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Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Religion	Colour	Occupation
Elliott Calbert	Head	M.	44.	St. Elizab.	Colour.	No relig. W.2. carp
" Esthella	wife	F.	36	"	"	W.3. homem
" Calvin	son	M.	19	"	"	W.3. farmer
" Daniel	son	M.	22	"	"	W.2. farmer
" Moralis	"	"	17	"	"	W.3. none
" Ricardo	"	"	15	"	"	W.3. none
" Frederico	"	"	14	"	"	W.3. 3.E
" Reuben	"	"	12	"	"	W.2. 3.E
" Kenrick	"	"	10	"	"	W.2. 3.E
" Granum	"	"	9	"	"	W.1. 3.E
" Delphan	"	"	7	"	"	X
" Melsadi	dau	F.	2	"	"	W.2. 3.E
" May	dau	F.	16	"	"	"

*Yours
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Owns 11½ acres in one parcel. Cultivates 3 acr. pasture
 1¼, "other" ¼.
 Value land and building £40.-- No mortgage
 Tomatoes 0,1 = 720 lbs, 2 avocados, 3 coconuts, 2 mang.
 1 acr. congo peas, 1¼ cassava, ½ tobacoco = 247 lbs.
 No animals.

Family

Elliott is the youngest brother of Mrs. Emma Linton. He even considers her as his mother. His own mother (and Emma's) died when he was very small and Emma brought him up and he called her "mamma".

Professional & neighbour

He is the chief carpenter at the factory. He works there almost continuously but is paid by job. He does not want to give the factory all his time. Suppose a friend died and wants a coffin - Calbert wants to be able to make a few things for his friends and neighbours when they need his services - thats why - he says - he does not want to work exclusively for the factory.

Farming & children.

~~In 1936~~ Round 1936 he had only 2½ acres of land - but (as seen by Census) he acquired a fair portion in the next few years. Two of his sons have been in the USA. They keep their economies in the bank - did not buy land yet. They plant their tomatoes on father's land - and also on shares on other people's fields. It seems that Daniel and Calvin are his "outside" sons. His family is so numerous that it is difficult to follow their story at first - and he uses their nicknames.

Monday, 23.2.48.
Ed.F.

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Kenrick Elliott said he is about 16, and is the 7th son to his mother and father. His father has 9 children with his mother. Daniel and May are two children of another union. Daniel is his father's oldest child. He did not give May's age or the time of her birth. She has married Errol Elliott of Ball~~l~~ Ballards Valley. She shares house with her husband in Ballards Valley.

Daniel is also married and lives on his father's land in his own house.

Mrs. Estella Elliott was born in Dunder Hill. She married his father there before coming to ~~xxxx~~ share house with him in Bull Savannah. His father was born in Bull Savannah: -his father's father and mother also.

All his borthers engage in tomato planting ~~xxxx~~ on his father's land. They save themselves, the money earned from the reappings, to buy their own clothes.

Kenrick was picking some of the tomatoes from his field at the time of the interview. He plants on about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ squares. In the first picking done about a fortnight ago he got ~~about~~ 5 boxes of fruit for which he recieved £1. 19/- At the time the interview was given he had almost completed picking and had 12 full boxes of what he said was first class fruit.

He ~~xxxx~~ is helped in his tomato cultivation by his brothers Fredrico and Calvin. He returns whatever help he gets from them. Alvin's field is ~~xx~~ about 8 squares.

Sunday,
March 28, 1948.

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Family Record 15.

Ed.F.

Marriage of Calvin Elliott

Dudley advise Simpson informed there is a wedding over the hills, and volunteered to take me there. He guided me there, -left me.

The Wedding scene

A car was parked ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ before Calvin's house in the unfinished road to Ballards Valley. There were groups of people standing in the yard, and some in Calvin's 2 roomed house. A number of people were standing round a gramophone being played in the yard. In a clearing in the yard there was a booth made of bamboo, /entirely open at the sides and was covered over with a traupauling. Under this shed, was a long improvised table with some seating accomodations around it.

/This booth was

Calvin and his wife had just returned from ~~Mand~~ Mandeville when I arrived. His wife was Delva Bent. She came from Queensberry to work at the factory, about a month ago. Calvin had seen her, fallen in love with her, and decided to marry her in this period. Delva's father is dead, but her mother sisters ~~and~~ some aunts and an uncle were ~~at~~ on the scene.

The couple had not married in church; they had gone to the registrar's at Mandeville. They had not married in Bull Savannah because it would have taken too much time to get the bans publised etc. There is no marriage officer in Bull Savannah.

Calvin came shyly out of his house, accompanied by his wife. He wore a blue sweed suit, sport shoes, and a white pon-pon in the lapel of his coat. Behind came Errol Elliott accompanied by a woman -probably his wife. As Calvin passed by the group in which I was standing somebody ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ asked him if he was not taking his ladys arm. Errol embraced the woman walking beside him, but Calvin only smiled and continued to walk towards the shed for which he was making.

The wedding table

The wedding table had by then been laid out by Miss Jude (Mrs. Judith Rochester) On it were decahters of wine, the wedding cake, slabs of watermelon fancifully cut, oranges and ripe bananas. The couple seated themselves at one end of the table, friends and relatives

took the other seats around. Miss Jude then call upon Errol Elliott the master of ceremonies, to take charge.

Errol congratulated the couple for getting married. He hoped he said that the wedding was to prove "a happy beginning to a happy ending". There ~~was~~ was a chorus of "Hear ! hear ! " Continuing he addressed the groom as - "Mr Bride", charged the groom to love his wife with all the devotion he is capable of . Errol repeated these good wishes a number of times. Each time he used different words to say it. Loud cries of "hear , hear! " greeted each new effort he made.

Merton Francis took up where Errol left off. He began by wishing the couple happiness. "I envy you." If the ~~ladies~~ ladies of Bull Savannah are all as nice as they look , I suspect there will soon be a lot of other marriages ."- Cries ~~of~~ of " hear ,hear! " He would ask every one to "stand up and drink to the happiness of Mr and Mrs Elliott."

Mrs Estelle Elliott then held her small glass of wine on high declaring as she did so -"All I have to say is "In God we Trust". She was applauded.

The cutting of the cake was done by Lyn Bent sister of the bride and Ethlyn Dyer daughter to Crofton and Icy Dyer. While the instructions were being given for the start of the cake cutting race, Mr Calbert suddenly and dramatically announced "a dollar the cake don't cut." He put the dollar (4/-) in a saucer Miss Jude quickly made available . Hardly had he finished speaking when Charlie Rochester ~~bet~~ bet him" 5/- the cake mus' cut". A Mr Ernest Faulkner then put up an additional 4/- that the cake must cut". Mr Merton Francis in turn put up 4/- " it must not cut ." Mr Calbert added 10/- more against the cutting , but Isaac Elliott came forward with 2/- for the cutting. Nobody else having put up any money against the cutting, it was decided the cake would be cut. Errol resumed his directions for the start of the race then. At the count of three they cut with energy. Ethlyn Dyer, won Miss Jude decided, when Errol seemed undecided . (The cake was a small three storied affair, standing perhaps a foot high.)

Mrs Lucille Francis mother to Merton Francis then took her turn at toasting . She said:

"Here's to the man who loves his wife,
And loves his wife alone,
For many man love another man's wife,
And leave his own at home .

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"Though mountain wide between us both,
And ~~xxx~~ distant be our lot,
If I should never see thee more,
Darling forget me not."

Melsadi Elliott, 11, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ sister to Calvin then
toasted as follows:

" Like a clock a woama should be,
Keeping rules and regularity.
But not like a clock so loud and clear
That all the streets her voice should hear."

Mrs. Francis as well as Melsadi were noisily
cheered, but there was nothing resembling disorder.
Nobody seemed drunk.

Miss Jude called out -"Tell them bring something
for the people to drink and mek the wedding over."
She said that in a tone of great authority. The drinks
were brought. Miss Jude proceeded to pass some around.
That done the group around the table broke up. A few
people remained sitting on the seating contrivances.
Among them were Veda the bride. She was wearing a
floral silk dress. This dress was the same ~~xx~~ she
had worn to the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Registrar's. It was largely
blue with white floral patterns.

/showing

Veda a girl of large proportions, appeared to be
pregnant, but that seems hardly possible since ~~Sabbath~~
Calvin met her only a ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ month ago. An
elderly man bent low over her talking ~~xxxxxx~~ earnestly
into her face. He seemed to be counselling her; she
listened without/any signs of boredom or fatigue.

Miss Jude's sister Vie Lynton was one of the
people ~~xxxxxxx~~ remaining around the table. She ~~six~~
described the wedding ~~xxx~~ --"A kind of haphazard
thing y'u know!" Asked, how was that? she explained
-"Well y'u know, the fellow seemed to have been dy-
ing for a wife; he could not wait.... was dying to
hold a woman.

I was invited into a room turned into a bar for
the occasion. In this room, were a number of bottles
of aerated water and rum. I was given some rum and
ginger.

The gramophone taken into Calvins Hall was being
played. ~~Two~~ A young man and woman began to dance.
They ~~xxxx~~ were censured for dancing on Sunday. Some-
body in the room said "this not my Sabbath, I am a
Seventh Day Adventist." The others laughed. The
young man and woman who ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ had been dancing
began again ~~xxxxxxx~~ just before I left the premises.

Visit at home. Interv. Estheline Elliott.
(on many previous occ. Calbert Elliott)

8.7.48.

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The house of Calbert Elliott is just behind the house of his late father Charles Elliott. It is a two-room thatched house. The lower half is painted blue. The building looks modest especially against the much higher and covered with a red roof house of father. But the furniture is very good, with all fancy additions as china cabinet etc.

Their kitchen is rather far not in this yard. (The "yard" is formed by the father's house - where Rhoda Elliott lives at present - Rhoda's kitchen - in which she cooks alone - and Calbert's house)

It was for the first time that I met Estheline. Calbert Elliott visited us on many occasions. He is the uncle of Judith Rochester with whom he was brought up together by his sister and Judith's mother Emma Linton.

Present household.

Elliott Calbert	head	M.	48	Jeh. Witn.	carpenter & cult
" Estheline	wife	M.	38	Anglic.	housewife
" Moralis	son	S.	22	?	cultivator
" Frederico	son	S.	18		"
" Reuben	son	S.	17		"
" Kenneth	son	S.	16		"
" Granum	son	S.	15		at school
" Delphin	son	S.	13		"
" Melsadi	dau	S.	11		"

Calbert Elliott is the son of Charles Elliott and his first wife Judith. For detailed story of his family, parentage etc. see F.R. 21 and 45.

Estheline Elliott is the daughter of Ambrose and Ann ~~Dyer~~ (or Alicia) nee Simpson. Estheline's "step mother in law" Rhoda Elliott is also Estheline's aunt. (Ambrose Dyer's sister). "I call her aunt". Edith Dyer the wife of Dorrell Dyer is Estheline's sister. For parentage etc. see F.R. Dorrell Dyer No. 145.

The children. Calbert has one outside son who was born long before Calbert started to have children with his present wife. The outside son is Damien Elliott son of Calbert and Alice Sinclair. Damien was "owned" by the father and grew up with his other children. Damien is ~~Calbert's~~ at present about 30. He lives separately "over the road" with his wife & child. (I believe Damien is also called Isaac but I am not sure.) and see p.7.

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~~xkvtxjv~~

Calbert had with Estheline 9 children: Calvin 24; Ricardo 20 and 7 more whose names and ages figure in the "Present household" on p. 6. Ricardo married a couple of years ago and lives with wife & child separately. Calvin (called also Alvin) married only a few months ago (see p. 3 of this record.) All other children live with the parents.

His land. According to Estheline Calbert bought from his father 2 acres of home land and 12 acres from Gvnt in Duff House for ~~£ 70~~ £ 70. However I do not think the information about the home land is correct. I was told by Calbert's brothers Moses and Cornelius that each child of Charles and Judith Elliott got 2½ ac. of the family land. After the death of Charles Calbert got the old home with the 2½ acres additional as the youngest son. On the other hand it seems that Merton Francis got from his grandfather Charles 2 or 2½ acres, which would mean that there were no acres left after Charles' death. About his land see also Fr. R. 21 part re. "Story of Family and land."

Calbert has at any rate 14 acres of land, which is cultivated almost exclusively by his sons.

Calbert ~~has~~ has been once to Cuba. He was a young boy then (it was at the time he had his first outside child). He earned a "good money" there for which he built his house.

At present he is employed as chief carpenter in the factory and ~~works~~ works also at building private houses. He directs a whole "gang" of carpenters & associates.

Addition re children.

Calbert Elliott had another outside child: a daughter called Mae with Mrs Lawrence who lives in "idge. This daughter Mae is married now to Erroll Elliott and they live in Ballards Valley.

Errol Elliott bought a piece of land in Thatch Walk from Charlie Thompson and is building his house there. The house will be soon finished and Mae with her husband will come to live in Bull Savannah.

Estheline says she had no outside children.

~~Grandchildren~~ Estheline said her children have Spanish names. These names were given by the father Calbert, who picked them while he was in Cuba. ~~it~~

Interv. Esthella Elliott in her kitchen.
21.7.48.

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Additions re children and living quarters.

Visiting her married sons I found Esthella in her kitchen. During the previous interview we talked outside her home, from which the kitchen is rather far. Esthella was busy washing in the company of her youngest daughter in law the wife of Calvin Veta.

The washing was done under a small square shed which serves for household activities. The kitchen is in a separate building, it is rather small and badly equipped. There is another one room-house. "It is my little house" told me Mrs. Estheline. It serves as sleeping quarters for some of the boys.

The parrott

In the middle of the shed was a little shelf on a leg on which stood a cage with a green parrot. This was bought recently by Mrs. Elliott in Santa Cruz for 4/-. The bird had hot peppers in yhe cage and enjoyed them very much. It doesn't talk but Mrs. Elliott will teach it.

Occupations of sons.

All sons a part from cultivating "try a trade". Damien and Calvin are also carpenters. They work at present in the father's "gang" at the factory. Ricardo is a tailor. Moralis is a shoemaker. A third son is also carpenter, but I didn't get the name.

Information from Leo Powell.
Interv. Calbert and Estel Elliott.
15.6.48.
J.O. 27.8.48.

Present household:

- Elliott Calbert, 48.
- W ,, Estel, wife, 38.
- ,, Rubin, son, 17.
- ,, Feddy, son, 18.
- ,, Moralis, son, 22.
- ,, Kenneth, son, 16.
- ,, Granum, son, 15.
- ,, Delphin, son, 13.
- ,, Melsaidie, dau., 11. / a

Calbert Elliott - son of Charles Elliott and Judith Elliott /both dead/. Brother of: Lucinda Farncis /B.S./, Emma Linton /Dunder Hill/, Junetta Montake, Kingston; Calda Elliott, Kingston; Maud Roye /d/, Moses Elliott /B.S./; Fetty Elliott /Cornelius Elliott/, B.S.
See also F.R.21.

Estel Elliott, nee Dyer, daughter of Ambrose and Annetta Dyer, both dead.

Calbert and Estel married in 1928. They have 9 children. 2 living in their own homes: Alvin and ~~Ramirez Elliott~~ Ricardo /F.R.219 and 221/.

Damian

Calbert has two outside children: ~~Ramirez Elliott~~ ~~son of Alice Sinclair~~, son of Alice Sinclair, was brought up by him; lives now in his own home, see F.R.220. And May Elliott, daughter of Unicy Dyer, married and living with the husband. She was brought up in her father's home.

Calbert Elliott went to Cuba in 1912. Built his house from the savings.

House: two dwelling houses, 2 rooms each, both under thatch roof. Kitchen. 2 tanks. Furn.: 5 beds, 2 tables, 1 cabinet, 4 chairs.

Land: 14 acres owned by Calbert in 2 lots: 2 acres homeland bought from his father, 12 acres in Duff House, bought from L.S. for L70.

Trees: 3 bombays, 4 robins, 6 common m., 2 pears, 6 coconuts, 1 nasberry. ac.

Tomatoes: 3000, L.30. 125 yam hills. 1,5 cassava, 1/4 ac. corn, 1 ac. congo, 1/4 ac. red peas.

1 donkey, 1 ~~xxx~~ steer, 3 pigs, 5 sheep, 4 hens, 4 chickens.

Calbert is carpenter and mason. Earned L80 for the past year from his trade.

Weekly spendings: 40/-. On clothes /household/ L60. On doctor and dentist: L30. L15 on enetertainments. L4 on education of children.

In school: Granum, Melsaidie /4th stand/ and Delphin 3rd st

Religion: Calbert is Jehovah Witn., Estell - Anglican.

Investments in stock: L20. Rest of income: "spent on children."