

C.D. 22. Sbd. 8. Household 39.

Banton Enock head M.M. 50 St. Eliz. Col. Presb. W.2. Farmer
 " Rubena V.wife F.M. 41 l.l. " " " W.3. homemaker.

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His farm in 1942.

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 11 years.

Owns $8\frac{1}{4}$ acres in 3 parcels: 4 - 3 - and $1\frac{1}{4}$ ac. resp.

Main income from cassava and tomatoes.

No labour employed.

Works 46 weeks p.a.

8 acres p. 11.

3 acres under cultivations. 2 ac. cvable but not used. $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. in guineagrass.

$2\frac{1}{4}$ ac. of woodlands used as pasture.

$\frac{1}{2}$ ac. of other lnd.

Total value of farm £ 65, buildings £ 9.

1 catchment.

1 ac. tomatoes. = 6400 lbs.

1 ackke = 5 heaps. 3 avocadoes = 4 doz.

5 coconuts = 260 nuts. 5 mangoes = 386 doz

1 naseberry = 20 doz. 5 pawpaws = 110.

$\frac{1}{2}$ ac. congo peas = 3 bush. 1 ac. cassava = 2400 lbs. $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. sweet pot. = 1290 lbs.

$\frac{1}{4}$ ac. yams = 530 lbs. $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. tobacco = 112 lb

1 donkey. 2 swine. 2 hwns = 12 doz. eggs.

Interview with Rubena Banton.

Present Hoide -Hold

Enoch Banton	Head
Rubena "	Wife
Sylvia Burton	Dau. in law to Rubena
Trevor Porter.	Son to Sylvia
Calvin Crawford	Nephew to Rubena.

Family History.

Rubena is the daughter of Lucie Crawford and Crawford of Cross Keys in Manchester. Her mother was born at Junction, and got married and ~~went~~ went to live at Cross Keys. She does not know any of her grand- parents. They died when she was small. Her parents had 19 children, 15 are dead and 4 are alive. She has two brothers and one sister at Cross Keys. They are James Crawford, David Crawford, and Catherine Crawford. Her parents are dead.

Trading.

To make a living when she was a girl, she used to do a little trading from Cross Keys to Mandeville and Gut River. She bought sugar and mangoes, and took those things to the seaside. After selling them she bought fish and took the fish home to her yard. People of the district came to buy the fish at her yard. She carried on her trading for a long time, until she stopped and went to Cuba.

Her Son.

She has a son before she went to Cuba, for Simeon Porter of West house near Cross Keys. Her son is Noel Porter, he is 24 years old. She left him with her mother when she went to Cuba. Her son is living in Bull Savannah now, but he does not live at her house.

Her Travels in Cuba.

She went to Cuba in 1924. Her sister Sylvine sent for her. She spent seven years there. She stayed with her sister in a house that ~~they~~ they had to pay £6. 0. 0. per month for. During the time she was there she worked, doing washing and sewing. She washed at ~~for~~ 4/- for four pieces, according "to suit" (to quality), and 5/- for a suit of ~~white~~ white.

She made an ordinary dress for ~~xx\$12xxx~~ 3 dollars, shirt for 2 dollars, and an under pant for 6/- . She made money off the washing and the sewing, but she had ~~to~~

spend it for things were very dear . She was not able to save much . " If me did have the money that me spend on sickness in Cuba , me would be well off . She spent 350 dollars on sickness there .

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When you are sick in Cuba and send for the Doctor , he comes but ~~his~~ visit costs \$2. 0. 0. without medicine . He gives a list of the remedy that is to be taken and the patient has to get what he orders at the Drug Store for herself .

She spent most of her time ~~i~~ at Esmeralda in Cuba . She met her husband Enoch in Cuba one year after she went there . They lived together in Cuba but they were not married until they came back to Jamaica . She could go from Cuba to America , because she has relatives in America , "but she had things to her cheek (she had things easy). "Everything was right and so me never strain no point to go".

Her sister Sylvine died in Cuba a little before she came out . She came home in 1931 . After she came she spent a month with her mother at Cross Keys , and later on came to Bull Savannah to live at Enoch's house . Enoch and herself came out ~~at the same time~~ at the same time . They had to rent a house from Percy Brooks , until Enoch made his own.

Her Husband.

Her husband Enoch is the son of James Banton and Margeret Banton of Chocolate Hole . Enoch's father is dead but his mother is alive . Enoch was also at Esmeralda in Cuba . He used to work in the fields there . She does not know how he was paid . Enoch made Rubena his lawful wife 29th December 1931 . They were married at the Anglican Church at Bull Savannah by the Rev. Mumford.

Sylvia Burton.

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~~Sylvia~~ Sylvia is daughter to Rubena . She has a child for Rubena's son . The child is Trevor Porter . Sylvia has been staying with Rubena one year now . Sylvia helps in the home, doing everything . Rubena cares Sylvia and the baby , with what help the father gives the baby . Sylvia does not pay rent to Rubena for staying at the house . Sylvia and Noel are ~~x~~ not friends any longer .

Calvin Crawford.

Calvin is the son of Hubert Crawford , Rubena's brother and Iris Crawford , Rubena's second cousin . Calvin's father is dead and Iris asked Rubena to ~~ix~~ take the child . Rubena does not know much about Calvin's mother , but as the child is her brother's child she takes him . Calvin is seven years old , and he is going to school .

The House .

Enoch built his house after he came from Cuba . It is

made of Spanish "all . It has two rooms . Passing by one of the rooms it looked very tidy . There were about three chairs , a table with glass wares and a stand or box where some shoes were arranged . Rubena does not know how much it costs to build the house .

The kitchen is a very large one . It has the part for preparing meals and a part to use as store-house . It is made of spanish wall .

Land .

Rubena's husband has five acres of land , that he bought from his grandfather Lewis Banton . She does not know how much he ~~paid~~ paid for the land . He does all his cultivation on his own land . He does not rent any land from any one .

Occupation.

Rubena does not work ~~at~~ . She is sick and cannot work . She got a stroke in 1946, and since then ~~her~~ her health is not so good . She can only move around the house helping to do any little thing , She has been to Doctor several times , to Doctor Johnson and Doctor Mais . She has to depend on Sylvia to do most of what is to be done, in the home.

Rubena's husband is a cultivator . He has an acre of k tomato , half acre of cassava , half acre of peas, and "a little of everything " .

Catchments.

She has two catchments , one that is doubled . She does not know the cost of building the catchments .

Partiality .

Rubena was speaking about the shops that are up in her area . She counted three and ~~they were~~ another person was going to build another one . She does not know where that person will be getting zinc . It is so hard to get these days "and if you no have somebody fe a look out fe you, you cant get k it . Me remember when the la trine man come round say we fe build latrine , it was the hardest thing fe get a nail .

"When we couldnt get kerosene oil , me hear that some people have the whole tin hide'way in a them house and when you ask them fe help you out with little , them ~~say~~ say them no have any . Yet them help other people . Them look out fe who them wan' look out for . Them too partial , but me know a one thing share even in the ~~an~~ world . That is ~~an~~ death " .

That is her comfort , when death comes "you caan say

wait you going a bank fe money". You have to go at once".

Friday .
16. 7. 48.
D. B.

Interviewed Rubena Banton & Sylvia Burton

Present house hold

Enoch Banton	Head	"about "	56
Rubena Banton	Wife		47
Sylvia Burton			22
Calvin Crawford	Neph. to Rubena		7
Trevor Porter	Gr. son to "		1, 10 months

The house & other buildings

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The house has two rooms , it is made of spanish walls and haing a thatched roof . The house has been built x since Rubena came home from uba . It looks quite new , x as it has been lately/washed . The kitchen also is looking quite new and strong . It is spanished walled , with thatched roof .

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There is an out house that is used for many purposes, such as to washin clothes in , to prepare the cassava , scrapang it and grating it . It is open and very cool , and is used as a resort from the heat of the kitchen . There is also latrine , sanitary, and a catchment . They were all built by Rubena's husband Enoch. The house is built on Enoch's land .

Source of living

Rubena does not work to make her living, "sickness ~~xxxx~~ worry me now and so me have to depend 'pon me husband fe support me ". If now did sickness me would a just in a me x pink a life . Me no old at all, me this a kid. Woman fe me age no old , me this in a me prime , wha' you say?" .

Her husband is a cultivator . He works on his x own land . He does not work on partnership withk any one , he works by himself all the time . He has four acres of land at home and four at Ballards Valley Hill. The chief things he plants are tomato , cassava , yam , peas, cocoa, and corn Rubena could not give an estimate of what her husband plants . "Me a furniture a yard , me/nothing 'bout wha' him plant" .

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Enoch sells his tomato and sometimes some of his cassava when there is plenty . "We need help in a Bull Savannah right now for people steal out we things . If you left any thing in a the x ground , them thief it out .

We this dey live 'pon Grace now . This year them thief more 'an all . We need help now from Government . May be when hlepome we no need it again , for perhaps we dead that time . She could not remember ~~xxx~~ from whom her husband bought the land that he has .

Possessions

Her husband has a donkey , and two pigs . The donkey is given out to someone to care for the husband , but Ruben would not tell who is the person . On a whole she did not want to say that the donkey is for her husband , "fa perhaps when me tell you now that a fe me husband , when you go to that man , him gwine tell you the donkey belong to him . Then it wi' look like me tell lie". Her husband has also two pigs .

Her Family History

Lucie Crawford her mother dead

Robert Crawford her father ~~xxxx~~ dead

Her parents children are :-

Those alive

Jane Crawford who is living at Cross # Keys. She has her own home .

David Crawford lives at his own home in Cross Keys .

Amelia Crawford also living at Cross Keys .

Herself

Her husband's parents xxxxx :-

Margeret Anson his mother alive

Enoch Banton his father dead

Rubena 's son

Rubena has one son , whose nama is Noel Porter . His father is Simeon Porter from Cross Keys . Simeon used to support Noel when he was a child , but he has stopped now since he has grown to be a young man. Noel is the only child for Rubena . Noel's father wanted to take him when he was a little child , but the mother would not give him to the father . "Me couldnt have the one pickney and give him wey , then wha' me do ". Rubena and Simeon did not live together for long , "me left him and go a sea , a no him left me and me left him . And when me come back , me come with 'nother man , nothing noy' wrong ?.

Rubena when saying she came with another man , was quite happy in saying so , as if she has gained a fortune in the other man , and the first was no good.

Rubena left Simeon and went to Cuba , then while in Cuba she met Enoch Banton , who became her husband .

Her son

Was staying at her house , but he left there ~~at~~ about four years ago . This is the reason why he left , Noel had a girl friend by the name of Edith Smith . His mother did not "like the match , and me talk to him 'bout it , and him get vex and leave " . Him rent house ~~at~~ round a Bertie Roy and ~~live~~ live up a Top Bull Savannah " . He visits his mother now/then Bertie and Edith are still friends but they do not live together at one house .

Her son Noel has a son by Syliva Burton , who is staying at Rubena's house . The child is Trevor . Sylvia and Noel are no longer friends . They lived together for about ten months and then they parted , because Noel had another girl friend . Noel went to school and read to the 5th standard . Noel does not have a trade , "me no did have the money fe give him trade " . He cultivates , working on shares with Bertie Roy . Rubena does not know how the crop is shared between Bertie and Noel . "Him mus e get the two thirds and Bertie the balance " . Noel supports his son when he has it . His mother maintains Trevor all the time .

Syliva Burton

The mother of Trevor , Noel's child is now staying with Rubena . After leaving Noel's house that he rents from Bertie Roy , Rubena asked her to come and stay at her yard , and help her with the work of the house . She went , ~~me~~ but Rubena did not offer to pay her ~~xxxxx~~ for what she does/ , but instead to support Sylvia and the baby . She does not pay rent , nor contribute to the house hold . She does no other ~~xxx~~ work , but help in the home .

Her Family History

Wena Bent from Ballards Valley her mother alive

Willie Burton from B. V. her father

Her mother's children for Ernest Robinson:-

Olive Robinson ~~is~~ is in Manchester with her Daddy

Louise Robinson lives at Ballards Valley

Egbert Neppew for one "Neppew " from Ballards Valley.

Mansel Neppew by the same father . Mansel is living at Ballards Valley.

and /

in cash /

Ballards Valley . For "Davidson " , Sylvia does not remember Davidson's "first name " :-

Harvey Davidson living at Top Hill , at his mother's house

Joyce Davidson also living at Top Hill with her mother .

Lucille Davidson with her mother at Top Hill

"Major" Davidson living at Ballards Valley , and one is dead.

Her Early days

Sylvia grew with her aunt Doris Forbes at Ballards Valley Doris is her father's sister . Doris took her when she was three years old . Sylvia stayed with Doris for twelve years then she left . "A me leave me self , because me take up world 'pon me head . Me and me aunt quarrel , because one little pickney she did have with her , name Pauline tell lie 'pon me and me lick him . Me aunt quarrel and me leave " . Her aunt did not want her to leave , but she would not stay After leaving her aunt she went to Kingston to work with Mrs Fannie Lewis from Dunder Hill , Mrs Vera Roy got the job for her .

She stayed for six months , working at 10/- per week . She was doing domestic work , but the work did not suit her so she left . Miss Fannie sent back for her but she did not go "for she did too miserable" . She and Noel became friends after she came home from Kingston . Not very long after they became friends she became pregnant for Noel . When her mother ~~found out~~ found out that she was expecting a baby , she started to quarrel with her and told her to leave her yard , "and make the man find place put me . Him no did have a way but him hat " . Noel went to her mother and asked her to allow her to stay , because he did not have any where for her to go .

Noel got a house to rent from Isaac Roy , and then they lived together there for about ten months . The house was at Top Bull Savannah . When she came to live in Bull Savannah she worked with Mrs Ellen Elliott for about five months at 10/- per month . Then she left the work , because it was drawing near to the time when she should deliver . So she went home to confine .

Sylvia and Edith

Sylvia Burton the former girl friend of Noel and Edith Smith have quarrelled several times , because Noel has deserted one for the other . Sometimes they almost fight but Edith will not fight Sylvia , "because me wi' beat him" . Noel has never been in place when Sylvia and Edith are quarrelling , and he says nothing when he hears . The two women are not quarrelling now again . Sylvia went to live at

Rubena's home last year March , when she and Noel parted . They were friends for about two years and lived together for 10 months .

Child's Birth

Sylvia had her first baby at home . She had a very "hard time " , the District Nurse for this area came (she does not remember the Nurse's name) "a the Government Nurse " . If the Nurse was not thereto help her , "perhaps the baby would a kill me " . The baby was born dead . "Them say me have "lack bone " and a that make it did hard fe born " . She has three other babies , and she had to go to the hospital to deliver . "Doctor tell me fe go , fa if me no go the case gwine hard" .

Two of the others were born dead at the Hospital , "and them nearly kill me to " . The last one "Doctor ha' fe operate 'pon me and take the baby through me side . Him say me mustnt have any more , for if me have any it wi' kill me , so him stop me . Me no know wha' him do fe stop me , him mus'e give me medicine " .

Sylvia and Rubena

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Rubena loves Sylvia, and the child for Sylvia and her son Her husband loves them too . Sylvia helps Rubena very much in the home "Me no know wha' me would a do if me no did have her fe help me " .

Calvin Crawford

Enoch Banton and Rubena have adopted Calvin . Calvin is nephew to Rubena , he is her brother's child . His ~~xxxxxxx~~ mother is Iris Crawford from Cross Keys , and his father was Hubert Crawford . His father is dead . He has been going to school since January .

Trevor Porter

Is the only child of his mother living . He is nearly two years old . He is not weaned as yet . His mother is trying to wean him , but when the mother sleeps away from him at nights , he cries for the breast . Sometimes the mother puts "aloes" (something very bitter) on her breast to prevent him sucking the breast . Trevor was not given any special "baby food " . Along with the breast he was given porridge made from corn meal or oats with cow's milk or goat's MILK.

Information from Leo Powell.
 Interv. Enoch and Ruby Banton.
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Banton Enoch, 52.
 Banton Ruby, 47, wife.
 Crawford Calvin, ad. son, 7. (mat. nephew) maternal half-brother's son
 Berton Silvy, ad. daughter, 22.
~~xxxx~~ Porter Treveor, Sylvy's son, 18 months.

~~.....~~ Enoch Banton: son of James Banton and Margaret Banton.
 Has one halfbrother by father: Alexander Banton in Santa Cruz, and one halfsister by mother: Alfreda Edwards /d/.
 Brothers ~~xxxxxxxx~~: Edward Banton, U.S.A., Vincent Banton, U.S.A., Laban Banton, T.B.S.

Ruby Banton: daughter of Robert Crawford and Lucy Crawford, both dead. She and her family are from Crosskeys. 3 of her siblings died, 3 are alive and living in Crosskeys.

Enoch and Ruby have no children. Ruby had one child before she married Banton: Noel Porter, son of Simian Porter with whom she was in friendship ~~xxxxxxxx~~ for two years ~~xxxxxx~~ til he went to Cuba. Noel Porter grew with grandmother in Crosskeys.

Calvin Crawford was born in Crosskeys.
 Sylvy Berton - in Ballard's Valley. Her child born in T.B.S. /is it Noel Porter's son?/ *yes*

~~xxxxxx~~ Enoch Banton went to Cuba 1919_ Stayed in Cuba till 1931. Built home from his savings.
 House: 2 rooms. Kitchen. Buttery. 1 outhouse. 2 tanks.
 Furn.: 2 beds, 2 tables, 5 chairs.
 Land: 8 acres in 2 parcels, 4 ac. homeland, 4 ac. Overhill.
 4 ac. bought from grandfather, 4 from Julius Ebanks.
 3 ac. cultivated, 2 ac. G. Grass, 3 ac. woodland.
 1 comm. mangoe, 5 robins, 7 coconuts, 5 big thatchs,
 5000 tomatoes, £50. 60 yam hills, 1/2 ac. cassava, 1/4 ac. corn, 1/4 ac. congo, /4 bags/, 1/4 ac. red peas.
 1 pig.
 Weekly spendings: 15/-. £25 spent on clothing last year. £1 £15 on doctor.
 Savings £30 kept at home.
 Religion: Anglican.
 Calvin in School.