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Bent	Wilbert	head	M.S.	30	St. Eliz.	Black	Ang.	W.2.	labourer
<del>Simpson</del> Bent	<del>Kuniza</del> Edwina	sister	F.S.	48	11.4.	"	"	W.2.	homemaker
Simpson	Jane	niece	F.S.	13	"	"	"	X	no
"	Sarah	niece	F.S.	5	"	"	"	X	no
Powell	Mavis	niece	F.S.	10	"	"	"	-	
Pitter	Edith	sister	F.W.	44	7.7.	"	"	X	
Spencer	Clover	niece	F.S.	18	1.0.	"	"	meth. (wes)	W.2. "
Pitter	Edna	niece	F.S.	16	1.1.	"	"	W.2.	labourer
Pitter	Clarice	niece	F.S.	13	"	"	"	W.2.	O.E.
<del>Johnson</del>	Ronald	nephew	M.S.	6	"	"	"	-	
Sinclair	Violet	niece	F.S.	4	"	"	"	-	
Powell	Henry	gr/nephew	M.S.	1	"	"	"	-	
Simpson	David	partner	M.S.	52	Manchest.	"	"	no rel.	X fisherman

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His farm in 1942.

*2 acres  
land 2 1/4*

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 10 years.

Owens 8 1/2 acres in one parcel.  
main income from tomatoes.  
no labour employed.

works 30 weeks, 6 days p.w. 9 hours p.d.

2 acres in cultivation, 4 acres cultivable but not use. 1 acre in guinea grass, 1/2 ac. in common grass 1 acr. of woodlands.

Total value of farm £ 250, of buildings £20.  
1 catchment.

Cultivations:

chocho - 1 vine. okras 1 row=12 doz.  
2 rows pumpkins=12. 9 rows escallion=8 bund.  
22x 40 rows tomato s = 1500 lbs.  
1 ackee=200 heaps. 1 guinea= 200 bunc.  
9 mangoes= 104 doz. 1 pawpaw= 10.

0.1 ac beans= 1/16 bush. 0.1ac corn=1/2bush.  
0.1ac. congo peas=2 1/2bush. 0.1 cassava= 336 lbs.  
0.1 ac. sweet cass.=112 lbs. 0.2 ac. mosella yams=  
224 lbs. 0.2 ac. tobacco= 112 lbs.

2 sheep. 17 goats, 2 swine, 5 hens=3doz eggs.

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Wednesday  
14. 7. 48.  
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Interviewed Edwina Bent

Present House hold

David Simpson Head c. 1. husband of Edwina (does not know age)  
Edwina Bent Wife c. 1. to David 53  
Jocelyn Simpson Son to David (does not know age) looks 35  
Eunice Simpson Dau. 20  
Mavis Powell Dau. to 18  
Jane Simpson Edwina  
Jane Simpson Dau. 14  
Sarah Simpson Dau. 11  
Raslin Gordon Gr. Son to Edwina 1

The house

The house

Edwina's house is a small two roomed cottage made of spanish wall . The roof is thatched . The house is getting very old and shabby . In one of the rooms could be seen two beds , a small one and a large one . Both had on spread that were not too clean . There is also a table with glass wares onit .

There are two kitchens in the yard , one is used by Edwina and the other by Edith Pitter, (see F. R. 173) Edwina's sister . The kitchens are made of coconut leaves chiefly with ~~with~~ roof of thatch . In Edith's kitchen there is the fire place , a barrel for keeping water , and there ~~was~~ packed pans and boxes .

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Source of living

To earn her living ~~Re~~ Edwina used to work weeding grass for other people in the District at 1/-6 per day and 2/- . "Me stop work now fa me sick with me kidney , water dey gather up round it , so me caan do no much work . As the work dey gwan pon the road now , me break little stone! She does not know how much she will be getting for the stone "fa it don measure yet " . David Simpson helps to support ~~th~~ Edwina , by helping to provide for the house.

Edwina's family History

Martha Bent (nee Brooks ) her mother dead

Alexander Bent her father dead

Her parents children in Bull Savannah :-

Herself  
Edith Pitter (nee Bent )

Wilbert Bent  
Isaac Bent

Edwina's children

For David Simpson :-

Eunice Simpson  
Jane Simpson  
Sarah Simpson

For Hubert Powell:-

Mavis Powell

David Simpson

David is Edwina's common law husband , but David does not live at Edwina's house . He lives at his house quite near to where Edwina is living . Edwina prepares David's meals , washes his clothes , and looks after all his business . David built his house himself on  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of land that he got from Aaron Elliott . David grew with Aaron , so Aaron left the land for him when he died . David is a cultivator , cultivating on his borther , Arthur Simpson's land ~~at~~ in the woods , David ~~ex~~ cultivates on a portion of Edwina's land too .

He does not pay rent to Edwina for the land . What he plants is divided between them , and some used int the home . David rears goats and pigs . He supports his children still, those ~~for~~ by Edwina .

Edwina Bent

She did not grow with her parents . Se grew with Mrs Bogle at ~~xxxxxxx~~ Savlamar . Her mother put her with Mrs Bogle as a school girl " ( learning domestic without being ~~xx~~ paid ) . She spent two years at Mrs Bogle , and then she came home . "The lady no did dey treat me nice .She beat me and would nt give me clothe Edwina sent to tell her mother , and her mother sent for her.

After coming home she started to trade on sugar , hanana , and other fruits from here to Mandeville . She traded for five-years , and "stop because me breed " , She met Sydney han at Mandeville , and they became ~~frie~~ fiends . They were friends for a short time , then she became pregnant for Sydney .

When her parents~~x~~ found out she was pregnant they quarrelled with her very much , but they did not turn her out , they allowed her to stay in the home still. Sydney used to support the child very well , but the

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child died at the age of 2. She started her trading again after the death of the first child. Her next boy friend was David Simpson of Bull Savannah. Soon after they became friends, she became pregnant for David. Edwina has in all ten children, five are dead and five are alive. Four of the children live at home and one is away.

School

She went to school and read to the 3rd. ~~EM~~ standard. "Me head did hard, and wouldnt take the learning". She was taken out of school before she was 15 years old, the age limit for Elementary School.

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Jocelyn Simpson

Is the son David Simpson and Ellen Powell. He grew up with his mother, but he left his mother and went to stay with his father two years ago. He left with the intention of helping his father with his cultivations, as his father has no one to help him. He visits his mother all the time. Jocelyn did not go to school when he was sent. "Me head did hard, and me did bad. Me fling wey me slate, and hid me book a bush".

Jocelyn used to do fishing with Joe Johnson from Bull Savannah and William Rookwood from Comma Pen. Both men had their own boats, Jocelyn worked as a hand with them, and was paid according to they caught. It did not pay him so well so he stopped about a year ago. He works as a side man on one of the factory trucks at 4/- per day. When he is not working on the truck, he helps his father with the cultivation.

His father David, works on David's brother, Arthur Simpson's land in the woods. Arthur is an Ex-soldier, and got five acres of land from the Government. Arthur is living in St. Christiana, and he has given the, and to his brother to cultivate for him. David gets two thirds of the crop, and what he gets is divided between Jocelyn and himself. His father has been working the land for about five years. His father plants one acre of cassava, "but a mo in a one big patch, a little, little garden, so i mus' come up to that". Last crop he and his father planted 3,000 roots of tomato.

Jocelyn contributes to Edwina's house hold. He does not sleep at Edwina's house, he sleeps at his father's house. His father's house has one room. It was built by his father. It is made of spanish wall, with a thatched roof. Jocelyn

is also called Albert , and Wilbert Simpson .

Eunice Simpson

The daughter of David Simpson and Edwina Bent has a child for Ezra Gordon . The child is Raslin . Ezra is supporting his child , but he and Eunice are no longer friends . Eunice grew with her mother , but she did not go to school "because me mother couldnt manage fe sen me". Eunice works at the/~~factory~~ every year , in the shed at 2' - per day . When the crop is over she works for Clifton Simpson weeding grass at 1/- 6 per day . She also works for her father , weeding grasstoo . Her father helps to support her now and then when she cannot get any work to do . When Eunice can afford it she helps to contribute to her mother's house hold . She and Ezra were ~~xxx~~ not living together at one house . They used to visit one another . She and Ezra parted because Ezra has another girl friend . "Me no love him again . Eunice does not have a boy friend now .

factory /

Mavis Powell

Mavis is the daughter of Edwina Bent and Albert Powell (see F. R. ) She grew with her mother . Mavis went to school , and read to the 3rd standard . She was not sure what standard she left school in , she decided that she left in ~~3x~~ 3rd. During the crop she works in the shed at the factory , getting 2' - per day . Her father does not support her any ~~no~~ longer , "but any little thing him have him offer Mavis . Every day she out a the father , if them have anything fe do them send call him and she go k do it". Mavis does not have a boy friend that her mother knows of . Since the crop is over , "now and then him get one , one day work . Sometime him weed grass , or do any thign him can get fe do .

Jane Simpson

She grew with her grand mother in Manchester . Her grand mother is Sue Burrel , her father's mother . Jane came ~~xxxxxx~~ home not very long ago , Edwina could not remember the exact tiem that she came . " A no nothing make she come but she dey grow big now and i' wi' hard 'pon the granny". Jane is not working , but her father helps to support her. She does not have a boy friend .

Sarah Simpson

Edwina's youngest daughter is going to school . She is reading in the ~~st~~ 2nd standard . K¢

The land

The land Edwina is living on was left for the children by their father Alexander Bent . Her father bought the land

BUT she does not know from whom . "That time it a did pure wilderness , and only few house dey ~~xx~~ round the place , hardly any body did live here. That time you could get land cheap , and young man could a buy land " .

It is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land . Edwina , Edith, and Wilbert are in charge of the land . The three of them contribute to paying of the taxes . It is paid in "ilbert's name . The land is not divided , all the children work in common .

#### The children ~~xx~~ - their behaviour

During the interview the children were all anxious to have a peep in the note book . They were sent away to play by the bigger ones , such as Edwina , Eunice , and Clover , but they did not ~~xxxx~~ obey . They lingered around to hear what was being said . Eventually they left ~~xx~~ when they were joined by Curdel Powell and Delores Powell (see F. R. 167 ) from a neighbouring yard .

They all went away to play , at Alice Ebanks ' yard (F. R. 171 ) They did not ask permission to go , they ~~x~~ ran off immediately they got in from ~~xxxx~~ school . When the children are naughty they are chastised by ~~xxx~~ any of the bigger sisters or the mother . They are not taught at an early age to learn to wash up themselves , neither to use the chimney . Up to five or six years old they have to be attended to as babies and helped in the washing up of themselves .

The most they help to do is to sweep the yard and help to wash dishes now and then . They also help to run on errands .

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Interview with Edwina Bent.

Present Household.

Edwina Bent	Head
Wilbert "	Bro.
Edith Pitter	Sis.
Eunice Simpson	Dau.
Jane "	"
Sarah "	"
Mavis Powell	"
Viola Sinclair	Dau. to Edith
Clover Spencer	Dau. " "
Martha Slash	Dau. " Clover
Raslin Gordon	Son " Eunice

Edwina is the daughter of Martha Bent (nee Brooks) and Alexander Bent. Her parents are dead. They were from Bull Savannah. She does not ~~know~~ know her grand - parents. They died when she was a little girl.

~~School~~

She went to school, and she read to the 3rd standard. "Me head did hard, and wouldnt tek the learning." She was taken out of school before she was 15 years old, the age limit for Elementary School.

Her mother sent her to Savalamar to Mrs Bogle as a school girl (learning domestic without being paid). She stayed for two years, and she came home. "The lady didnt treat me nice, she beat me, and wouldnt give me clothes". She sent to tell her mother, and her mother sent for her.

She started to trade on sugag, banana, and other fruits from here to Mandeville. He did her trading for 5 years and, "me stop i, because me breed". She met Sydney Shan at Mandeville and they became friends. They were in company for a short time and then she became pregnant for Sydney.

When she became pregnant her parents quarrelled with her very much. She was allowed to stay at her parents home still. Sydney used to support the child very well. The child died at the age of 2.

After having the first child she started her trading again. She and David Simpson of Bull Savannah became friends, and she ~~xxxxxxx~~ became pregnant for him. She had 10 children, 5 alive and 5 are dead. Four live at home and one is away.

She used to weed grass 6d per day ~~xxxx~~ and then at 1/- per day. After working for a long time weeding grass she stopped. She got sick and had to ~~xx~~ stop.

~~Edith~~

Her sister Edith shares ~~his~~ house with her. Edith is in company with Robert Holness, for 4 years. She does not cook with ~~xxxx~~ Edwina. She cooks by her self. She ~~xxxxxxx~~ prepares Robert's meals. Robert has his own house, but Edith does ~~not~~ live at his house.

(also)

~~Edithxxxxisxxxxxxx~~  
Edith used to do domestic's work when she <sup>(was)</sup> in Mandeville. She has come back to Bull Savannah to live since the death of her husband. She works in the field now ~~xxxx~~ weeding grass, at 1/6 per day with feeding and 2/- without.

"Me no think me we marry again fa me no ha' the strength fe rub man clothes".

Edwina and David Simpson are still in company, but David does not live at Edwina's house. He has his own ~~his~~ house. Edwina prepares his meals, and he dines at her house. During the days he will be at her house but at nights he sleeps at his own.

Two of Edwina's daughters are working at the factory. The others are ~~xx~~ at home.



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### Interview with Edwina Bent .

#### Family Record. Family History.

Edwina's mother Martha Brooks came from Thatch Walk and her father came from ~~St. Mary's District~~ St. Mary's District. Her father Alexander Bent came here with his uncle Alexander Bent. Her father was Simpson, but he grew with his uncle Alexander Bent and his uncle gave her father his name. She does not know the time when her father came to live here. She does not know her grand parents neither.

#### Family Land.

The family has  $8\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land. Edwina's father ~~had~~ bought the land but she does not know from whom. "That time it a did pure wilderness, only a few houses around, hardly any body did live here. That time you could get land cheap, any young man could a buy land". Edwina and her brother and sister inherit all the land they now possess.

subdivided/

Edwina, Edith and Wilbert own the land. The two sisters and the brother pay the taxes. It is paid in Wilbert's name. The land is not ~~subdivided~~. They all work in common.

#### Constitution of the house hold.

Chief members of the house hold at present are - Edwina, Wilbert and Edith.

#### Wilbert Bent.

Wilbert is brother to Edith and Edwina. He is a cultivator. He works sometimes for other peopple 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 cultivates  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre tomato and  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre cassava. He rears pigs - he has two small ones at present.

He used to work as a hand with a few fishermen at Alligator Pond. He worked with Percival  $\frac{1}{2}$  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 hiso own pods - that was when he was fishing with Joseph Powell. He stopped fishing last year, he got sick with a fever, and since then he has not been back to the sea. He is now working in his cultivation.

" Though me working in me tomato garden if any body ask me to go back an' fishing me wi' go". Wilbert had a cow but he ~~was~~ sold it . He has two sheep now.

Edith Pitter( nee Bent)

Edith , Edwina's sister left Bull Savannah to go to Mandeville after she left school . She went to do domestic's work ~~at~~ in Mandeville . Edith's sister, Rebecca by name, ~~Adolphus~~ got a job for her at the Court House . She went and worked for a time , until she left that job and got another at the Bank in Mandeville . Both her jobs were to clean 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 ~~ix~~ living at Ridge , one for Johnson and two now at ~~home~~ home for her husband. Their names are Clover Spencer, Viola Sinclair , ~~Adolphus~~ Adolphus Johnson , Edna Pitter, and Clarice Pitter. Edwina could not remember the name of the others.

for

After the death of her husband Edith came home . She is working/~~at~~ the ~~x~~ company now getting 2/- per day. Sometimes she works for other people around getting the same price. Her common law husband is Robert <sup>W</sup>olness . She looka after Robert's meals and washes his clothes, but she does not live at Robert's house. They have been together for 4 years now.

Clover Spencer.

Clover is one of Edith's daughters . Edwina does not remember Clover's father's name. Clover was staying in Mandeville with her mother , but is now at home . She has one child for Hubert Slash . 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.

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Edna Pitter.

Edna one of Edith's daughters is living with Adolphus Powell . She has three children for Adolphus. Her father George is dead. Edna works at the factory all the time where she is paid 2/- per day.

Clarice Pitter.

Clarice is Edith's daughter too . She has one child for Clifton Simpson and is expecting another . Clarice works in the field when she can , but she can-

near Dundar Hill /

not work now . Clifton supports his child . The child is Dotsey . Clifton lives over the hills /, but Clarice does not live at his house.

Adolphus Johnson & Viola Sinclair.

Adolphus and Viola are Edith's children also . They are going to school .

David Simpson.

& one for Hubert Powell /

David is Edwina's husband (c. 1. ). She has three children for him / Two of the children are working at the factory and two are at home. They are Eunice , Jane Sarah and Mavis. David lives at Over Road on a piece of land that he got from Mr Aaron Elliott . David grew with Mr Elliott so when Elliott was dying he left the land for David The portion is 1/2 acre . He has built a house on it.

David cultivates his brother Arthur Simpson's land. Arthur is away in Christiana living / . David cultivates some of Edwina's land too . He rears goats and pigs.

Eunice Simpson.

Eunice/

Eunice has a child for Ezra Gordon . The child is Raslin . Ezra supports his child still , but he and Eunice are no longer friends . Ezra is from Bull Savannah . Eunice works at the factory in the shed where she is paid 2/- perx day. / Mavis has no boy friend.

Mavis Powell.

Mavis is the daughter of Edwina and Hubert Powell . She works in the shed as her sister getting the same price . Mavis does not have a boy friend that her mother knows of .

Jane & Sarah.

Jane is at home - she is not working as yet , and Sarah is going to school.

Edwina was not so willing to speak with me , she appeared as if she did not want any visitor.

Information from Lilian Powell.  
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Bent Edwina, 53.  
 Simpson Unice, daughter, 20.  
 Powell Mavis, daughter, 18.  
 Simpson Jane, daughter, 12. <sup>13</sup>  
 Simpson Sarah, daughter, 9.  
 Gordon Raslin, Unice's son, 1. <sub>6</sub>

Edwina Bent: father Alexander Bent, mother Martha Bent.  
 Both dead, both from B.S. Brothers: Theophilus and  
 Isaac Bent, sister Edith Pitter /see F.R.172/.  
 Edwina Bent is along with David Simpson. David Simpson  
 is the father of Unice, Jane and Sarah Simpson. Other  
 children of David Simpson /by Ellen Powell/ live in  
 Shaddock Hill /Icy and Marrion Simpson/.  
~~Raslin Gordon~~ Mavis Powell's father is Hubert Powell  
 /see F.R. 164/.  
Raslin Gordon's father is Ezra Gordon /F.R.99/. Raslin  
 is taken care of by Grandmother Edwina Bent/.

House: 2 rooms. Kitchen. Furn. 2 beds. 6 people living in  
 1 room.  
 Land: owned by Edwina Bent 2 acres in 1 plot, homeland  
 inherited from parents.  
 Trees: 5 mangoes, 12 sweet saps, 1 ackee, 1 gainnep.  
 Cult.: 20 yam hills. Cassava 1/4 acre, congo 1/4 ac.,  
 corn 1 sq.ch.  
 3 goats, 2 dogs.  
 Weekly spendings: 30/-. 212 on clothes last year.  
 No part. religion. Sarah in school 1st stand. Unice, Mavis  
 nad June never went to school, illiter.