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Ford Ernest	Head	M.Cl.50.	St.El.	Col.	Mor.	W.1"	Farmer
Brooks Dorothy	Wife	F.Cl.50.9.7.	,,	Black	Angl.	W.2.	Homemaker
Ford Henry	Son	M.S.28.	,,	,,	,,	Ill.	Farmer
,, John	Son	M.S.25.	,,	,,	,,	W.2.	,,
,, Elsa	Dau	F.S.27.1.1.	,,	,,	Mor.	Ill.	Farmlab.
,, Rebecca	Dau	F.S.18.	,,	,,	R.C.	W.1.	None/yes/
,, Samuel	Son	M.S.16.	,,	,,	Angl.	Ill.	,,
,, Gurney	Son	M.S.14.	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,, Delores	GrDau	F.S. 2.	,,	Col.	,,	,,	,,
Roy, Cilda	GrDau	F.S. 6.	,,	Black	,,	,,	,,
Powell Mervin	GrSon	M.S.6.	,,	Col.	,,	,,	,,
Simpson Melva	GrDau	F.S.4.	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,

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His farm in 1942.

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Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 30 years. The land in 3 parcels: 2 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2, 5. Owns 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, rents 2 acres from Henry Ford. Duration of rental 12 months. Main source of income tomatoes. No labour employed. works 38 weeks p.a. 5 days p.w. 9 hours p.d. Total value pf farm £125, buildings £85. 1 catchment.

Cultivations: 0.3 ac. tomatoes= 1800 lbs
 3 ackees (2 fruiting) = 10 heaps
 2 avocados = 10 doz.
 1 breadfruit = 8 doz.
 3 coconuts (2 fruiting) = ~~60~~ 50 nuts
 3 grapes= 60 lbs
 9 mangoes = 250 doz. 3 nasberries= 800 doz.
 1 ac. corn = 4 bushels
 $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. congo peas = 7 bushels
 1 ac. cassava 2800 lbs. $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. sweet cas. = 400 lbs
 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. yams = 300 lbs
 1 stallion, 1 donkey, 5 ~~goats~~ 9 goats.
 2 swine.

Inform. Dudley Simpson.
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"Preston" Ford.
His "descendants".
His land. His wife.

Ernest Ford is known in Bull Savannah under the name of "Preston" Ford. He is a new-comer in the district.

"Preston bought this piece of land from Emanuel Dyer. His descendants come from Junction. But he is along with a woman from Thatch Walk, Dorothy Brooks."

Dorothy Brooks.

"Dorothy Brooks - she is old Henry Brooks daughter. Andrew Brooks marry to Henry Brooks daughter, ~~xxxx~~ too, but both of them die. Andrew and Fanny die, and Henry die too. Only Dorothy alive."

Henry Ford.

"Preston Ford - him dont marry. But his son come and marry to one of Michael Powell daughter." Henry Ford is not son of Dorothy Brooks. He is from another woman, who was Preston's wife, or was along with him, before he ~~xxxxxxx~~ moved from Junction to Bull Savannah.

Henry Ford lives with his wife in a separate house - does not share one house with his father.

Ford Henry's wife is Ida Powell, Michael Powell's daughter.

Elsa Ford.
Her first man Esban Powell. Her husband Crafton Simpson.

Esla ~~xxxx~~ Ford, the eldest daughter of the house, was years ago along with Esban Powell, Michael Powell's son. She had one child for him: Powell Mervin. Now the child is living in Preston Ford's house "with the grandfather."

Elsa is no more staying in father's home. In the meantime she marry Crafton Simpson from Bottom and left for her husband's place.

Elsa /her nickname is "Shaggy"/ was along with Crafton for some time before they married. "They was living together long time before them marry. Them marry just recently." Before they married and before Elsa went to Bottom to stay with her husband, she had a child "by the same Crafton" - Simpson Melva. ~~xxxx~~ Melva stayed with her mother in Preston's home. Now that Elsa is married, "the child does not live with grandparents, only come to look for them; him stay with the parents."

Rebecca.

Rebecca, popularly known as "Bec", left in the meantime her paternal home. "She is along with Kennedy Holness in Ribbit, the same Theodore Holness son."

Ford Henry, his wife Ida Powell; his child Delores.

~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ Henry Ford married in the meantime Ida Powell. They were "along" for a number of years, "now they married". Delores Ford, granddaughter of old Preston, is Henry's and Ida's daughter. Ida joined Henry's home - "she living with him in his house."

"Bunchie".

Married to Leo Holness. Cilda Roy, her child.

There was still another daughter in the house that a number of years ago "marry to Leo Holness in Ribbit." "Cilda Roy - that child is for Bunchie, that marry to Leo Holness, but the child is for John Roy." Now the child does not stay any more ~~xxxx~~ with grandparents - "living with Bunchie in Ribbit."

INTERVIEW WITH EARNEST FORD (nicknamed Preston Ford)His present Household consists of:

Sunday,

June 27, 1948.

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1. Earnest Forde, "about 56," i.e. himself. (Appears older)
2. Dorothy Brooks "about 56," his wife -c.1.
3. Samuel Forde "about 21" -their son. + John, 29
4. Gerney Forde "about 19," " " "
5. Mervin Powell 14, their grandson.
6. Melva Simson 10, their grand daughter.

The above live in onemroom. Other members of the household are: (The building is separate that occupied by household following:

7. Henry Forde son to Earnest and Dorothy: "about 34."
8. Mrs. Ida Forde, wife to Henry: "about 28."
9. Delores Forde, dau. to Henry and Ida -about 8.
10. Daphne Forde, dau. to Henry and Ida; "about 4"
11. Earnest Ford, son to Henry and Ida; 1½ years.

The above household share food from a common pot. Before the storm of 1933 they ~~xxxxxx~~ Henry and his wife cooked separately. The storm blew down Mr. Earnest's kitchen; he has been sharing a common pot with his son and Ida since

The houses:

The houses are built on 2 acres of land Mr. Earnest bought in 1912. He has lived on it since. He also has a little piece of land in Breadnut woods. He is unable to say what is the size of the land in the Breadnut woods because "a never buy it by the acre," he said.

Family History

His father Mr. Alfred Forde used to live in Berkley. His mother Mrs. Chin Forde had with his father 15 children. Those alive are: (He complained that it will take him the night to recall the names.)

1. Vivian Forde. He lives in Junction.
2. Alva Forde also lives in Junction.
3. Ruel Forde -Junction.
4. Earnest Forde i.e himself.
5. Beatrice Forde. She lives in Vere.
6. Mrs. Elsa Dyer. She lives in Clarendon.
7. Mrs. Julia Bloomfield. She lives in Mountain Top St. Mary.
8. Mrs. Ellis Simpson. She lives in Chepleton.
9. Miriam Forde. She lives in Ballard's Valley.

Of the above brothers and sisters the only ones he does not see often are: Beatrice and Mrs. Dyer. Said he of the others: "We go from one to ~~xxxxxx~~ other: me go sometime, sometimes them come."

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Children with Dorothy Brooks yet alive are;

1. Henry Forde 34.
2. Elsa Holness wife of Leopold Holness.
3. John Forde who sleeps at his girl friend's house in Commer Pen but/is in Bull Savannah during the days.
4. Mrs. Lydia Simpson of Tadd Town. Lydia has married Craffton Simpson.
5. Rebecca Forde wife c.l. to Kennedy Holness.
6. Samuel Forde. He shares house with Earnest and Dorothy.
7. Gernie Forde. Also shares house with Parents.

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Childhood

~~xxxx~~ He was born in Junction where he grew up with the other children of his parents as named above.

School: He attended the Bullas~~xxxxxx~~ Valley school from he was 7 till he was 14. He left school in the ~~3~~ book.

After school "a go was to learn the tailor trade but the man become a drunkard, an' a lef' it an' work in a dut: (dut=dirt -earth) a tun (tun= turn) to cultivate an' look wife.

"A begin breed from a 17. A ha' picknie then. The pickney dey a Frankfield. The girl he had this child for was not his first sex companion. He had had many girls befre~~\$~~that time: -"plenty more -them can't ~~xx~~ count." He had previously denied that he has had any children other than those with Miss Dorothy.

The interview broke off here as Mr. Earnest was seized with a violent fit of coughing. He has been to see a Dr. Williams in Mandeville on Saturday, because he ~~x~~ has been ~~ix~~ ill for some time. -"Dr. Williams sey the kidney is in bad order, and high blood press ure." He has given Earnest medicine in a bottle, and some ~~xx~~ tablets. in He (Dr. Williams) charged 8/- for treatment. He used a stethoscope to make his examination, and ~~an~~structed -"drink no rum, gin, brandy, or coffee; do little smoking, and eat no eggs." ~~x~~ Earnest scarce can do without his coffee, but feels ~~xxx~~ he must obey Dr. Williams. His head was tied with a red headkerchief. He wore his hat over this.

Mr. Forde sat playing baby Earnest. The child seemed comfortable and happy. His mother kept pabying with ~~x~~ his penis. He nestled close to her when she took him in her arms. He paid great attention to everything

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he did and said. Sometimes he would press his face in to her bosom and keep it there for many seconds. At other times he climbed up her chest. She did not scold him for anything he did. Sometimes he folded and put parts of his clothes into his mouth. He was laughing and seemed happy all the time.

Earnest took me to see his race horse named "Saladking Saladking is an animal of medium size, and about 12 years old. He is a local racehorse. Was last race about 3 weeks ago. He won his race.

The animal a black stallion seemed rather attached to his master, but Earnest called by everybody Preston kept driving him away. Said he - "him (the horse) a beast y u can never tell what them wi do.

Because of his illness perhaps, Earnest did not speak freely, and seemed to have been seeking the first reasonable cause for breaking off the interview. He promised to tell me everything when next I call on him. HE had been sitting with his wife Dorothy, Mrs. Ida Fode, one of the sons of Isaac Sinclair his neighbour, and another man from Shaddock Hill, on an open space from which congo peas has been uprooted and which is now overgrown with grass. In effort to isolate him he had been asked to ~~xxxx~~ show the horse. He had done this happily enough, but no sooner were we seated looking on at the horse prior to beginning the talk than, the others who had been sitting with him came up. His wife Dorothy came nearest to us and soon sat also. She had a wound on the shin bone. Elies kept pitching on it this. She kept fondling the wound and chasing off the flies.

Dorothy supplied a portion of the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ information in this interview: she spoke up whenever Earnest seemed stuck. She seemed good-humoured. But for the fact he was bothered by his cough and seemed to be suffering from pains which kept him from sitting comfortably for any length of time. Mr. Earnest was rather good-humoured. They asked what the survey is all about and seemed satisfied with ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ what they were told.

The interview broke up finally when Dorothy went off for Earnest's medicine.

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Interview with Dorothy Brooks.

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Household.

Ernest Ford.	says "about 56" looks older.	Head
Dorothy Brooks	says "about 50 odd"	c.l.wife.
Samuel Ford.	21 years.	Son.
Gurney Ford	18 years	"
Mervin Powell	14 years	Grandson
Melva Powell	10 years	Grandaughter.

+ John 29.

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I called to see Ida Ford, but as she was not able to see me I was able to see her mother-in-law Dorothy Brooks. I had already called to see Dorothy about ten days previously but she had been very ill indeed, and had been too sick to answer any of my questions. At that time she had just ~~xxx~~ been to see the doctor in Mandeville, who has said that she had kidney ~~xxxx~~ trouble. She really appeared to be very ill. This morning I could hardly recognise her for the same person. She was walking around the house quite upright, and straight. She was very neatly and ~~xxxxx~~ cleanly dressed, with a beige coloured frock. She still had a scarf tied around her head as at the last meeting, and I could see that she had some leaves appearing from under it. She took me down to her own bedroom for the interview. On the way she walked into a little shelter, with a thatch roof, and no walls, where leaves of tobacco were hanging across pieces of string, drying. There must have been about seven rows of string running across the shed, each heavily laden with tobacco. She picked about 7 or 8 leaves and gave it to Pany Elliott, who had arrived here just before me. We continued to her room and sat down.

Her Parentage.

Her Father was Henry Brooks.

Her Mother was Elsalaina Brooks.

They had, she thinks "about nine children".

They were:-

- 1) Francella Brooks
- 2) Rosetta Brooks
- 3) Isaac Brooks
- 4) Rhoda Brooks
- 5) James Brooks.
- 6) Dorothy Brooks.
- 7) Jacob Brooks
- 8) Nicholas Brooks.
- 9) James Brooks.

Of these only three to her knowledge are still alive.

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- These are 1) Herself.
 2) Jacob Brooks
 3) Nicholas Brooks.

They all live in Bull Savannah. The last brother James she does not know if he is alive or dead. He left to do work ~~xx~~ in Colon, Panama. He was then a young man, and she was still only small. He sent one letter home when he first went away and from then one not another word had been heard of him.

When asked in what part of Bull Savannah she lived as a child, Dorothy would not give a direct answer. (I knew she lived in Thatch Walk) She pointed vaguely over the hill of Ridge and said, over that way ma'am, not far from Mr Blomfields shop. "Mi' spent all me life here in Bull Savannah." I repeated the question later in a different form, but she would not actually mention Thatch Walk by name.

Career.

She went to Bull Savannah School, until she was fourteen. Her father was able to send her almost all the time, so she had a quite regular school career, which she liked. When she left school she returned to help in the home. This ~~work~~ involved more than helping her mother about the house. She did that in the normal course of events, but she also helped on the land, all her brothers and sisters had to help to cultivate the father's land. She planted peas, corn, and other subsistence crops.

Courtship.

She met Ernest Ford when she was not quite seventeen years old. They became friends quite quickly. She explained that meant they "live together like", i.e. had sexual relations. They met clandestinely at her home. Her parents knew Ernest quite well, but it was not until she first became pregnant that her mother found out that she had been living with him. "We hide ourselves all the time, from mi' parents"

Mother's attitude

Her mother was very annoyed when she found out the truth. Mothers, Dorothy explained to me always get annoyed over these things, but they usually clam down after a bit, when they have got used to the idea. Her mother did not attempt to turn her out, or ill treat her. The first baby was Henry Ford.

Her children.

- 1) Henry Ford. aged about 34 years.
- 2) Elsa Holness aged about 30 years.
- 3) John Ford.
- 4) Lydia Simpson Does not know her age.
- 5) Samuel Ford " "
- 6) Rebecca Ford
- 7) Gurnie Ford.

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Only Henry was born at her mother's house. When Henry was about three years old she came to live with Ernest. They did not at that time have their own house, so they rented one in Ridge, just above their present home, and they watched their own house being built, and as soon as it was finished they moved in. They rented a house from Hubert Simpson.

All the subsequent children were born in their own home.

Pregnancies. "Mi' always start a baby easily" She had been going only a short ime with Ernest when she became pregnant. During her pregnancies she ate everything she could. There were a few foods that she avoided, not because she had heard that they were bad for the baby, but because she had found out that they made her sick. Gungo peas in particular she remembers did this.

For a midwife she had Marvin Dyer, who has since died Dorothy never had very much trouble with her babies, they all came easily, even the first one.

Weaning and Feeding.

She fed her babies on bush tea as soon as they were born. After some hours ~~they~~ she nursed them herself. She had no definate age for weaning. "When dem can walk I stop nursing them" She feed themon milk, and porridge when they are old enough.

Training.

The children got beaten when "Dey am rude and fasty" When they are disobedient and insolent, that is. They also got flogged if they were heard swearing. The boys were always more difficult to bring up properly than the girls. She started to train her girls to work/ in the house from about the age of four or five years. Then they are taught to just play around helping to sweep at the same time. As they get older they have to do more real work. They have to then help with the washing and ironing and th preparing of the food.

The boys help their father in the fields.

Her Attitude to her Children.

Her son Henry Ford is married to Ida Ford, and shares the same yard with them. She was quite definate to me that they do not live together, and that she is only using her dughter-in-law's kitchen at the moment, because theirs has been burnt down, an

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and and the building that the whole family is working on at the moment, is going to be the new kitchen. She appears to be on very good terms with Ida. When I called and she was sick she said that all her daughters help her, and her sons as well, but Idaxt is the one that looks after her all the time.

She said that when her unmarried daughters became pregnant she got cross with them. "Mi' always cross at first, but it God's will, so what to do?" She has adopted the two children of Lydia Simpson. She had too many to look after, so as she was the grandmother she take them and look after them. Lydia has four other children, and is expecting still another. She said that mothers naturallly feel cross at first, "We don't want dem baby pickneys"

Her sons.

Henry is married, but none of the others are. John has got a girl friend called Ethline Dyer, but as yet they have no children. She does not come to see him, he goes over to see her. Dorothy is not sure if they will set up house together.

Her Health.

Some years ago she had bad digestion in her chest. She went to the doctor Dr Mays who gave her a bottle of medecine which cured her.

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About a fortnight ago she got a bad pain in her back, it became so bad that she had to catch the truck into Mandeville, (George Washington) and saw the doctor. who diagnosed Kidney troubles. I did not catch the name of the doctor but I suspect "Dr Williams". He gave her a bottle of medecine which she has just finished and she feels a lot better. She certainly looks better. It cost her 15/- altogether. 7/- for the truck ride, and 8/- for the medecine.

Religion. She belongs to the Anglican Church, and has always ent her children to the Sunday School.

Cultivation Ernest owns two acres of land where the house stands. He grows tobacco, corn, and small cultivati of gungos etc. They dry the rope, and make it into rope which they sell.

Interview with Dorothy Brooks

Tuesday

June 29, 1948

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Dorothy was in her son's kitchen cooking the mid-day meal consisting of French beans soup made with french beans, flour dumplings, some coconut oil, pepper and eskellion. She is cooking this meal for the family, i.e. for Henry his wife and children as well as the members of the household sharing house with her. There is no meat today. The coconut oil is substituting for that.

While we talked in the kitchen Mr. Preston came in from "Over the Road" and handed her some money which she said was to be used for buying the flour for the meal. A large pot (about 2½ gallon size was on the fire. In it are the peas. The dumplings etc. will be added.

Re Constitution of household

They share ~~the same~~^{the} meals from the same pot always. Miss Ida never cooks when she does, nor does she cook when Miss Ida does. If she had food and Ida has none they share. If, on the other hand Ida has food but she has none they share ~~again~~ also.

Hardship of life in Bull Savannah

She thinks life in Bull Savannah neighbourhood particularly difficult. Said she - "People in other places do not have as hard as people here to get money." Life here is rendered particularly difficult because of "season," i.e. because of "drought" it follows often.

Her health

She suffers from indigestion. Has been suffering for a long time. She has been to see Dr. Mais of Mandeville. He told her she has "plenty a gas" and gave her medicine.
