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Edith Pitter - Informant : Edwina Bent

Present house hold

Edith Pitter	Head	50
Robert Holness	c. l. husband to Edith (does not know age)	looks 52
Isaac Bent	Bro. to Edith	56
Wilbert Bent	" " "	40
Clover Spencer	Dau. to Edith	24
Clarice Pitter	" " "	20
Adolphus Johnson	Son " "	12
Viola Sinclair	Dau. " "	10
Martha Slash	Gr. Dau. "	4
Dotsie Simpson	" " "	2

lives separately

*Land Yacens
see FR 174
land divided
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Edith Pitter (nee Bent)

Edith, Edwina's Bent's sister (see F. R. 174) left Bull Savannah to go to Mandeville after she left school. She went ~~to~~ to do domestic's work in Mandeville. Edith's sister Rebecca by name got a job for her at the Court House. She went and work for a time, until she left that job and got another at the Bank in Mandeville. Both her jobs were to clean the ~~the~~ Court House, and the Bank. Her sister does not know how she was paid. After working for a time she stopped, and then she got married to George Pitter.

She has seven children, five are at home here with her and two are supposed to be in Manchester. She has one for Spencer, one for Sinclair, who is at Ridge, one for Johnson and two now at home for her husband. They are :-

living /
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- Clover Spencer
- Viola Sinclair
- Adolphus Johnson
- Edna Pitter
- Clarice Pitter

Edwina could not remember the names of the others.

After the death of her husband Edith came home. She is working ~~now~~ for the Company now getting 2' - per day. Sometimes she works for other people around getting the same price. Her common law husband is Robert Holness. She looks after Robert's meals and washes his clothes, but she does not live at Robert's house. They have been together for four years now. "e no think me wi marry again fa me no ha' the strength fe rub man clothes-."

Robert Holness

~~is~~ Robert is the common law ~~is~~ husband of Edith. "e

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does not live at Edith's house . He has his own house . Edith prepares his meals . He helps to provide for Edith's house hold . Edith does not have any children for Robert Edwina could not tell very much about Robert and his occupation or his life.

Isaac Bent

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Is the brother of Edith and Edwina . He was living at Prospect for a long time , and he came home about one year ago . He grew with Theodore Lewis at Prospect until he became a big man then he took his way . He became friends with a girl at Prospect and they lived together , "till one night him go out and when him come in him come find , 'nother man in a the house , so him and him girl friend part . Me no know if it is that make him come home".

Since his arrival home he has been living at his sister's house (Edwina's house). Edith provides for him , he contributes to the house hold . He has started to cultivate since he has been back, but just a little on the land that they live on . He works for Winty Elliott , Septy Holness, and Winston Holness , planting and digging at 2/-6 per day. Isaac does not have a girl or woman friend that Edwina knows of .

Wilbert Bent

Is also called Theophilus , He is Wilbert Theophilus Bent . He is brother to Edwina and Edith . He is a cultivator . He works sometimes for other people , weeding grass and working in the tomato field. He works for Mr Robinson , Mr Holness , Mr Sinclair , and Mr Simpson . He is paid 3/- per day . He plants about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre tomato , and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre ~~tomato~~ cassava . He also rears pigs.- he has two small ones at present .

He used to work as a hand with a few fisher men at Alligator Pond . He worked with Percival Brooks , Joseph Powell , Nicholas Brooks , and Charles Rochester. He has been fishing for about six years . It used to pay him well. He was not paid by the day , but according to the catch that they made .

Once he had his own pods- that was when he was fishing with Joseph Powell . He stopped fishing last year , he got sick with fever , and since then he has not been back to the sea . He is now working in his cultivation . "Though me working in a me tomato garden , if any body ask me fe go back and fishing me wi' go " . Wilbert had a cow but he sold it . He has two sheep now . Edith prepares Wilbert's meals , Wilbert contributes to Edith's house hold .

Wilbert does not have a house for himself, so he resides at his sister Edwina Bent's house.

Clover Spencer

Is one of Edith's daughters. Edwina does not remember Clover's father's name. Clover was staying in Mindeville with her mother ~~with her~~, but is now at home. She has one child for Hubert ~~Schloss~~ Schloss. The child is Martha. Hubert will not support the child, so her mother has to help her with the child. Clover does not have a boy friend at present. She works at Mrs Robinson sometimes, "one, one day work for wash and clean". Edwina does not know how Clover is paid.

Clarice Pitter

Is another of Edith's daughters. Clarice's boyfriend is Clifton Simpson from Ridge. Clarice has one child for Clifton, and is expecting another. The child is Dotsie. Clifton is supporting his child. Clarice does not live at Clifton's house, they only visit each other. Clarice used to work at the factory in the shed and sometimes in the field when she can. At the factory she gets 2/- per day, but Edwina does not know how much she gets when she works in the field. She cannot work now.

Adolphus Johnson & Viola Sinclair

Adolphus, Edith's son, is called Ronald Adolphus Johnson. Both Ronald and Viola are going to school. Ronald does not sleep at his aunt, Edwina Bent's house, He sleeps at ~~David Simpson's~~ David Simpson's house, his aunt's common law husband.

Martha Schloss & Dotsie Simpson

Both children are Edith's grand daughters, Martha the daughter of Clover, and Dotsie the daughter of Clarice.

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Present household.

Pitter Edith, widow, 49.
 Bent Theophilus, brother, 35.
 Bent Isaac, brother, 48.
 Spencer Clover, Edith's dau., 26.
 Pitter Clarice, ,, ,, 21.
 Pitter Adolphous, ,, son, 11.
 Pitter Edna, ,, dau., 24.
 Sinclair Viola, ~~Edith's~~ ,, 9. ~~xxxxxx/~~
 Slash Martha, Clover's dau., 4.
 Simpson Datsie, Clarice's dau. 2.

Edith Pitter - for her parentage see F.R.174. Bent Theo-
philus and Isaac - idem.

Edith's children are by 3 fathers. Clover ~~xxxxxx~~ Spencer is by Hubert Spencer in Mandeville; they separated: "could not agree". Clarice, Adolphous and Edna are by her husband George Pitter /d/ of Mandeville. Viola Sinclair is by Stanford Sinclair in Ridge.

Slash Martha's father is Hubert Slash /Schloss/ in Bull Savannah. Simpson's Datsie father is Clifton Simpson in Shaddock Hill.

House: 1 room. Kitchen. Furn.: 2 beds, 1 chair, 1 table.
 No tank. *another room out outhouse - 1 room - for bro tent.*

Land: owned by Edith Pitter 2 acres in 1 plot /homeland/
 inherited from parents.

Trees: 4 mangoes, 4 sweet saps.

Cultiv.: 1/4 acre corn, 1/4 acre cassava.

2 sheep, 1 pig, 1 hen.

Weekly spendings: 20/-. £16 on clothes last year. Max

No part. religion. ~~xxxxxx~~ In school: Adolphous 3rd st.,
 Viola 1st st.