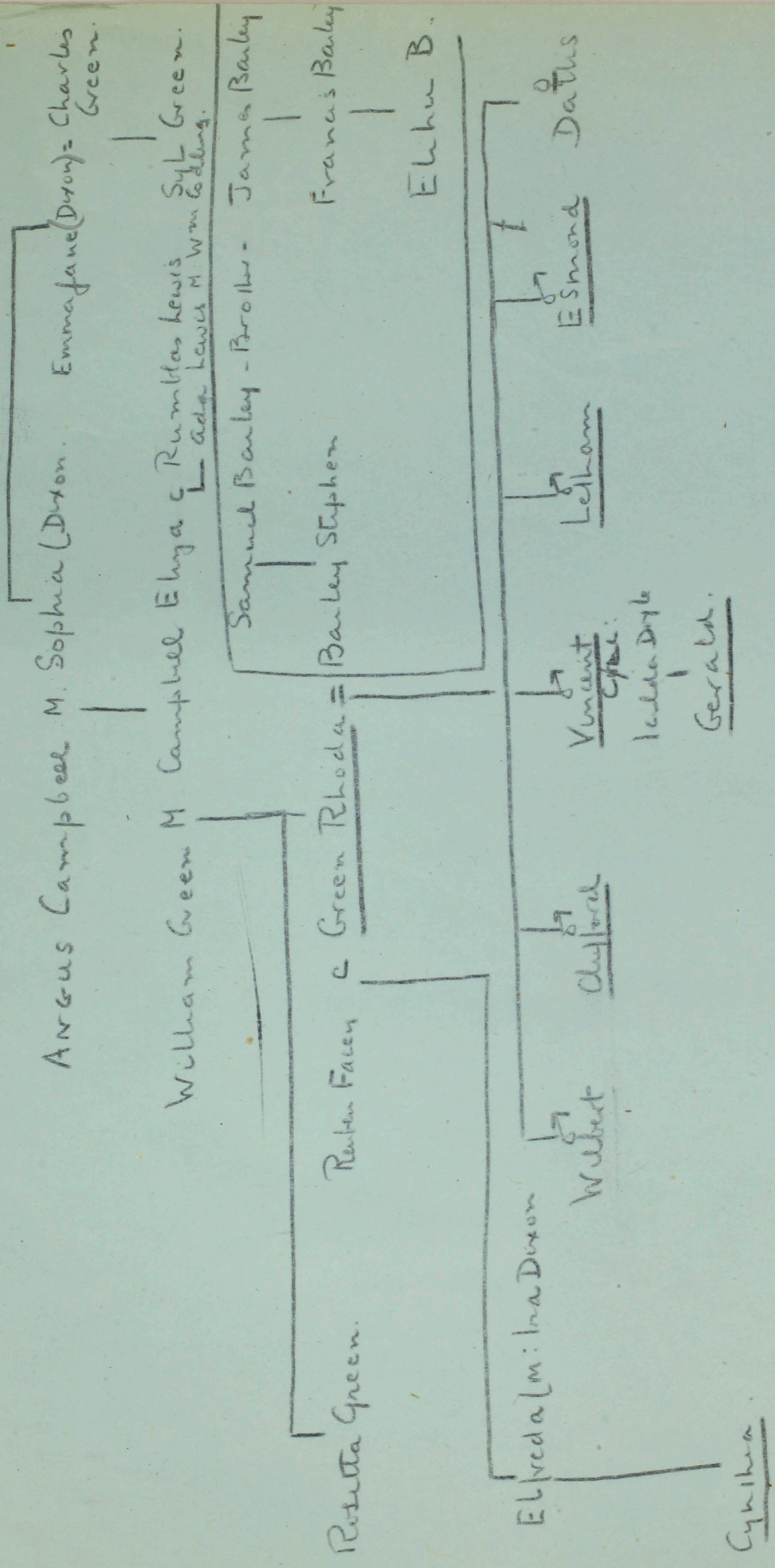
At that time there was a wood house with a thatch roof on the site of our house belonging to Father Murray. It was he Miss Van buy from and put up the board house that is there now.

When her parents came they were on Allsides. She came to "this house" before she married. Her husband bought 2 acres from Mr Brissett. He put up the house. He paid £12 for the two acres. She sold 1½ acres to Thompson. (Thompson is the Chinaman who had the shop that was burned down near our house and was renting the house and shop next door that she offered us. He is a brother of Miss Loo at the Allsides shop and has gone to help her as her husband is all with asthma.) She owed Thompson money. She sold the 1½ acres for £4.10. (Note: presumably plus the liquidation of the debt??) Everyone told her Thompson had robbed her.. "Every on say he rob me but as my husband owe him the debt I let him have it." Thompson sold 1½ stretch to Rattray. He build the house on it and sell it to Rattray "for an enormous sum." I dont know the price but it was an enormous sum. The Chinaman also buy land down in Wilson's Valley. Xix

Interview with Estella Wood and Luther Shaw on "Converted" or "Four Poles".
see Socio-Economic File.

The Bailey Family
Rhoda Bailey (nee Green)

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Names underlined live in home.

26th May 1947.
Monday. Public
Holiday.
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Mrs Rhoda Bailey's memory goes far back in her family history. Her father and mother, William and Eliza (nee Campbell) came from Manchester. He first came to Warsop in 1879. The time was so dry in Manchester that he came looking with Mr Benjamin Beckford. Beckford had lands in St Elizabeth but he came here to work and made a big settlement. Rhoda's father came back the following year (1880) to settle and later his wife followed and joined him. They were already married in St Elizabeth, where Rhoda was born. She was seven years old when she was brought to Willsides by her parents.

Her father rented land at Willsides -- about 3 acres -- and lived and died there. He never bought land.

Her mother had 13 children but her father had "only 2 of us". All died when they were babies, so young that they had not even names. Only three lived -- the two by the father, viz. Rhoda (herself) and Rosetta and Ada Lewis who was her mother's child by Rumbas Lewis. She (Ada) married William Coaling and they lived and died in Warsop.

Maternal grandparents. Rhoda remembered her mother's parents names. Her mother's father was Angus Campbell and her maternal grandmother was Sophia Dixon. Her mother's mother's sister was Emma Jane Dixon who married Charles Green and they have a son called Gyl Green whose mother and my mother is second cousin."

Marriage. Rhoda was married to Stephen Bailey in 1928. She was born on the 4th June 1880 so next week she will be 67 she told me. Before her marriage she had a child by Reuben Facey. This was a girl and she is now living in Vere. She left Warsop in 1939 and went to Vere "in employment". She is married there and her daughter Cynthia lives in the home here with Rhoda. Her father's name is Ira Dixon and he and her mother are married.

By her husband Rhoda had 6 children :

1) Wilbert Bailey. He has rented land on Willsides and works "there". He rents a room in Marian Bailey's house (almost next door). This Marian Bailey is non-family to them. Wilbert owns $\frac{1}{2}$ acre at Bottom Heartsease in Manchester where he has a wife and 2 daughters. But he finds the land in Manchester "too hot". It is cooler here. Since his father died he has come back here. He was married in Manchester.

2) Clifford Bailey. Lives in the home. He is single. Has no family. Rents land on Willsides.

seen. See below.

3) Vincent Bailey. Lives in the home with his son aged 7 Gerald (seen). The mother of the boy is Icilda Doyle (see C.H. No 58. for Doyle Family). I give below an account of information supplied by Vincent in regard to his farming). After he excused himself and left Mrs Bailey told me Vincent did not help her -- she could not say any of the sons except the youngest little one (Esmond) helped her. They gave her her food but no money. "and you has to buy clothes sometimes." Esmond had taken money and bought her a dress. Esmond is "a little boy, only 21 years."

Icilda Doyle: of her "daughter-in-law" Mrs Bailey said she "had manners". She took her to Christiana market and paid her fare both ways. She gave her money. "She love me". Of the Doyle family she said that they "was careless. Tek the house -- they should a' biult it. But the old man have him sweethearts"

He did not have any children by his "sweethearts" but him spend plenty money on dem.

4) Letham Bailey. Lives in a rent house on Curtis Facey's land. He bought a sq. of land from Codlings on the Parochial Road near Codlings. He rents land on Allsides.

5) Esmond. Lives with her. He has bought land at Wilson Valley. (see under (3) Vincent which seems to indicate he is her favourite son.)

6) Dallis (her daughter) by her husband. Lives at Rose Hall & "at Adrian McLeish house." Has 3 children.

Asked who were the big men of the family left she mentioned Mr Lucius Bailey, who she said was Vincent's uncle (and whom Vincent who was present, repeated with some pride) i.e. her husband's brother.

Relations with her husband. Her husband did not care her -- did not care her like her father did. "Him couldn't go and come more" when he was young. "As a matter of fact him could a' live two days ~~more~~ longer" if he had not been so dissipated, (i.e. "carry on so"). Asked if she would have been better with him if they had not married she said "Sometimes dem care you better so."

Conditions in Waspop when the family first came. Place "in a bush". Hardly no big people. De big people at Allsides was one Mrs Ellen Goodin, marry name Plummer. She was family to Miss Fan (Mrs Brissett). Did not remember how it went but Miss Fan was to "call her aunt." She had a shop at Allsides. She died years ago.

Her friends at Allsides all die out. The old family was Mrs Grace Ann Beckford but she die. All her friends and family there die out.

But she still has friends and family whom she goes to visit in St Elizabeth. Here her face brightened.

Land and house. With Vincent present she told me rather a different story about the disposal of the 2 acres of land left by her husband. There was $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres left, of the original 2 acres because he sold $\frac{1}{2}$ acres to Zachariah Smith for £4. That land was now worth five times the value because her son Vincent had abought 6 squares ~~xxx~~ of it back from Mr Smith for £24 which was at the rate of £40 per acre, or £4 per sq..

clear up.

If what she told me on the 20th April was correct and she sold $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres to Thompson she would have nothing left. Whereas she told both me and Mrs Obrebski that she owned the house and $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Information from Vincent Bailey.

Vincent Bailey came to the house and I explained what we were doing here and he willingly offered to give information. He said he had bought 6 squares adjoining his mother's home for £24 "from a man at Allsides" (Z. Smith). He paid 24/- a year Taxes on it.

He also rented 4 pieces on Allsides ($1, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$) of a total of

2½ acres. These cultivations were in Wilson valley but all separate from one another and some distance from his home. He has 500 hills of yam on the Allsides cultivation. We went in detail into the cultivation of the 6 sqs near the house which he bought in June last year :

Cultivation of 6 sqs.

Purchase money : £24.

Condition of land: Bare.

1) Preparation of land: Hired 2 men and forked it up, and ploughed it (with firks). paid by the job 14/6 per square and provided the meal. Total money paid 74/6. Meals estimated to cost 1/- per day. Provided out of fields but bought fish and meat at shop. It took the 2 men about a month working 4 days a week so that he had to provide 32 meals on 16 days estimated cost 16/-

The men who worked were Renny Stewart and Charlie Dixon. They were not relatives but friends.

2) Digging of Yam holes. He gave out (to the same 2 men) 200 holes @ 9/- per 100 plus feeding. It took them a week of 4 days a week -- 8 days. That was 8 meals, @ 1/- plus the food from his fields.

He himself dug 30 holes.

The men did not own forks so he supplied them. He owns 2 forks. The men have their own machettes.

3) Planting. This he did himself in February and March.

Other crops planted at the same time by himself :-

Between the yam hills: Corn: 8 plants (bought seed in market is not a member of the J.A.S.)

Gungo peas: Took him 1 day to plant

Cassava. 1 day to plant

Bananas: He has 50 roots of young Bananas. He got the suckers from his father's "old property at Allsides". There is (accoding to him!) no Panama disease on this land).
