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C.D. 22. Sbd. 13. Household 24.

Witter Clementina	Head. F.S. 68.8.5.	St. El. Black	Ach. Wit.	Ill. Labourer	Tom. Fac
Brooks Lucille	GrDau F.S. 20	" "	Angl.	W.3. Serv. Pr. h	
Brooks Edith	GrDau F.S. 22.3.3.	" Col.	"	Ill. " "	
Simpson Lenard	GrGrSon M.S. 7.	" "	"		
" Jarrett	GrGrSon M.S. 4.	" "	"		
Brooks Pamela	GrGrDau F.S. 1.	" Black	"		

Her farm 1942. *no land no own house. 6*
 Sch. 3 - under laere.
 Stock: 1 swine.
 Value of garden produce: £2.
 1 ackee - 16 doz. 1 coconut. - 2 limes - 4 doz.
 1 orange - 4 doz. 4 c, mangoes - 25 doz. 1 naseberry - 7 doz.

Ernest Ward 20-30
Edith Brooks 27

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Edith Brooks
Ernest Ward

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Interview with Edith Brooks.

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Ernest Ward, over 20.

was/

Edith's grand mother Clementina Witter is dead . Her father Stanford Brooks died last year , and her mother died when she was a little girl. Her mother was Martell Perkins. When she / very small her mother left her with her grand mother and went x to Kingston to do domestic's work. Her mother took sick in Kingston, and came home . She lived for nearly two years , then she died .

" She went to school and read to 2nd standard . " After me mother died me granny couldnt afford fe keep it up ". She is 28 years old .

She has five children , 2 for Ladric Simpson, 2 for Ernest Ward , and one for Cyril Brooks. Ladric has his two children, Cyril has his . Ernest's children are with her. She is in company with Ernest but they are not married . "After me no wan' married".

Occupation.
worth /

She used to trade on cassava from here to Alligator Pond . One shilling or two shillings/worxx of cassava was bought . It was made into bammies and taken twice for the week to Alligator Pond. The bammies were sold at 1½d each . "Eh never pay me so well , but eh better fe up anddown more an ' sit down so". She did thatfor 5 months and stopped.

She did domestic's work for some time , she does not remember for how long . She was paid 16/- per month. She is working now atthe factory , getting 2/- perx day in the shed. She asked Mr Powell for the job and she got it. She has been working for three weeks now.

Friday
12. 5.48.
I.D.

Interviewed Egerton Ferron.
Present Household.

John Ferron	Head
Lucille do	Wife.
Dalvert do	Son of John Ferron.
Egerton do	Brother. 22.

Fam. History

Mother Clemecia Ferron. Father James Ferron.

Children of Clemecia and James Ferron.

Richard living at Thatch Walk. Ivy in Clarendon. Claseta in Clarendon; Ezeka, in Clarendon. John and Egerton, Thatch Walk.

"Directly, I am not a real liver here, I go and come. Some time I spen' thre months, sometime two, and then I go home back."

His parents live in Clarendon, and he was born there.

Occupation.

He works on the road as a watchman. He receives 30/- a week. He does not help with the upkeep of the home. Jhn is also a watchman. Lucille cooks for the men.who work on the road.

Egerton's brother, John Ferron got the job for him. He started to work 4 weeks ago. "Sometime me send home money to me mother."

Clothes:

(a suit)
"The most expensive one/ia £3. Working suit is about 18/-." He bought a pant recently for 12/6. "I don't buy it of meself. I send the money to me mother and she buy it."

Land.

Rents 1 acre in Clarendon. Plants yams, ginger, cassava, sweet potatoe. The price for ginger now, is 6d. "Sometime get 1/-."

Housing.

The house is owned by Myrtle Ferron. The room in which the interview was taken was very neat and tidy. There was a dining table covered with oil skin. A centre table covered with a floral cloth. There were about 3 photographs of movie stars on it and a vase with flowers. The waggon had about 3 dozen drinking glasses, a measring cup, 8 pairs cups and saucers. 1½ dozens crockery ware plates. 5 porridge bowls.

There were 2 drums hanging from the roof of the house.

John, who had gone up the road arrived. Said he had a long talk with D.B. John has been here for about 5 years. "I come up on roller, I was not directly working on it, but I hear of a new road, and come up to find lines. "I had this police, that anywhere I born I must not dead there. Unless I go and look for the old people them, and I take sick and dead there."

Land.

He has not bought any land. His wife owns the land. "I ~~make~~ t plant tomatos same place ~~mare~~. The crop bad, I jus' barely clear me expense what I owe the Company."

Woman's place in the home

Dalbert wanted his lunch and John did not know what to give him. He looked angry and said Dalbert noh get anything to eat yet. After a woman lef' out of a home it is no home at all."

Working for other people.

He had never worked on anybody's land "since a come here." "I don' work day labour, unless with the Government." "I have my snow ball cart and all that."

Drawn from the record and supplemented by inform. collected by Lilian Powell who interv. Lucille Brooks /now Vance/ on 15.6.48.
J.O. 11.7.48.

Present household

FR 90

(Brooks)

Vance Lucille, 27. ~~Hadax~~
Vance Jonathan, husband, 35. = John Ferron
Vance ~~Jonathan~~ Dalbert, Jonathan's son, 7.

Lucille Vance. She was Brooks before she married Jonathan Vance. Her father was Philip Brooks, her mother - Mabel Perkins, now living in Kingston. ~~Her father died.~~ Her father died. She was living with her grandmother, Clementina Witter, sister of Henrietta Brooks. She has no sister and no brothers. Edith Brooks who was living with her in their grandmother's home, is her first cousin. For particulars concerning this household and farm in 1942 see F.R.90 /for Edith Brooks/.

Jonathan Vance. Jonathan Vance is newcomer to Bull Savannah. He is from Clarendon: his father was Louis Vance, his mother Clemetia Ferron. Father dead, mother alive. Jonathan Vance ~~and~~ says he has no full brothers, only 3 half sisters: Iris, Ivy and ~~Cassilda~~ Cassilda, all Ferron, all living in Clarendon. He has however two brothers /or half brothers/ ~~living in~~ staying in Bull Savannah. One is known as ~~Mr~~ "Massa" Ferron - he is c.l. husband of Linnette Miller - see Fam. Rec. 95. Another, Egerton / see this f.r., p. 2 and 3, I.D.'s interview/ ~~working for P.W.D. on the road.~~ stays temporarily in B.S. working for P.W.D. on the road. Egerton is 22. All three brothers are known in Bull Savannah as "Ferrons". But ~~Jonathan's~~ Jonathan's real name is Vance. ~~probably from the~~ ~~first name is Vance.~~ Hence ~~the~~ conflicting statements in D.B. and I.D. interviews. Egerton's and "Massa's" father was James Ferron. Another mistake in I.D.'s interview the house is owned by Lucille Vance - Myrtle Ferron got probably into the record by mixing names of Ferrons with the name of Jonathan's child's mother and by assuming by the interviewer that the house and the land belongs or belonged originally to Ferrons. Or by mistaking the mother of Dalbert for the wife of Jonathan Vance, named Ferron. Dalbert Vance. Dalbert Vance is outside son of Jonathan. The mother of the child is Myrtle Brown. Jonathan could not agree with Myrtle and so they separated. He broke with Myrtle and does not maintain any relations with her. Dalbert is "grown and cared" by his step mother and his father.

House, land, Farming. House and land is owned by Lucille Vance - she inherited the property from her grandmother Clementine Witter. House: 2 living rooms, 1 kitchen, 1 latrine. Furniture: 1 bed, 2 chairs, 1 cabinet, 3 tables. Lucille, Jonathan and Dalbert in the sleeping room, in the drawing room - one person /probably Egerton/. Land: 3/4 acre. Trees: 4 mangos, 1 naseberry, 8 sweet saps, 1 pomegranate. Cultivations:

100 holes tomatoes, L.3. 50 hills of yams, 1 sq. chain cassava,
samll quant. of ~~xxxx~~ congo. 6 sheep, 2 pigs, 3 dogs, 1 hen.
Expenditure: they estimate their weekly spendings at L2, yearly
spendings on clothing L16 for all the household for the past
year. Savings: very little, kept at hpme: L10.