

C.D. 22. Sbd. 13. Household 39.

Roach Dalwell	Head	M.S. 30.	St. El.	Black Angl.	W. 2.	Farmer
Brooks Martha	Mother	F.S. 52.3.1.	„	„	W. 2.	Homemaker
Roach Merville	Dau	F.S. 4.	„	„	„	„

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His farm 1942.

Roach Dalwell figures in Sch. 3 - under 1 acre.
 Stock: 1 goat. 2 sheep. 3 hens / 2 doz. eggs /
 Value of his garden produce: £5.
 1 ackee / 14 doz. / 3 coconuts - 84 nuts. 9 man-
 goes - 800 doz.

5 acres
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Thatch Walk

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Interviewed Martha Brooks.

Present Household.

Brooks Martha	Head.
Roache Merville	G. dau.
Roach Doswell	Son.

Family History:

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Mother: Ann Brooks (d)
Father Joe do (d)
Father's mother Dorothy Brooks (d)
Father's father William do (d)
Mother's mother "dead when me mother was a baby so I don't know her name."
Mother's father Uncle Tim don't know right name.
Children of Ann and Joe Brooks.

1. Joseph (d)
 2. Ann and Joe had about 16 children " some born full time, some no full time; all them way." Martha is the only child alive.

Martha's child^{ren} by Sam Roache

1. Doswell Sam is now at Port Henderson he is a
 2. Albert (d) Police constable.

Elsa Perkins stays at Martha's place in the days. She sleeps with Thomas Heathe "She get obstruct with baby you know and the father run her 'way She always good to me and I take her in." Her baby was born in Martha's house. Elsa's mother is Ethel Perkins (nee Brooks) Martha's father's sister.

Early days.

Martha was born at Thatch Walk. Her mother came from Rose Hall. "All me mother generation them come from Rose Hall.

Land

Martha owns 5 acres. Martha stated that when her father was alive he bought land. He did not inherit any. "Since is me one, every thing just come to me." Her son is now working on the land. "Don't give it over to him yet, but is him rule it."

Sickness.

Martha has been sick for about a year. The Doctor says her nerves are bad. "Another time him say me body run down." Mrs. Henreita Brooks looks after her sometimes. "Is fe her husband raise me." "Me sick long time plenty off those who used to come and look for me dead."

School

Martha attended the Bull Savannah School "Same school/that is a different one make up." She left school in 2nd standard. Asked if she was able to read "Yes me can do little but

Handwritten note:
 My "Auntie" dau
 "wide quokka"
 x Brooks

Courtship.

Martha's mother was very cross. "Couldn't go out as me like." Roache was living near to her and he used to visit her. Martha went to his home sometimes but not often. "Me never visit him much. Me have friend carry news from me to him same way."

When Martha got pregnant her mother quarrelled with her and chased her from the home. Asked if she did not know she would get pregnant. "Know yes, but only take a chance, and it happen to me!" A friend took her in when she had to leave the home. "When me nearly to have the baby, me mother take me back."

Child-birth.

Her mother and Henreita Brooks looked after her. Martha nursed her baby for 1 year. Martha had another son. Her mother quarrelled again "but me never care much 'bout that." She said that she loved her son very much "Up to now the one son me have and me love him for every thing is him. See him a go a work there now, him have to contrive for me before him go."

Martha's grand daughter Merville seemed to be very attentive to her. She kept wiping the cold from her nostrils all the time. Martha said she was not able to help herself. If she wanted to go on the bed someone had to take her up.

Meals

Martha was having her mid-day meal when I arrived. She was having boiled sweet potatoes. The potatoes were served with the skin. They were placed in a small clean enamel plate, and this was placed on a chair. Martha sat before it on another chair. The drinking glass with water which was beside the plate, was very dirty. Martha looked as if she was enjoying her meal.

On my way out I saw Elsa in the kitchen grating cassava.

Interviewed Dalwell Roach

Wednesday
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Dalwell asked if the information I wanted to get from him would put him in trouble. "Anything to put we a prison for taxes?"

Dalwell has one child - Merville Roach. His mother who was sitting in the house said "him no have no business to have none, but as it come him have to take it."

Land and tomatoe growing

Dalwell has his mother's 5 acres of land. He does not plant it all out in tomatoes. "Money in it but wemno get any. The Company get it." If Dalwell had more money he would be able to do more planting. The fertiliser and the mulch are too expensive.

Mother's illness.

Martha Brooks - Dalwell's mother has kind of scales over her body. Ants were just crawling over her and she did not seem to mind it. She kept scratching herself all the time. Asked Dalwell what was wrong with his mother. He said she got a stroke about 3 years ago. Asked why her hand looked like that; "is hitchie bam bam (form of disease). Martha started to talk about her illness, Dalwell said "jus' tan till (just stand still when you hear sensible s'mebody a talk." Martha said "Just have to wait on the Lord's leisure. If me to raise up, me will raise up, if Him to take me, Him will take me."

Childhood.

Dalwell was born in Bull Savannah and he attended the school here. "As me come out a school today, them buy maschette give me tomorrow." Dalwell has been cultivating ever since. "Me can't sit frown every day look pon her." (his mother)

Housing

The house which was built by Martha's father was blown down in '34. "Only top blow off and had to rethatch it and fix the wall." Dalwell paid the carpenter Calbert Elliott 30/- and some people in the district helped him to thatch the house.

His Father

He does not seem to be fond of his father. He calls him Daddy. "Call him daddy no do him anything, but is to get anything from him. Him leave here long time when me small; that can show that the help that me get was shaky." (Hee was not supported by his father).

Marriage

Dalwell does not believe that marriage is a good institution. "Any sense in a it? Some married today and tomorrow you hear that them can' live. Me would like it, but according to who. Me would rather married and live at Town place."

Dalwell has 2 children. One is dead and the other - Merville - lives with him. Agnes who is the mother of the first child used to live with Dalwell in ~~the~~ his mother's house. "Through she wouldn't help me mother, me and her couldn't 'gree. Any woman I take have to look after my mother, because is through she why I stand up here today."

Who is responsible?

Dalwell believes that the people themselves are responsible for their poverty. "Every body can't be alike, there is plenty that is not careful, and there is plenty don' have it to careful with. Is all that way poorness ~~x~~ come. People born under different planet."

Occupation.

Apart from his tomatoe cultivation, Dalwell works sometimes for the Teacher. "Weed and so for 3/- or 3/6 a day.

Visitors from other districts.

People from Green Olive and Shaddock Hill don't come here. "Only sickness or death may bring them."

Death

"If you live good with people them will give you a shilling or 2, when any body dead for you; but is you response. If the person dead with bad sick - consumption ~~of/s~~ and all them sick; them bury them clothes with them." A "Set up" is generally held the night the person dies. Friends of the deceased usually ~~usually~~ go to ~~the house~~ the deceased's home and stay all night. "Drink coffee and rum and sing. All 'bout here them don' bother with nine night."

Education.

Merville is not sent to school. She takes care of her grand mother at home. Dalwell does not intend to send her to school too often. "Not giving her than will make her sign her name; for me not getting any thanks from her." Asked why he said that: "You no see Merville mind bad a'ready. " Dalwell would quicker educate a boy than a girl. "Suppose you spend a £10 'pon them, put her to study, and then when time come she throw dirty water in you face." Asked what he meant: "she spoil." "Merville like boy company too

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much. Me beat her till me tired. If a even dumb thing me have and it worry me too much me sell it or kill it."

Merville was under the bed and she heard everything. She said she was going away. Her grand mother said "You could a go tonight." Dalwell said " You must be think that would be anything to me." Merville then said "You would a miss me."

/ and his mother

Dalwell/kept saying all the time that Merville was a bad girl. Dalwell asked me to take her home with me.

Interviewed Elsa Perkins &
Thomas Heathe (Junior)

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xx Ethel &

Elsa has been staying at Martha Brooks' home in the days for about 2 years. Before she met Thomas, she used to sleep at her parents' (~~Mr. & Mrs.~~ Eli Perkins) home.

Thomas, Merville and Elsa were in the kitchen together. Elsa cooks Thomas' meals. Both of them sleep at Thomas' father's (Thomas Heathe (Senior)) home in Thatch Walk. Elsa has been living with Thomas for about 18 months.

Tuesday.
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Thomas is 31 years old. Elsa does not know her age. She is about 21. Martha said Merville was 3. Merville laughed at her. Martha said "He must know after is me put you a school." Merville is about 11 years old. Martha is about 55. Dalwell was not in.

Elsa does not know how she is related to Martha Brooks. I could not understand what Martha said ~~at~~ concerning the relationship. Martha is not well.

Information from ~~Dalwell~~ Lillian Powell.
Interv. Dalwell Roach and Martha Brooks.
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Present household.

Roach Dalwell, 35.
Brooks Martha, 50, mother.
Roach Merville, Dalwell's daughter, 9.

Roach Dalwell: father Samuel Roach in Kingston /not to be mixed with Samuel Roach in Ridge, who was his father/, mother Martha Brooks. Has one halfsister Louise Roach living in Alligator Pond.
Martha Brooks: father late Joe Brooks, mother late Ann Brooks, both of Thatch Walk.
Murvil Roach: her mother is Gerty Johnson in Rose Hall.

House: 2 rooms. Kitchen. No tank. Furn.: 2 beds, 2 chairs. 2 tables.
Land owned by Dalwell Roach 4 acres in 1 plot. All homeland inherited from grandparents.
Trees: 7 mangoes, 6 sweet saps, 3 coconuts.
Tomatoes 2000 holes, L11. Crop failed. ymas none. 1/4 acre cassava. 1/4 acre congo. 1/4 acre poatato.
2 sheep.
Calculate weekly spendings at 20/-. L5 spent on clothing last year. No savings.
No aprt.religion.