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no	Rochester	Wilbert	Head.	M.M.	40	St.Elizabeth.	Col.	ang. far
W.3.	"	Adelade	wife	F.M.	32.	1.1.	"	" homem
W.2. 3.E.	"	Janet	dau	F.S.	12	"	"	"

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House in Top Bull Savannah near (but not on) the par. road leading from factory towards Pallards Valley.

The house is not finished yet. One room is empty and with rough earth floor. Mrs. Adelade says the material is on the spot but she can't find workers to finish it.

Colour attitude.

When asked whether the place is called Thatch Walk Mrs. Adelade explained emphatically that Thatch Walk is on the other side of the road and inhabited by negroes. "The road divides us, coloured peopled this side, black the other side. There are some good people among them." (She herself is very dark, and as I was told previously Thatch Walk is the negro quarter I thought I was right there.) "I named my ~~Family~~ daughter (Janet) after a white lady I was working."

Family

Mrs. Adelade is from Bull Savannah, but she worked as servant in Manchester. "I don't like stay doing nothing." She has beside Janet another daughter 1 year old - there ~~is~~ is 15 years difference between the two girls. She expects soon another child. She is not very happy about it. "Life is hard, what to do"-(ref. to coming children). Teacher's wife (nee Elliott) is her cousin. Another cousin Mrs. Thom

-pson.

Tomatoes. Mrs. Adelade was not particularly interested in the farm subject. Her husband was in the field. "He works hard, you would be astonished to see the amount of work he did from morning. Night brings him home." There is in front of the house a patch of tobacco. It is for own use. Before the advent of tomatoes it was an important crop. Now people have it mostly for their own use, some sell it in the markets. Mr. Wilbert has tobacco for own use "and to give to people, they come and beg, sometimes haven't got a leaf to smoke". Tomatoes bring good money. The plot near the house, Mrs. Adelade has "with my daughter". (which probably means as in other instances that they work on it and take the profit.) "Even little boys make a lot of money from tomatoes".

Visit at home. Interv. Adelaide Rochester
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Wilbert Rochester was away visiting a cousin. Present at home was his wife and three children also Martha Rochester his mother who brought me there.

The house. The new house which was being built at the time of my first visit is finished now. They have 3 buildings: 1) the kitchen; 2) one room old house; 3) two-room new house.

~~Now~~ Temporarily live with Wilbert Rochester, Euston Powell with his wife and 8 children. Their house which is in the vicinity was badly damaged during the heavy rains a few weeks ago. They are moving back to their house in 2 weeks. Present household:

head	Rochester	Wilbert	M.	48	Bull-Sav.	Angl.	Cultivator
wife	"	Adelaide	M.	37	"	"	R.W. homemaker
dau	"	Jeanette	S	16	"	"	R.W. learns dress
dau	"	Beril	S	2			making
son	"	Godfrey	S	5/12			
uncle	Robinson	Samuel		70			

Wilbert is the son of Martha Rochester and her late husband Henry. For his childhood, sisters and brothers etc. see Fam. Rec. of Martha Rochester No. 199)

Adelaide Rochester is the illegitimate child of Ann Powell and James Senior. She was brought up by her mother. Before her marriage she used to work "with white people". Even after her marriage she would "do domestics". She implied she was always working with people of "high standard."

Adelaide has a number of half brothers and sisters. On her mother's side she has: Wilbert and Amy Powell. (Wilbert lives in B.S.; Amy in Prospect.) Also Daisy Sutherland. On her father's side: Cecil, James and Allan Senior and Isabelle Rochester.

Adelaide was very anxious to tell me about her career of servant with white people. Once she worked taking care of an old lady who was the mother of Bull-Savannah parson. During the first world war - related Adelaide "everything was sent to the front and the old lady's daughter she had pneumonia and there was no medicine to cure her - they took everything to the front." The young girl died and the old lady: "She fret and fret, couldn't sit, couldn't sleep, couldn't raise her hand to wipe her tears".

Adelaide is very attached to the Anglican church. She told me there will be a missionary meeting on Tuesday coming.

Adelaide says she didn't have any outside children. After she had her first daughter Jeanette for many years she didn't have any children, After 14 years she had her second child Beril who is now 2 years old. Her third child a boy - Godfrey is 5 months old. He is fat and energetic and obviously has the lion's share of his mother's love. While Adelaide was pregnant with him she went to Mandeville to see the doctor. She says the medical care etc. cost her around £8.

Adelaide regretted her husband wasn't at home. He went to see a cousin who is ill. Wilbert wanted to visit him long ago, but he himself had a sore heel and couldn't put his shoes on. Today for the first time he was able to put his shoes so he went to pay the visit.

The land. Adelaide said they had $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land and the mother 1 acre. (I do not think the mother would agree with this point of view see. F.R. 199) Adelaide says her husband is very hard working. He got for his tomatoes last season £45. There were also some tomatoes "for" Jean net. They plant yams "around 50", corn, cassava and gungoo peas. All this is used for home consumption.

These 12 months

Her budget. This year they had more expenses because a new house was built and a new child was born. Preparations for the new house were made already after the 1946 season: lumber was bought etc. The house was build and finished before than last Christmass. She estimates that the cost of the house was about £ 135 but is not quite sure whether this is an exact figure. She says that for food bought in the shop as well as for soap, floor polish etc. she has to spend on the average 15/- weekly and £1 per month for clothing for the whole family.

The sleeping arrangements. In the room we were sitting there is one big bed. On this sleep the temporary guests Euston Powell and his wife. We went to the next room to see the baby who was sleeping. There are two beds one large and one small. Adelaide says she sleeps with her husband and the baby on the big one, and the two girls sleep on the small one. The 8 children of Powell and the uncle sleep in the old house.

Samuel Robinson is the brother of Martha "ochester. For a long time he was in the hospital. In fact he stays permanently in the hospital "they let him out" from time to time. He stays for the last 2 months with Wilbert but probably will return to the hospital. I didn't understand what kind of illness he is suffering from.

Information from Leo Powell.
Interv. Willy and Adelaide Rochester.
15.6.48.
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Rochester Willy, 48.
Rochester Adelaide, 37, wife.
Rochester Jannette, dau., 16.
Rochester Beryl, dau., 2.
Rochester Goffrie, son, 5 months.
Robinson Samuel. Willy's uncle, 70.

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Rochester Willy: son of Martha Rochester and late Henry Rochester. Brothers and sisters: Attorney Rochester in U.S.A., Henry Rochester in Kingston, Hilda Simpson in Bottom, Bereta Roye, in Top B. Sav., Wilhel South in Kingston, Amanda Eana, in Kingston.
Adelaide Rochester, nee Senior. Daughter of Amy Powell and James Senior. They started to friend in 1930, share house from 1935, married in 1940.
Her brothers and sisters: through the same father: Cecil Senior, B. Sav., Allan Senior, B.S., Belle Rochester, B.S., James Senior, Plowden. Through the same mother: Daisy Sutherland, B.S., Wilbert Powell, B.S., Amy Powell, Prospect.

Willy Rochester went 1921 to Cuba. Spent 3 months. No sav. Housing: 2 houses, one 2 rooms, another 1 room, Kitchen. 1 tank. Furn. 3 beds, 2 tables, 1 center table, 4 chairs.

Land: 7,5 acres in 2 parcels. 3 ac. homeland, 1,5 ac. Breadnut Wood, 3 ac. Woodland. Inherited.
Trees: 8 common mangoes, 4 greenskins, 4 coconuts, 5 pears.
Tomatoes: 5000, L45. 51 yam hills. 1/2 ac. corn. 1/2 ac. cassava. 1/2 ac. congo /3 bags/.
1 donkey, 1 sheep, 3 pigs, 2 goats.
Weekly spendings: 15/-. L12 on clothing last year. L7 on doctor.
Janette Rochester is dressmaker. or learning dressmaking.
Religion: Anglican.