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Rochester	Nicolas	head	M.M.	60	St. Elizab.	colour.	angl.	w.3.	farmer
"	Margaret	wife	F.M.59	11.6	"	"	"	X	homemaker
"	Herbert	son	M.S.29		"	"	"	X	farmer
"	Delphena Delphena	gr.dau	F.S. 3		"	"	"		
"	Janet	gr.dau	F.S. 5		"	"	"		
Biggs	Thelma	gr.dau	F.S.13		"	"	"	W.3.	3 E
Powell	Alberga	gr.dau	F.S. 7		"	"	"	X	3E

2 acres pop 40 15.

Under one acre. 1 swine, 3 goats, 1 rabbit 1 hen
2 avocados, 2 coconuts, 2 mangoes, 2 naseberries. grapes.

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Informants: Nicholas and Margaret Rochester.

Nicolas Rochester is a son of Simian Rochester. His father had only 5 acres in Green Olive and 4 acres in Breadnut Wood. Old Simian had very little land as compared with his brother Thomas who had about 100 acres. "Uncle Tom he craved after land". Simian had 8 children (see fam. Rec No 1 p.8) and gave each one acre. Nicholas got one acre in Green Olive. He bought later on 10 acres with his brother (Charles) in River Hill. Thus Nicolas has 6 acres in two peices. (Under 1 acre in census). This land they bought from Horace Mcdonald from Bull Savannah. Nicholas says that the old Arhtur Rochester (together with Simian and Thomas the first traceable Rochesters in B.Sav.) was an uncle of his father.

craved after land.

cestors

&

children.

Nicholas and Margaret had 11 children: Jermima, Adelle, Aida, James, Herbert, Kennover(?) "the balance dead." One daughter died ~~inxxxxxx~~ bearing child. Another from "headache". Other children died young "Them died from cruch (Krup?) a stiff neck, doctor cant help."

Jermina went to Kingston. There she met a young man White whom she married. He joined the police and is now in Mandeville. She is very "sickly" and has no children. "The doctor says if she had pickeny she would be better".

Adelle married Septimus Biggs here in the Bull Savannah district. There are two small children of hers which stay now with Nicholas and his wife.

Aida is working in Milk River. She is not married. Her daughter Delphena stays with the grandparents. Delphena told me her father is in Comma Pen and his name is Dav-Dav(?).

James is married Overroad. He has a beautiful field of tomatoes right behind Miss Juds shop, vis a vis the gate of the factory.

Kennover (?) lives near Alligator Pond. "He is trying there" - cultivates some land.

Herbert died not long ago. It was an accident. He was digging "dirt" in "the same River Hill" and

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grandchildren.

some rock fell on him and killed him.

There are now 3 grandchildren staying with them: Delphena, Aidas daughter, and two Biggs. They say Delphena's father doesn't care at all for her and Biggs does not help either - which however is most probably not exact. Delphena calls her granny "mamma". She goes to school and can write her name very well. She is a pleasant little girl and seems happy. She knows where her mother is, told me she had two aunts, and told me about her father. She runs errands to shop and helps a little her grandmother. She has always a clean and good dress on - whenever she passes my house on her way to shop. When she came to watch the fire however she had an old and a bit torn dress.

House.

The one they have now is a new one. It is very small: one small room. There is a very big table, a table and two trunks. The floor is of red kind of cement. The old one was pulled down. The kitchen is much bigger - they spend all their days there: a few tomato boxes serve as seats.

farming.

"Tomatoes - I have been working for 8 years". He doesn't plant them this year. "I ~~thixxx~~ sick with pain I couldn't do fatiguing". I asked him whether he did not give his field to somebody to work on shares. Nicholas said "Couldn't get anybody to take." It seems it is not easy to get somebody to work the field.

Age and pain
walk together.

So this year he planted only some cassava and yams. No tomatoes. "Age and pain walk together". He says.

Visit of Nicolas Rochester
6.3.48.
T.O.

I met yesterday old Nicolas on the path leading to Shaddock Hill. Invited him and he promised to pay me a visit ~~tomorrow~~ the next day. He came about 1= a.m. and stayed till 2 p.m.

Ancestors

Nicolas father was Simian Rochester the fisherman. Simian's father was "old Nicolas Rochester a policeman in Mandeville." He came to Bull Savannah and married Sarah "she was Elliot."

Nicolas didnt know his grandfather Nicolas. He knows his grave is in Green Olive in the Rochester's gtave yard. He remembers his grandmother Sarah.

Arthur Rochester was old Nicolas brother, an uncle to Simian and Thomas Rochesters.

Family

Nicolas has four brothers and two sisters. All his brothers: Charles, James, Panton and Joshua live in Bull Savannah near Nicolas on the old family land. The sister Birdie got the old home. Sister Adelle is in Kingston.

Children.

He had 3 boys and 7 girls.

Adelle married Biggs, lives in Dunder Hill and had eleven children.

Jermina marry to a police - White - big man. She is a milliner there.

Ida is at Rest near Milk River. "I dont know what she is doing there, but she never come back to the home. She leave two pickeny with me. Hard game on me!"

hard game

"the balance of the children dead." "Naomi, Lil, ^{Margaret}

His wife maiden name was ^{Margaret} Wilson.

"Wilson from Hatch Walk. The family dead out. Frederick Wilson - he leave for Kingston."

His career.

"I fishing with my father - he was a fisherman too. It was better. At the time I was young. I could travel. I go to Kingston and from there to Green Island in Hannover. I could get a shilling - it was easier. I was a headman - in Hannover - for the logwood business. I didnt do much work. I sit in a chair with a book in my hand. Good time - I was there for one year and three months. That was in 1912."

"I could live good there. The cyclon wind pass when I was in Green Island."

" I didnt stay there. Why? - Homesick. Homesick is a wonderful thing - I want see the family."

"I didnt go to Cuba. The time they (other young men from Bull Savannah) went to Cuba I was fishing. Get fish to eat and a shilling or two."

" We are poor. To get a shilling is hard. To get a 6d. is hard. Yet all the family was good character."

"They call me Uncle Molly - a pet name. One man Truman - he belongs to Manchester he love me and give me this pet name. He was in Ballard Valley. A gambler. Always gamble. He believe me was a gambler - but I wasnt. He give pet name."

All family good character.

origin of his nickname

His land.

Nicolas got only one acre of land from his father. Together with his brother Charles he bought 10 acres in the woodlands - 5 acres each.

"From Harris Macdonald - a man from Tad Town. He took it from Government - he could sell it. 10 acres - we didnt measure. 10 acres less or more. Both of us join occupy it. He work it to here, I work it to here. We have own line. Divided."

He bought also some land from his wife's brother. His wife's mother was Amy Russell. She gave her daughter " a portion and a portion I buy"

" "Amy Russell - mother of my wife. She die and give ~~avertixxx~~ my wife a portion and I buy a portion from Lewis Roach. Roach is a son of Amy Russell too. Family land. Altogether 3 acres. In Ankeady. Very good place. In That ch Walk. I have in the bush, in Ankeady and here. I have my land in three portions."

Cultivations.

"Tomato (I dont cultivate) none at all. I was sick. Jehovah God will. He has some purpose. I had the land and I had the growth (?) but I sick. I lease that piece of land to Leslie Thompson. The place is too big for one. Cannover (son) promised he will work half - but he is sick too."

"No cassava - not at all. No gungoo peas. Plant cassava - but the dry hit it hard. Bear nothing. Some couldnt even grow. Thats the thing that humbug us here - dry weather."

"If you dont have a few pence - you are punished."

"Gungoo peas - got only one bearing. Fault of the rain. We cant hide the truth because we are all Gods children."

His present household, and sources of cash for the market.

good mind alone cant help the business

He lives now with his wife Margaret, his granddaughter Thelma Biggs. ~~Thelma is 18. She work in the factory. She have two pickeny from two different father men. They dont help the children. They are poor - cannot help themselves. They have a good mind but mind alone cant help the business.~~

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"Two pickeny she has (Thelma) Small children babe like. Delphin Elliot - a little boy. His father ~~Samuel Nembhard~~ Lennard Elliott Dwon from Thatch Walk. A black chap. His father wasnt so black. Thomas Elliott was his father. He dead."

"Betty father - Alfred Broomfield. He belongs to Ballard Valley."

"Ida leave two pickeny. Hard, hard game on me - old man. Delphina Morgan (One of Ida's children) She is 9. Her father Samuel Morgan. And Alberga Powell - a school age child."

At the beggining of the enumeration of the children's fathers there was some misunderstanding. I understood that Delphina and Alberga are Thelma's children. I asked how it was possible that Thelma who is 18 now has children 10 and 9 years old. Mr. Nicolas wasnt upset by this;

Babe have babe as the scripture say.

"Babe have babe - as the Scripture say." But eventually we clarified the matter.

Nicolas Rochester hasnt got much to eat from his land. Cassava, gungoo peas didnt bear owing to drought. He couldnt cultivate tomatoes - so he hasnt cash. To get provisions he sends to the nearest market in Top Hill his granddaughter Thelma every Saturday.

"Top Hill Market. We call Grace Mark. We send the girl which we call Thelma. She live with me, she is my grand pickeny. Its the biggest one in the home that can go. Sometime you buy a little yam, a little potatoe, green banana. Have to buy everything. Two cocoes."

family and
neighbours help.

"Jermina help me. Sometime - not at every time. Sometimes I take a pen and write - 'things are hard' That's the only way - to send and ask her. Her husband he is not always-..... You know all men are not alike. Sometime she send a shilling - a sixpence. That help. She give me 2/- 'Puppa take these two shillings and buy a drink."

~~Myxizavax~~

"When mamma and pappa dead (she will cry) bitterly. So she help."

"Mr. Laban. When things are bad. He take out a shilling and help me. Laban, Miss Jude send a shilling."

"I am a funny man and I dont show my needs. You show your people first. They dont want see me dead - they help."

"I am no more young, strong. Pain and sickness, old age. They are willing (to help.)"

What he can afford
I return thanks
for it.

He has eleven people in the home. He got eleven to to feed. He is a poor man just trying for life. But what he can afford I return thanks for it."

a rich relative

"Brother Fred - my cousing husband. He is in America. Brother Fred he gave me 2/6 and said 'Brother Nick take and buy a drink. He said he will give Zela (wife of Joseph Powell at whose house Fred Andrews stayed when he came from America for the first tie to Bull Savannah to visit his wifes family) a shirt to give me. I will be thankful. We have breakfast, we have drinks and we talk all the day. Very nice man. He promised to come to my home, but some fashion or the other he never come. Sweet man. He took my hat, he look at my head, said: 'Coolie This is no Coolie (said Joseph Powell) This is the same Uncle Molly I told you."

"The 2/6 he gave me - I will never forget. As long as a live."

"We are not to make ourselves selfish."

The story of the
Nassau Argonauts.

"We are poor. In my young days - it was better. That time we could have fish for breakfast fish for supper. And turtle meat. Its the shell they want. I had a whole barrel of turtle meat. You could fry it, you could cook it. Turtle meat."

"People from Nassau. 4 boat load. Three masted vessels. Big vessels too. 14 people of them. They didnt know the coast thats why they are glad to get us. I work with them. My father work with them too. We go to a place in the sea 'Jack Drop'. We know the place - we take the mark by the land. I take the glass, look for the turtle. They have a glass you could see the whole sea bottom. They throw a net - when the turtle wringle - it is caught."

"They didnt look for the meat. Its shell they wanted. Turtle meat - at 1d. a pound. One pound of the shell - is one pound in money. I had a whole barrel of turtle meat a whole barrel."

nice people
though black

"Very good people (fishermen from Nassau) Very nice and they speak good, though they are black not our colour. We sleep together in my fathers home."

"They stayed 5 months. They wouldnt pay the harbour fee in Alligator Pond. So they left. Very nice people, They are black people but quite comely and good people."

"Nassau people take some people (from Bull Savannah) to Nassau. They could go to America (from there) not too far. Ellis Powell (went with them) and Max John Powell - he come home. Wilfred Senior. Some of them (from Bull Savannah) are in Nassau. Frederick Senior never come back. Stay in Nassau - I believe so."

"Alligator Pond - big harbour (was in his young days) Vessel ships and every kind come in. Log wood and fustic as well as pimento and so on (were shipped there). They (the big vessels) dont come against the wharf. Stay out in the see and you take in the boat and take it (the load) alongside there. I used to work on the boat and my father used to work on a boat too. All English and American vessels."

I asked whether any of the Bull Savannah people enrolled on some ships as sailors. Nicolas doesnt think anybody from Bull Savannah did. But people from Ballards Valley and Top Hill did go on the ships as sailors, but he doesnt remember their names.

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Inform.: Dudley Simpson.
23.4.48.
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Old Nicholas Rochester relies mostly "to make the ends meet" on family and neighbours help. ~~He goes on regular rounds "borrowing" one shilling, or "a little breakfast or some cassava to plant. In the~~ He has a good land in the woodlands but is too feeble to work it himself and didnt find anybody to work it on shares. It wouldt require some output of capital on his part, and he hasnt got it. In the opinion of his neighbours - Dudley Simpson, "William Rochester he "gave up too early" i.e. he could still work and "help himself better", but just "gave up". His son Herbert was the support of the family, and he met with an accident over one year ago and died. He was working in the caves digging "mould" - the ratbat manure. It was a well paid job, but not very safe. The earth slid - some of the workers were saved but Herbert was killed. There is no insurance and the family didnt get anything - only the cost of the funeral was paid.

Old Nicholas is "feeble and shaky". Simpson says it is the result of an accident too. A couple of years ago Nicholas went to the horse races to Junction. He liked the horseraces. "He was high in the liquor" met a friend from Ballards Valley. They started to embrace each other and they fell to the ground - old Nicholas first and his friend over him. It seems he hit his head badly and ever since he is "shaky" and has no energy or will to work.

The child Delphena.

The little girl Delphena is often sent on "business" errands. She goes to James Rochester, to other family to borrow something. She also brings me all sorts of things to sell. If she hasnt got anything to sell she says "Mamma says please give me a sixpence". The child is always hungry. Once she came ~~to~~ asking for 4½ d. for a pencil and 6 d. for a copy book. I gave her the money and told her to show me her purchases. She came after a few hours crying : she said she lent the pencil to a girl, the book was put by the teacher in a cupboard and she has a tommy ache and was sent home. The truth was that she took the money and went with two other little girls to buy buns and they ate it. (This was told to me by Dudley Simpson and Mr. Johnson). Whenever there is a gathering - a shooting match, a fire etc. Delphena is there. She is clever and pleasant like all the little children who have to live more or less by their own wits. Our daily conversation always begins like that: "Good morning Mrs. Obrebski" - "Good morning Dephena - what do

want?" "Nothing - just come to see you". "Well you better run to school - it is late". "Please Mrs. Obrebski - and here there are some variations as to reasons - but the final "motion" is always the same. She never forgets to ask "And how is Mr. Obrebski?"

She always has a clean little frock on, and her "manners" and way of behaving is by far more sensible, freer than of other girls of her age, who usually put their hand or their frock into their mouth before asking or answering a question. Poor Delphena matured in this respect much earlier.

28.4.48.

T.O.

Daily talks with Delphena.

Delphena speaks always very distinctly, relatively very correctly in a toneless penetrating stage whisper. She probably makes an effort to be understood by me. Her speech hasn't got the sing song jamaican intonation. It is all on the same tune level.

She brings almost everyday something to sell. The other day she brought two eggs. She wanted 5 d. for them. I didnt have ~~maxix~~ pennies, so I gave her 1/- saying, that 6 d. is for the two eggs she brought and the rest for two eggs she will bring me in the future. She came on the afternoon. She usually goes on the verandah and peeps into the room where I am working through the shutters. I hear her whisper:

"Mrs. Obrebski"

-Yes Delphena-

"I wanted to tell you I will give you a present"

- Thank you - what is it?-

"An egg"

- Thank you, its very kind of you, bring it to-morrow

"I don't know if it is to-morrow. I don't know if the hen lays it to-morrow."

- Well bring it when you have it. /I gave her a biscuit/ And now run home. /She is still there:

"Mrs. Obrebski"

- Yes?

"And where is Mr. Obrebski?"

- What do you want him for?"-

"I want to tell him good evening."

Yesterday she came very exited:
"Mrs. Obrebski you know the teacher wife, she has a daughter Pat"

- Yes I know Pat-

" We were playing at school and Pat found three poun right under her foot."

- What she did with it?-

"She give it to the mamma."

Parentless children

parent as sister

- Well it is a pity it wasn't you who found the money"-

"I, I would ask whose it is."

W When did it happen?-

"Yesterday".

- Have you been to school to-day?-

"No, not to-day," I go to Junction."

- What have you been doing ~~EXXMayXXX~~ in Junction?-

"I post a letter to the aunt in Mandeville."

- Does this aunt from Mandeville visit you sometimes?-

"Yes she ~~sp~~ visit us, stayed only one week, left last Saturday."

- Did she give you a present?2

"She give money to buy me shoes, but mamma take it and give to my sister Berg."

- Mamma is your gran-mother?-

"Yes".

- And where is your mother?-

"I haven't seen my mother for 52 years. She run away. When I was little like this Fellow /little boy adopted by Miss Jude/ here she run away, My aunt ~~her~~ Lil took me and my sister on the shoulder and run after but couldn't catch him /her - the mother/."

- And where is your aunt Lil?-

"She died. And my mother she see my mamma /gr.mother/ in bed and she say she wish him was dead."

Delphena spoke without being asked now. She started to speak quickertelling me all her bitterness.: "And mamma she give evrything to my sister Berg. You know to-day again she didn't give me tea, and yesterday she didn't give me my tea before I gone to school. And when you give me ~~max~~/pennies, little presents/ and I give to mamma she take and give my sister Berg. I give papa to keep it for me."

- And why mamma prefers Berg to you?"-

"Sometime mamma tell me something to do and I am very busy I forget. Berg is a lazy girl, lazy, lazy."

- And what keeps you so busy?-

"I sweep and run to shop and Berga - she is lazy."

And some other wrongs she wanted to tell me about:

"And this girl Mavis from Mrs. Rochester yard, she say she will tell the pennies you give me and I don't give mamma."

- Well the pennies are for you. What you do with them?"-

"I give pappa to keep for me, mamma she give everything to Berg."

To day Delphena apppeared soon after 7 a.m. I heard her penetrating whisper from the verandah and saw her head stuck between the shutters:

"Mrs. Obrebski"

- Yes?-

"I bring you y ur egg. I will bring two more - one for the money you paid and one- a present."

She came into the room:

"And to-day again mamma didnt give me tea. I run to the shop, to Mr. Kermit shop and buy sugar. ~~thax~~And mamma

mix the tea and give Berg and didn't give me any tea."

- "Why didn't you ask her to give you your tea?"-

"I never ask. I ask and she didn't give me, so now I never ask - I know she won't give me."

- "What you did with the thing/I gave her an old pyjamas/I gave you yesterday?"-

"I give it to my first cousin Thelma. She will cut it short for me. I didn't give mamma, she would give to Berg."

- "Who is the father of your cousing Thelma?"-

"Mr. Simpson."

She came again after an hour's time in a clean dress and with her slate, obviously going to school. This time she wanted to ask whether she can bring for me to buy grapes which grow in her uncle James Rochester's garden. I told her to bring them. I asked her how much the lunch given at school costs? It was 3d. I gave her the little silver coin and told her to buy herself a lunch at school.

"Mrs. Obrebski and give you the change?"

- "hat change?"-

"You give me 6d."

She showed me the coin, I gave her a 6d which I mistook for a 3d. I told her to keep the change for her lunch to-morrow.

"Thank you Mrs. Obrebski. Good bye Mrs. Obrebski" and she run to school.

*Mamma's
daughter*

Interv. Nicholas Rochester.
10.7.48.
T.O.

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I met Nicholas Rochester at his brother's house (Charles Rochester.) I was very glad of it/I rather avoid his house. Nicolas and his grand-daughter Delphina use to pester us so much that we had to run away from our cottage whenever we saw them approaching, or to tell them firmly we were busy which was both unpleasant and didn't help much. Delphina would come 4 to 6 times a day begging (very adroitly) or "selling" some fruit. ~~She would even follow me to the lavatory which was most embarrassing to me as I am not used to use this place in a "family" way. (The lavatories here - and in most places in Jamaica I visited have two or even three seats and are used in company.)~~

Delphina stopped her visits to our cottage as result of a big row there was between her and one of the maids of Mrs. Rochester. One day when Delphina came to our verandah the maid told her Mrs. Rochester didn't want her to come here, ~~and~~ and turned her away. I heard the whole story but didn't interfere as the house and premises are not mine. After a while the grandmother of Delphina came and there was a violent and loud exchange of opinion between the maid and the grandmother. Anyhow from that time Delphina stopped her visits. A few days afterwards Mrs. Judith Rochester told me that Delphina is "a bad girl," ~~and~~ and it was the reason why she forbade her to come there. I told her I was sorry for the child, but she really took a lot of my time as well as her grandfather who used to come and instead of asking for whatever he wanted would stay hours to make it look a "social" affair." Jude must have passed a word to the old man, as he never came after this. Nicolas and the poor child Delphina are the only beggars in this district. (They do it however always under some dignified pretence) Ever since they stopped their visits the fruit is sold by the girl Thelma Biggs their oldest granddaughter. She does it business like.

So I took the good opportunity to make sure what are the present ~~occupants~~ occupants of his house. ~~This~~ This interview had also the advantage of being checked by his brother and sister in law.

Present household:

Rochester	Nicolas	head	over		
"	Margaret	wife	about 60	cultivator	
Biggs	Thelma	gr. dau	20	helps at home & works in facto	ry in season
Powell	Alberga	gr, dau	11	at school	
Nembhard	Delphina	gr. dau	9	at school	
Elliott	Delphin	gr. grand son	4		
Blomfield	Betty	gr, grand dau	3		

Biggs Thelma is the daughter of Adella (daughter of ~~Marie~~ ~~xxxx~~ Nicolas) and her present husband Septimus Biggs. This is however the official version. When I asked Thelma who her father was she said "Dudley Simpson". The same was told me by Delphena. Dudley Simpson never mentioned it. He only said nebulously that there was a child whom "they" wanted him to "own". But as he was at the time 14 or 15 he didn't feel "responsible".

Delphena Nembhard is the daughter of Ida Rochester (who lives now with a man near Milk River) and Sam Nembhard from Comma Pen.

Alberga Powell is by the same mother as Delphena (Ida). Her father is Percy Powell.

Delphin Elliott is a great grand son to Nicolas. He is the son of Thelma Biggs and Leonard Elliott from Thatch Walk.

Betty Blomfield is also the daughter of Thelma Biggs and Alfred Blomfield from Ballards Valley.

Nicolas says that the fathers of the above grand children and great grand children do not help to their upkeep. He doesn't blame them (unless when speaking to me) He says they are poor themselves and "can't help themselves".

Thelma Biggs works during the season in the factory. she is really the "head" of the house. The two old people seem quite helpless.

Drawn from the record and supplemented by inform. supplied by Leo Johnson, who interv. Nicholas Roch. on 16.6.48.

J.O. 9.7.48.

Present household:

- Rochester Nicholas, 60.
- Rochester Margaret, wife, 60.
- Biggs Thelma, grda., ab. 19.
- Powell Alberga, grda., 11.
- Nembhard Delphena, grda., 8.
- Elliott Delphin, grgrandson, Thelma's son, 4.
- Bloomfield Betty, grgrandda., Thelma's dau., 3.

Only 5 children of Nicholas and Margaret are alive: James Rochester, Overroad, son-in-law of Sarah Dyer. Canova Rochester - in Thatch Walk. Adelle Biggs - married to a Biggs in Dunder Hill. Jermina White - living now in Mandeville. Ida Rochester working somewhere in Milk River.

Biggs Thelma is daughter of their daughter Adelle, who married a Biggs in Dunder Hill. Adelle's husband did not own Thelma, as he suspected that the child is not his. In fact Thelma Biggs was outside daughter of Dudley Simpson. See fam.rec.4.

Thelma has two children. Elliott Delphin, 4 years old, is for Leonard Elliott in Thatch Walk. The child is adopted by ~~grandpa~~ greatgrandparents. 3 yeras old Betty is for Alfred Bloomfield in Ballard's Valley. This aslo is adopted by greatgrandparents.

Delphena Nemhardt and Powell Alberga are both daughters of Ida Rochester, Nicholas and Margaret's daughter ~~xxxx~~ living in Milk River. Ida does not visit the parental home and both her parents do not know exactly where she is now and what she is doing. Delphena's father is Samson Nemhardt from Comma Pen. Alberga's - Percel Powell in Dunder Hill. Fathers do not support these children. They are supported by the grandpaernts.

This is poor family. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ They live in two single room houses. One is occupied by Nicholas and Margaret, another by Thelma and all the children. Furniture: 2 beds, 3 chairs, 2 tables. 1 kitchen. Land: 7 acres in 3 lots. 1 lot - homeland, 2 lots in woodland. 2 acres inherited, 5 - bought from Harris MacDonald. Trees: 2 mangos, comm., 1 Robin, 1 bombay, 4 pears, 1 grape, 2 pimento, 3 naseberries. Cultivations: "enough for home use" /Nicholas is a poor cultivator, from the time of his son's /Herbert/ death, he went down and does little work on his fields. Tries to maintain himself by getting food or money from ~~either~~ the neighbours. /

Religion. They patronise Bible Church of God. Thelma works in the season in the factory /wrapper/. Delphena and Alberga go to school.

Information from Leo Johnson.
Unterv. Rochester Nicholas.
15.6.48.
J.O. 30.8.48.

Rochester Nicholas, 60.
" Maragearet, 60, wife.
Biggs Thelma, grdaughter, 20.
Powell Alberga, grdaughter, 11.
Nembhard Delphena, grdaughter, 8.
Elliott Delphin, grgrson, Thelma's son, 4.
Blomfield Betty, grgrdaughter, ~~son~~ Thelma's daughter, 3.

Rochester Nicholas: son of Simson and Margaret Rochester.
Margaret Rochester: daughter of Annie Russel and Dick Wilson. They started to live together years before their marriage.
Their children: James Rochester, ~~Franklin~~ B.S., Overroad
Canova Rochester, Thatch Walk, Jemima White /m/, Mandeville,
Adella Biggs /m/, Dunder Hill, Ida Rochester - away.
Thelma Biggs = daughter of Adella and Septy Biggs. Adopted and supported by grandparents.
Alberga Powell ~~daughter~~ and Nembhard Delphena, daughters of Ida Rochester. Alberga's father Percel Powell in Dunder Hill, Delphena's - Samson Nembhard of Comma Pen. Both adopted by grandparents.
Delphin Elliott and Blomfield Betty children of Thelma.
Delphin's father: Leonard Elliott in Thatch Walk; Betty's - Alfred Blomfield in Ballard's Valley. Both adopted by greatgrparents.

Nicholas Rochetser trvelled in the Island: Hanover, Kingston, Manchester 1910- 1920.
House: 1/2 one room houses. Kitchen. One house occup. by Nicholas and his wife, another by Thelma and children.
Furn.: 2 beds, 3 chairs, 2 tables.
Land: 7 ac. in 3 lots, ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ one ~~xxxxxxx~~ at home, ~~xxxx~~ in Woodland. 2 ac. inherited, 5 bought from Harris McDonald.
2 comm.mangoes, 1 robin, 1 east indian. 4 pears, 1 grape, 2 pimento, 3 naseberries.
Crops - for home use. 1 pig.
Weekly spend.: 10/- weekly. Clothes: L3 for adults, L2 for children. 15/4 on children's education.
In school: Delphena. and Alberga.
All fam. Jeh.Witn. Margaret: B.Church of God.

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Shows the
Cotton field
with the
see page 4