

Interviewed Derenda Jones.Present Household

Friday
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I.D.

Albert Jones Head.
Derenda do Wife
Junie do Dau.
Valarie do do.
Albert do Sen.
Auville do do.

Her other daughter Irene lives with her Aunt Miriam Powell.

Junie had a baby for Jacob Anderson, it died when 3 weeks old. Jacob is now in America. Her present boy friend is Herbert Lewis.

Occupation

Albert is a fisherman and boat builder. He also repairs boats. Derenda is a fish vendor. She sells fish at Alligator Pond.

Adopted name.

Albert was reared by Michael Davis. "Albert beg for the name Jones. Him mus'be did have some old people name Jones and the breed a them dead out and him want that name to reign."

Land.

$\frac{1}{2}$ acre around house. Albert works on Charlie Powell's land on share "Him don plant tomatoe but me son Albert, plant on Lowe Roy place."

Derenda and her family were living at Little Pedro. They have been living at Top Bull Savannah (under the hill) for about 9 years. They had their own land at Little Pedro, but sold it and bought land here instead. Asked why she left L.P. "Wasn' comfortable there, x wouldh' handle the children as I would like to do." Little Pedro does not have a school. One of the little Brooks girls said "Them have bad word school."

Fish selling.

"Plenty fish is a sell first time, but now everything shorten. Every thing get out a man and woman reach. What you think happen, God want we, and we wont go. If you better off than me in the world you don' count me; but God see me. People get them whole heap a tomatoes money them less count you. Yet - something wanten. My husband love the sea, but the sea don' love him."

Tomatoe planting.

"Have to try some tomatoe next time. I did start a piece

but the drought take me. I will be in time this year, that if we even catch up a pass, we will reach in time.

Lunch.

Berenda was looking after lunch even though she had to go to Alligator Pond for fish. She worked very quickly. Her friends from Ballard's Valley called for her but she said she could not afford to go to "Bay" and wait on the canoe. She had too much to do at home. She cooked coconuts and cabbage for lunch. The cabbage was given her by a friend.

Albert plants cassava all the time. "The day you get up and no cassava in the home, you feel confuse; especially when you go to the seaside and get a little fish, you feel funny."

Help in the home.

Asked if Junie helped her. "Junie wash and patch, she don't even like cook. She cook when she please."

Family History.

Berenda's mother Esteline Gordon. Father Matthew Gordon. Albert's mother Rosa Elliott. Father Isaac Elliott. Both her parents and Albert's are from Ballard's Valley.

Thursday .
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D. B.

Interviewed Derenda Elliott &
Albert Elliott

Present House hold

Albert Elliott	Head	ab. 40
Derenda Elliott	Wife	ab. 40
Juney Rose Elliott	Dau.	16 (looks 20)
Albert Elliott	Son	15
Avril Elliott	"	11
Valrie Elliott	Dau.	7

The house & Kitchen

Has just one room that is completed , the other is unfinished . The house was built by Albert about seven years ago . It is spanish walled with thatched roof . In the room there is a bed , a table with glass wares , and two chairs . On the walls are the leaves of a magazine set up as pictures . Nora bought them at Alligator Pond . She will be taking down those in August to put up fresh ones , that she will be buying .

The kitchen is also made of spanish wall . It is a very large kitchen , with a well built fire place . To one end of the kitchen there is a table . Nothing else could be observed as Derenda came out of the kitchen , and went towards the house .

Source of Living

Albert is a boat-builder , a fisherman, and a cultivator . He builds boat for all prices , according to the size of the boat . When they are very small , he builds them for £5. 0 or £6. . and some for £10. or £20. He builds not only in Bull Savannah , but in other places such as Mandeville , Grove Place , Pepper , Malvern and quite a few more places . His/Isaac Elliott taught him the trade to build boats and repair them . He prefers boat building to the planting of tomato, because it is a constant job , "tomato only come in once a time . The time that me fe take work on tomato , that is the chief time ~~when~~ when the boats them need repair . Some no ~~bothe~~ bother with tomato so much . The tomato pay , but the boat job a all the time" .

He works on his trade all the time . When he is not building , he is repairing at Alligator Pond or Little Pedro. He goes to sea twice a week . He does not have a boat for him self . He goes to the sea with his brother , Murrel Elliott from Ballards Valley . He and his brother

father /

do their fishing at Little Pedro . He cultivates a little "just fe me home use". He plants, cassava , corn and peas. His wife is a ~~pedlar~~ pedlar . She trades on fish at Alligator Pond . She goes to the "seaside three or four time"for the week . She does straw ~~plix~~ plaiting too .

Land

Albert has about $\frac{1}{4}$ acre or $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land that he exchanged with William Brooks (see F. R. 253) for the building of a boat . When he was thinking of leaving Little Pedro where he was once living , he asked William to help him with a piece of land to ~~liverr~~ build his-~~hee~~ house on . At the time he was building a boat for William so instead of taking the pay in cash , he asked him to give him the land as payment for the boat . He helped William and so William helped him by giving the land . His house is built on the land , and that is where he cultivates .

Albert Elliott's Family History

His mother Rosalie Elliott alive

Isaac Elliott his father alive

Fredrick Elliott his grand father ,his father's father

His father's mother called "Nana Fed"

David Elliott his mother's father

Rachel Elliott his mother's mother

Children alive for his parents

Arnold Elliott married and living at Ballards Valle

Murrel Elliott married and living at B. V.

Edward Elliott living at B. V. Not married

Hermina Elliott living at B. V. Not married

Reta Belle Elliott living at B. V.

Francella Elliott married and living at Bull Sav-
ANNAH annah (did not get her married name)

Himself

Albert Elliott

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Albert Elliott

Gave his name as Albert Jones . "Jones" a me right name , me uncle Arthur Jones from Ballards Valley , as him no did have any children fe get him name ask me father fe name me after him that we canstill have the name in the family " . Jones is a family name . His father consented to give him the name , so he was christened by the name Jones , and married with the same name . "Some people still callme Elliott after me father " .

Albert grew with his uncke Micheal Elliott f at Ballards Valley . Micheal is his mother's brother . At the time when his uncle took him , his uncle did not have any children for himself . Micheal wanted a little boy to ~~lek~~ look wood and run little errands in the home , so he asked Albert's mother for him . Albert went to his uncle k when he was eight years old . He had k just ~~st~~ started out to school when he went to live with his uncle . He was not sent to school after he went to him He had to help in the home . He stayed with his uncle for k 11 years , then he left and went to learn trade with his father Isaac Elliott . He left his uncle because his uncle 's wife did not treat him in the way she should when he becamea young man .

"She talk to me how she like , like she dey talk to one little pickney . She want me fe dox things wey me shou/dnt dox. Sometime me uncle have fe tell her that she no fe talk to me so for me no little pickney " . His uncle's wife was "lorence Elliott (nee Gordon). After he left he learned the "boat building" with his father . He did not take very long to learn , "only a few weeks , then he started to work for himself .

He became friends with Derenda Gordon who was at the time staying at Albert's mother's home . They were friends until they started to have children . They lived together for about six years in Ballards alley , until they moved th Little Pedro , where Albert would be able to do his / trade . He and his family ~~xxx~~ spent six years at Little Pedro , then removed again to Bull Savannah . "I' hard fe live a Little Pedro fa hardly anysting down dey , the children them couldnt get fe go to school . Me would a really like them fe go a school and no come out like me no know nothing , and if them give them "sammon" fe carr' them wi'able fe read i'" (summon to attend Court).

fishing /

He has been living in Bull Savannah about seven x years ago . He stayed at Little Pedro and built his house and kitchen here , then after he removed to B. S.

His wife Derenda

Grew with Albert's mother Rosalie Elliott at Ballards Valley . Derenda does not know her mother , she

went away to foreign when Derenda was little quite a little girl . Rosalie took her from her father Matthew Gordon . Derenda was sent to school for a short time , "but me no learn any thing for me did stay dey long enough fe learn any thing . Rosalie taught her to bake buns and cakes , ~~and~~ and she helped to work in the home.

"He stayed with Rosalie "till me turn big woman " . " Me get head strong and disobedient , and me leave her house " . Derenda and lbert , Rosalie's son were getting to be friends , Rosalie did not like it . She spoke to Derenda about it , and Derenda got vexed , and did not like it , so she left and went to her father's house . Rosalie told her that "who caan hear ,wi' feel " . Derenda siad "and me dey feel now " . (to feel , is to bear or have children) . When she had her first child , her father quarrelled with her , and perhaps would have turned her out of the house , but lbert "treat me father good " and that stopped his quarrelling .

They were married at the Bull Savannah Anglican Church by the Revd. ~~Immanuel~~ Mumford . They were married when their second child was a little baby .

Derenda 's Family History

Estilin Gordon her mother does not know if she is alive or not .

Matthew Gordon her father , alive and living at Tryall.

Children for her parents

Zephenella Gordon

Addie Gordon living in Christiana

Doris Gordon married and living in Christiana

Leslie Gordon married and living in Christiana

Eric Gordon living at Panasy

Bernard Gordon living in Bull Savannah

Reggie Gordon called "Reggie Bear " lives at Comma Pen .

Herself

Her children

All Derenda's children are for her husband . Her husband does not have any outside children . Her first daughter Irene is staying with her ~~sister~~ Miriam Powell

aunt/

Miriam took Irene when she was "a little gal in a her bib a Little Pedro, and raise her". ~~M~~ Irene has two children for Stanley ⁿoy. She does not know much about Irene, because "she no live here".

Juney

Does not work for a living. She is supported by her parents. She helps with the home work, but she does not like when there is plenty to do, and her mother is not at home. She gets very cross when she has to do all the work. Juney went to school and read to the 4th stan. Derenda wants to send Juney out to do dress-making, but "me have fe wait and see how things work first, for a no she one me got. Me caan spend every thing 'pon her. As big as you see Juney dey, when she hungry she come bawl 'pon me fe hungry. Me have fe find her every thing."

Albert - Junior

Albert helps his father with the cultivation, and work sometimes for other people. He does grass-weeding plants tomato, and cassava, and carry tomato stake. He is paid 2/- per day. Albert went to school, but did not learn, "because he did ~~et~~ not love it".

Avril and Valerie

AR Are going to school, but are now on Holidays. At home the children help to do some of the work. Avril looks wodd, and go to the field with his father, when he does not go to school.

Valerie is learning to wash little garments, and to make the bed. "Yesterday morning, when me come in from out a kitchen, me see the bed make up. Him say "Ma a me did dey try fe make it up, and if me no did ha' the time g fe go over it, i' could a well stay so, so you him dey try". Valerie sweeps the house, takes the chimney out, and washes it nicely and take it in again.

The children when they need it, are chastised by mother, father, or Juney. Neither Derenda's children nor the next door children are obedient, or have good manners. A group of them were playing just in the midst where we were sitting. Derenda told them to stop the noise and play some where else, several times she repeated the command, but it was just as if she was not speaking to them. They kept up a chatting, hissed at one another and hit one another when an individual fail to win the game.

When they were tired of playing the game, they stood and gave all attention to what was being said. They were ~~x~~ commanded and coaxed to ~~xx~~ remove, but they took it all as a joke, and laughed. Eventually she them to take cassava off the press, and they went.

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21.7.48.
J.O.

"Albert Elliott was always a fisherman. But he mostly mold the canoe. The canoe maker. All fishermen that need canoe seek him. Him fall the tree and shape it in the canoe. Him go as soon as he get a job. Him fall the tree ussually in Manchester and drive it down. Him fall, and mold and then drive it and drown. They shape the canoe on the spot and then drive it to Alligator Pond to try it."

He has 4 to 6 children with his wife Derenda.