

C.D. 22. Sbd. 14. Household 10.

Rochester	Canova	Head	M.M.33.	St.El.	Col.	Angl.	I11.	Farmer
"	Milda	Wife	F.M.22.	"	"	"	W.2.	Homema!
"	Lodrick	Son	M.S.19.	"	"	"	W.2.	Farmer
"	Eva	Dau	F.S. 1.	"	"	"		

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Their Farm 1942.

They figure in Sch.3. - under 1 acre: Canova and Lodrick ~~under~~ separately.

Rochester Canova: /under 1 acre/.

*Have
2 acre
p. 7.*

Stock: 2 swines, 1 hen.
Value of garden produce: L2.
1 avocadoc pear /8 doz./ 1 mangoe /3 doz./.
6 pawpaw /12 doz./

Rochester Lodrick: /under 1 acre/.

Stock: 1 swine. 1 hen.
Value of garden produce: L3.
1 avocadoc pear /3 doz./ 1 cocnut. 3 mangoes
/50 doz./

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D. B.

Interviewed Cannover Rochester.

Cannover =
Canova

Family History.

Cannover was born at Thatch Walk . He lives at home with his wife Matilda Rochester . Cannover has a whole lot of children ; "up to last night me wife has a baby". "That is why I was resting because last night I had just a little rest". Cannover has a lot of children all over the world , cannot name them "for the book couldnt hold all what I have". "To give their names "I would have to begin from January , February , March , have one every month . Those in the home now are Eva Adassah Rochester 7 years , Elaine Matilda Rochester 3 years, Rueben Rochester and the baby . The rest is scattered all over the world to help up the family of Rochester. Cannover has another brother James Rochester by name . Cannover was the son of Margeret Rochester and Nicholas Rochester "Not old people - Cannover says - but they were too dull that is why they stop having children so soon ." "At least I should not give you myx yet because me just begin to have children , me feel me vigour!"

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"Margert Rochester and Simeon Rochester my grand-
parents were born here. "Dont believe my mother's
parents come from here but when I born I only hear
about them". Cannover met his wife in Ballards Valley.
"As I glimpse her so I fling the pinch (ask the question
if she love me)." May coming is exactly 7 years since
Cannover was married. All wife's people live in Ball-
ards Valley .

School

V for long

Cannover did not go to school. Some thing else took
his attention . So he never worry about school". He
went a little time , but "at that time "I glimpsed a girl
so I never go back . "Never took any time , had to hur-
ry to marry , because the girl was expecting a baby.
So we were married ."

Occupation .

Cannover cultivates hard in the earth , but certain
time he does a little fishing , but not now. "Fishing
really pay when you can get pat. But cant get pat wire
now - wire too dear , cant afford to buy it when it
comes. About three years now Cannover stop fishing.
Cassava and peas are some of the things Cannover plants.
"Cannot get crop of corn here , too dry , dry weather
follows us too often ." He does not plant tomato this
year . Three years ago Cannover planted tomatoes ,

but "health is worrying me, not in any health to plant now." The three years that gone that Cannover "work a little it paid well." But he does not have any of the money now. "Have some distressful children, by the time the money is shared around, as much is not left to buy a head of sugar." Cannover does not sell the other things he ~~is~~ plants, works them chiefly for ~~xxx~~his family. Never employed any one neither any one employs him, chiefly "work day for day." Cannover has Malaria from September, "this breeze that blow gives malaria." Breeze comes right from Alligator Pond.

Land.

Only $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land Cannover owns, Clara Lenman, Cannover's aunt, who is sister to Margeret Racheater, Cannover's mother, left it for him. When cultivating Cannover has to take land from other people to work.

Religion.

Cannover does not belong to any church, he does not say that later on he would not join, but not now. He thinks when he is finished with every thing will be time enough to seek a ~~church~~ church. "When a man can stand to it, it is good", but he Cannover cannot stand to it, though he believes it is good. "My wife is having children and every where I go and see a pretty girl I would want to have a chat", says Cannover. Some people call it wild, but Cannover does not call it wild. "A thing that is wild is a thing that is galloping away from you" he thinks. A man who would like to have a chat with every girl is "a merry man" Cannover believes. He would have to decide later on what church he would join. Cannover's wife is Moravian, but from ~~he~~ marry her ~~he~~ does not give her any time to go back to church. Having children all the time. "Plenty church in the district, Anglican, Present Truth, Seventh Day Adventist, Moravian, Dont know which is the strongest here."

marries

Water.

Water is worrying Cannover and his family. The need for water is great at present as his wife has baby. Cannover begged two pans but that is not enough, he thinks he has ~~x~~ to come down to cousin Laban and show him his case and see if he can help. There is the river down at Alligator Pond, but that water will kill out all who use it, because of the malaria that is in it.

Thatch Walk.

Family Record 80.

Interviewed Cannover & Matilda Rochester.

Present Household.

Cannover	Rochester	Head.	
Matilda	do	Wife	29.
Eva	do	Dau.	6.
Elain	do	do	5.
Reuben	do	Son	3.
Lomley	do	Dau.	5 months.

/that she should
Saturday
17. 7.48.
I.D.

Matilda is from Ballard's Valley. Cannover was not at home. He told Matilda not to give her name to "anybody." After I wrote up the members of the household, Cannover arrived with a bag of bitter cassava.

He seemed to be quite angry, he spoke in a loud voice saying he was tired of answering questions, and that I was the 4th person who visited him. "Look now I am a fisherman, and certain time me noh go a sea. Me get tired a it. So if is even work me was doing me would a tired a it. Much more me not getting a thing by it. Misses, you have to do you job well do you job, just write down two word' and go to the next person for I don' have a thing to tell you."

I met Cannover's mother while going to the path. We went to his home together.

His mother Margaret Rochester.
Father Nicholas Rochester.
Mother's mother Ann Russell
Mother's father Fredrick Rochester.

Latrine - Sanitation.

The Sanitary Inspector told Cannover that he should build a latrine. ~~anxk~~ He lives on a hill which is very stony. He cannot find a place to dig a pit. "If Panton can dig it, him can come." (Panton is the Sanitary Inspector.) If the latrine is not built, Cannover can be imprisoned. Matilda said "Cannie tell me already that me must make up me ming fe carry on tihl him come, for him prepare fe go a prison. So me noh know what going to happen."

Courtship and marriage.

Clarice

Cannover lived with ~~Clarice~~ Banton for 7 years. He did not marry her because she was not a good woman. "She nearly make a hang. She too strong head for a woman. Sometime a gone a sea, when a come back Clarice and people in a contention. I caan take the other person right and give it to she, and when a say she is wrong she don' like it. If Clarice say she going to Alligator Pond today, no need me say don' go, for she going all the same. Thank Gcd, me carry her home same place where me take her from. Her own people them ask me how me put up with her for so long.

Afterward me go a Ballard's Valley and find this little something ya. He held his wife's hand caressingly as he

spoke. The first day I see her was one Sunday, and by the Thursday I was present in the home. From the time me start say sh she sh (whisper) till now me married going 8 years now, we never kiss we teeth after one another. You see her de, she has never been seen by another man. I take her out of her church. She was a big member at Allsides church." While Cannover spoke Matilda held down her head.

She said "He confirm and everything, me all stand for baby." Matilda was a God mother. "I tell you when a person well brought up you can know. The Sunday evening a remember a go to a pleasant evening - them have recitation and all that. Is the same day a see Canne. And you know me go home and tell me mother that me see one man out a road a put friendship to me? When me know him first me always answer him, yes sa and no sa (sir) a him have to break me off a it." Cannover said "Yes, me have to tell her none a that yes sa, and no sa for me." They were friends for 1 year and 6 months before they got married. She did not have any babies before marriage.

Children

Cannover is very fond of his children. When he came in from the woods he hugged Reuben and kissed him. Told him he was sorry he could not find mangos to take for him. About 20 minutes after, he went back to his father and said "You couldn't even bring a mango for somebody eh." Cannover told him he had brought corn instead. Reuben seemed quite satisfied.

Eva is a very bright child. She asked her mother what my name was. When I told her, she ran in the kitchen - I was sitting outside and said "Me name Eva." She also gave me her brother's and sister's names. Matilda said laughed and said "Noh give you name so. Government have unoo name too much." Matilda had already given me ~~sh~~ the names. Eva begged for my pencil. She also asked ~~for~~ watch ~~for~~ her ears, so that she could hear the ticks. I left the home at about 11:45 a.m. Eva ran to me and asked for money to buy sweets.

me to place the

Games.

Matilda said ring games were not played ^{at} Thatch Walk. "Them only cuss and fight. You caan even bring up you little pickney them as you would want." She does not like Thatch Walk.

Matilda's personality.

Cannover said Matilda does not curse. Louis Roach (P.R. brother to Margaret Rochester said "Search through the whole Thatch Walk you wont find a woman like she. You noh hear her in a any contention." Cannover said "You know wometime the pickney them miserable, and you may give them a little ~~of~~ lick. When them worry her, she just go and lock up herself in a house and cry."

Pregnancy and childbirth.

During pregnancy Matilda any kind of food. "We so poor some-

time we have to eat what we shouldn' eat. When the baby is from 1 - 9 days old, the mother should not eat sweet cassava or corn fish. "Not to eat hannabis nor french bean. Some can eat anything and it noh harm them. Me caan eat. Most porridge me have to feed 'pon."

Weaning.

"Them say if you don' wean the baby you wont have next one, but that is not true. Every one that me wean, is the next one cause me to wean them." Her babies are breast fed sometimes for a year. When asked why she did not wean them earlier she laughed and said "Me dodge too see if me can get 'way." She believed in the saying ~~khakixixi~~ mentioned at the beginning of this paragraph. "Some people stop themselves, that time it worse for it make you sick, every penny have to go to doctor. Louis said it was destined how many children each woman should have. If a woman does not "have out her lot" she will not keep healthy.

Children (cont.)

- X Canover is working very hard for his children. "I going to work till a dead for them. You see them ya now, when them little so them broke youpocket. When them get bigger a ya so them a go broke" (he touched his left breast) "the heart.
 - X If you have 100 a them, 99 broke you heart."
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Information supplied by Lilian Powell
 who interv. Canova Roch. and his wife
 on 17.6.48.
 J.O. 12.7.48.

Present household.

Rochester Canova, 50.
 Rochester Milda, 24. Wife.
 Rochester Eva, dau., 7.
 Rochester ~~Ellen~~ Ellen, dau. 6.
 Rochester Ruben, son, 3.
 Rochester, Langley, 3 months.

Parentage.

Rochester Canova: son of Nicholas and Margaret Rochester
 in Green Olive /both alive/. His brother: James Rochester,
 B.B.S. /son in law of Sarah Dyer/; his sisters: Wda Ro-
 chester /Milk River/, Adeale ~~Ward~~ ~~Hill~~ Biggs
 /Dunder Hill/, Jermina White /Mandeville/.

Rochester Milda: father: Alexander Bromfield /Ballard's
 Valley/, died; mother Erline Nephew, Pedro. She has 3
 half brothers living in Pedro and 2 half sisters, one in
 Pedro, another in Kingston. /Probably all through the
 mother/.

House: 1 room house, ~~and~~ 1 buttry. 1 kitchen. Furniture:
 1 bed, 2 chairs, 3 tables. No water tank.
 Land: 1/2 acre homeland, owned by Canova Rochester, bought
 in 1926 from Dorothy Reynolds.
 Trees: 2 mangos, 1 pear, 1 grape.
 Cultivations: no tomatoes. 1/4 acre cassava, congo. "A few
 holes of corn." No animals.
 Spendings: weekly for groceries: 10/-. Clothing /past
 year/ for all the household £10. Canova spent last year
 £2 on doctors.
 Religion: Jehovah Eitness /Canova, wife/.
 School: Eva in the first standard.