

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 2.

				Clarendon		
McMorris Ellis	Head	M.Cl.31.		St.El.	Black Angl.	W.2. Chauff. Tom
Rochester Imogene	Wife	F.Cl.30.2.2.		St.El.	Col.	W.3. Homekaker
Smith Barbara	St.Dau	F.S. 6.		"	"	"
McMorris Donald	Son	M.S. 1/12		"	"	"

His farm 1942.

None

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MG
 Inform. Dudley Simpson.
 14.3.48.
 J.O.

McMorris and Imogene Rochester have no farm. They live in "Cecil Simpson's house." Cecil lives still with his father - Robert Simpson /see Fam. ec.39/ and rents ~~this~~ his house to McMorris.

McMorris is a stranger in the district. He came and settled here through the tomato industry. "Major Moxsy bring him here - he came as a chauffeur."

"Imogene was working at the factory - wrapping ~~tomatoes~~ fruit. And them met. Them fell in love ~~and~~ and have 3 children, 3 boys. They have 3 alive, 1 die."

Imogene has also another child born before she ~~met~~ met McMorris. "She have another child - she was working in May Pen and have a child from next man in May Pen. One Smith."

Imogene is from Olive Green: "William Rochester and Francella Rochester her parents."

Interview with Ellis McMorris.
25.3.48.
J.O.

McMorris - stranger.
Bull Savannah at
his arrival.

McMorris is fully "black". He stresses the point that he is not from Bull Savannah. He is from Chapelton, Clarendon. At first when he came here he did not like the place at all. Bull Savannah was a poor and simple place at that time. Only after tomato industry started ~~thayxxx~~ Bull Savannah people became richer.

At the time of his arrival there were only few tanks here. It was very hard for water. Mr. Leban had one tank, Claston Rochester had also another tank which he built for his tannery. And Charles Dyer had another one. Right down ~~inxxxxxxx~~ at the bottom of Green Olive there was also a cattle tank - the same which still serves the ~~same~~ same purposes to-day. Frequently at the time of drought ~~water~~ water was out and people had to carry water from distant places. ~~Some~~ Some people had old tanks built still by their fathers - they leaked out and could not keep water for a prolonged period of drought. People started to build ~~xxxx~~ better tanks only after tomato industry brought them good profits.

His arrival.
His family.

He got used now to Bull Savannah. He is here already "long time". ten years? More, more - 15 years. He came here with Major Moxsy. Major Moxsy brought him as his chauffeur. Major Moxsy was like father to him - "him raise me, him like me father." He drove the car for Major Moxsy. Used to live in the factory, but Major Moxsy allowed him to use its premises as his lodgings only at his presence.

He fell in love with a girl here, got "pickneys" and so settled down for ever in this place.

His house.

He is building now a house for himself. For the time being he lives in a house which he rents from Cecil Simpson in Shaddock Hill. His own house is in construction: the stone basis, wall posts and the roof are ready. Walls and floors are to be made still. He ~~xxxx~~ doubts whether he will be able to finish his house this year. Costs a lot of money. He spent already £300 on the house and for the time being has no money to continue the work.

His work.

He works for Mr. Hastings in the factory - drives a small "red" truck. He has no fixed hours - any time may be called for a trip. His work is day-time as well as night-time. He gets his salary all the year round. Not much - "60 bobs a week."

The salary is small, barely sufficient to make living. He cant supplement his salary by taking passengers when on a drive. It is not allowed and he is afraid that if he did it somebody may might inform the director and start the trouble.

23 per week is not enough. And what was he getting from Major Moxsy when he arrived with him to Bull Savannah? "That's different. I never check Major Moxsy. Him like me father, him raise me, ~~xxxxxxx~~ me never check him."

Visit at home. Interv. Imogene Macmorris.
18.6.48.
T.O.

The Macmorris used to rent a room at Cecil (Salomon) Simpson's house. They moved a few weeks ago to Francella Simpson where they rent one room. Their new house - above William Rochester's home - will be completed soon and they will move there.

Present household:

Macmorris	Ellis head	36
"	Imogene wife	36
"	Donald son	6
"	Dennis son	4
"	Dalton son	2

Smith Barbara step-dau 12 she spends the day with the parents but sleeps at the maternal grandparents William Rochester.

Barbara was in the yard carrying on her hip the bulku brother Dalton. Mrs. Imogene was sewing on the verandah. She sews for people and teaches sewing. There is usually a crowd of women there. She told me that when I was last at Francella Simpson's they were still living at Cecil Simpson's house. She said here "is more convenient" nearer to the new house which is being built and also a better place for her clients to come. They are very eager to have their own house.

Her eldest daughter Barbara didn't go to school to-day. "I don't send to-day - Friday. She take care of the baby on account of the tank." The baby will be 2 yrs old in October coming. It is a very heavy baby. Whenever Barbara wanted to put him down he yelled and she had to take him again on her hip. He was leaning against a tree as the baby was too heavy for her. The boy can run perfectly well. I saw it when I was giving sweets latter on in the shop. He raced other children with success. When I asked about the name of this one Mrs. Imogene said "Dalton" and Barbara said "Clive." Mrs. Imogene said that the names of all her sons begins by a "D". "I like "D".(?)

Ellis Macmorris came here with major Moxsy. He has one outside child who stays with an aunt in Kingston. Imogene says she doesn't know more about the child.

Imogene Macmorris is the daughter of William and Francella Rochester. For family etc. See F.R. 5. She used to work in May Pen and Barbara is the result of an union she had there. Imogene works during the season in the factory. She married Ellis three years ago. They had two children before marriage.

Land They have one acre of land which Imogene got from her father William Rochester. They cultivate a little "food". Ellis has not much time for cultivations. They have some small stock: 3 goats and 3 sheep.

J.O. 17.6.48.
Shadock Hill.

Mc Morris Ellis, ~~xxx~~ 6.
Imogene McMorriss, wife of Ellis.
16.6.48.

~~Information~~ Information from Leo Johnson.

Present Household.

McMorris, Ellis, 36, born in Kingston. In B.S. 15 years. Angl.
5th~~rd~~ stand. Chauffeur.
McMorris Imogene, 33, 5 children born, 4 alive. 6th. Angl. Dressmal
McMorris Donald, 6, son. Born in Mandeville. 5 years in B.S.
McMorris Denis, 4, " " " " 4 " " "
McMorris Clive, 2, " " Born in B.S.
Smith Barbara, dau. of Imogene, 12. Born in Kingston. 5th. School.

Family History.

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McMorris ~~xxxxxx~~ Ellis, parents: Madriana ~~Dxxxxxx~~ Douglas and Basil McMorriss. He was brought up by Major Moxsy. of Malvern. Has ~~xxxxxx~~ 2/brothers and 1/sister living in Kingston, by his mother, ~~xxxxxx~~ with whom relationship is maintained. Married Imogene Rochester, daughter of William Rochester and Francella Rochester, Green Olive, 1945. Had one outside child with a woman in Kingston, Athol McMorriss, 13, who lives in Kingston with his aunt. Imogene Rochester, before she married McMorriss, had 1 outside child with Johnny Smith, Kingston. The father of the child died. The child, Barbara Smith, is adopted McMorriss, her husband, and lives with ~~their family~~ them.

House. They rent 1 room from Francella Simpson in her house. Furniture: 1 bed, 2 tables, 2 chairs, 1 sewing machine.

Have their own house in construction. The house is not yet completed.

Land. Have 1,5 acre of land given to Imogene by her father. Cultivate 3/4 acre. Stock: 3 goats, 4 sheep.

Expenditure and savings. L.1. - weekly, on clothing estimated L.7 for each adult yearly, and L.1.10 for each child. Savings are invested in building the house.

Religion. All Anglican.