

C.D. 22, Sbd. 8, Household 37

Roye	Edward P.	Head	M.M.	44	St. El.	Col.	Ang.	W.2.	farmer
"	Renita	wife	F.M.	43	6.6.	"	"	W.3.	homemaker
"	Norah	dau	F.S.	11	"	"	"	W.2.	3.E.
"	Delbert	son	M.S.	10	"	"	"	W.1.	3.E.
"	Wilton	son	M.S.	8	"	"	"	W.1.	3.E.
"	Byron	son	M.S.	6	"	"	"		
"	Sydney	son	M.S.	4	"	"	"		
"	Edel	dau	F.S.	1	"	"	"		
"	Lilla	dau	F.S.	11	"	"	"	W.2.	3.E.
Brooks	Merlyn	niece	F.S.	20	"	"	"	W.3.	none

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His farm in 1942.

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 mother's land  
 may be not  
 yet shared  
 legally.  
 25 to 40 acres  
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Operates this farmland as owner or partowner for 12 years.

Owns 4 acres in one parcel.

Main income from tomatoes.

No labour employed.

Wroks 46 weeks p.a.

2 acres, cultivated. 1 1/2 ac. cvable but not used. 1/4 ac. in guinea grass. 1/4 ac. in common grass.

Total value of farm £ 90 of buildings £ 20.

1 catchment.

50 heads of cabbages.

0.2 ac. tomatoes = 2000 lbs.

1 ackee = 10 heaps. 1 avocado = 1 1/2 doz.

1 breafruit = 1 doz. 10 bunch. bananas.

9 coconuts (6 fruiting) = 390 nuts. 1 naseberry = 29 doz. 1 cashew nut = 2 quarts.

1/4 ac. corn = 4 bushels. 1/2 ac. congo peas =

5 bushels. 3/4 ac. cassava = 1500 lbs.

4 sheep. 3 goats. 1 pig. 2 swine.

3 hens = 9 doz. eggs.

Interviewed Reneta Roy.

Present Household

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Edward Roy	Head.
Reneta do	Wife.
Merlgn Samuels	Niece.
Lilla Roy	Dau. (Not Reneta's child)
Nora do	Dau.
Delbert do	Son.
Wilton do	do
Roxroy do	do
Edel do	do

Family History.

Mother Alice Brooks from Santa Cruz, Father Charles Brooks, Mother's mother Isabella Gayle. Mother's father James Brown. from Manchester, "Was living at the lower part of the parish, between St. Elizabeth and Manchester. Father's mother Dorothy Brooks. Father's father Timothy Bent. "Father was really Bent but him take his mother name of Brooks."

Edward's parents Esther and David Roy.

Land

5 acres around the house. 10 in the wood. Another piece with 10 in the wood. Edward bought 15 from Foster of Try Hall. "I have piece give to me by me father. It don' run off yet, I don' get it yet. My father made a will, saying that when my mother get her tomb, the land should share up. The land is in the wood."

Handwritten notes: 15, 10, 40, 5 acres

Children of Alice and Charles Brooks.

Mrs. Verona Logan living at Manchester; Mrs. Jane Walters, Manchester; David Brooks, Top Bull Savannah; 2 died in Kingston, 2 in America, and Albert in Cuba, and Informant.

Farm

Reneta was not able to say much about crops planted. She had her own garden last year, Had 2,000 tomatoe plants and made £20. "Crop was not bright." Tobacco is planted "for home use."

Illness.

One of Reneta's children - Byron - died a few weeks ago from typhoid. Three of the children are now at the Man-deville hospital suffering from the same illness. Reneta, has not been to see them neither has her husband. "I don' have the heart to go and see them. Edward carry up the first one that died. Jane carry up 2. Mrs Roy (Bereta) took up 1."

The Jane referred to, is Jane Perkins. "We<sup>d</sup> are cousins but we live like sisters. When she was in hospital, I look after Naana. (Jane's mother)

Cause of typhoid.

"Some people say it cause from the tomatoes and the flies. God only kknows. I say is fulfilling of the scriptures." Reneta feels that the innoculation is not very good. "Every one of mine get it last year." Her household still drinks unboiled water.

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Interviewed Edward Roy, brother to Wilbert Roy.

Tomatoe crop.

Willie Spence plants tomatoes on / Edward 's land on share. "When you find a person / poor, and you can buy the seed, you help them in that way." This year's crop was better than last year's. He had 14,000 tomatoe trees inculding those planted on share.

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Land

7 1/2

The 2 1/2 acres he lives on, was left by his mother. He also inherited 5 acres in the woods from his mother. He bought "Me mother leave a whole heap a land. She was a hard labo ing woman." When her husband died the children were small. "She had Loxley stomach 3 months, and Teacher Roy was in College, and she work and put through all of that. She wa both a specuãator and a cultivator. The whole set a Roy, the whole generation a them, is so them work hard."

Higglers from Kingston are always coming to the district to buy things. Asked if he sold potatoe and corn. "Have to sell them same place ya in the yard ya. Buyer de same plac ya.. Most of his produce are used up in the home. "Buyer are always coming, the hardest thing is to get the things t sell.

Travels

Edward went to Cuba because he knew / he could get wotk there. "I think it would better me position!" He went in 1917, and returned 1919. "Back again 1930, returned 31." Asked if he had a good time. "I meet more rough time than fine time. When you work in the wood you have more mos- quito and san'flie. Only time you have fine time, is when you go in Town, and you have to go back to wood if you want money. Sometimes you take a piece of work it pay you, another time it don pay you." What kind of work? Had to cut land, clean it up and drain, and all that the like. Sometime them catch you, as well as sometime you catch them."

Every nation in the world de a Cuba. It was a place that money did not hard to get in times pass, by but since the price of sugar get so low, every body stop work / it."

Interviewed Reneta Roye.

Present household.

- ✓ Edward Roye 47. Head 47.
- ✓ Reneta do Wife 43.
- ✓ Nora do Dau. 16.
- ✓ Delbert do Son 15.
- ✓ Wilton do do 14. 13,
- ✓ Roxroy do do 8. 10
- ✓ Edel do Dau. 6. 5
- ✓ Merlin Brooks Adopted dau. 23.
- Blondell Senior do G. Dau. 5 months.
- ✓ Lilla Roye Dau. 17. (of Edward)

*+ Thompson Donald*  
*(Dau. of Merlin)*

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Adoption.

Merlin started to live with Reneta when she was 5 months old. Her mother Jane Perkins, went off to Cuba. Jane and Reneta are very good friends. We live good, and is me brother pickney." Merlin's father is Samuel Brooks. "Merlin wouldn't go to Jane for nothing. She just stick to me." Jane does not give Merlin anything. "Since she have the baby, Jane wouldn't give her a thing. When a child rude you know, them must get chastisement. One day God will change Jane heart.

Lilla Roye is Edward's child by Doris Banton. Reneta offered to rear the child for Doris. Even though Doris lives near to the Roye's home; Lilla does not visit her often.

Blondell Senior is Merlin's child by Senior from Ballard's Valley. (I cannot remember his christian name) Senior maintains Blondell.

Stanley Brooks, son of Luther Brooks, sat beside Reneta and felt her breasts. She said "But boy what is wrong with you, mind you make Miss Dale go write it down in a the book."

Children

Teething.

Babies teethe when they are 4 months old. They are usually given teething powder. Before the teeth appears the gums itches. Babies are sometimes given pumpkin stem to scratch the gums. The pumpkin stem is tied around the child's neck with cord or thread. "Whoever find out that the baby teething must pay them, or it will make them sick!" Reneta does not believe this. "Some baby when them all 8 months - not a teeth at all. That time it sick them bad."

Thumb sucking.

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Reneta sucked her fingers when she was a child. When she became a big girl she stopped herself. Her children has never sucked their thumbs. Some mothers rub allows on their children's fingers to prevent them sucking them. "Sometime the finger get cut, and through it laim them may stop suck it. Allows is also called simpa viva.

Walking.

Babies walk when they are 9 or 10 months old. "generally a year. When them start 9 months they well quick." The bigger children sometimes hold the babies' hands and help them to walk. "Sometime them hold on to anything and it help them to walk."

Edel, bathes and dresses herself when she is at home. If she is going out, her mother does it. Mother has to bathe and dress children under 6 months all the time.

Reneta cannot interpret her babies' cries. "You just have to know if them hungry according to when you feed them. If you know them not hungry, them must be sleepy. Sometime them sick. Babies know their mothers. "Even the little one ds." She pointed to Blondell. "know her mother. If the mother pass she cry after her. Them know the mother by the scent." Babies know people according to how they are treated by them.

She is not able to interpret babies' babbling and cooing.

Sleeping.

"Sometime after you feed them, them just go right off to sleep. Other time you have to pat them to bed." She had to sing for them and tell stories.

Help given by bigger children.

"Big and little help with the baby. Little Jean over here, (Lettice Roye's daughter) carry Miss Lettice baby over here. Yesterday the baby drop out of her hand."

While feeding the babies, they bight her on the breast sometimes and ~~he~~ she slaps them.

New babies.

The older children are not told about another baby's arrival. She allows the children to find out. They are not jealous of her attention to the baby when it comes, as all help her to take care of it.

In dividing anything among the children, she made a point of giving the smaller ones first.

Reneta and Edward were much more pleasant than when I saw them last. Both look<sup>s</sup> fatter. On my last visit about 3 children were in the hospital. They ~~are~~ all well again. I complimented Reneta on her being fat, she said "You see I can eat now. I still worry but not so much. I can really forget the death." (Her son Byron died of typhoid).

I asked Edward when I could call to get a long history of his family. He said I would have to come on an afternoon and ~~then~~ sleep all night. "Then you would get everything." He said he was out in the woods all day, I should call on Sunday. "That's the only time I have."

Information from Leo Powell.  
 Interv. Edward and Reneta Roye.  
 18.6.48.  
 J.O. 20.7.48.

Present household.

Roye Edward, 44.  
 Roye Renta, wife, 42. Reneta  
 Roye Nora, daughter, 16.  
 Roye Delburn, son, 15.  
 Roye Wilton, son, 13.  
 Roy ~~Roxey~~ Roxroy, son, 10.  
 Roye Edel, daughter, 8.  
 Roye Lilly, daughter of Roye Edward, 16.  
 Brooks Linny, ad. daughter, 26.  
 Thompson Donald, ~~ad.~~ son of Linny, 5.

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Edward Roye: son of David Roye and Esther Roy. Parents were married. he was brought up in the parents home. 3 half siblings through the father: Sam Roye /d/, Bredda Roye /Old Harbour/, Maud Roye /d/. 10 ~~xxx~~ full siblings: David Roye /d/, William Roye /in Costa Rica/, Isaac Roye /Ipswich/, Wilbert Roye /in T.B.S./, Laxy Roye /d/, Estheline Senior /Ball Valley/, Marion Miller /Portsea/, Mirriam Hanson /U.S.A./, Ida Hanson /u.S.A./, Eva Roye /d/.

Roye Reneta, Edward's wife: daughter of Charles Brooks and Alice Brooks in T.B.S. Her brothers and sisters: William Brooks, Percival Brooks, Luther Brooks and David Brooks - in Top Bull Savannah; Samuel Brooks - B.B.S., Overroad.; Albert Brooks - in Cuba; Edward Brooks - died; Verona Logan - in Manchester; Edith Powell - in Top Bull Savannah; Jane Wethers /Manchester/; Aterilla Johnson /died/; Aldith Brooks - died.

Their marital life. They became friends in 1930, married in 1933. Their children: have 5 children, all living with them.

Edward <sup>Roye</sup> ~~Brooks~~ outside child: Edward <sup>Roye</sup> ~~Brooks~~ has one outside child ~~xxxx~~ by Doris Panton, daughter of Lucy Rowe in T.B.S.: 16 years old Lilly ~~xxx~~ Roye. Lilly lives ~~xxxx~~ with them.

Linny Brooks - adopted daughter. Linny Brooks is their adopted daughter. She is an outside ~~son~~ of Samuel Brooks, Reneta's brother, and Jane Perkins. Lilly Brooks has one child: 5 years old Donald Thompson. His father is Rudolph Thompson. Donald is adopted by the adopt. parents of Linny Brooks.

Travels: Edward Roye went to Cuba in 1916 and 1920. Built his home from the savings.

House, land, farming, occupations.

House: two rooms, thatch roof. Kitchen - thatch roof. - with  
buttery attached to it. 1 tank.

"No estimation of land". 3 acres in cultivation, 1,5 ac.  
guinea grass, the rest - woodland.

Cultivations: "no estimation" of tomatoes. Yams: 60 hills.  
1/2 ac. cassava, 1/4 ac. corn, 1 ac. congo, 1/2 ac. red  
peas.

Animals: 1 donkey, 4 goats, 3 sheep, 4 hens, 1 pig.

Expenditure. 30/- per week on food etc. L60 was spent last  
year on doctors.

Religion: ~~African~~ Anglican.

School Nora - 6th - still studying; Belburn - 6th; Wilton -  
4th, Royroy - 1st., Ed 1 - Abook.

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