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Interviewed Mrs. Edith Powell.

Present Household

Edith Powell Head.
Hermin do Dau. }
Kenneth do Son. } Father Cecil Powell (d.)
Beryl do Dau. }
Cecil do Son. }
Merton Roy do do Claston Roy.
Clide McDonald do }
Nebert do do }
Dotsie do Dau. } do Cleveland McDonald Tadd Town
Belsie do do }
Maxene Brooks G. Dau. }
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Family History

Mother Alice Brooks. Father Charles Brooks. Mother's mother Isabell Gayle from Santa Cruz, Mother's father, James Brown from Montpellier. "A old lady Maria Rhoden raise my mother." Maria was Alice's Aunt. She lived in Bull Savannah.

Children of Alice and Charles Brooks: William, Top Bull Savannah; Oterella, died in America, Edwin, died in America, Samuel, ~~Thatch Walk~~ "Live down below the packing house." (Thatch Walk), Percival, Top Bull Savannah; Luther, T.B.S.; Mrs. Reneta Roy, T.B.S.; Adelaid, died in Kingston; Mrs. Verona Logan, Manchester, Imogene, died in Kingston. Edith (Informant) Albert, in Cuba; David T.B.S.; Mrs. Jane Weathers, Manchester;

Land & House.

Owens $\frac{1}{4}$ acre on which her house is built. Her father gave it to her while he was yet alive. He has other land. He died '35, but his land is not yet divided among the children.

House was built by husband.- Cecil Powell. He died '39. Edith had 2;000 tomatoe plants. She did not say how much she made from her garden. "He draw it (money) and use it a'ready."

Charles Brooks - a nephew of Edith's asked if he would be getting tickets forgo America, if he gave me his name. Asked if he ever went to America. "Them don give we the poorer one them any.ticket. Teacher Millard give to chosen people who can help themself. Them sell the ticket. As soquick as you can hear sgy it come, you hear say it done."

Stanlye Brooks - brother of Charles Brooks. said "Suppose me name go in a book, and when it come out, me hear me owe

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£27, me no want me name go in a book for me have bad luck. Asked if his father Luther had a few acres of land. "No, but all a we cotch up on the piece a lan' The fastest worker work the hardest. Hicksford, another brother works on the same land. Luther owns about 2½ acres.

Stanley said "tomatoo money draw and done long time. Charles go a Town and mash up the whole a fe him own. Stanley drew £7. He owed £4 to the company. "So me only get £3." After clearing expenses Luther made £8.

Asked Stanley if he intended to buy land. "All like the land, we afe go live in a wood.

The children played happily all the time. One of the children had a maschette. Edith told him to put it down. Charles said "Move from de, you look so old and ageable. (the child was about 4 years old) The best thing you do, unoo chop up oneanother."

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Interviewed Hermin Powell, Daughter to Edith Powell.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Ages</u>	
<i>Edith Powell</i>		
Hermin Powell.	20	} Cecil Powell
Kenneth "	17	
Beryl "	15	
Cecil "	10	
Merton Roy	17	- Clayton Roy
Clyde McDonald	6	} - Cleveland McDonald
Hebert "	4	
Dotsie "	3	
Belsie "	1	
Maxene Brooks	3½	Dau. to Hermin

Visiting Edith's yard I found a group of boys and girls sitting in the kitchen. There were Juney Elliott from a neighbouring yard, Crofton Brooks father of Hermin's child, Hexford Brooks cousin to Hermin, Nicholas Banton, and Beryl Powell.

Juney was peeling cassava from a basket, Beryl was looking after the fire. Crofton was lying on a piece of board, while the other two were sitting down. Edith was not at home and Hermin the bigger sister had gone on an errand, and would be back soon.

Juney and the boys were talking in whispers and every now and then gave a little laugh. They were all in a humorous mood. Juney was through with the cassava peeling and was calling out to Beryl to look about the fire. Beryl had no intention of looking about the fire, because she was anxious to hear what I was going to talk about.

At the same time Beryl pointed to wards the hill and said "see Hermin dey come dey". Hermin came up and said good morning. She had in her hand several pieces of thread that she ~~was going~~ to beg at the next yard, her uncle's yard - Luther Max Brooks.

Hermin was in a gay mood, "me dey go a Pedro go sprec meself". Asked what was happening at Pedro? Hermin laughed, Juney said "a because she ha go make she laugh". "Who tell you say me na go, me gwine go get sea-bath. But you no should a carry out one six pence fe gi' the po you caan look 'pon the whole a we and see say we poof".

Crofton said "as a man hungry you caan fin' no resti place, put in dey say Crofton say, Crofton dey dead fe hungry". Beryl said "this ya' man, pointing to Nicholas a married man though Maa'".

"Juney him maddie maddiethough you caan foallow him ya (maddie, means stupid, not sensible). Duppy did thie him way carr' gwine a bush fetwo day, a it make him fool fool so".

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Juney's Story.

Juney was born in Ballards Valley . Her parents are Albert Elliott and Derenda Elliott . They came to live in Bull Savannah in 1940. They are living at Top Bull Savannah . "Them set duppy 'pon me fah one day me one go in the woods , go look wood , and while me was chapping the wood me k just feel the whole place get hot and one big white-ness cover me " .

"Me bawl out and me never know nothing else , till me find me self into one cave . When me come to me fin' me mother , Beryl Brooks and Cleveland Brooks stand up over me " . Juney was in the woods for twodays before her people could find her . When she went to look the wood her mother noticed she stayed longer than usual , so the mother and some other people went off to look for her . She was not found until the second day that she went .

She was taken to Miss Reta's Balm at Blakes' Pen , and Miss Reta "tell me parents that a duppy them set 'pon me and them mas' go seek out fe see if them can get it off, if she dont take off duppy " . They took her to another Bal at Rocky Point to a man by the name of Cleveland Edwards. Cleveland gave them pills and medicine and charged them £31. 0. 0. . . Her parents paid £30. 0. 0. "and tell Cleveland that him na get the other one , him say is alright" .

"A one man name William Turner did set the duppy 'pon me , because him did want me fe married to and me no did love him for him no did pretty nor have money. Him no did have house nor land and when me married to him me would a hve fe go stan' up under coconut tree . A pretty man me want wey have something , with him mouth full a gold . Me gwine go take out me teeth and put in gold that me teeth can shine 'pon the boy them " .

Edith's Husband

Cecil Powell Edith's husband is dead . Edith had three children for Cecil before they were married . Edith and Cecil were not living together at the same house . Edith was living at her parents' home when she had the two first children , Hermin and Kenneth . At that time Cecil was living at Tadd Town .

Cecil built the house Edith and the children are now living in . Edith and Cecil moved into the house before Beryl was born . Edith left her parents' home then , becau they had made their own "little home" . They were married before Cecil junior was born and about one year after Cec was born the father died .

After the death of the father , while Cecil was sti a baby Edith and Claston Roy became friends . They conti their friendship for about two years and then they "bre off for Claston a married man " . Edith has one child for

Claston . Edith and Claston were not living together in one house "Claston only go and come". After parting with Claston, Edith and Cleveland ~~Mc~~ McDonald became friends. Cleveland was living at Tadd own, but he is now living at Edith's house. Edith has four children for Cleveland. Cleveland started to live at Edith's house in 1942.

Land Cultivation.

Edith lives on $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land that her father gave her before he died. Her parents left one acre and a half of land "over the old yard for all the children. The land is not divided, all the children work ~~in~~ in common. The parents also left nine acres in the woods for the girls, but ~~she~~ does not know how much is ~~left~~ left for the boys. That is where her mother does some of her cultivation

Hermin/

Her mother does not cultivate largely. She plants "little of every thing, cassava, gungo, french bean and corn". Her mother sells the most of the french bean, and uses the other things for the home use. Hermin and Kenneth help their mother to cultivate. Cleveland, ~~Marvin~~ does not help Edith to cultivate, he plants for himself. Cleveland works on partnership with David Brooks and Arthur Simpson, planting tomato, corn, cassava and peas. Cleveland and his partners share the crop in cash and kind.

Hermin.

To make a living Hermin does a "little trading". She trades on lobster and fish. She buys the lobster and fish at ~~Little Pedro~~ Little Pedro and she sells them in the neighbouring Districts. She has been trading for three years. "It no pay too bad, but it this can help me fe live". She goes to Little Pedro three times for the week, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

Hermin had two children for Crofton Brooks from Top Bull Savannah, one is dead and one is alive. Crofton is supporting the child. Crofton does not live at Hermin's house, but he visits her sometimes. They are ~~still~~ still friends.

Kenneth.

Kenneth is doing fishing with Sydney Banton at Alligator Pond. Sydney has his own boat, but he does not charge Kenneth for using the boat. Kenneth has his own pods, so Sydney does not pay Kenneth for working with him. They go to sea three times for the week. When Kenneth does not go to sea he helps his mother with the cultivation.

Beryl.

Beryl does not ~~live~~ live at her mother's house. She is staying with her uncle Percival rocks. Her uncle took

her last year from her mother , " me uncle take her fe help me mother because me mother have plenty children" She goes to school from her uncle's yard , and helps to do every "little thing in the home" .

Expenditure.

For a week Hermin and her mother sometimes spend in the shop seven shillings , apart from the "Saturday market " which may give a total of 15/ and sometimes ~~more~~ more . There are times when they have to spend 7/- for food only , and at other times a little less . "We have fe buy every thing , every minute we have fe send gone a shop .

Hermin has to help to provide for herself , she gives her mother whatever she has whether money or food . For health they spend sometimes £6. 0. 0. or £3.0. 0. "or any amount according as any body sick . Sometimes we dont even have fe spend so much" . Clothing for a month cost Hermin £3. 0. 0. , but me mother she have fe buy more for she have plenty children . Now and then me help her for is only maxene me have" . Schooling does not cost her mother so much as yet for "is only two a the pichney going a school and them just start" .

House.

The house was built by Hermin's father . She does not know how much it cost to build it . "It though cost more for it dey break down and we no have any money fe work 'pon it for we poor " . The house had one room , which is very small to accommodate the members of the house hold. The walls of the house are breaking down , and makes the appearance of the house very shabby .

The kitchen is a crude little building of sticks and coconut leaves .

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Dotsie McDonald	Dau.	3
Belvie McDonald	"	1
Maxene Brooks	Gr. dau. to Edith	3½

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The House

It is very shabby . The walls are breaking down, and little holes can be seen through the walls. The house is thatched , and it has one room . Cecil ,Edith's husband built the house . All the members of the household sleep in the house. The house is built on her own land .

The kitchen is just a little hut made of caconut leaves with thatched roof.

Source of living

Edith does not ~~work~~ work for any one . She cultivates all the time . Once she used to trade on fish , but she has stopped that "long time now". She plants her food on the land that she lives on , and on the land in the woods . She plants about 2,000 roots of tomato , a little yam , cassava , and peas ,and also a little corn . "Wha' things we plant a this fe we eat . She has no one to help her with her cultivation , she has to/~~stop~~ her little son Cecil , who is just 11 years old to help her weed and plant . " Me have fe stop him from school fe help me work" She sells the tomato that x she plants .

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Her family History

Alice Brooks her mother dead

Charley Brooks her father dead

Her grand parents

Isabella ^{Gayle} ~~Glacke~~ her grand mother , her mother's ~~mother~~ mother dead.

Her grandmother came from Santa Cruz .

James Brown her grand father , her mother's father . He came from Montpelier.

Her parents' children in Bull Savannah & outside

Luther Brooks married and live at Top Bull Savannah
David Brooks married and living at Top Bull Savannah

Percival Brooks is married and living at Top Bull Savannah .

William Brooks married and living at Bottom District

Reneta Roy (nee Brooks) living at T. B. S. , and is married .

Samuel Brooks living at Bottom Bull Savannah .

Jane Weathers (nee Brooks) living in Manchester .

Verona Logan married and living in Manchester

Edith

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 She grew with her mother and father . She went to school and read to the 5th standard . "Me never go and work any where , me parents them/want me fe go , so me stay home with them all the ~~time~~ time " . She became friends with Cecil Powell . Cecil asked her parents for her and they consented . Soon after they became friends , "me fall fe him . Me mother never play fe quarrel , but Cecil promise fe married to me , so them never quarrel fe too long " . She had two children for Cecil before they were married .

Her marriage

She and Cecil were married at the Alside Church in Ballards Valley by the Rev. Ashton . After she was ~~marry~~ married she went to live at the house that her husband built , where she is now living .

Her husband

Edith loved her husband ve ry much , "no ask if me love him , me love him up to now , me love him very grave . After him did so good to me and me never ~~xx~~ have fe work so hard fe me self . Her husband died ten years ago from "Malaria Fever " . He was a fisher man , "use to fishing at Alligator Pond , but the fever take him , and he couldn get better" .

Claston Roy

After the death of her husband she and Claston Roy

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became friends , but she never lived at Claston's house . She has one child for Claston , the child is Merton . Claston supports the child "simple x enough ! When he has any thing he gives the child .

Cleveland McDonald

Her next common law husband is Cleveland McDonald . Cleveland is from Tadd Town . After they got to be friends Cleveland came to live at her house . They were living together for six years , "but we never 'gree so much , we quarrel all the time , fa him run up and down with too much woman . So we part now , we part from January , but him dey still come a the yard . Him stop ~~xxx~~ now ,me hear that him and one woman from Trgall live . Me no know the woman though , a so me hear " .

Edith is living by herself now . She has four children for Cleveland . They are Clyde , Nebert , Dotsie , and Belvie . Cleveland supports the Children that Edith has for him still .

~~Beryl~~

Beryl

One of Edith's daughters , who was staying at her uncle Percival Brooks' house is now ~~st~~ back at her mothers house . "Her uncle no did say take her , him did only dey keep them other one company , when the uncle children them did sick dey a hospital with Typhoid Fever . She use to help Miss Hilda do any thing , whenshe havefe go ~~lakk~~ look fe the children" Beryl went to school and read th the 5th s standard . Beryl does not work "after him caan get any thing fe do " . She ~~only~~ helps to do the home work .

Alsie

Another of her daughters, is staying with her aunt, Mrs Verona Logan in Manchester . Verona is sister to Edith . Verona took Alsie from Edith to help her "after me have so much a them . Alsie has been staying with her aunt for two years. She is going to school , and her aunt supports her .

Condition of the family

Life is very hard with Edith . The children look hungry and starved . Drinking a coconut/that was offered to me at William Brooks , Edith's children greedily ate the meat of the coconut . After finishing the meat they dug into the shell of the shell , as if they could find more to eat in the shell. It was past lunch time , and there was no sign of any thing to eat . The children unable to find ripe mangoes on the tree , ate the green ones .

Children - their behaviour.

The children though not well fed , were quite merry , and playing with one another .

at Edith's/
yard /

They were told to behave themselves , but they did not hear so quickly . They had to be told over and over before they they would stop . Immediately they stopped they startde ~~again~~ ~~again~~ again . They shouted at one another , hit one another , screamed and laughed , and were in quite a frolicsome mood.

They were very dirty and painted all over with mango . Their hands and faces , and the front of their clothes were a mask of dark brown . Each child had on only a dress , and no under garment .

What they are ~~then~~ taught

The children are taught to wash up themselves , but so as to do it well , mother or big sister has to help . Maxene Nebert , and Dotsie can x use the chimney by themselves , but Belvie cannot .