

C.D. 22. Sbd. 14. Household 5.

Heath Thomas	Head	M.M.68.	St.El.	Col.	Angl.	W.3.	Farmer
,, Thomas	Son	M.S.31.	,,	,,	,,	Ill.	Fishing
;; Willet	Son	M.S.28.	,,	,,	,,	Ill.	,,
Sinclair Cinderer	llagDau	F.S. 8.	,,	,,	,,	W.1.1E.	
Heath Lovett	GrSon	M.S. 6.	,,	,,	,,	-	

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His farm 1942.

Land occupied by him for 40 years - as owner.  
 6,5 acres together in 2 parcels: 2 ac. and 4,5 ac. resp.  
 Chief source of income - tomatoes. Employs no labour.  
 Works 50 weeks in year, 6 days per week, 8 hours per day.

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2,75 acres in cultivation. ~~But~~ 2 acres cultivable but not used this year. Exclusively in grass: 1,25 ac. /1 ac. in guinea grass, 0,25 ac. in common grass/. Other land: 1/2 ac.

Total value: £100. Buildings: £25. No mortgage. 1 catchment.

Okras: 2 rows 50 yards each, 90 doz. Sweet peppers: 2 rows 20 yards each - 12 lbs.

Tomatoes: 7/10 ac. - 1880 lbs.

2 avocados - 60 doz. 2 breadfruits - 15 doz. 4 coconuts + 3 unfruiting - 196 nuts. 16 mangoes - 400 doz. 2 pawpaw - 5 no.

1/4 acre corn - 2 bushels. 1/4 ac. red peas - 2 bushels. 3/4 acre cassava - 600 lbs. 1/4 ac. potatoes - 300 lbs. ~~xxx~~

1/2 ac. tobacco - 300 lbs.

Stock: 1 donkey. 2 sheep. 3 goats. 2 swines. 2 hens /9 doz. eggs, 6 doz. sold 1/- per doz./.

Interviewed Thomas Heathe.

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Family History.

Thomas' grand daughter Rosetta Rowe lives in the house with him. Rosetta's mother Mary Samuels (nee Heathe) was Thomas' daughter. She is now dead. "I got 10 lawful children not a bastard one and is 3 left. 7 of them dead. I notice how God work, is the 3 last one left. The 3 children alive are: Hilda Sinclair (nee) Heathe. She is now living at Lincoln. Thomas and Willett are living at Thatch Walk. "Willett live with sweetheart just up ~~at~~ there so." He pointed to where Willett's house was located. Thomas also stated that Willett's woman had children. Said his son was not like him for he did not have any bastards. Thomas said "Them look the filly first but I seek the grass and the water first. When you seek the filly first, you breed up; you can' settle."

Land.

Thomas owns 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land. He bought all this from Fredrick Wilson for £27. 13. - Thomas inherited 3 acres from his mother. His father had land but he did not get anything from his father because he was a bastard. "The lawful one them get everything." Thomas was the only child for his mother. His father belonged to St. Elizabeth but his mother came from St. Mary. The land she had was bought by her. Thomas was not able to say whether his father bought his land or he inherited it. 4 of his grand children are now living on the 3 acres he inherited from his mother. These 4 children belong to his daughter May who is dead. Before May's death Thomas gave her 1 acre of land. "The acre I give them don' even ~~sway~~ off." Thomas is still responsible for paying the taxes on his inherited land. "Sometime them ~~may~~ help with the taxes. Them may give me a shilling or a 2 1/3 "

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Early days.

Thomas attended the Bull Savannah School until he was 16. He wanted to study but his mother could not afford to keep him in school. "I only get 5 months of study." I see that could not help me much, so I launch out for myself." Immediately after Thomas left school he went to work on a boat with his Uncle William Heathe "as a hand" Asked what he meant by that. He laughed and said " you must be something on the boat you know, captain or matt or something. Well, I was a hand just working on the boat." After working with Heathe for a time he started to "work Stephenson's boat" Thomas worked for Stephenson for 5 years. At the end of that period, he was able to buy his own boat for £15.10.

.Fishing

Fishing industry.

Thomas thinks fishing a grand industry. He says he should be in it now because the present fishermen are making

plenty of money. Thomas does his fishing at Alligator Pond. "Used to be 8 or 9 fishon string for 1/-. Now is 15/- or 16/- a weight." A weight is supposed to be 13 lbs. Thomss used to pay 6d a day to sell his fish on the beach to higgler. He also had to pay 2/- or 2/6 a . . . . . to leave his boat on the beach Now a days 3 trucks go to Alligator Pond from Kingston to buy fish. 1 from Christiana, 1 from Spaldings " beside the bicycle them."

In order to get the fish, the pots are set near to the rocks. The fish generally go inside the rocks to hide. On seeing the pot they go in for shelter "and they are caught."

Owing to ill health Thomas had to give up fishing. He has been off the sea for "13 years now." He sold his boat for £8 after using it for 11 years. The boat was also 11 years/when he bought it. The fish pots were lost. While talking about how the fish wer caught Thomas said that the fish sometimes knwe the pots were set for them and they would not go in them. "The fish them wise as man." He then went on to quote the scriptures. "Ezekiel did say prophesy that the fish will become as wise as man himself, and they will go into the deep and man will go in search of them, and don't find them."

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Housing.

Thomas has a lovely house of which he is very proud. It looks better than the other houses near to him. It has a zinc roof painted red. About 13 years ago the other house he had was destroyed by the storm. His kitchen was also blown down. Thomas wrote to the Parochial board for aid and they sent him 30/-. Asked if he wrote the letter. What, me write it, you think me a eat me mother ne nyam a school for not'in'?" // Thomas has been paying taxes for 59 years and he feels that he was entitled to more than 30/-. The matter was discussed at the Malvern Court House. The Judge said Thomas ~~shou~~ should get more money "up to now I don' get none."

// he was not eating the food his mother gave him while at school for nothing.)

When the house blow down is the catechist I have to write to and ask him to make I stop at the church. I didn' have any place to go. That time my wife was alive." Thomas and his family stayed at the church until he was able to erect a small house with thatch roof. This interview took place in the kitchen. Thomas said "Is this we have to come and live into, until we put up the house." ~~xxxxxx~~ "Things was not so bad with me. I did have £58 save up and me big canoe and fish pot." Thomas had to use up all his savings to build his house.

Poor Relief.

Thomas wanted to know if I was sent to distribute goods to the poor. "I did have something, but I don' have nothing now. I would well do with something." He

"bread" further stated that there were people sent out to give things to the poor "but them don' look for the poor. Them look for the well-to-do. Our island have things but the Government don' look for the poor."

Religion and the Bible.

Thomas is an Anglican. According to the scriptures the black people are children of Ham. "Remember there were only 8 souls saved after the flood. Noa and his wife. His 3 sons and their wives." Noa was seen naked by his sons, Shem and Ham. "Ham laughed after his father's nakedness and Shem took a cloth and covered his father. Noa said to Ham: "The blackness of the earth shall be upon thee all the days of thy life, and thou shall be servant unto thy brother." To Shem, he said: "Honey and milk shall flow beneath thy tongue all the days of they life." And you see the black man is servant of the white to this day. Is not a curse, for what is black and what is white. Is only to show that children is not to be disobedient to parents."

religious

Thomas told me of a book he imported from America years ago for 22/-. I do not remember the name of the book. He lent it to one of the Anglican Ministers, the Teacher, "even the adventist people them borrow it." Thomas then told me of a picture in the book which showed Satan tempting a man. He went in the house and brought the book to show me. Under the picture of Satan and the man, was written, "Consciously or unconsciously, we are all playing a game: Without the grace and wisdom and power of Christ, the game is lost. With him it is won." Thomas knew this little quotation by heart. When I complimented him on having a good memory, he laughed heartily.

There was another picture in the book which showed Satan falling from heaven. I did not find that picture. "Woe unto the son of man for the devil is going among them like a roaring lion". Those words were supposed to be found under the picture. Thomas said "And it is still hard for them unto this day"

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Jesus Christ was a white man. "I going to tell you how Mary know she was going to have a child. Her cousin Elizabeth was in the family way 6 months. Mary go to look for her cousin. When she go there she hug her cousin and kiss her. The babe leap in Elizabeth's womb for joy. At the same time Mary feel something crawl in her belly. She did not know that she was in the family's way. After she tell her cousin how she feel. Elizabeth tell her that she was breeding. Poor Mary burst out in tears and said how ~~kkak~~ could that be seeing that she knew not a man. You see John the Baptist was only 6 months older than Jesus. When Joseph found out that Mary was breeding. He decided to put her away privately for he did not want to make her a public example. An angel appeared unto him and told him that she should bear a son but he should have no fear as Mary was conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Joseph took care of her and after she have the child; him married her and she was still a virgin."

School Teacher.

Mr. Miller is a very nice man and a good catechist. "The people call him "My Lord, but his name is Miller."

/ in his kit-  
chen

Thomas is a very pleasant old man. He is 75. "You see the Lord give me extra. According to the scripture my time up." He is now suffering from rheumatism. When I arrived at his house he was shelling gongo peas. After a while he stopped as his fingers were burning him. Some time ago he fell and sprained his foot. ~~Maxxxxxxxx~~ "From that the foot condemn." Thomas has been to many doctors.

Household & Fam. History.

Monday.  
8. 3.48.  
I.D.  
Ø by father  
side.

Ethel Simpson is a member of Thomas' household. She was not present at the first interview. Ethel has been living at Thomas' place "quite a few weeks now." Thomas ~~xxxxxx~~ is the brother of Dudley' Simpson's mother. / Mrs. Heathe is the sister of Dudley Simpson's father. "Mother and father pickney." Ethel's father who is dead was also Dudley's brother.

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Asked Thomas for the book he showed me on my first visit "The controversies between Christ and Satan." Thomas said the book was not there he had lent it to Richard an Adventist. The Rev. MumBord told him "well I was a teacher to a catechist and now I am a Rector is the first time I see this book." Thomas said he lived very close to God when he was young and that was why the young people looked after him now. "I have never ~~sax~~ up the bowels of compassion against the poor.

He said that Satan tempted him plenty but he kept on praying. "For Satan tremble when him see the weakest sinner 'pon him knee."

A friend of Thomas was at his home while I was there. On leaving he said he was sorry he did not have anything to give me he was coming from "the Bay" and he did not get anything. He usually sells "bitter wood, bissy and so on. His bitter wood was sold so he did not have any to show me. He promised to leave plantains /Ø at Thomas' place for me "I am notgiving it to you because you need it, but I like to extend me hand to strangers. I am a traveller and strangers treat me good." Thomas then told me that his friend "know the 14 parishes of the island 'pon him foot. Thomas invited me to a dance which will be held at his home next week Monday night. Asked about charges.

"You don' have to pay. The young men will pay for the dance and you will jollification up you'self."

He was sorry he did not have anything to give me. I said that was alright. Thomas said "No it not a'right at all."

Thomas had heard that Ed.F. was giving away money. He said he was going to "play sick" Lodric said all he would get was a cigarette. Thomas then said he had fooled Dr. Johnson already. When the Dr. asked him why he did not visit him at Black River hospital he said "you know Dr., if wishes were horses every begger would ride."

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would fool anyone,  
else

Thatch Walk

Where the Elliots live is the real Thatch Walk. At one time thatch used to grow plentifully down there. "And them call the whole place Thatch Walk. Whole heap of clothes live down there. Asked what he meant. "Is so me call a whole heap of woman, so so clothes, must be only 2 man down there."

Tuesday  
9. 3.48.  
I.D.

Ed. F. asked Thomas about Samuel Elliot before he replied he asked Ed. F. if Samuel would get in any trouble A woman took him to court for maintenance and he has to pay over £3. Samuel is now trying to hide away.

Thomas gave Sam. a bit of land and after he returned from America he started to build a house. "But see the place there it can' done yet." Sam brought back lots of money from America and Thomas saved some for him while he was away. He had £102 when he came home "him s' don' put it to no good use, him just gamble it out."

Wednesday  
10. 3.48.  
I.D.

On passing Thomas' place he told me that Samuel called to see him and he told him that Ed.F. was asking about him. "Thomas say is him good friend, him go all up the house and him one nearly drink off a whole bottle of 1 Dagger."

Courtship  
Love and Marriage.

Thursday.  
11. 3. 48.  
I.D.

I asked Thomas about his wife and he said he did not remember anything about her. "Death cut the wedlock of marriage." (After a man's wife is dead he can no longer be considered as a married man.) "When I 22 I settle."

Thomas met his wife at church. "I see her at church with her parents but she had to leave before the service over while her parents stop for communion. She had to go home to look after the dinner. So I follow her. We talk a little on the road, but me just leave her for it look like she couldn't argue. I tell her though that I wanted to visit her. She say I must come. I say take care you make I come and then when I come you don't notice me and make I stand up look little. She said no. Well I did not go that Sunday but I go the next Sunday.

"I sweet up you see, with me big cigar and me mouth full a lie. I tell you fi I tell the Judge a lie him can't find it out." Thomas went to his girl's home all dressed up. When he went to the home he saw Mr. Rowe, the girl's father sitting outside in the yard. "The gal bring a chair for me and I sit down beside the father. That time she stay over the bed a kill herself with laugh. Mother was in the kitchen looking after coffee. Then I say Mr. Rowe and Mrs. Rowe I see your daughter at the service and I fall in love with her and I come to ask consent for her, Mr. Rowe said consent for what, to visit her. I said not to visit her but to marry her.

"Mr. Rowe said he knew ~~me~~ I was a decent and upright fellow Mrs. Row aske me if I knew I would have to find the dress, the shoes and the hat for ~~the~~ the wedding. I said I did not mind she should just tell me all that I had to get and I would get it. She say she no make no match and she no brake none. I couldn't stay long for I wanted to go to the rum shop. About 2:00 she and her brother come and bring dinner for me and she hand me a note from her mother. The things that I had to buy for the wedding in the note come up to £5.11. and I gave her £6.

"I took her to the Gold Smith at Alligator pond to get the married ring. The ring cost me £1 and 4/- to engrave my name and her name in it. I buy the guard (another ring) for 16/- ~~the~~ I give the gold smith £1, that was April and we married/June. She was fair, me have a daughter fairer than Thomas (one of his sons).

"The Bands publish Sunday, and remember you have 3 Sunday from that you know before the wedding, that is the time I know anything about her. I found her a lady.

"Wife took sick in March with pains. Dr. Lyons come over from Junction and visit her for 3 guineas and then a second visit for the same amount. Then I call another Doctor from Mandeville and pay him 6 guineas. Dr. said she had a kernel (swollen gland) and any time it raise up it stop up her woman part you know (this he said very softly). The

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same doctor wanted to take her off to Mandeville the night but I did not agree. Him say since is my wife him couldn't force me, and she died 2:00 o'clock the morning, The 17th of April gone 4 years."

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Thomas and his wife ~~lived~~ very happy together.

Two of Edith Bent's daughters were in the kitchen with Ethel. Ethel said she left school in 6th standard and she could read. The other girls were not able to read. Thomas said "Reading without study is dead; just as faith without workings is dead." Ethel then started to sing a song about Fair Hellen. Thomas said he taught her the song and he had a book inside with the words. He then sang it for me.

Fair Hellen and the Brown Girl and Lord Thomas. ( 3 lovers ) /

"Fair Hellen (rep.) my only dear, why would you look so pale.

And you are the prettiest girl that ever the sun shine on"

~~Lord Thomas (rep.)~~ Thomas explained that the brown girl did not like fair Hellen and she took a knife and stabbed her. Then Fair Hellen said.

Lord Thomas (re-.) your eye must be blind that you cannot see what your brown girl has done to me. My heart-blood is trickling down at my heels." (and she drop dead.)

Lord Thomas put his hand in his pocket and take out the revolver and put it at the brown girl's chest and she drop. Then he said.

"Young man (rep) take warning from me. It never ends no good when 3 lovers meet." (Then Lord Thomas killed himself.)

Thomas said he was exceptionally happy when he was a fisher man. "Sometime I am in a bar from 9:00 at night til 4:00 in the morning and we sing right on, and don't sing one song twice. Thomas started to sing again and all the young girls came around him. He said all of them knew the song. They joined in sometimes.

"One Newfoundland sailor was walking one day  
Saw a delicate young lady meet on his way  
He said young lady will you go to Newfoundland with me.  
The answer she gave it was no, not I.

Sailor:- Those rings on my fingers was 1, 2, and 3,  
Will you take those in remembrance of me  
That when I am gone to Newfoundland my dear  
You may sit down and think what a true lover I be.

Girl:- No, not I, no me love not I.

When 3 months did came her love could not be  
When 6 months did came her aprons get short



When 9 months did come forth a fine boy baby born  
And she wrote him a letter that a fine baby born  
And her courter said No. it's not I.

And she take up her baby and tie on her back  
And travel (rep.) to a shady green tree.  
And she ~~car~~(rep.) till her tears over flow.

Girl: Fair damsel all around take warning from me  
Never to be courted by a young man of a higher degree.  
For they will hug you and will kiss you and will tell you  
false lies  
But to marry you my dear it is no not I.

When Thomas finished singing he said "That was Tom when I was young." Sometimes he stopped singing and said "Land ahead" in a loud voice, and he lifted his hand and threw himself back.

He kept on explaining the song to me right along. When he said "When 6 months did come her aprons get short." He said "That a breed she a breed you know." Thomas seemed quite happy when talking about his life at sea. "All a moonlight night man when you see we 'pon deck, everybody a sing." Asked him to sing another one he said I would have to pay him. Then he said "but don't we part to meet, next time I sing another one. You believe a one me know."

#### Meal

Thomas had his dinner which consisted on gongo peas and bammies, in the kitchen. He said I should draw up a seat and dine with him. Thomas sat on one box and his food was placed on another box before him. Ethel who did the cooking said "If the lady don't partake with us, I will never look at her again." Thomas said he took coffee 3 times a day and said I should have some. This I did. Edith Bent's girls helped Thomas with his peas and bammies. While he was eating his little grand daughter came to see him and he gave her some of his dinner.

#### Church.

Asked Thomas if he still went ot ~~seheot~~ church. "church is only wood and stone, my church is in here (touched his heart) "Sons and daughters give me thine heart and I will give ~~three~~ you a crown of life. When the wicked man turn from his wickedness, and doeth that which is lawful and right he shall save his sould alive." Asked if he was wicked. He said no. "Not a man can say Thomas owe him anything, not even a 3d."

"Me done with everything now is only consumicle, me no done with that yet." The girls laughed when he said this, and told him he should be ashamed of himself. Ethel said "I am ashamed of you Papa, God see." According to Ethel's tone she really meant it. When I asked what he was talking about he repeated the word consumicle Even though he said it

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more than once I am not quite sure if that was what he said.

He said Lena was a nice little girl when she was small, she was also good looking "but she too kind." Lena asked him what she gave away, Thomas replied "you punu." (female sex organ) the girls looked at me as if they were frightened. Lena said "you mean canoe." Thomas said "no, "Punu, see it between you foot there." One of the girls said "what a worthless old man." Thomas said "I soon stretch you out in there." (pointing at the room) The girls looked at me again. One of them said he could not do it. Thomas then said that when he was young he could get all the girls he wanted, but now he had to pay. Asked what he did during his young days. "Just hitch them up."

Interviewed Thomas Heathe.

Ethel

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Thomas and ~~Elsa~~ (his wife's niece) were ill today. They were both having fever and headache.

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Cinderella Sinclair described in the Census schedule as Thomas' grand daughter is really ~~is~~ great grand daughter. ~~Cinderella is the daughter of Gladys~~ Gladys - Cinderella's mother "and Cindie too, born in this house. Israel Sinclair is Cindie father, him dead long time." Thomas does not remember when Cindie left his home "Her mother go away and leave her here and she was away for 4 years and 5 months, then she go down bottom yard." Bottom yard is the 3 acre plot which Thomas inherited.

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Thomas is quite sure that he will see his 4th generation. "Don't buy no ticket off me that I wont live to see the 4th, if you trust/ it, you have to pay for it." i.e. if I bet anyone that he will not see his 4th generation, I will lose my money. Cindie is now 15 years old. "Is not say them old but them catch up quick" (becomes pregnant)" before them is a child, them is a mother."

Lovett Heathe still lives with Thomas "you would not be lucky to come here and find him. Him come in 8 or 9, sometime none at all. Him go to Town all the time. I don't even know how much him get. Him carry all his money to Doris Elliott who is along with Ernest Holness, Me not respons~~e~~ for him, more than me have house and him come there and sleep. Sometime him gone for 2 or 3 nights. It hard for you to swate for somebody like that. My wife wean him from him mother breast, christen him, rear him till him come to that, - and him would not even carry a busket of water for me."

Thomas had to report to the police that Lovett was not living at his home. "Is a big responsibility to have a child at your place under age and him is not your pickney and him unruly." Lovett is Thomas' grand son. Thomas Heathe junior is his father.

junior

Thomas Heathe and his girl Elsa Perkins sleep at Thomas' house. They leave early in the mornings and return at night. In the day Elsa and Thomas are at Elsa's parents' home. Thomas does not remember the name of Eli's wife. She is however, the daughter of David Brooks.

Thomas has given Thomas (junior) a house site and ~~is~~ <sup>he</sup> is now building a house. All taxes a paid by the old man

Willett lived with Thomas even after he had his first child with Rose May.

Asked if Willett lived with Rose May before she had the child. "Then him no must live with him." said he, and smiled. Living with a person sometimes mean having sexual relationships; ~~Thomas thought that was what it meant.~~ I had to put the question another way. Thomas said he knew that was what I meant but he was only joking when he gave me the answer stated above. I wanted to know if Willett lived in Thomas's house or in Rose May's house. "When Willett breed her with the second pickney she take him home."

Will and title.

Thomas does not think it a wise plan to make his will now. The boys may see it. When they know what is their own, them will sell it and eat off the money. Me give them the lan' and them ~~sell~~ it and support me. Winty Elliott has the titles for ~~the~~ Thomas' two places "If I make will ~~it~~ is him have to keep it."

Mid day meal.

"from morning"

Ethel and Thomas only had coffee/and they were hungry but did not have any one to send to the shop. Ethel left her bed at about 10:30 a.m. looking very weak and hungry. Thomas told her that the banny he had left for her, Willett, his son had eaten it.

Ethel said that Rose - Thomas' grand daughter generally had her lunch at home. She works at the factory. She buys things at the shop and shared it with the other at home. They were all looking forward to Rose's arrival.

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*parents & children*

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Ethel Simpson's illness.

Interviewed Benjamin Powell - Top Bull Savannah.

~~On/Th~~ When I called at Benjamin's house and asked for Ethel he told me that she had just gone off to the Black River hospital in the ambulance. He had to make about 4 trips to Junction in order to get the ambulance to take her.

Benjamin wanted to know why I asked for Ethel and ~~how~~ I got to know her. His common law wife Mervis and his step daughter Ana who is married and living in another district were in the kitchen with Benjamin. Ana had come up to see Ethel.

Benjamin is not a relative ~~of~~ of Ethel. Asked why he took her in. "Nohsorrow, sorrow, after she come from so far, and she say them knock her in her head with stick and beat her up. I could really see the place on her head where them knock her, and I know she was not telling a lie. As me have the little room there me just take her in. If she did come from near by I would not ~~take her~~ be so sorry for her, but she come from far."

Before I told Benjamin that I was interested in Ethel and that I came to see her as I heard she was ill; he did not want to tell me anything about her. I did not stay with him for a long time because a crowd had gathered around the kitchen.

Interviewed Thomas Heathe.

I found Thoman ~~of~~ seated on his door step. Rosetta, his grand daughter was in the house reading. Asked how Ethel was feeling? ~~Thomas~~ Thomas replied that Ethel was not there again. Why? "Noh bad mind. Him a traveller you know. Is me wife niece. Fe him father and my wife a brother and sister, one man and one woman picknie." Ethel has stopped at Thomas' place about 5 different times. When she got tired of staying she found another place to go.

"Make I tell you how I get to know Ethel. A woman was keeping meeting, them call her Mother, at Henreita Brooks yard. Well Mother can' read and she was at Richmond Park. Ethel can read so she bring Ethel up here with her. My son Willett go to the meeting. When him come back him tell me that one girl up there say him have people up this side. I say I don' know of any girl but him must bring the person come and I will see if him belong to the family. The following night Willett bring her come and after we talk I find out that she was my wife niece. Her father always come here, sometime him

*Marrriages  
Wm in + D. Simpson*

stay for all week. Is a man can handle himself you know, have all him big tavern and what not."

"Ethel / stop here the night, after we talk and talk, she say she hungry. He say well, me don't have anybody to do anything here for me - that time Rose was not here - but you may find anything in a kitchen you can cook it. She cook and we eat. Next day she go to Mother and when she come the night she bring Mother with her. Mother ask me to rent her the hall here" (one of the rooms)"I say no I could not rent her for I did not build it to rent, but I can allow her to stay here till anytime she ready to go.

One day Mother tell me that the spirit bid her to go to Alligator Pond. Ethel say she was not going with her so Mother one go." Ethel remained at Thomas' for a time and then she joined Mother at A.P. She would not behave herself ~~ixxxx~~ and Mother paid her fare and sent her back to Richmond Park.

For a long time Thomas did not hear from her. "One night we gone in to bed, me hear a little voice outside say "Papa" then Rose say is Ethel. We open the floor take her in. She walk all the way back here. After she stay little, she go 'way again."

Another time she come back. "This time she come with plenty clothes. Me say to her, gal a you fool, you mean you leave place where you could get all these things and come back here. She say she prefer to come back to what she use to get here." What? "Must be the pee pee." (urine) Thomas laughed when he said this.

"She have very well (rihc) sister at Town, you know. Is that sister send her to school. Ethel can read and write well."

When Ethel's father died she was not at home. She was going around with Mother. Somebody sent to tell Thomas that her father was dead but he did not know where to find her. Mother returned to Thatch Walk and Ethel was with her. This time she held meetings at Doris Elliott's yard. Thomas told Ethel that her father was "poorly. I know if I tell her him dead she would not want to go, that is why I tell her that him poorly. She did not have any money a me have to pay him fare and make him go home. When she go home her father dead 6 months ago." Ethel was not able to stay at Richmond Park because other relatives had taken charge of the home. "she had to leave."

Some time ago Ethel had come to Bull Savannah and stayed with Benjamin Powell. Up to recently Ethel was living at Thomas' place. "But she left and gone up Bull Savannah. Just a little while ago ambi (ambulance) carry her gone to hospital. She was ~~sickxxxxxxx~~ not hearty (well) before she leave here. She go up there and take down sick on them. Ethel is 26 and you imagine she do everything same place there in the bed, and she must have

/softly

her youth on her. The woman the man along with don't like it." Why? "Because you see the man must be prefer Ethel to ~~she~~." Lilly, Edith Bent's daughter overheard the conversation between Tom. and I. She said, /pointing to Thomas whose back was turned to her. "~~xxxxxx~~ "Stop you lie." Tom. did not act as if he heard her.

Rosetta went up to see Ethel. Tom. told me proudly that he did not go.

I saw Rose with a wring and Sylvia - Edith Bont's daughter said Rose was engaged. This she denied. Tom. said it was true. "Child why you ~~h~~ hiding you talent? Make I tell you that itqis trye. The young man is black but him comley. He was married already but him wife die. Him have all big children. Him have one son go all to America. So you see, him will know how to care a young girl. The little boy them only know to throw down the gal them all 'bout and give them a quattie bun." Rose's fiance is supposed to be Joseph Thomas. Tom said Joe. Johnson, and Rose corrected him. "Call him any one, for him answer to Joe. Johnson and him answer to Joe Thomas."

Second marriage.

Tom. said he would not marry again. "I had a woman here for 11 months and the next month we was to married and I never bother with it. I found her with a fault." What "If it was any other fault perhaps I would go through with it but not that one. That would be dog nyam dog." (dog eat dog.) Said I did not understand. "Well, suppose I have a woman in there and that woman living with my son, that would be dog nyam dog." Tom. found out what the woman was doing and sent her off the following day. "She was a sweet piece of woman you see, all her hair just lay down on her shoulder."

Tom. has 2 beds. One he calls the stretcher and the other machine. He told Sylvia that he was going to put her on the stretcher, she said she did not have anything to stretch. I asked what the machine was used for. Sylvia said it to grind tomatoes." When she refused to go on the stretcher Tom told her to go on the machine "After me no have anythin to grind." Tom. "You too fool after the machine can't work unless me is there." Sylvia said "I can't listen to him for him don't know what him a say." Tom. smiled and said that Sylvia believed that he did not have any sense, and did not know what he was saying.

Rose did not have much to say throughout the interview. She held down her head when Thomas spoke about the machine and the stretcher. Once, Sylvia and Lilly laughed heartily. Rose said "Stop the noise, you can't have manners, you don't hear people talking?"

Thomas told one of the Elliott boys that Rose and I were accustomed to each other from Spanish Town. I always say Rose in S.T. but had never spoken to her until I came here.

Thatch Walk.

Interviewed Thomas Heathe.

Thomas Heathe	Head	75.
Rosetta Rowe	G. Dau.	24.
Thomas Heathe	Son	31.
Elsa Perkins	Dau. in law	cl.
Lovett Heathe	G. Son	11.

Willet<sup>H</sup>t Heathe who figures on the Census schedule is now living with Rose May Elliott (F.R. 77.)

Mrs.

Cinderella Sinclair lives with her mother/Gladys Powell in Thatch Walk. Gladys was married in Mandeville. "Saturday gone one week since she married." She was not married at a church. "She married but she don' church. Me noh like dem de weddin'."

Thursday  
15. 7.48.  
I.D.

Thomas (junior) and Elsa Perkins sleep at Thomas' (senior) house. During the day they are at Dalwell Roache's home. "Me call them movies. After them have to move so." Thomas is now building a house on his father's land.

Thomas' (junior) children by Doris Elliott.

1. Lovett (member of this household),
2. Herman. lives with his mother's sister Dina Elliott.
3. Linlin (Thomas does not know her right name.) lives with her mother.

Rearing small stock.

Thomas sold a sheep yesterday for 34/-. He does not like goats. "You caan keep s fowl and goat and dead and see God face. Job did have 500 head of every thing barring fowl and goat; and him was a Godly man. You will have 50 acres a land, and you goat will leave your place and go on somebody else place. Goat, I don' even like hear the name. The only way goat come in here; is if I buy the meat and bring ia in ya. You may have a mother goat and a kid. The kid may leave the mother and don' care how the mother bawl him wouldn' come back. The lamb will go from the mother sheep but as you hear the mother bawl him run back

A man from Tryhall ~~called~~ asked Thomas if he had goats or sheep to sell. He buys them all the time, takes them to Kingston by truck and seels them to ~~the~~ butchers at the clearing house.

Thomas' neighbour, Florence had a mother hen for him. She was a good hen. "One day ~~she~~ the fowl go scratch out her yam hill, and it bring talking. Me call her and say, you know what you do, catch him and tie him up fe 2 weeks, and feed him, and then me will eat it. After that we never have no more talking again!" He ate the chicken.



Saturday,  
July 17, 1948.

Interview with Thomas Heathex

Ed. F.

Complains against the government:

"Life is hard with us here; a payin' taxes for 60 years now. A get this enkle (ankle) sprain February gone 3 years now. I am here living today; if a step from here go out there, an' y'u si the nubness tek mi, a have to sit sidong. ("Sidong"= sitdown)

What beat mi is that the storm blow down mi house kitcher and buttery, an' leave mi an' mi wife an' picknie out doors an' all the assistance a get from Government is 30/. That couldn' even buy the very rafter to mek back the roof.

A write to Black River board an' them len' mi £6, and give mi 30/-; a pay back the £6 in 3 years. When the storm come mi wife -shi died 5 years now; si her tomb dey, roun' dey.....mi wife an' picknie have to sleep ina the church. It was Mr. Millard the teacher who have to get the money for us.

He goes to his minister

"After a get the 30/- (this did not satisfy him) a go to see the minister Mr. Feblin, an' ask him to help mi to get money to help build the house. Mr. Feblin live in Bethlehem 13 miles from here; a went clear there, dey. Him sey is a shame an' ole tax payer like me only get 30/-, an' that a should get at least £5. The gentleman who did have the money distributing, come there at the same time, an' Mr. Feblin ask him how come an' old taxpayer like mi only get 30/-. The gentleman sey that a live far down into the woods, an' that by the time him get down to mi the whole a the money done, but that he would go back an' see what him spuld do for mi. A never hear a thing from that time till now !

His difficulty re paying taxes:

"Jamaica hard ! Just in June, a have two sheep, an' have to sell one to pay mi taxes. Them want mi to go buil latrine: -mi poor man caan even walk; a get 6 injections in mi foot, an' still a caan walk. A write a letter to the board about the latrine; a tell them I am an old man 75 years of age, an' that a payin' taxes for 60 years now, an' if I can pay taxes to Government for so long now an' them can't buil' a laterine fi mi, a doan si know what I was payin' so much money for; its advantage that!

Is advised to go on paurers' roll:

"The sanitary inspector come twice an' hear from mi if a caan mek it. A tell no -(that he is unable to bear the

Family Record 73Interview with Thomsa Heathe

cost of building of building.) Him tell mi a mus' go on the poor list then an' the government will bear the cost of the building. A tell him no. A don't sey a wont have to go n' pon it wnt (it=the poor relief) but not as i feel now.

His means of living

"How I live for the last four years is that I give out mi land to work. I get a 1/3. Whatever them grow aff or earn off the land them give mi one part, an' then tek 2 parts.

Those to whom he gives land are:

1. Charles Rowe. Charles who has 3 acres under his control - "never mek no stirrin' after the tomato, because no grass wasn't here. Him plant cassava, potato, jam little corn, an' all them thing. Him give mi a third of everything."
2. Thomas Alexander Heathe, son by Thomas' wife Rosetta Emily Heathe. This son to Thomas Snr. has control of the land around the house - 4½ acres, on which he plants cassava, yams and corn.

Tomatoes: He (Thomas jnr.) planted toatoes last crop: -plantd 1,200 holes. He made £10 . 5/-. After clearing his planting expenses, he had £6 remaining. Thomas snr. got £2, of this money.

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Thomas had asked I.D. to ask me to come to see him; he wanted to talk to and hear from a man, what is the survey about. He prefers to talk to men on matters of that nature then to women; he does not -can never quite rely on what he is told by a woman.

He was wearing old clothes, but these were soiled -not dirty. He has a few teeth remaining in his mouth, speaks clearly, and is quite keen. He is always smoking an home made pipe; he smokes cigars, but never cigarettes.

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Information from Lillian Powell.  
 Interv. Thomas Heath s. and Thomas Heath j.  
 16.6.48.  
 J.O. 25.8.48.

Presnt household.

~~Thomas~~  
 Heath Thomas, 75.  
 Heath Thomas, son, 31.  
 Heath Lovick, junior's son, 10.

5 see p. 16.

3 Thomas Heath /senior/: father late Alexander Heath, mother Mary Elliott of Browns Hill. 4 halfsisters: Ettie Marshal, Kingston; Victoria Heath, Kingston; Maybelle Heath, Kingston, Georgiana Heath, ~~Kingston~~ Rockie Point.

Thomas Heath /junior/: his mother was Rosetta Heath /Th.W./ Has 1 full brother: Willet Heath and 1 full /?/ sister Hilda Sinclair /Lynchon/. Willet lives in Thatch Walk. Old Thomas Heath says he had 8 children. but only 2 are alive.

Lovick Heath: his mother is Doris Rowe, living in Th.W. He has 1 full brother: Herman Heath, and 1 full sister, Lyn Haeth /living with mother?/.

House: 2 rooms. Kitchen. Tank. Furn.: 2 beds, 3 chairs, 1 table.

Land owned by old Thomas Heath: 2 lots, 2,5 acres bought ~~in~~ from L. Sett. in 1925, 4,5 acres homeland bought in 1910 from Frederick Wilson.

Trees: 12 mangoes, 1 naseberry, 5 coconuts, 2 pears, 12 sweet saps, 9 bananas. 3 acres are in G. Grass.

Tomatoes: 2000 holes, L12. 50 yam hills. Cassava very little. 1/4 acre congo. 1 acre corn.

2 sheep, 1 pig.

Weekly spendings estimated at 10/-. On clothing spent L14 last year. On medical treatment for old Th.H. L3.

No part. religion.

Lovick does not go to school. Junior Thomas H. is illiterat

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