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12/28/16.

Brooks	Andro	Head	M.M.	70	20.	St. Elizab.	Black.	Angl.	X farmer
"	Francella	wife	F.M.	65	4.3.	"	"	"	X homemaker
"	Bee	dau	F.S.	35	5.5.	"	"	"	X none
"	Isaac	son	M.S.	29		"	"	"	W.2 farmlab.
"	Decell	son	M.S.	23		"	"	"	W.3. "
Elliott	Rose	gr/dau	F.S.	17	1.1.	"	"	"	X none
"	Kenute	gr/son	M.S.	4		"	"	"	
Heath	Miriam	gr/dau	F.S.	1		"	"	"	

*4 acres
see FR 77*

Owns 8 acres in two pieces: 3 and 5 acres. 3 ac. under cultivation, 3 not cultivated but cultivable, 1 1/2 grazing Value land and building £55.-1- no mortgage. 0,25 tomatoes = 1200 lbs, 1 coconut, 3 ackees, 8 mangoes, 5 naseberries, 1/2 corn, 1 1/2 congo peas, 0,1 ~~XXXXXX~~ sweet potatoes,, 1/2 ac tobacco= 400 lbs. 2 goats, 1 swine, 2 hens,

Informant: Bee Brooks. The house is in Thatch Walk.

Bee Brooks gave her name as Beatrix Brooks and said she was living with her two brothers: Isaac and Decell. She said her mother Francella died 2 years ago. She did not mention Andro Brooks, but perhaps he died before Francella.

She said Nicholas Brooks was her uncle. Nicholas said Andro was his father. Nicholas' brother: Jacob Brooks said Francella was his sister. At the same time it seems Andro was Jacob's and Nicholas' father.

Beatrix Brooks lives in a house next to the empty one which was inhabited by Nicholas' father before he died. Beatrix said: "I live in the old home of my mother".

Unclear:

also clear:

C.D. 22. Sbd. 14. Household 16.

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,, Francella	Wife	F.M.65.4.3.	,,	,,	,,	,,	Homemaker
,, Bee	Dau	F.S.35.5.5.	,,	,,	,,	Ill.	None
,, Isaac	Son	M.S.29.	,,	,,	,,	W.2.	Farm lab.
,, Decell	Son	M.S.23.	,,	,,	,,	W.3.	,, "
Elliott Rose	GDau	F.S.17.1.1.	,,	,,	,,	Ill.	None
,, Kenute	Gson	M.S. 4.	,,	,,	,,		
Hegth Miriam	GDau	F.S. 1.	,,	,,	,,		

Their farm 1942.

Operates the land he occupies now for 40 years.
40 years owner.

Total land: 8 acres. In 2 parcels: 3 and 5 ac.
resp.

Chief crop: tobacco.

No labour employed. Works 41 weeks per year,
6 days per week, 8 hours per day.

In cultivation: 3 ac. Cultivable but not
cultivated: 3 ac. Exclusively pasture: 1,5 ac.
/L ac. in ~~Guinea~~ Guinea grass, 1/2 ac. in common
grass./.

Total value of farm: L55. Buildings: L21.

No mortgage.

1 catchment.

Tomatoes: 2,5 stretches - 1200 lbs.

3 ackees - 86 heaps. 1 coconut fr., 1 Coconut
not fr. - 25 nuts. 8 mangoes - 200 doz. 5 naseberrie
- 160 doz.

Corn 1/4 ac. - 1 bushel. Congo 1,5 ac. - 5
bushels. 1/10 sweet potat. - 300 lbs.

Tobacco 1/2 ac. - 400 lbs.

Stock: 2 goats. 2 hens /4 doz. eggs, 1 doz.
sold, 1 shill. per doz./ . 1 swine.

Interviewed Beatrice Brooks.

Family History.

Saturday.
6. 3.48.
I.D.

Rose has her
own kitchen.

Beatrice lives with her children Canute, Oscar and Vivian Elliott. Her daughter Rose lives in the same house with her ~~cl~~ husband Willett ~~Heathe~~. Willett is son of Thomas ~~Heathe~~ (F.R.73) Decell and Isaac Brooks brothers of Beatrice live in a different house but on the same plot of land. Beatrice's mother Francella Brooks is dead. Her father Andrew Brooks is also dead. David Brooks was her mother's father's brother. Her mother's maiden name was Brooks. "Mother and father from same Brooks family.

Land

Beatrice was not able to say how much land she had. Her parents died and left the land for the 3 children. When I asked her how much land she had, she said "you would have to call up the son them.

• Courtship

At one time Beatrice used to live with Canute Elliott. "That a long time ma'." During the interview Canute was in the kitchen. Beatrice and I were in the yard. I heard Canute's voice but I did not see him. Beatrice said she did not worry with Canute again because he had his lover. He said that was not true but Beatrice had a courtier. This she flatly denied. Both of them went on contradicting each other for about 15 minutes. At last Beatrice said that herself and Adam Hanson from Little Pedro were friends. "Him only send 2 fish fo' me in the afternoon. No set him down, him don' live ya. Me no make him work 'pon me lan'. Me no bother with none ma', me too old fo' that now." Canute said he was in love with all the women.

Beatrice goes to Canute's home all the time. She does not go to him. She visits his sisters because they are very kind to her. "If me sick, me can send for them, and if anything do them me go down there."

Occupation.

Bakes bammies and sells at ~~z~~ Little Pedro. The cassava is bought by the patch. 30/- of £1, or £2, according to the size. The owner of the cassava cuts off portion needed by the purchaser. The purchaser has to pull up the root. "Have to buy oil, have to buy salt, and my time again go. And have to ~~z~~ get up part night to bake it. Sometime I really get a pittance, but sometime I don' even get back me money."

Housing.

The house in which Beatrice now lives was built by her father. "Cost him plenty money for him have to buy everything." The house in which her brothers now live was once "spanish wall. 1933 storm that paine blow out." She showed me the side which was blown down. It is now replaced by thatch. Canute and Beatrice used to

live in this house. It was given to them by her father. After the storm they moved up to the house in which her parents were living and went back to her own after it was repaired with the thatch. "After old people dead just come up here." ~~and~~ Her brothers ~~went to live in her house.~~ then went to live in her house.

Pregnancy and Childbrith.

When Beatrice was pregnant with her first child her mother squealed "but what to do." Ask how old she was then. "Well ma' that would a hard fe I tell you." When Beatrice's daughter - Rose had her first child, Beatrice did not worry or quarrel much because her mother was alive "a gramma fe squeal for a fe her place." She does not know how old Rose was when she had the first one "I would have to go look up ~~that~~ all ~~the~~ dem de paper." Beatrice would not like Rose to have another child "If she have another one me squeal. For you see, when mother alive, him do, but now him dead me have to do, and look after Rose in a room. Miss Cealla who lives at Shaddock Hill is the midwife "A big hard woman she married to" The midwife is called "middie".

During pregnancy "there are some things that you just must eat for you feel for it." Beatrice was not able to tell me what the things were.

The midwife is generally paid "3/- or 4/- according to what you can afford." The midwife visits the patient for 9 days. "Suppose you a speculate, bake bammie or so, you have to got a woman to wash. If is family or good friend you give 2/-." Beatrice generally washes for her daughter if she is not speculating. "If case hard Miss Cella will try get another middie. If middie is here now and the baby don' come and another person send for him, him have to go. And if she is there and me send call her, she have to come. If is night she sleep."

When the case is very very bad ~~she~~ the midwife tries to get the patient to Mandeville in order to see a doctor.

The baby is generally breast fed for 1 year. "Suckle him till him walk. Suppose you have to go to work you get nipple." Beatrice mixes the condensed milk with water and throws it in the bottle for the baby.

The sex act does not take place during pregnancy. "too lage." About 6 months after the baby is born sex relationship begins again. ~~asked her if she started~~ ~~about 3 months after~~ ~~what she wanted to kill herself~~ "Start when child cotech up. Can't start before, will kill off you'self."

While the mother is nursing the baby she is not supposed to eat corn fish. This will hurt the child's belly. Gerasy tea is given to the baby for pains in the belly. There is also another bush called "baby gripe" this is

also boiled and given to the child. Beatrice said if the place was not so dry she would be able to show me the plant. She looked around but was unsuccessful.

The Balm.

Beatrice has never been to the Doctor. ~~xxxxxxx~~ "Send go buy medicine at Black River from hospital Doctor." Beatrice has been to the balm which belonged to old Miss Mammie "she dead and leave it to her daughter" B. had severe pains in her head and she went to the balm to get it better. "She charge 2/6 to try the case and 3d for a bath. Me never have mind to go to Dr. I have one bath and she hit the complain. I take up cold after I have baby. Cold work all through me eye, have to have cloth to keep it wipe." Apart form the bath Miss Reta who runs the bath told Beatrice to put things on her head. "Grate naana ochra, nut meg, salt physic, and add honey to it and tie it on to the head." Any time B. has a headache she puts the above things on her head.

at Hospital .

Elizabeth Powell daughter of "Cousin Dorrie" B's Aunt, is now in the Black River hospital with fever. Cousin Dovie left today for Black River. She will bringing home her daughter on Sunday. The Dr. sayd her nerves are run down. "She have to beg people in the district here to see if she can take her to Mandeville Dr."

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Land

/// Dovie's

B. believes that the people will help Cousin Dorrie financially. "The place where Cousin Dovie live is my father place, but it must not come off till the death of her. Him don' give her wholay and soley." Dovie is Beatrice's father's sister. Be does not know ~~her~~ right name.

Thatch Walk.

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Present Household

Head

Beatrice Brooks. Informant She does not remember her age. She is / about 40.
Oscar Elliott Son. She does not remember Oscar's age. I did not see him. "When the ship run a shore at Alligator Pond, me come out a room / with Oscar."

Canute do Son About 13.
Vivian do Son I saw him going up to the house.

Beatrice sleeps alone in her room. She cooks for the 3 sons mentioned ~~names~~ above. Oscar sleeps with his father Canute Elliott. Canute sleeps at Rose May's house, and sometimes at his father's. "if them can come in, in due time, them can sleep at my house, but them wont come in. The hours that them come in, me caan get up and open me door fe them."

Tuesday.
12. 7.48.
I.D.

Andrew and Francella Brooks ~~are~~ mentioned on the Census schedule are dead.

{ Isaac and Decell Brooks "sleep a them woman. Rose May cook fe them. The only way me give them is if me and me boy them eat and we belly full; then that time me call them and give them."

Rose May Elliott has set up her own house. She lives with Willet Heathe, in a house on her mother's premises.

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Elda Heathe (On Census Schedule Miriam Heathe) is living / with her / sister in Manchester.

Mother Francella Brooks (d).
Father Andrew Brooks (d)

Children of Francella and Andrew Brooks,

1. Beatrice.
2. Decell.
3. Isaac.

The name Powell: Beatrice is sometimes called Powell. ~~Her~~ ~~mother's~~ ~~maiden~~ ~~name~~ ~~was~~ ~~Powell~~. "Me noh even know what to tell you 'bout the Powell. Me know me is Brooks. Cousin Dovie will have to tell you."

Mother's mother Yant Brooks.
Father's mother Martha Powell.

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Martha's child / by Robert Brooks. - 1. Andrew Brooks.

2. Charlie Brooks.

Her children by James Powell

1. Benjamin Powell - living at Top Bull Savannah.
2. Elizabeth Powell. (Cousin Dovie) Thatch Walk.

Information given by Elizabeth Powell.

/living at

Her child by Fredrick Roye.

1. Samuel Roye / Stanma Hill.

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Beatrice's children by Canute Elliott.

1. Oscar.
2. Canute.

Her children by Son Son Elliott. (Brother of Canute)

1. Vivian.
2. Rose May.

"You noh see, craven in a me now. Me caan done them, so me take the 2 brother. That is why you caan find it out." Beatrice laughed heartily.

Her child by Thomas Heathe.

1. Elda Heathe.

Thomas and herself had a case in court. "Him call me t'ief, and me call him thief. Him sue me and me go and sur him to Thomas get Sangster and me get King. But the two a we just go give way money to Lawyer, because all them make we do in a court is to shake hand. You see King train Sangster. So if you have a case and you know one person get Sangster you must not get King. The two Lawyer cook up the case. After that me say me was going to sue him for maintenance for the child. Him daughter come and beg me for the child, and since me see that Cousin Thomas really didn' have it, and she don' have any children, me make she take the pickney." She ~~no~~ gave me the name of Thomas' daughter but I have forgotten it.

Canute (her son) said Thomas was a liar. "Him love cuss people parents." Beatrice said Thomas' wife was a good woman. "But him noh good. Him talk things that him caan prove. When me and him have the talking, him tell me that "as God liveth him going to hide me face from the sun."

Marriage.

Beatrice would not like to be married. Asked ~~if~~ ^{if} her daughter likes marriage. "She mus'be say that since me noh married, she naa married. Me tell you ma; Some live good, better than married. Some old people that dead and gone never married. Uncle Pinny (Earnest Powell) say him naa married for him don' want him father feel shame." Look 'pon all Aunty Pet. and Cousin Isaac (Earnest Powell's parents) them live till them old, and never married!"

Bad partnership.

Panton and Betis Rochester (Brother and sister) broke stone^s together. The stones were sold by Panton and he did not give his sister ~~any~~ ^{of} her share of the money. "Brother rob sister, and a him should a see her righted. I tell you some brother noh good." Beatrice and one of her brothers had a quarrel on Saturday. "We not in any grace."