

C.D. 22. Sbd. 8. Household 38

Clerk	David	Head	M.M.	64	St. Eliz.	col.	Ang.	W.3.	farmer
"	Reberta	wife	F.M.	58	"	"	"	X	homemaker
"	Bereta	dau	F.S.	22	"	"	"	W.3.	none
Thompson	Hazett	gr. dau	F.S.	4	"	"	"		
"	Harvey Mc.	gr. son	M.S.	2	"	"	"		

His farm in 1942.

Under one acre.

- 7 rabbits, 4 guinea pigs.
- 1 ackee = 20 doz.
- 2 avocados = 16 doz.
- 1 breadfruit = 4 doz.
- 5 coconuts = 100 nuts.
- 6 mangoes = 198 doz.

4 acres see p. 6.

Interviewed Roberta Clerk & Bereta Clerk.

Present House -hold

David Clerk	<del>xxxx</del>	Head
Roberta "		Wife
Bereta "		Dau.
Hazetta Thompson		Dau. to Bereta
Blossom	"	" " "
Delu	"	" " "

Family History.

Roberta Clerk (nee Lewis ) is the daughter of Leah Powell and Phillip Lewis . Her father did not marry her mother. Her father came to live in Bull Savannah from Burn Ground in Santa Cruz . She does not know how or when her father came to live in Bull Savannah . Her mother is from Bull Savannah .

Her parents are dead . She does not know any of her grand parents . She has one sister alive . Her sister is Agnes Foster , and is living Rocky Point . Roberta is 80.

Her Sister Caroline .

Roberta did not grow with her ~~sister~~ mother , she grew with her sister Caroline Banton (nee Lewis) . She and Caroline are sisters by father side , but not by mother . Roberta's father did not own her . "You no know wile people " . Her sister Caroline saw that she resembles the other daughters for the father , so Caroline took her and "raise her " .

Later on the father "own~~ed~~ her " ! She stayed with Caroline until Caroline died , and she buried her Caroline has left her house and five acres of land for ~~me~~ Roberta . She did not ~~get~~ get any thing from her parents . The bigger ones took away everything . She got ~~only~~ what her sister ~~left~~ left for her .

Trading & Her Living .

no/ She has been trading all her life , "from ~~me~~ me a young gal till now , and when ~~me~~ me/speculate me work at the factory " She trades on sugar , coffee, bammies and "every little thing " . Sometimes she sells bread at her house . She buys from the baker and sell for her ~~xxxxxxx~~ self.

She has been working at the factory from the work began . When the building was being ~~x~~ erected she worked for 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per day . Later on she worked in the shed for 1/6 per day , and in the crop this year she got 2/- perday

for working in the shed . "When the work start the pay no did good at all . You almost did dey gi, you labour fe nothing . A lately them raise the pay".

Her Husband .

David he r husband is from Ballards Valley . She and David were living together before they were married . She had five children for David , four are dead and one is alive . She had four before marriage and one after she was married. They are married now 28 years. Her husband's parents ~~xxx~~ were Robert Lerk and Mary Clerk of Ballards Valley.

Her husband does a little cultivating , "no nothing much ". He plants about  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of tomato and  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of peas cassava and yam together . He does not rent land to plant his things . He uses his wife's land to do so . He plots fish pods and sell to fishermen . She does not know how he sells them .

School .

Roberta did not go to school . "The old people them never in a haste send you . You hardly did have school those day, only one and two here and there . The old school building that them did have mash down and the old teacher dead . Then after that them build up the church that dey near the school . Them use to keep school and church in a the one building . Never bother with school that time".

Bereta .

Bereta is the only child Roberta has living . She was born after her mother was married . She has four children for Phillip Thompson . Phillip lives at Top Bull Savannah The children are Harvey , Hazett , Blossom , and Delu.. Harvey is staying with his father , and the others are with Bereta .

"When Blossom born the father no did own her", so the grand mother Roberta said that Blossom came from God into a basket and twine . That is why they gave her the name of Blossom . She is a flower . "Him own Blossom now . You know ~~xxx~~ x wha' make him own her 'im did wan' go a America pon the Contract . 'im no did dey min' the baby and the mother bring 'im up"( took him to court for maintainance) As he did not want his ~~xxx~~ name "to go in a Government book for when 'im name in the book they wouldnt take himpon the Contract". So he started to support the child . He loves ~~xx~~ Blossom more than all the others .

Hazett goes to school , and Blossom and the baby are at home . Bereta , Hazett and the baby do~~x~~ not sleep at Roberta's house . They sleep at another little house that Roberta was living in before she started to live in the

one she is now living in . During the day Bereta and her children are at her mother Roberta's yard . She does her cooking at her mother's yard and stays there all day but at nights she and her children sleep in the little house .

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Blossom sleeps at her grand mother's home along with her grand ~~xxx~~ parents .

Bereta works at the factory all the time . She has worked in the Packing House, the cannery , and the shed. Sometimes she does labelling too . In the Packing House she gets 1½d per box , in the cannery she peels fruits at 1½d per dish . To do the labelling she gets 2d per case and 1/6 per day to work in the shed . "Is only this year me no work as me did have the young baby , but all them other year me work".

She does washing sometimes for Mrs Violet Lewis four days for the week , and sometimes for Mrs Geraldine Lewis She is paid by the day . She gets 1/6 per day, for washing and ironing . She does washing for other people too.

#### Agnes Banton & Ferdinand Elliott.

Agnes and Ferdinand are two children that Roberta adopted . They have grown up and have taken their own way. Ferdinand is still attached to her , but Agnes lives by herself , not far from Roberta.

#### Agnes.

Agnes is the child of Lucie Rowe and Joseph Banton. Joseph is the brother of Roberta's sister's husband . The child was staying with Caroline and after Caroline ~~dx~~ ~~die~~ died Roberta who was staying at her sister Caroline's house took care of Agnes. Roberta has given Agnes a piece of the land that Caroline left for her . Agnes lives on the land now . She has "plenty children". Agnes' father Joseph is dead.

#### Ferdinand .

Ferdinand grew with Roberta . He is the son of Moses Elliott and Francella Lewis . Francella is Roberta's sister . Francella is dead . Roberta took Ferdinand when he was nine months old from his mother. Francella was going away to Rocky Point to live so Roberta took the baby . "Him stay with me till he turn big man , and then him go look fe him mother". He stayed with his mother for nine months , and ~~xxx~~ came back .

When his mother died he went to bury her. After the funeral he came home . He used to work on the road when the road was being made , and he used to work at the factory weighing fruits. He made a little money and then he

started to build a "little house" on a spot that Roberta gave him. He is now in America. He went away on the Contract. He has been away five years now. He went away before the house was ~~completted~~ finished. He sends money and parcel for Roberta and his father all the time. Roberta has finished the house since he is away.

He is doing well in America. He was married on Christmas night to one Miss Odel Carter. He has sent the picture of his wife and himself to Roberta. Roberta has framed the picture nicely. In the picture Odel looks very fair and rather ~~is~~ stout. She is sitting, while the husband is standing. They are both in wedding apparel. Roberta is expecting Ferdinand out in October. She is very proud of the picture. "A fe me own son that a me raise him till him come big and able ~~se~~ help himself".

Roberta does not know if Ferdinand's wife will be ~~is~~ coming out when Ferdinand is coming. He is coming to have his papers ~~fixd~~ fixed so that he can go back on his own to America, and not on the Contract. Roberta stays in Ferdinand's house and is keeping it until he comes home. She is looking forward to his coming, and how glad she will be to see him.

Information from Leo Powell.  
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Present household.

Clarke David, 75.  
Clarke Rose, wife, 64.  
Clarke Berita, daughter, 29.  
Thompson Hasset, Berita's daughter, 9.  
Thompson Harry, " son, 7.  
Thompson Louise, " daughter, 4.  
Crawford Delle, " " 6.

Clarek David: son of Robert and Mary Clarke in Top Hill.  
His siblings: Alfred and Mavis Clarke dead; Willy Clarke  
in Kingston, Richard Clarke in Old Harbour.  
Calrke Rose: daughter of Philip Lewis /d/ and Lewetta  
Powell.

Clarke David lives in B.S. already 50 years. David and  
Rose married over 20 years ago. Rose had 5 children, but  
only one, Berita, living with them, is alive.

Berita Clarke: has 4 children. 3 are for Philip Thompson  
/son of Philip Zhompson in Bull Savannah/. 1 is for Ber-  
nard Crawford. Children are supported by their fathers.

House, land, occupations.

House: 2 rooms, thatch roof. 1 kitchen. Furniture: 3 beds,  
2 chairs, 2 tables, 1 waggon. No tank.  
Land: 4 acres homeland, inherited from the mother. 1/2 ac.  
in grass, 1 ac. in cultiva., 2,5 woodland.  
Trees: 6 c.mangos, 2 robins, few big thatch. Cultivations:  
some tomatoes, corn, 12 hills yam.

Spending: 10/- weekly on food. £10 last year on clothes.  
£15 on doctor.

Religion. The family follow Jehovah Witnesses.  
School: Hassetbis in the 1st book.