

B.D. 22 Sbd. 12. Household 70

Swaby	William	Head	M.Cl.	86	St. Eliz.	Col.	Angl.	W.1.	Farmer
Francis	Alice	wife	F.Cl.	50.	6.6.	"	"	W.2.	Homemaker
Swaby	Reginald	son	M.S.	26	"	"	"	W.2.	Farmer
"	Clarence	son	M.S.	23	"	"	"	W.2.	None
"	Wilberford	son	M.S.	25	"	"	"	W.2.	None
"	Delrose	dau	F.S.	10	"	"	"	W.1.	4.E.

His farm in 1942.
/William Swaby's/

Under one acre. Value of home garden crop
£13.

3 avocados = 4 doz. 2 coconuts = 5 nuts.
4 mangoes = 100 doz, 2 naseberries = 50 doz.

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NB. Each of William Swaby's sons: Reginald, Clarence
and Wilberford, figures in C.S.3 as ~~owner of a farm~~
~~under~~ a separate owner of a farm under 1 acre.

- Reginald Swaby: No stock, no fruit-trees.
Value of garden produce: £14.
- Clarence Swaby: No stock, no fruit-trees.
Value of garden produce: £10.
- Wilberford Swaby: No stock, no fruit trees.
Value of garden produce: £13.

1 acre see p. 146
worked by 3 sons.

Inform. Dudley Simpson.
13.3.48.
J.O.

William Swaby -
his settling in
Shadock Hill.
Wife's land.

"William Swaby land come of Jane Lawrence estate. Adjoining land - nearby."

"William Swaby is from Lowland. But ^{his} marrie to Jane Lawrence daughter from Shadock Hill. ~~and~~ Alice Francis was her name before she marry William. And Jane Lawrence give her daughter that piece of land."

"But the land is not for Swaby - is for Swaby wife."

Inform.: Dudley Simpson, Ezra Linton, Lehan and
18.4.48. Bradley Rochester.
T.O. and J.O.

"William Swaby and Alice Francis was living together first. Married recently - last year. The land is for Alice. One acre. They /~~the~~ some of the members of this family/ work on somebody's land. Couldn't live on one acre alone."

"William Swaby doesnt work anybody land, beside his own. he boys - William's son - they work."

"Reggie work on his father land. When him work on his father land the father get some profit. Reggie work on Fitzroy land in Duff House. Reginald not living with Swaby. Reginald have a woman they are living down the Bottom."

"Ferdie next son unmarried. Still living in the father home. He work on Dorrell Dyer land."

"The other son Clarence is along with a woman in Top Hill. He work up there. he woman's land."

There are living at present in this home:

- 1.2. "Swaby William anf wife."
3. 4.5. Ida Swaby, daughter of Swaby William. She is a girl that have 2 children. Around twenty, a bit more. Children staying with her. One girl and one boy. Not going to school yet. Small children. For ucal Simpson - nephew of Levy Simpson."
6. "Ferdie Swaby /Wilberford/ unmm rried."

"Reginald is not living with Swaby - him have a woman, so they rent the house at Bottom and down living now. He work on his father land."

~~Reginald's~~ Reginald's compenion is "Mavis Jacob - him father from Exton, mothe from Wormington. Have two children - small size, 3 and 5 years. He/Reggie/ met the girl somewhere in Exton and him make love. They rent the house from Crafton Simpson."

It is a problem to solve how to live on one acre.

Sons and their occupations.

Here Ezra Linton and Dudley discussed the problem of renting houses. It happens very seldom in B.Sav. that somebody lives in a rented house. "Everybody trying to get a little one of his own."

"Delores Swaby - daughter of Swaby - she died."

"Swaby William - have a next girl in Pedro Plain - Lowlands. Swaby William is from Pedro Plains This girl is by a next woman /not by Francis Alice/ She is living with her mother or grandmother."

"Ferdie - living with the mother. No children. Climbing the fence. Prefer to trespass against us /married men/. We know about. No conflict The man /against whom Ferdie "trespassed"/ didnt know about it."

Visit at home. Interv. William Swaby and daughter
Evadne.

26.6.48.
T.O.

It is a small house between Jane Lawrence's hut and Dorrel Dyer's homestead. The house looks new. The lower part is painted blue the upper white. On the upper part is written in blue paint: "Mr. William Swaby and Mrs. Alice Swaby." It is the only house in Bull-Savannah which has the names of its occupants written on it. It is one-room house with one large bed and one small table and a few chairs. The clothes hang on the wall. The floor is shining. Opposite it is an all thatch kitchen. There I found old William Swaby smoking his big pipe and his daughter Evadne shelling french beans. The kitchen is small with an uneven earthen floor. The fire is made on the floor on a few stones. There is no fireplace as in the majority of houses here. William told me that the house was built only 2 years ago. Calbert Elliott built it and William's sons helped. Before they were living in what is at present the kitchen. His wife Alice was in church. She is a Seven Day Adventist and goes to church on Saturdays.

Present household:

in Bull-3

Swaby William	head	90 (?)	Callabash Bay	30 yrs retired
" Alice	wife	53	B.Sav.	7 Day Adv. higg. (fish)
" Evadne	dau	23	"	angl. helps at home
Simpson Victor	gr. son	5	Black Riv.	
" Marline	gr. dau	3	Shad. Hill	

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William Swaby. He is an old man but certainly does not look 90. Perhaps he insisted being 90 to explain why he doesn't work any more. His long only slightly wavy hair is not very grey. His eyes are sparkling and he talks vividly. "I am from Low Lands. I fish from Pedro to St. Thomas all along the coast. My boat was in all them places I fish in Pedro, in Alligator Pond, in Kingston." William was born in Calabash Bay. His father was Edward Swaby and his mother Margaret Swaby. William said with pride his mother was from the Parchment family. "Parchment - its a big family, anyone could tell you." William said he had some brothers but even didn't remember their names. Probably they were not brought up together but he either didn't remember or didn't want to talk about it. He was full however of his fishing exploits memories. He told me about the beautiful girls in St. Thomas and other places, implying he was a great Don Juan in his earlier days. He had his own boat and used to fish in many places of the south and south east shore. The places he stayed longest were Alligator Pond and Kingston.

He used to visit often Bull-Savannah where he had a lot of family. "Simpson - Dudley Simpson father was my first cousin, and Dyer are my family too. I come and go."

He settled in Bull-Savannah about 30 years ago. I asked him how many girls he made cry in the various parishes of Jamaica, and how many children he had before he settled here with Miss Alice. He laughed and was flattered by the question. He made me understand he wouldn't be able to count all his children. He has however two daughters in Lowlands Roberta and Barebelle. The mother was "Bug", from Low Lands.

Many years ago - he doesn't remember when - William sold his boat in Kingston. "Too old to do fishening." For the last 3 years he doesn't work at all. "Sons cultivate the land."

~~His children with Alice.~~ His two outside daughters in Lowlands "are big women now" and William doesn't keep in contact with them. ~~He says he may have 10 more outside children but doesn't know what happened to them or where they are.~~ William and Alice Swaby children are: Reginald 32, Ferdie 31; Clarence 26; Evadne 23; Delrose the youngest daughter died last year of typhoid fever.

His sons do not live any more with the parents. Reginald lives "with a girl from Exton" in a separate household. Clarence lives in Top Hill. Ferdie lives in Mr. Dorrell Dyer house just next door. Ferdie is "up and down all the time" He works on Dyer's land. Sometimes has his meals at the paternal home and sometimes with the Dyers. William says all his sons work the land. This season's tomatoes round William's house were looked after by Ferdie but also Reginald helped his father. The son who doesn't come so often and doesn't help as much as the others is Clarence, who "lives with a woman in Top Hill." Evadne is living with the parents. She cooks for the family. Her two children are staying there too. Their father is Eucal (Lucas?) Simpson, who "helps a little" with the children. When I asked Evadne whether she expects to marry Eucal she giggled but I couldn't get an answer from her. The father seemed pleased enough to have the daughter and her children in the home. Marline came and slept with her head on Evadne knees. Victor was cutting the sweet I gave him with a sharp knife which he put into his mouth. When his mother took the knife away from him he snatched another one and put it into his mouth. The grandfather said placidly Victor was a "rough boy" but was not worried about the possibility of the boy's cutting his tongue. Evadne seemed very happy she was laughing all the time and joking with the father. They are good friends and made together little jokes about the mother who joined the 7 Day Adventists.

William said his daughter Delrose died last year of typhoid fever in the Black River hospital. Evadne told me the story of the illness. She said there were many people who ~~were~~ got this illness in Bull-Savannah last year.

First her little daughter ^{Merline} got it. Evadne took her to the hospital but didn't want to leave her there as she was a very little child. After that her sister Delrose got the illness. She was taken to the hospital and died there. At the same time Evadne's son Victor was taken ill and also was taken to the hospital where he recovered. Delrose is buried near the house. William invited me to see the grave. There is a nice tomb on it with the inscription "In loving memory..." and the name of the girl date of birth, death etc. Round the grave there is a little garden with flowers.

The land. William says he has only one acre of land round the house. This land he bought from his mother-in-law Jane Lawrence, who bought it from the Government. The paying off ~~xxx~~ of the land must have been a rather intricate affair. William told me it was "in the family" but I couldn't get ~~xxxxxx~~ how much he paid finally and whether he paid it in money or in some kind of services. All this land is worked now by his sons. William doesn't work at all for the last few years. There are a few roots of nice bananas behind the house. He has some fruit trees: a few mangoes, naseberries and coconuts. The only pig they have was keeping us company in the kitchen. He has also 3 goats but doesn't keep them near the home as they spoil the trees and vegetables. The tomato sticks were neatly ranged under a tree.

Religion. William doesn't believe in joining any "nominations". "It's only wood and stone" he said about his wife who joined the Adventists and went to church. "You tell me Missis what's better to have God in your heart to have Him with you, or go to church it's only a building stone and wood." Of course I agreed with him and said that probably he didn't join the Adventists because he wouldn't part with his pipe. He laughed and said the pipe is his old companion and can't stand between him and his God.

Alice Swaby for parents sister and brother see F.R. of her mother Jane Lawrence No. 142.

William insisted that I should come again for a talk. He accompanied me a long way to show me a short cut to my house. He seemed to enjoy immensely the fact that I knew the names of the occupants of the houses we were passing. He examined me thoroughly and said I knew everybody and one couldn't fool me. He showed me houses on the opposite hill and was very pleased when I said the names correctly. Every time I said the name he shook with laughter.

I saw in the evening Dudley Simpson and asked him whether it was possible that Swaby was 90. Dudley said that just this morning Swaby was in his yard and told he was 89. "Him don't work hard. He was a fisherman and afterwards a busher in an estate in St. Thomas. He didn't work hard. Quite a jolly man, keeps well."

Typ J.O. 17.6.48.
 Shaddock Hill.
 Swaby William, 5.
~~Interv.~~ Interv. William Swaby and ~~his daughter~~ his daughter.
 16.6.48.
~~Info~~ Information from Leo Johnson.

Present household.

Swaby William, head, m. 89. Born in Calbash Bay, 30 years in Bull Savannah. Angl. 3rd. Fish speculator.
 ,, Alice, wife, m. 53. 9.5. B.S. 7D. Adv. 4th. Cultivator.
 ,, Evadne, dau. s. 23. 2. 2. ,, ,, 3rd. Dressmaking.
 Simpson Victor, son of Evadne, 5. Born in Black River. 7D. Adv.
 ,, Merline, dau., ,, ,, ~~3~~ 3 years old.

Family History.

Swaby William is from Calabash Bay. His parents: Edward and Margaret, nee Parchment, Swaby. ~~Swaby~~ William Swaby says that he has 10 outside children. Gives names of only two of them: Roberta and Barbel Swaby, living in Pedro Plains. Their mother was a woman nicknamed "Bug".
 He lived with his present wife for many years before he married her. Does not remember when he married her. Besides ~~children living~~ ~~ing with his present wife~~ Evadne living at home he had with his wife other children, living now outside of the home: Reginald Swaby, 3%, Ferdie Swaby, 31, Clarence Swaby 26.
Swaby Alice - is daughter of Jane Lawrence and Charles Francis in B.S. She was an outside child, was brought up by mother. Has only half siblings by ~~her~~ father: Adolphous, Edmon and Theophilus Francis, and Martha Francis.

House. The house is single room. 2 beds, 1 table, 2 chairs. All live in this room. Have no tank - water supplied by neighbours.

Land and farming. 1 acre lot bought from Jane Lawrence, Alice's mother. Cultivated by sons. Peras 2, 3 common mang., 3 nasberries, 2 coconuts. Farming is done by sons and Swaby William does not know much about it. Stock: 1 pig, 3 goats.

Expenditure: L.1. weekly on food. Clthing for grown up members - L.6, for children L.10. On health was spent 2.6.

Religion. Alice Swaby and children belong to 7Day Adventists.

Simpson Victor and Simpson Merline are children of Evadne Swaby by Lucal Simpson. They are supported by father.