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Roye James	head	M. W.	39	St. Elizab.	colour.	angl.	X. baker
" Durice	son	M. S.	12	"	"	"	W. 2. 3 E
Alindo	son	M. S.	12	"	"	"	W. 3. 2. E.
Doris	dau	F. S.	10	"	"	"	W. 2. 3. E.
Lillith	dau	F. S.	8	"	"	"	W. 2. 3. E.
Claud	son	M. S.	5	/	/	"	
Erevor	son	M. S.	3	"	"	"	
Eric	son	M. S.	1	"	"	"	
Lewis Anna	sister	F. S.	44	"	"	"	X housewife

owns 8½ acres in 6 parcels. 5 cultivated, ½ not used,  
 2 pasture, 1 other.  
 tomatoes lacre = 8000 lbs½ 10 dozens watermelons.  
 9 ackees, 5 coconuts, 5 naseberries.  
 2 acres peas, 3 cassava, ½ sweet pot. ¼ yams, ¼ tobac  
 1 sheep 3 pigs, 2 goats, 5 hens.

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 leading  
 H's farm on the road from Green Olive to the  
 main road seems very well managed: on the field in front of the  
 house three pigs are tied under three "umbrellas" a big hog  
 under the tree and a donkey. This is the field which is being  
 man red. On another bit three of his boys and himself work pre-  
 paring the ground to plant tomatoes. The crouch on a row and  
 cut the weeds at the roots with machete. In the yard there  
 is a big separate oven. They bake byns two or three times a  
 week and send them to Alligator Pond. One girl is just taking  
 them down to be sold, she carries a big tin vessel with buns  
 covered with a towel on her head.

This is other Roye  
 Charles Roye

Thursday,  
April 29, 1948.

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*This is another family - not 34*

INTERVIEW WITH MRS VERA ROYES

On my way to James Rochester's I called in in Mrs. Royes shop to buy cigarettes. ~~xxx~~ I mentioned that I was going up to James Rochester's. Mrs. Roye said then that ~~xxxxxx~~ there is a dispute between herself and the James Rochester's family: "a lawsuit." The lawsuit has been going on ~~xxx~~ for 4 years. (Her husband is James Roye)

Origin of the dispute: "My husband bought a piece of land from (1 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres) from Mr. Phillip Thompson" of Bottom Bull Savannah. "The land adjoins the James Rochester's. There is a naseberry tree near the boundary on the James Rochester's land. (There is a pathway - a road leading from the R 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres plot into the James Rochester's land. (The land the pathway leads into really belongs to Charles Francis son-in-law to James Rochester.) Mrs. Lettice Francis daughter to Mr. James Rochester moved the pathway from where it ~~used-to-be~~ was when the land was bought, and made it under the naseberry tree so as to claim the naseberry tree. That was four years ago now. She never claim' the naseberry tree till ~~xxx~~ some six years after my husband had bought the land.

Mrs. Francis has been picking the naseberries "these last 4 yeras." My husband run a wire and leave the pathway, and she chopped down the ~~path way~~ wire." That was four years ago.

J<sup>u</sup>dgement to the suit was not given to the judge who tried the case<sup>1</sup>. The judge reserved judgement pending the surveying of th land by t the crown surveyor. This survey was made on Monday April 26. "The surveyor has ~~xxxxxx~~ found the naseberry tree to be in Mr. Royes land. And has put up two posts showing the boundary line -her pathway (Lettice's )

Mrs Roye expects the matter to be taken back to court so that the judges order can be obtained and so that she may be awarded the claim for damage done to the fence she put up four years ago.

Her husband'smlawyer Mr. Sangster told them not to have any talk with Lettices family over the issue, neither should they try to hinder the picking of the fruits from the naseberry~~ed~~ tree. Mr. Sangster further advised that when the case is decided Mr. Roye can sue for the fruits that have been taken fro tne tree during the 4 years it has been claimed. She will do that immediately after the claim has been settled. She told the story in a business-like tone suggesting no malice.

Interv. with Mrs. Vera Roye present wife of James Roye.  
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My information on p.1. is wrongly put in this  
F.R. It refers to Charles Roye /F.R. 197/.

The house of James Roye is on the parochial road  
leading from the school to Top Bull Savannah; About half-  
way on this road between the school and the shop of Char-  
les Lewis.

The house is big with a zinc roof. Behind it is  
a smaller one where one of the sons was sewing on a ma-  
chine. Below the house is the shop. It is a medium size  
shop (by local standards) lots of printed materials on  
the shelves, some household equipment etc.

A big shed near the shop.

Mrs. Vera Roye was sewing behind the counter near  
the little window which opens on the road side.

Vera Roye is the fattest woman in Bull-Savannah.  
In spite of it she is good looking. She has an exception-  
nally pleasant timbre of voice. The american intonation is  
notcieable.

Vera Roye is from Junction. Her two sisters and  
one brother went to America and she followed them and  
lived in New York for 16 years. She married there a Mr.  
King. They had two children - twins, but the children  
died. Mrs Vera was working in a clothes factory sewing.  
"Piece work, some times day work or week work. In America  
you can earn a lot of money but you have to work hard for  
it." She liked her stay in America. She went on an excur-  
sion train to visit the Niagara Falls. "Lot of fun" she  
said about her life in America. After the death of Mr.  
King she came back home and had for a time a shop in Jun-  
ction. Four years ago she married Mr. James Roye whose  
wife died seven years ago.

#### The step children.

Mrs. Vera says there are six children of her hus-  
bands of whom she takes care. (There are 7 in the census  
but I didn't investigate as I thought E.F. has already  
done this F.R. so I had only a talk for my own pleasure  
attracted by the pleasant though imperious personnality  
of the lady).

It is not an easy task - says Mrs. Vera to take  
care of somebody's children. You can always be blamed  
for not doing as the mother would do, and the children  
"They are not afraid to tell me so." But her husband  
Mr. James "he isn't the one to side with the children".  
He always supports Mrs. Vera attitude and orders. "If they  
don't behave as I want them to be - I use a stick. You  
have flogg them." Mrs. Vera ~~didn't~~ was rather proud of  
her educational measures. However she seems to be al-

so taking good care of the children. The boy "lindo" complained of a pain in his stomach "round the navel". She gave him a purgative to "wash it out" but it didn't help. Just some days ago the boy took his examinations, and when he came back from Top Hill he felt this pain. Mrs. Vera doesn't think it could be appendicitis as it is in the middle of the stomach. So she sent the boy to the doctor to Mandeville. He went there to-day and isn't yet back. The boy is 17 so both Mrs. Vera and myself discarded the

Business.

(possibility of it being an ulcer.)

To-day business is slack "like a Sunday" said Mrs. Vera. The best business is during the tomato season. Near the big shed there were barrels with lime. I asked her whether she intended to build. Yes she wants to "fix up" the shed to have a dance on August 9th. (I failed to ask what kind of date it is.)

She buys her stock in Kingston and made me understand that she is the manager of the shop which is on her name. (This is written outside the shop above the entrance.)

A present.

During our talk she got up and said she had something in her shop for me and brought me two mangoes. I wasn't quite sure whether it was a present or whether she wanted to sell and asked her how much they sold it. She said 3d. and 4d. a piece - the big ones, but those are rather small. I put 6 d. on the window (I was standing outside the shop). She said "Why, you want to pay for it, no, no I wouldn't charge you for it." So I asked her to keep the money to give it to some subscription or another good cause. I believe this denouement from a bit awkward situation. Oh yes she can make an use of it; ~~Ixyarv~~ ~~vevher~~ The mangoes are from her husband's tree. He planted robin mangoes, but he got those, he doesn't know what the name is but they are good fruit. These mangoes of James Roye (his nickname is Touriss) are known. When later on I was in the home of Hubert Elliott, his wife saw them in my bag and said at once they must be from Touriss' tree.

Plan of travel.

Mrs. Vera's brother and sisters are still in America. She intended to go this year for a six months visit. But there are difficulties to get to America now. Mrs. Vera thinks it is connected "with the dollar situation". She can't get the visa and perhaps she will have to give up the idea of paying this visit. She likes America, but "I prefer to live at home."

Family Record 34.Interview with James Roye:

Monday,  
July 19, 1948.

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Born in May 1904, Mr. James is 44.

His present Household consists of:

1. James Roye, 44, i.e., himself. Head.
2. Vera Roye, wife; she was seen.
3. Durice Roye, 17, son to James and Beatrice his previous wife now dead. Durice is one of a pair of twins; the other is
4. Alindo Roye, 17, also son to James and Beatrice.
5. Lelithe Roye 13, dau. 15, James and Beatrice.
6. Claude Roye 10, son to James and Beatrice.
7. Trevor Roye 9, son to James and Beatrice.
8. Desmond Roye 7, son to James and Beatrice.
9. Vie Witter, sister to Mrs. Vera Roye.

9 Mr. James shares a new house he built about 2 years ago with his wife only. The other members of his household share a 3 apartment house in which he used to live before his new house was completed.

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Family History

Mr. James knows very little about his relatives. His mother Liza Powell, died a long time ago. His father William WENT Roye, went away to a foreign land - Port Lemont, he believes, before he was born.

His mother and father had many children, but he does not remember how many or where these alive now are. Some of his parents children are here, others are abroad.  
(See F.R. -Isaac Roye, for brothers and sisters to James)

Career

Born in Bull Savannah, James grew up with his mother, his brothers, and a sister. This sister is now in Kingston. She drinks heavily - "is an old drunkard."

School: He did not go to school.

"From mi a picknie mi a work fi miself till now; mi plant an' mi speculate."

He has married twice. His first wife Mrs. Beatrice Roye, died a number of years ago. The children listed in the above household are all children to Beatrice. He has had no other children.

The houses and lands:

The old house of 3 apartments in which the children live

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~~xxx~~ is built on 1 acre of land bought "in ancient days," from Mr. Feti Elliott. The new house is built on land bought from Eglon Rochester, about 2 years ago. James does not know what is the extent of the new holding, because it was not measured.

Builds Community Dance Hall

having James is/built, a dance hall. The building measures 24, by 15 feet. It will be used as a tomato shed during the tomato crop periods, and as a dance hall during the off-cropperiods. ~~xx~~

He intends the building to be finished by the be gining of August. He plans to hold a concert and dance in it on August 9. The concert will be held in the earlier part of the night, the dance later.

The shed will be rented to the Ja. Veg. during the tomato crop periods. It will be partially boarded round. The roofing now halfway completed is of thatch, the flooring will be of concrete.

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I got the impression that Mr. James who I found sleeping on a ~~ixix~~ low ledge built into the wall of shop he owns, did ~~nt~~ not want to talk about himself or his business. ~~xx~~ His shop business is run by his wife. He used to x sell buns and cakes, but is not doing that because -"mango a ripe, an' it caan sell no more."

He was wearing dark blue cotton clothes -not blue gene. He is fat -complained that the clothes although new are getting too small for him.

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Durice's mother died about 5 years ago. She slipped and fell on the kitchen floor made from concrete. 2 weeks after the accident she began to feel ill, and went to see Dr. Mais at the factory. The doctor told her she would have to go to the hospital. On the third week after the fall, she went to the hospital. She was operated on; they had tried to remove the unborn baby. She died after the operation. -"She was a very fretful woman -did not like to stay away from home.

Father's second Marriage:

Three years ago, his father married his present wife. The marriage took place in Kingston, but the reception was held in Bull Savannah.

Career:

School: Durice attended the Bull Savannah elementary school from he was 7 till he was 15. He left school in 6th book.

After school: On leaving -even before leaving school he had begun to help his fth r at baking. He also used to help with cultivations. He is still helping with baking as well as with cultivations;

~~RexVixWitzer~~

His courtships:

Durice met and made his first girl friend when he was at school, and was about 11½ to 12 years old.

The meeting: -"We always clense ourselves on Sunday evenings (afternoons) and go for a walk in Ballard's Valley. We met the girls from Ballard's Valley, -an' we pick acquaintance, an' then we correspond by post office, even though it is near."

This first girl friend he met thus, was Aldith Forbes. They remained friends for about 6 months. Aldith was really one of a number of girls; she was the special girl friend. She used to come to Bull Savannah on Wednesday afternoons, but never stayed till night.

It was sometimes difficult for Aldith to find excuses to come to Bull Savannah, but she always managed to find a good excuse. Sometimes -"shi brain them an' sey shi want something at the shop, an' she come. A jus' only take a walk with her as she go back. A kiss her -give her plenty of that.

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Sexual relationship; They shared sexual embraces on Sundays sometimes, and sometimes during the week, when her mother, who used to go on frequent visits to Kingston, was gone there. Aldith ~~used to be~~ was about the same age as himself, -about 12. They used to enjoy their relationships.

Use of Prophylactics:

Asked if he did not fear making Aldith pregnant, he said -"I use my rubbers -use my prophylactics; if a don't use them, then after a finish a course, a give her plenty a sugar and water; that prevent breeding.....not a little of it though; ~~shd~~ have to drink plenty; shi mus' force it an' drink plenty.

He had learnt about the use of sugar and water as a means of preventing pregnancy, when -"once, a frien' of mine was riding a bicycle, and it get puncture. Him was looking for a piece of cloth to put over the valve to pump up the tire, an' him find a piece of paper fold up. -It was a letter from a man to a woman. The letter sey sugar and water can prevent breeding: the frien' and I decide to try it out."

Breaks with Aldith -the cause of break

His friendship with Aldith broke up because she suspected him of having "many more girl friends." They did not quarrel however; he never quarrels about such matters. -"A jus' tell her, if she suspec' such a thing like a have ~~xxxx~~ any more, (girl friends) she mus' break off our friendship; a always like to give the discharge: a never like to take it."

Re his knowledge of Rubber contraceptives:

He first got knowledge of "French letters," -rubber contraceptives, when "a fellow pick up  $\frac{1}{2}$  dozen an' give Alindo (his brother) one. Alindo show his own to me, an' them tell mi all about it.

Whiel he was friendx ~~with~~ to Aldith, he had used to have sexual relationship with other girls from Ballard's Valley. There were 3 other girls. Two of these were younger than himself, the other was a bit older.

Courts Icilda Wright

After his friendship with Aldith broke up, he became the friend -boy friend, of ~~Icilda~~ Wright. ~~Icilda~~ was a girl



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from Newill, which is 16½ miles away from Bull Savannah.

The meeting: He first met Icilda at the Ja. Vegetables factory. She was then spending time with ~~his~~ relatives she had living in Dunder Hill. ~~He~~ was introduced to her by a friend - a girl named Gwen. Gwen was not one of his girl friends.

On being introduced, he had asked her to become his girl friend: -"she found out that I was in for that, but she wouldn't give her consent that night, but she come back the other night, an' a ask her what about her consent. She sey ev rything is all right. After she go back to Newill, we begin to correspond."

He used to ride to Newill to see her. He was then still a schoolboy. Asked if his father did not mind his visit to Newill, he said -"he didn't know anything about it."

Breaks with Isolene: the cause of the break:

He was friend to Isolene for about 9 months. They broke up -he broke the friendship because -"a always sey a word:" the word -"Out of sight out of mind." Shi wrote mi 3 letters an' a never answer them.

Re his visits to Isolene:

"When a go on Friday night time, a use to have sexual sexual intercourse with her. er mother always go to market on Friday night time." He would frequently stay overningt on such occasions; slept with Isolene.

To be able to do that, he used to tell his father he was going to spend the night at a grand father's in Top Hill. By doing that he was able to come back in the morning at school time. His father never found out this trick.

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This interview with Durice, was given in my room; Durice in newly laundered cotton clothes all in good condition came to see me as he had promised to earlier in the day. It was nearing dusk when he came. He stayed till about 8.00 pm.

He was scarcely able to keep himself awake during this time. He had been up late the night before he said, but evaded mention of what he was doing. He spoke with little ~~was~~ if any restraint, and seemed proud to be able to speak so freely. He made a point of mentioning that he would not speak as freely as he is doing now a year or two ago; he used to be rather "serious" then, and would rarely talk with anyone.

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