

SERIES 2      JAMAICA

**SERIES DESCRIPTION:** The Jamaican Series is the largest Series in the Obrebski Collection consisting of data gathered by the Obrebskis as members of the West Indian Social Survey from March 1947 to August 1948. It is particularly important to remember that this is primary data from the two rural Jamaican communities of Warsop and Bull Savannah (pseudonym, Rockmeadow). The data include family censuses, histories and domestic economics (Family Records and Warsop 1943 Census Forms); specific interviews, observations and documents (Subject Files); family, friends and love letters (Warsop Letters); religious and government documents (Publications); and ethnographic pictures (Photographs). In addition, there are manuscripts analyzing this data, and monographs providing further descriptions and interpretations. [Perhaps, the monographs should be read for background, even though they are incomplete, before approaching the data directly.] In short, the Jamaican Series has a wealth of ethnographic material, unpublished and accessible because it is in English.

The manuscripts are all in good condition except for occasional pages. About two-thirds of the Series is typed and a third handwritten. Because of the complexity of the material, many of the folders required internal indexing, particularly the Subject Files. The photographs which are part of this Series are potentially of considerable interest, but require further work. These photographs are "micro" size, and do not have the extensive original descriptions as do the Macedonian and Polesie photographs. The data portions of this Series were easily organized. However, the monographs demanded considerable intuition in order to establish the original organization, and ultimately, demanded revisions and new headings to make them understandable.

This Series has a total length of 7 linear feet including manuscripts and published documents, but excluding the 870 photographs. This Series was compiled by Robert Ciski. [Large amounts of the ethnographic data in this series was collected by WISS junior staff: Ivy Dale, Daisy Barrett, Daphne Hall and Ed Fisher.]

BOX NUMBER	JAMAICAN SERIES
6	Warsop--Family Records 1-180, 24 Folders.
7	Warsop--Subject Files, 20 Folders.
8	Warsop--Subject Files, 16 Folders.
9	Bull Savannah: Family Records 1-70, 17 Folders.
10	Bull Savannah: Family Records 71-170, 15 Folders.
11	Bull Savannah: Family Records 171-285, 14 Folders.
12	Bull Savannah: Subject Files, 24 Folders.
13	Bull Savannah: Subject Files, 20 Folders.
14	School Children's Exercise Booklets (Bull Savannah), 66 Booklets.

- 15 Data Notebooks From Bull Savannah and Warsop, 25 Notebooks.
- 16 Warsop: 1943 Census Forms, 2 Envelopes and Loose, Over-sized Pages.
- 17 Warsop Letters, 23 Folders.
- 18 Warsop Letters, 8 Folders and 3 Notebooks.
- 19 Analyses of Data From Warsop and Bull Savannah, 11 Folders.
- 20 Monographs on Warsop and Bull Savannah, 21 Folders.
- 21 Monographs on Warsop and Bull Savannah, 11 Folders.
- 22 Monographs on Warsop and Bull Savannah, 23 Folders.
- 23 Publications, 52 Items.
- 24 West Indies-General, 18 Folders.
- 25 Photographs of Warsop and Bull Savannah, 20 strips of negatives,  
21 strips of prints and 20 single prints.