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Fam. Rec. 35.

Brooks Henrietta	head	F.M.	<u>61</u>	9.8.	St. Eliz.	colour.	Angl.	W.1. homemak.
" Iris	dau	F.S.	<u>25</u>	1.0.	"	black	"	W.3. family help
Blake Harold	gr/son	M.S.	<u>14</u>		"	balck	"	X farm lab.
Sinclair Ivy	gr/dau	F.S.	<u>7</u>		"	"	"	Xx R.1. 4.E.
Ewers Selvyn	great gr son	M.S.	<u>4</u>		"	"	"	W.3. farmer
Brooks Arthur	son	M.S.	<u>27</u>		"	"	"	no rel. fisherman W.3.
Roye Lufton	adopt/son	M.S.	<u>32</u>		"	"	"	

Arthur Brooks owns 7 acres in 2 parcels. 3 ac in cultivation, 2 unused  
1 pasture, 1 other.

18 acres  
p 7.1  
shared  
by sons

0.1 cabbages, some escallion,  $\frac{3}{4}$  tomatoes= 2000 lbs.  
3 acjkees, 6 coconuts, 1 guava, 15 mangoes 1 naseberry  
1 cashew nuts, 0.2 corn,  $\frac{1}{2}$  peas,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cassava, 0.1 cocoes,  
0.1 sweet pot.  $\frac{1}{2}$  yams, some coffe, 0.1 tobacco= 60 lbs.  
1 conkey 5 sheep 2 swine, 4 hend

This is the old family land of the Brooks family a  
"Thatch Walk" family. Graves of Henrietta's husband and his  
parents are there. The grave of his father is decorated with  
little shells stuck into the cement.

Henrietta is from Rose Hall, ~~xxxxxxx~~ her husband was  
born in B. Sav. but she thinks his parents were from Rose  
Hall. The old house used to be a few yards below, but it  
"mashed down" because it was very old. Now round the yard  
there are two houses, two kitchens and a buttey.

One daughter is here peeling peas. She works in King-  
ston for the last 8 years, but comes once or even twice a year  
to visit the family.

Wed. March 10. 1948.

Ed. F.

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Interview with Henreitta Brooks

Present household consists of:

Informant,  
Iris Brooks, dau.  
Arthur Brooks, son.  
Harold Clarke g. son. 4

Myrtle Ellington (F.R. 64) has been sharing house with ~~Myrtle~~ Miss Henreitta until 2 weeks ago when she left to share house with Albert Ellington a father's brother.

Myrtle has left ~~xxx~~ because "she an' her uncle (Arthur) caan 'gree." -cannot agree. Arthur spoke to Myrtle about "something" which he does not like. She got vexed, -"tek (take) big heart and lef' to go to her father's 'old claim' " i.e. the land now occupied by her ~~father's~~ uncle Albert. She did not explain 'old claim'. There wa really not much of a quarrel between Myrtle and her uncle Arthur, but she Myrtle has "big mind," and decided to leave. (Big mind =prideful resentment.)

Myrtle began to share house ~~house~~ with Miss Hx Henreitta when Mrs. Maria Burke Myrtles mother ~~and~~ Miss Henreitta's daughter, left her to ~~xxxxxx~~ Miss Henreittias care and went ~~Cuba~~. Mrs. Burke met her husband Burke, in Cuba.

Myrtle is one of 2 daughters her mother had for Easton Ellington now dead. The other child was left ~~by~~ with Easton when Mrs burke went to Cuba. When Mrs. Burke came back from Cuba (Easton was still alive ~~to~~ then) she took back her 2 daughters in her home with her husband Burke. Hazel Myrtle's sister is still sharing house with her mother.

Myrtle left her mothers and returned to Miss Henreitta's a long time after her mother came back from Cuba. She could not get along with Mrs. Burke. On her return to Miss Henreitta's she used to "help herself" by making bannies; -also weeded grass for "anybody" who needed her help. Some of the people she weeded for were Eli Perkins of Thatch Walk, Se Roy -uncle C of Bottom Bull Savannah.

She used to take the bannies she made to sell at Alligator Pond to fishermen and other people who went there to buy fish from the fishermen. Myrtle nefer bought and sold ~~fish~~ fish; -"she buy little fi wi eat but don't speculate a 'pon it." Miss Henreitta said.

~~Myrtle~~

Myrtle has a child named Selvin Mc Clearie Ewers for Sydney Ewers of Alligator Pond. She became pregnant when she was living with Miss Henreitta. Miss Henreitta was vexed with Myrtle for getting "in the way," -for becoming pregnant, and used to quarrel with her. Why? -"because life is hard, and we poor." Some parents don't quarrel, but we have to quarrel. When dem stay so dem (they are) in danger way."

Myrtle was very sick during her pregnancy -had fever. Miss Henreitta had to take her to the doctor at Junction on a donkey. Miss Henreitta had to send to tell Ewers that Myrtle was sick, and asked for "his assistance to get her to the doctor." Ewers sent her -Miss H. 4/-.

When Myrtle's baby arrived Ewers used to send money for Myrtle, but Miss H. does not know how much because the money used to go direct to Myrtle.

~~Myrtle~~ Miss H. used to help support Myrtle; she never bought any clothes for her but used to cook and wash for her, at her own cost. When Myrtle began to work she never gave Miss H. any money, but she used to share her food with her -"she cook gi mi;" i.e. she cooked and gave me.

Sometime after Myrtle's baby's birth, ~~Myrtle~~ she returned with her baby to her mother's home, but later left her mother again because she could not get along with her. Myrtle came back to Miss H. She did not get along with her mother because she "has big big heart."

Miss Henreitta would not name the nature of Arthur's disagreement with ~~Myrtle~~ Myrtle, same which has now caused ~~Myrtle~~ her (Myrtle) to go to share house with her uncle Albert Ellington; -there was not really a quarrel, only a little talking, but Myrtle has "big heart" Arthur who was also then present would say nothing about the "little talking," while Miss H. kept repeating that Myrtle has "big heart." What is big heart? -"When y'u an' a person have a little talking, an' dem feel demself above it, an' feel that them won't stoop to it ..... is "big heart."

Family History

Miss Henreitta married David Brooks of Thatch Walk. He died about 8 years ago. She had with David ~~Myrtle~~ 9 children, 7 of which are yet alive.

It was Dr. Calder, visiting doctor to the district.

The land she now lives on is a piece of the holding which ~~her-father~~ David inherited from his father William Brooks. William had a number of sons. He shared up his holding with them. The piece of land which ~~David~~ she now lives on is a part of the land left by David, who divided ~~his share~~ of his ~~share~~ share of the land, he inherited from William, among his wife and his own children with his wife Henreitta.

Father's allotment of land

Miss Henreitta lives on the old home site;

Son Alexander Brooks got and lives on a piece adjoining Miss Henreitta's; Ethlyn Brooks got and is now building a room on the piece adjoining Alexander's and neighbouring Calbert Brooks; Calbert Brooks got ~~and~~ and now lives in a room he built on the piece neighbouring Ethlyn's. To Mrs. Maria Burke he gave the piece neighbouring Nicholas Brooks. (Mrs. Burke has been living there since her return from Cuba).

Arthur Brooks David's youngest son came in during the course of the interview. He said his father has given him a piece of land in the woods - Breadnut Woods. Other pieces of land passed on by David to his children are: to Birdie Brooks, the piece adjoining ~~Ethlyn Brooks~~ Ethlyn Brooks; (Birdie has not yet settled on it;) to Iris Brooks the piece adjoining ~~Birdie's~~ Birdie's. Iris has not yet settled on her portion of the land; she shares house with Miss Henreitta.

David Brooks left a will providing that when Miss Henreitta dies the land ~~should~~ should pass into the ~~ownership~~ ownership of his children as detailed. Arthur is to have the home site on which Miss Henreitta now lives.

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Taxes for the land is/being paid in David's name. All the brothers and sisters jointly pay the taxes; Arthur stands security for everybody at the tax office. Arthur collects the taxes from all his brothers and sisters and pays it in to the tax office at Santa Cruz. He mails the money to Santa Cruz. There is a tax office at Junction, but one sometimes has to wait there a whole day to get in through on account of the amount of people there at tax paying time. "It is less trouble to pay at Santa Cruz."

Family Record 35Interview with Arthur Brooks

Saturday,  
July 10, 1948.

Ed. F.

I had called twice earlier during the day, and found no one at home, although the windows and the door to one of Henreitta's rooms were opened. On this the third visit, I met Arthur coming from one of the mango trees on the premises, with some mangoes in his hands. He gave the household as follows:  
-Miss Henreitta's Household:

Sharing house with Miss Henreitta in her 2 apt.

1. Iris Brooks her daughter; age not given.
2. Selvin Ewers, son to Myrtle Ellington gr. dau. to Miss Henreitta.

Living in a single room standing close to the kitchen:

3. Harold Clarke, son to Ethlyn Brooks and Harold Clarke. Harold Clarke (the father) is in Cuba. Ethlyn, his mother, is in Kingston, to Miss Henreitta, is in Kingston.

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Living in the third and only other building on the premises is:

4. Arthur Brooks, son to Miss Henreitta. Arthur lives alone.

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Interview with Iris Brooks

Tuesday,  
July 13, 1948.

Ed. F.

Called at Miss Henreitta's again to check on the information hastily given above by Arthur. Found Iris seated on a bench in the kitchen shelling beans. She gave information as recorded above adding that although Selvin sleeps in the house every night, he sometimes goes to his mother for his meals. His mother is Myrtle Ellington, is now a part of the Albert Ellington household. Albert is a bro. to Myrtle's father now dead. Myrtle used to share house with Miss Henreitta, but left about 2½ months ago to share house with Albert.

The four people enumerated above with Miss Henreitta making 5, constitute one household. Everybody eats from one pot. The cooking is done by Iris. Said she: -"When we cookin' meat, everybody put up the money together, but such as cassada (cassava) we pull that out a Arthur Garden."

Percival Powell had used to eat at Miss Henreitta's. He ceased doing that only 2 weeks ago. -"Him gone home a him mother home now." He has not been sleeping at Miss Henreitta's.

Family Record 35Interview with Iris Brooks

Today's dinner (the evening meal) will consist of "bean soup cooked with dumplings and served with bammy. ~~xxxx~~ For lunch Iris proposes "to get a piece of salt-fish, some ackees, and some bammy." This meal will be "for mi, mi mother, Arthur, and Selvin. She did not name Harold.

Her boy friend

*Went to*

Asked who is her present boy friend, she said at first that she has no boy-friend, but later said -"A jus' passin' a little time with Vincent Williams before a go away again." She has been working in Mandeville. She intends to go to Kingston shortly. "He should have gone there last Sunday evening but for a cause not told she was unable to go. -"A want to go on Friday evening."

In Kingston lives her sister Ethlyn Brooks. She will stay with Ethlyn when she gets to Kingston. In Kingston she proposes to "do domestic work."

Iris was wearing a clean cotton print dress. Her hair was newly combed. She wore a pair of shoes.

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Information supplied By Lillian Powell  
who interviewed Henrietta Brooks and Arthur  
on 16.6.48.  
J.O. 13.6.48.

Present household:

Brooks Henrietta, 68.  
Brooks Arthur, son, 36.  
Brooks Iris, daughter, 30.  
Ewers Busta, ~~grandson~~, 10. *great-grandson.*  
*Clarke Harold, ab. 19, grandson, out. son of a daughter in Kingston.*

Parentage:

Henrietta Brooks: father Benjamin Witter /Red Bank/,  
mother: Margaret Witter/Red Bank/. Sisters: Grace Witter  
/Cheapside/, Martha Witter /Spaldings/, Sarah Witter  
/Alligator Pond/. Husband: David Brooks, Thatch Walk,  
dead.

Children: Alexander /Th.W./, Albert /Th.W./, Arthur  
/Th.W., in the old home/; Maria Burke /Th.W./, Ethline  
Brooks /Kingston/, Burdie Christian /Plowden Hill/, Ethel  
Pekins /B.S./, Iris Brooks /Th.W., in the old home/.

Outside children of David: Calbert Brooks, Thatch Walk;  
Dacosta Brooks, Manchester.

Staying at home: only Arthur and Iris.

Ewers Busta: great ~~grand~~ grandson of Henrietta Brooks:  
son of Myrtle Ellington, daughter of Maria Burke /one of  
the daughters of Henrietta/. Myrtle Ellinton living with  
her mother, Maria Burke, or with her uncle, Albert Brooks;  
Busta Ewers ~~grandson~~ is being brought up by  
Henrietta Brooks. Busta's father is Sydney Ewers from  
Alligator Pond.

Housing: The family lives in 2 buildings with 3 living  
rooms together. 1 buttery. 1 kitchen. 2 water tanks.

Furniture: 3 beds, 3 chairs, 3 tables.

Land: £ 18 acres owned by Henrietta Brooks, in 2 plots:  
8 acres homeland, 10 acres Brednut Wood; inherited./from  
grandparents, i.e. from David Brooks' father/.

Trees: 25 mangos, 1 naseberry, 5 coconuts, 3 ackees,  
8 thatch trees, 2 sour saps, 2n sweet saps.

Cultivations: 3000 tomato holes, £20. 30 yam hills.  
1/2 ac. cassava. 1/2 ac. congo. 2 ac. guinea grass.

Animals: 1 donkey, 1 shepp, 4 goats, 6 hens, 1 dog.

Spending: weekly meat, gish, rice, flour, k.oil, sopa,  
butter, salt - 20/-. Clothing: Iris Brooks - £12 for the  
past year on dresses and shoe; Arthur Brooks: £10 for  
pants, shirts. Henrietta Brooks: £6 for herself and  
Busta Ewers.

Informant Dudley Simpson.  
12.7.48.  
J.O.

Brooks family in Thatch Walk, and Top Bull Savannah.

D.S. gave me the following information concerning Brooks family in Thatch Walk and Top Bull Savannah.

Brooks family in Thatch Walk and in Top Bull Savannah are two different families, but they intermarried and are partly related to each other.

Thatch Walk Brooks can be traced all to an old man who died long time ago and who was known in the district under his nickname "Uncle Brooks."

Uncle Brooks lived in the center of Thatch Walk, in the same place which was inhabited later on by David Brooks and now by his wife Henrietta and his descendants. This was old Brooks' place.

Uncle Brooks had two sons: Henry Brooks and David Brooks. David Brooks - probably the younger son - succeeded the father. Henry got land to the East from Thatch Walk center and to-day his descendants live on this land.

~~Henry Brooks had~~ David Brooks and Henry Brooks were full brothers - by the same mother ~~xxx~~ also. They had one half sister by the same mother but different father: Ann Brooks. Ann Brooks' father was so called "Uncle Tim". Uncle Tim was brother of Charlie Brooks in Top Bull Savannah. It is through Ann's father that Thatch Walk and Top Bull Savannah Brookses became related to each other.

Henry Brooks and his descendants. Henry Brooks and his wife known under the nickname of "Yant" had several children; They were:

1. Nicholas Brooks - alive and living now in Th.Walk.
2. Stanford Brooks - lived in Th.W., died a couple of y. ago
3. Philip Brooks - died.
4. Jacob Brooks - alive, living with Alice Ebanks.
5. Fanny /Francella/ Brooks - lived in Th.Walk, died a couple of years ago.

David Brooks and his descendants. David Brooks children are found in Henrietta Brooks Fam. Rec. 35. They are:

1. Henrietta Brooks, widow, Arthur Brooks and Iris Brooks, their son and daughter living with Henrietta Brooks in the old home.
2. Alexander Brooks - in a seaprte home in Th.Walk.
3. Albert Brooks - in a separate home in Th.Walk.
4. Calbert Brooks - outside son of David Brooks, in Th.Walk.
5. Maria Burke. daugh er of David and Henrietta, Th.Walk.  
~~xxxxxxingxxxxxx/xxxxxxabrtiaxxxxxxaostaxxBrooksxx~~
6. Etheline Perkins /married to Eli Perkins/ in Th.Walk.
7. Staying "abroad": Dacosta Brooks, outside son of David, in Manchester; Ethline Brooks - in Kingston; Burdie Christain - in Plowden Hill;



Ann Brooks descendants?

1. Martha Brooks, daughter of Ann Brooks and Joe Brooks "from the same Thatch Walk". D.S. was not able to tell me how Joe Brooks is related to other Brooks in Th.Walk.

Fourth

Third generation descendants of "Uncle Brooks". /Uncle Brooks = first generation/.

~~These are descendants of David's children~~  
These are descendants of Ray Nicholas, Stanford, Jacob, Philip, Francella /in Henry's branch/.

Francella Brooks: she married Andrew Powell who was brother of Benjamin Powell in Top Bull Savannah, and of Elizabeth Powell living in Th.Walk. As Andrew Powell joined ~~xxxxx~~ his wife coming from Top Bull Savannah to Thatch Walk, people used to call this family by Francella's family name, and to-day the family is known as Brooks. In the census Andrew's name is given Brooks. Andrew's and Francella's children: Beatrix, Decell, Isaac - are called also by some people Brooks, by other people Powells. They are know under both family names.

Also descendants of David - see their family records.

And descendants of Martha Brooks, daughter of Ann Brooks.  
Martha Brooks: she is mother of Dalwell Roach.

NB. There was also another daughter of Henry Brooks, omitted in the list of Henry's descendants: Dorothy Brooks. Dorothy Brooks is the sister of Nicholas and Fanny Brooks - same father and mother. She is c.l. wife of Preston Ford in Ridge.