

C.D. 22. Sbd. 13. Household 32.

Brooks Albert	Head	M.S. 34.	St. El.	Black.	Angl.	Ill.	Farmer
" Ida	StDau	F.S. 17.	"	"	"	W. 3.	Servant
Roye Elsa	Servant	M.S. 11.	"	"	"	Ill.	Serv. Priv.
Brooks Leo	Son	M.S. 3.	"	"	"		

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His farm 1942.

Occupies this farm for ~~10 years~~ 6 years, as tenant 10 years, as owner 8 years /?/.³⁰

His land is in 2 parcels: ~~30~~ and 3 acre resp. Together his farm is 33 acre.

6 acres
p. 7, also
see FR 35

He owns only 3 acres. 30 acres are rented from Henrietta Brooks on 12 months. He pays in kind.

In cultivation: 3 acres. Cultivable but not used in 1942: 6 acres. Exclusively for pasture and grazing: 13 acres. /10,75 guniea grass, 2,25 other grass/. Woodland not used as pasture: 10 acres. Other land: 1 acre.

Value of his farm - L150. Buildings - L25. No mortgage.

- 1 catchment.
- His cultivations:
- 1 row of ochras, 7 yards long - L2 doz.
- 1/10 a. tomatoes - 400 lbs.
- 1 ackee - not fruiting. 2 avocados - 6 doz.
- 1 coconut - 20 nuts. 11 mangoes - 420 doz.
- 4 kpawpaws - 15 no.
- 1/5 ac. beans - 2 bushels. 1/10 ac. corn - 1/2 bushel.
- 1/4 ac. congo - 2 bushels.
- 1 ac. cassava - 1000mlbs. 1/10 ac. potatoes - 112 lbs.
- 1/20 ac. White yam - 224 lbs. 1/10 ac. yel yams - 158 lbs. 1/4 ac. other yams - 56 lbs. /?/.
- Stock: 1 goat, 2 swines, 2 hens /4 doz. eggs/.

Thursday.

4. 3. 48.

I.D. with D.B.

Interviewed Albert Brooks.

Present household.

Brooks	Albert	Head	
do	Miriam	Wife	
do	Bassett	Clarkland	Son.
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do	Donald		do
do	Leos		

Family History

Mother - Henreita Brooks.

Father - David do

Albert was born at Thatch Walk. His mother is from Rose Hall but she got married and came here to live. Albert said his mother lived near by and I should go and see her.

Land

Albert owns 3 acres of land. The land was bought from Mrs. Thomas. When the purchase was made, he did not know the size of the land. "You see, them time is not like now. I did not know is how much until a man ~~xx~~ run it off." Asked if a Lawyer fixed up the title for the land, Albert said "no, the same man who run it off. Him use full scap paper.

Crops.

Tomatoe, gogno peas and cassava are planted. I saw Mrs. Burke with a large basket of peas. She said she was not going to sell it. They did not get a large crop this year. ~~xkkkexxyxtakexwexx~~ "too much dry." The cassava is generally sold locally. Some are kept to make bammies "that is our chief food here." The peas which Mrs. Brooks brought in were going to be used to feed the workers tomorrow.

Working for each other.

Albert intends to clear a patch of ground tomorrow, in order to plant cassava. About 5 men will be working with him. These men will not be paid in cash. Albert will be responsible for feeding them for the day. He will at some time or other help those men with their work. This is called "Day for Day."

Religion.

Albert and Miriam are Anglicans. There ²were several churches in the area. The Seventh Day Adventist has the most members. Mrs. Reta Adams has a balm at Lettice a few miles away. "People from all over the island go there all from Montego Bay and Kingston." Miss Reta, as she is

called is supposed to be very good. "She charge 2/6 to try you case. If you say anything bad about her here don't worry go to her for she is telling you as you come to her. She will ask why you come to her and you was talking bad things about her. So anything you say about her she can know. She really good.

Some people only go to her for bath. She charge 2d, 3d 6d or anything, according to what you can afford. She always have the bath ready. She boil all kinds of bush." Mrs. Brooks said that there was also a fountain at the balm yard. She was told that one of the converted people touched the spot with her stick and the pretty stones which now form the fountain came up out of the earth. "If you ever see the stone, it pretty you see."

mother's
Miss Reta's mother was a healer. After her death, she did the healing. I was told that one of her daughters will carry on the work when she dies. "No need you go to her if you don't believe in her. You must believe in her before she can cure you. That is why me would'n go to her for me don't believe she can cure me."

/(Miss Florrie)

A friend of Mrs Brooks came in the yard./ She said good morning to us. On seeing Mrs. Brooks at the kitchen door she said "Morning owner of the yard." She joined in the conversation concerning the balm. Miss Florrie said she was sick with her head and Miss Reta got her better. She gave her a bath. Asked if she only bathed her head "No ma'am, me whole body." Florrie had severe headaches and after she took the baths she was cured.

Seventh Day Adventist.

Another visitor said he believed that the S.D.A. church was the biggest in the world. If he decided to join any church that would be the one. They were the only set who kept the Sabbath. "According to the dictionary, the word Adventist mean the coming of Christ. The Adventist is the only church that have Clinic, hospital, bakery." Albert said there were people in the Adventist faith who led others astray.

Parsons.

The friend does not believe in the Parsons. "Them can't talk to me for me can read and me have me Bible. Is it just like a mother say well I going to send my son to learn cabinet. Is the same way them turn Parson, just to get a job." Asked if he believed in going to church every Sunday. "Going to church can save you. As St. Paul said you have to keep a pure heart." Mrs. Brooks said "He is right, mend your heart and not your garment."

War.

The friend said that he knew the end was near. "Christ said in the midst of these kingdoms I will set up my kingdom. Don't you see that all the kingdoms them fail

Is only the King of England reigning now, and him going to fail to' " Mrs. Brooks said that before the end came we would be seeing much harder times.

The friend then said we would soon be having another war "But I know that whoever declare war first is that man going to win. For whoever declare war first will use the atom bomb. Even now in Japan people suffering form the effects of the bomb. The palce that the bomb explode, no food can grow there for 70 years.

Thatch Walk.

Informant Miriam Brooks

Present Household.

Albert Brooks Head. Miriam does not know his age.
 Miriam do Wife. About 27.
 Leo do Son 9. Leo Brooks Son 9. (At school
 Alpheus Thomas Ad. Son 13.
 Osmond Brooks Son. 3.
 Clement do do 11 days.

Ida Brooks who figures on Census Schedule is dead. now living at Top Bull Savannah. Albert was living with her mother Leta Rochester. After Leta died Ida continued to live in the home. Ida's father is Samuel Brooks. "Even though her father alive she don't worry with him. She don't know any father beside Masa. (Albert).

Wednesday
 14. 7.48.
 I.D.

Ida has a child - Dalva Rowsik, by Clifton Powell. She has another one. Miriam does not know who the father is. Dalva was at Miriam's home today. "The girls around here too rude, them wont keep to one man. Is same way when she did have Dalva. She had to wait till the baby born, then every body say is fe Clifton. Dalva sleeps with Margaret Roach, Aunt of Clifton Powell. She is a friendly 3 year old child.

Elsa Roy who also figures as a member of this household, is now living with the Elliotts in Thatch Walk. Her mother is sister Elliott. Her father Lofton Roy, He is dead. Elsa use to come here in the day to keep Ida company. She use to come in the day and go home in the evening; after ward she just stay." Elsa returned to her mother about 18 months ago. "She mustbe feel herself big."

The household has changed since March '48. (See page 2.)

Bassett Clarkland 4. Son of Albert and Miriam is now living at Marlie Hill with Miriam's mother.

Donald is living with his grand mother Sarah Banton (F.R. Donald's mother is Grace (She could not remember her sur name.) daughter of Sarah Banton. Albert is his father. Donald's was in Miriam's yard.

Other children

Miriam's child by Luther Martin of Marlie Hill

1. Rose. (lives with Miriam's mother).

Leo Brooks mentioned above in the household is Albert's child by Julia Holness.

Since last

Alpheus (mentioned in household) is called Pomie. He has been living in this a member of this household 1/2 month ago. Miriam could not tell his name. "When him come you will have to ask him what name them call him at school.) Alphius was gone to the shop. On his return he did not hesitate to tell me his name or his age.

Child labour.

Alphius' mother has plenty children. Miriam will not be sending him to school. "I take him for a little help."

Miriam's mother Francis Thomas nee Burton.
do father William Thomas.

Her parents are at Marlie Hill, Manchester. She was living there before she came to Thatch Walk. Albert has a sister who is married and living at Marlie Hill. "Them live just beside our place. You see ST. Elizabeth man married to Manchester woman and Manchester man married to St. Elizabeth woman."

Children.

Merville, Mattha Brooks' grand daughter said she had money tied in her socks, which she was taking to the bank. "We win the Irish Sweetstake. We rich. Augst you see me in Town you see. Passing Merville's home I saw her in the mango tree. On my way to Mirriam's she was behind me all the time. When I looked in her direction she hid among the grass."

District nursing

Cella Simpson attended Miriam when she had her baby. She offered Cella 10/- but she would not take it. "She say must give her 2/- . All them good somebody shouldn' dead. Aunty Cella have to give some of the people money, instead. She is a very kind woman."

Childern (Cont.)

/nearly

The children were playing before the kitchen. Miriam told them to stop the noise. "Them don' have no manners." She looked at her 11 days old baby and said "Poor thing." She told me of a girl in Comma Pen who/killed her baby. The baby was found in a hole in the ground with sword around the hand. The girl's mother reported the case to the Police. The baby was alive, and Mother and child were sent to the hospital. The Dr. examined the mother and found that she was mentally unbalanced. "Me hear that the girl and the baby at Comma Pen there now. The people them at the hospital give her clothes, powder and all kind a things."

Information from Lilain Powell.
 Interviewed Albert and Mirriam Brooks.
 16.6.48.
 J.O. 25.8.48.

Present household.

Brooks Albert, 40.
 ,, Mirriam, wife, 24.
 ,, Leo, Albert's son, 8.
 ,, Asman, son, 3.
 ,, Basset, son, 4.

Albert Brooks: see Fam. Rec. 35 / Henrietta Brooks, his mother
Brooks Mirriam, nee Thomas. Father: William Thomas,
 mother Fanny Thomas, living in Marlie Hill. Mirriam has
 2 half brothers: Artel Hutchinson is in Cuba, Ferdinand
 Thomas lives in Alligator Pond.

They have two children. Albert has an outside son:
Leo Brooks: his mother is Juliette Holness in Thatch Walk.
 Donald Brooks is described as half brother of Leo Brooks
 and also halfbrother of Basset, which means that he ~~is~~
 is another outside son of Albert Brooks. ~~Nothing more~~
~~is~~ There is however no information about him. Basset was
 born in Marle Hill where he "lived with gandparents Fanny
 and William Thomas."

Albert went to Cuba 1920-1926 and 1931-1933. Built his
 house from the savings.

Land, house, farming etc.

House: 1 room. Kitchen. Buttery. Latrine. Tank.
 Furn.: 5 chairs, 2 beds, 1 cabinet, 2 tables, 1 sewing
 machine.

Land: 6 acres owned by Albert in 2 plots. 3 acres in the We
 Woodland bought from Thomas Heath in 1938; 3 acres homeland
 bought from Caroline Thomas. 1920.

Tress: 6 Robins, 1 green skin. 4 comm. mangoes. 3 coconuts.
 1 pear, 1 sweat sap. 1 ackee.

Tomatoes: 6000 holes, L30. 100 yam hills. 20 cocoes. 1/2
 acre cassava, 1/2 acre congo, 1/4 acre red peas. Corn "few
 holes."

1 sheep, 2 goats, 1 hen, 1 pig, 1 dog.

Weekly spendings: 20/-. L12 on clothes in the last year.
 L2 on medical treatment.

No apt. religion.

Leo Brooks in school, 1st stand.