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*Father had 4 outsidy children*

Sinclair	Beatrice	head,	F.W.	55.	5.5.	S <sup>t</sup> . Elizab.	colour.	angl.	Xhomemak
"	Dolson	son	M.S.	38.		"	"	"	X, farmer
"	Vera	dau	F.S.	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.5.	"	"	"	"W. S. handress
"	Bradford	son	M.S.	26		"	"	"	X farmer
"	Ellis	son	M.S.	24		"	"	"	X none
"	Leson	son	M.S.	22		"	"	"	X none
Holness	Canute	gr. son	M.S.	8		"	"	"	W.1. O.E.
Elliott	Pansy	gr. dau	F.S.	6		"	"	"	X
Lewis	Anodia	gr. dau	F.S.	3		"	"	"	X
"	Winnie	gr. dau	F.S.	1	(13 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5)"	"	"	"	"

Beatrice Sinclair owns 18 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  in cultivation, grazing 4 acr  
woodland 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , others 6  
0.3 tomatoes = 400 lbs 1 breadfruit, 2 coconuts, 8 mangoes  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  congo peas,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cassava,  $\frac{1}{4}$  sweet potatoes,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tobacco=400lbs  
4 goats 2 swine 5 hens

Informants: Dolson, Bradford & Leson Sinclair and Holness Canute.

The family memberes look rather poor clad in rags. Their intelligence seems below the Bull Savannah level, though willing to give information.

The father - Josep Sinclair died "long ago", they are not able to tell how long ago. He left 7 acres round the house which are worked by the four brothers. They support the mother and the two sisters who live with them. Three children of the sisters live also there. The children of the brothers live - a part of them - ~~with~~ a cousing Jane Sinclair who lives a little higher up, or with their respective mothers.

Bradford stated that they "live lovingly and carry the home together". It was impossible to find out - at this first visit - how they actually participate in the upkeep of the mother, sisters, their nephews and own children who are in other homes.

They have about 7 acres in the woodlands which Dolson says he bought about 12 years ago. (The figures re land he gives do not correspond to census) He says this land in the woodlands is very rocky. All he gets out of it is about 20 bundles of grass, which is not enough to mulch his tomato field. He had to buy a truck load besides. Each of the brother had also to buy a truck load of mulch. They would ~~have~~ plant more had they more mulch. It is impossible to get mulch in sufficient quantities. Also they didnt have enough seeds. The factory didnt have enough. Dolson says tomatoes didnt help him in any way so far. "All the time a catch the crop I loose it".

~~At the~~ The women were not in sight. Bradford and Kanute were cooking something in the kitchen. Later on came a girl about 13 yrs old and beate some coffee in the wooden mortar. She is not of the family. She is "a good friend" Her name is Max Dyer. A little child about 4 brought from the shop a little piece of bread and some salt. Kanute said it is the daughter of his aunt. Kanutes father died when he was a baby. Kanute doesnt go to school.



He cant read, he cant even spell his name.

They dont know who was their father's father. Another Joseph Sinclair lives in the next house. He is their fathers brother. I ask how is it possible that there were two Josephs in the same family? We agree this Joseph must have been their fathers half-brother.



Interviewed Vera Sinclair.

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Household.

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Beatrice Sinclair.	Head.	29 years.
Vera Sinclair.	Daughter	19 years.
Clariss Sinclair.	"	19 years.
Dalson Sinclair.	Son	43
Bradford Sinclair.	"	31
Leason Sinclair.	"	27
Canute Homess	Grandson.	14 years.
Pansy Elliott	Grandaughter	10 years
Nadir Lewis	"	8 years
Evadne "	"	5 years.

by Census

} children  
of Vera.Family History.Her Father. Joseph Sinclair. Now dead.Her Mother. Beatrice Sinclair.Children of Joseph and Beatrice.

- ✓ 1) Dalson Sinclair.
- ✓ 2) Bradford Sinclair
- 3) Ellis Sinclair.
- ✓ 4) Leason Sinclair
- 5) Israel Sinclair
- 6) Winston Sinclair.
- 7) Clifford Sinclair.
- ✓ 8) Clariss Sinclair.
- ✓ 9) Vera Sinclair.

Her father had outside children by Dovey Brooks, who lived in the next yard to them.

- 1) Laura Sinclair
- 2) Mirelda Sinclair
- 3) Jim Sinclair.
- 4) Eli Sinclair

They are all of a similar age. Joseph Sinclair lived with the two women at the same time, and they lived together in adjoining yards. Vera said that her mother did not mind about Dovey, "Dem always get along well." As children, they used to often play with their half sisters and brothers

Deaths in her immediate family.

Her father died when they were small. She was only 8 years at the time. Her mother being left with all the children had therefore to try and work.

Three of her brothers have died since they were adults.

- 1) Israel Sinclair, died aged 30 years. He had the "Fever" i.e. Malaria.



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2) Clifford Sinclair, aged about 20 years. He also caught the fever.

3) Winston Sinclair, aged about 24 years. She was vague about the cause of his illness. He had "Pain a' belly" He went all around to all the doctors and none of them could do anything for him.

Her own Children.

She has five children:-

1) Canute Holness. Aged 14 years.  
(Son of Leslie Holness, since dead)

2) Pansy Elliott Aged about 10 years.

3) Das Elliott " " 9 years (with father)  
(children of Thomas Elliott)

4) Nadir Lewis

5) Evadne Lewis  
(children of Arthur Lewis.)

Her own Career.

She went to Bull Savannah School. While her father was alive she never missed a day at school. However her father dying ~~at~~ when she was eight years old, meant that her mother was not able to afford to send them to school all the time, only now and then. She had only reached the First Book when her father died. When she left at the age of fifteen, after intermittent teaching she had reached the ~~Fifth Book~~. Fifth Book. "Mi Mother school mi till the 5th Book"

When she left school she went to a Mrs Green who lived in Newprt. She lived in with the family, but she did the washing and cleaning. She only stayed there for two months because she was homesick, so she then returned to Bull Savannah, to her mother and there she has stayed ever since.

Courtship.

Her first boyfriend was Leslie Holness, a son of Theodore Holness. She was only sixteen when they became friends. She was very young and she was not his "Sweetheart" ie. did not have sexual relations with him for nearly a year. She started having a baby very soon after she first had "it" with Leslie. She cannot remember how old she was at this time, but he was only a young man. She had "sweetheart life" with him for only a year, because he then died. The child was Canute Holness. "Him live just to see the baby in his arms, and then him gone." As she said this her voice dropped quite noticeably, and she was silent for a minute.



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Her Mother's Attitude.

Her mother was not very pleased when she heard that Vera was pregnant. She had some hard words with her, but after a while she calmed down, and soon got used to the idea. "You see, mi' Mother, she love Leslie, she love him all the time." Leslie was very good to her while the baby was coming, "he treated me the best of the lot." He was the only one that she ever really loved. She pointed out to me the direction of his house, and where his tombstone now stands. She added that after he died Elsa Holness was very good to her, helping with gifts and even some money.

She next made friends with Thomas Elliott. She was some years on her own, she could not remember exactly how long, before she took up with another man. She was never very fond of Thomas. She went with him for about two years, and during that time she had two children. "Him give plenty big talk, and mi' breed quick." In the same manner as Leslie, Thomas used to come and visit her at her own house. She has never been set up in a separate house with any of her lovers. Soon after the second child was born to Thomas he left the district. "Him go away, and mi' couldn't tell where." She added that she did not care much either, as he was not much good. The only good thing she could say was that he had relieved ~~of~~ her of one of the children. "But him did take one of the pickney" This child is Das Elliott, now about nine years. She does not know where either of them now are. He never helped her very much with the two children, and since he went away she has never heard a word.

The next man was Arthur Lewis. Oddly enough Arthur ~~xxx~~ Lewis had just walked down the path where I was ~~sitting~~ sitting, and had stood and stared at me and Vera for quite three minutes. Vera was definitely hostile beside me, and refused to even greet him, or raise her eyes from the pea podding she was doing. He called into the kitchen when he had passed up the path, and then went on. Vera then remarked that this was the father of Nadir, and Evadne. "Mi finish with him for good. Man with pickney dem no good." She had lived with him for several years. When Nadir was small he had helped her with things, but she had never received a penny from him, since the second baby was born. She got tired of this, and finished with him.

That was four years ago, and since then she has been on her own ~~xxxxxxx~~ living as before with her mother. She had had a hard time trying to provide for the children, but she had always managed, and her mother and her brothers had helped her.

Career (continued.) For the past two years she had been



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working up at the Factory, for Mrs Hastings. She had done all the washing and ironing, and a little of the cleaning. For this she had got 9/- per week. She had only left a month, and was finding it a lot easier. The work beame too tiring for her. She now does private washing for neighbours, and she averages about 12/- per week, and she has plenty of spare time. She used to work a six day week atx the Hastings. She has taken to planting and selling patches of eskellion, and gungo peas, and with these two things (cultivating and washing, she is much better off)

Pregnancies and births.

When she was pregnat she ate everything as usual, only she tried to eat bigger quantities than before. When asked if she continued sexual intercourse during her pregnancies she at first said "No". She had apparently thought I meant until the actual birth, because she explained to me that she went on having intercourse for some time, although I could not get a clear figure for the months. "When de' belly big mi' stop, each time."

The actual births had always been fairly easy for her. The first one was the hardest, but she never needed a doctor. Her average time of labour with the other children is two hours. "If mi' start at six o'clock mi' finished at eight." The nana Miss Cella has always come to her. She rubs castor oil on her belly, and after the birth she gives her salt and water "Dat's good for the belly then". She rests the usual nine days, before she gets up. She feeds the baby as soon as it is born, herself.

Weaning. She weaned them all at 1 year. They were not too much trouble. "Mi' stop give dem suck, I gives dem a little milk from the bottle".

Feeding. They are fed on porridge and gruel, and milk as babies.

Training and Upbringing. of children.

She trains babies to be clean and use the chamber at a very early age, she just holds them over it, and they learn very quickly. It is not until they are at least three that they can look after themselves properly in the lavatory, and it is six, before they can wash and keep clean.

Her children all get along very well. They play all the day, and do not help much in the house (This does not surprise me, as I have never seen Pansy doing anything except lead a gang around playing games) They are sometimes bad, and use rude words. When this happens she gives them a flogging. She is the only one that does this, hher brothers do not help her



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In fact they just laugh.

She tries to send all of those of school age to the school, but in her hard condition it is not possible to send them every day. Sometimes she can only manage to send them three times in a week, sometimes four times, (This is considered a full week, because there is a habit of not going to school on Friday which is widespread) When they do go, she is not always able to manage the 3d each for the school dinners. Therefore on those days they all come home to get their midday dinner.

Religion.

She goes to the Bible Church of God. She is not a member, (She would have to be married for this) She sends all the children to it quite regularly, and they are quite well known there. Pansy, (who had given me three large mangoes) knew the Minister from Plowden very well, and as soon as she saw him, she would rush up and give him a mango. This of course is Mr Ebanks. "Him real love Pansy".

Although she sends the children regularly she herself just goes occasionally.

Menstruation.

Her menstrual periods started when she was fourteen. She had not been told anything about it by her mother, so she did not know what had happened to her. She thought she was very ill, and had gone to her mother who had then explained it to her.

Family Background.

She is quite happy living with her sister and her three brothers, Ellis, she explained to me, was not now living at home. Her mother does all the cooking for the entire family. She also does most of the cleaning of the house. She and Clariss are only responsible for cleaning out the kitchen. She does the washing for the family, as well as her outside business. Her mother used to do this when they were all small, in order to make a living, to keep the family going. It was then that Vera learnt to wash properly. Her mother now does very little or none of the washing and ironing.

/ i.e. Vera

Observations. The children were quite well behaved during this interview, (I know them very well, so there was not the usual curiosity about me) They ran away when told to do so, and came back only when I had finished. The smallest one clung to her mother all the time that she was allowed near her. The mother herself is



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clearly rather proud of Pansy, who is one of the leading lights of the district.

Vera seemed fairly happy about herself, and there was very little grumbling about the men who had let her down. Her stress was ~~xxx~~ on the love she had for the first one, Leslie, who had been so good to her. She kept repeating "Him good to me always." She was definite that she did not want any more men. She does not want any more children, and she said the safest way of being sure was to stop having any man around you.

She was dressed rather raggily, but cleanly. The children were dirty as usual. She complained that she could never keep them clean. She does not appear to have much control over them, but today at least they were a lot better behaved than other families around about. ~~xxxxxxx~~

The dinner for that day was going to consist of the ed red peas, and rice, some soup with the peas, and some dumplings made from proper flour, which has been bought at the local shop.



INTERVIEW WITH CLARICE SINCLAIR

Sunday,  
June 27, 1948.

Clarice Sinclair 19, was born in Ridge on the premises of her parents on which she still lives.

Household

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1. Mrs. Beatrice Sinclair, "about" 60;" mother.
2. Dalson Sinclair, 43, brother.
3. Vera Sinclair, "about 29," sister.
4. Bradford Sinclair, "about 28," brother.
5. Leson Sinclair, 22, brother.
6. Clarice Sinclair, 19, (my informant, dau. to Beatrice)

The above house hold share a 2 roomed house built on 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land owned by Mrs. Sinclair. Her husband died many years ago.

Family History

Clarice's mother Beatrice Sinclair married her father about 25 years ago, "when she (her mother) was pregnant with Ellis. Children to her mother and father are as named in the household. The date of her mother's marriage is dated by the fact her mother "did have Ellis young belly when she got married." Her mother has had no children by another union.

Father's children by another union are:

1. Jimima Sinclair "about 25." Jimima now lives in Spauldings. She has married a man named Kirby. Clarice cannot remember what is the man's other name. Jimima is one of a pair of twins, the other is:
2. Murelda Sinclair, "about 25," Murelda is in Port Sea. She works there for ~~xxxxix~~ Mrs. Coolie Miller one of her father's sister.
3. Laura Sinclair, "about 23." -A doan even know where him gone now. She asked her sister Vera then sitting under a mango tree in the yard, shelling peas, and talking to D.H. -"whey (where) Vera live?" Vera said -"Thatch Walk."

Family Relationship with father's children:

Laura: Asked for some news of Laura She said -"She don't marry. She have no children. She is a single girl." She has not gone to see ~~SLauras~~ for about 1 year. Laura has not come to see her for about 6 months. There are no interchange of presents.

Jimima: "She married. She have one children. A doan know the name of her. Its a young baby." She writes to Jimima; she las wrote sometime last year. She received a reply to hers but has not yet replied to this

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Sinclair  
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Murelda: "She have no children. She works; does domestic work - cooking washing for her aunt. She has been doing this for about 14 years.

Re her brothers and sisters

Dalson: "Him live with a woman at "Rain Bud" ie Shaddock Hill. This woman is Ellen Simpson sister to Dudley Simpson F.R. 4. Dalson is sharing house partly with Ellen and partly with his mother. Ellen lives in a one-roomed house inherited from her mother who died about 1 month ago. Dalson works on the land around his mother's house in the daytime. He has coffee in the mornings and lunch at midday at his mother's, but goes sometimes to have ~~dinner~~ the evening meal at Ellen's. He sleeps at Ellen's sometimes also.

Sometimes he gives a little money towards housekeeping to his mother. He plants tomatoes, sweet potatoes, corn yams and cassava on land around his mother's house. He plants also, on land owned by his mother in the woods. He sells his tomatoes, and keeps all the other food crops for the use of his family. Ellen shares some of this. Ellen comes to the premises and takes the crops from the field herself. Asked whether anyone minded that she said - "no them don't ~~mind~~ trouble her."

She feels "good" towards Ellen; she regards her (Ellen) as her sister-in-law. ~~She~~ said she: - "Both of us a cousin to' - two brother picknie." There has never been Ellen and Dalson's relatives although Dalson and Ellen sometimes quarrel.

Tomato crop money: Dalson gives a "little money - him noh gi' plenty" of the money he earns from the tomato crop to his mother. He gives a "little money" to Vera also. Usually his mother receives 10/-, Vera 5/-. He never gives any money to any of his other ~~relatives~~ members of the household.

Taxes: He helps to pay the taxes which is 10/6 per year.

Vera

"She do all the washing and cooking here. She have 5 children.

2 of them are for Thomas Elliott.

1 for Leslie Holness now dead, and the other

2 for Neddle Lewis. (For details see Interview with Vera pages 3 to 8.) Here, Clarice began to laugh. Asked why she was laughing she said - "a the 3 man! It look funny to mi. Sh' shouldn' have so many children for different men." She would not think it "funny," however had Vera had all the children with one man.



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"Vera don't worry to go out an' work: all the brothers help her with her clothes and something to eat." Sometimes the children father (Vera's children fathers) give them something to eat and give her (Vera) some money to'."

Bradford. "Bradford have 2 children by 2 woman." He lives entirely at his mother's. His children are:  
1. Olive Sinclair, ~~xxx~~ 4, dau. by Inez Wright of Bottom Bull Savannah.

2. Kernet Sinclair - 6 months girl baby had with Olga Powell his present girl friend. He has never shared house with Olga.

Contribution to family economy:

He cultivates on his mother's land around the house: tomatoes, yams, coconuts, sweet potatoes and cassava. He sells the tomatoes and sometimes some of the cassava. He keeps always however the greater part of the food crops for home consumption. He gave his mother a "small portion" of his monies from the tomato crop. She thinks her mother got "10/- or so." He also gave Vera "a little money (about 5/-) just to help her." He also helps to pay the yearly taxes for the land.

Ellis

"Ellis fishin' at Alligator Pond." Usually he goes to Alligator Pond on Sunday evenings, goes fishing on Mondays, and returns home on Monday evenings. He cultivates on the land around the house also, "but him don't HAVE TIME to plant much."

His child: With his present girl friend Belle Ashwood of Pop Bull Savannah, he has one child: this child is Pamela Sinclair (called Miss Pam by informant) ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ She is a year old.

Contribution to the family economy: He brings home a quantity of fish every Monday for use in the family. Usually he brings home some money also. He does all kind of things the money he brings home. Sometimes he gives his mother a little of it, gives his children and then "drink him liquor with the rest."

Leson

"Leson him don't have any picknie. Him is a young boy He works in the woods whee he plants tomatoes ~~xxxx~~ french beans, ~~whistlyx~~ and cassava. He sells all of the tomatoes, and some of the french beans and cassava. He has no girl. - "If him ~~xxxx~~ did have mi think mi would hear, but perhaps him have one in secret y'u know!"

Land

The land around the house consists of 4½ acres. Another holding is a 12 acre plot in Breadnut Woods. This

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piece of land is cultivated on by Dalsen, Ellis, and Leason.

Her Childhood.

She remembers that when she was 7, her mother used to teach her to "sweep yard, wash up plates, an' learn to make dolly (doll's) dresses; sh' (her mother) buy up the cloth an' give mi, an' show mi how to cut them." She taught mi not to tell lies, an' not to steal. Sh' sey if a ever tell a lie God will kill mi."

Oaths of secrecy

"When a was a child, if any one of the others steal a little sugar of so, them would make mi do so." Here she touched the sole of one of her feet, placed her hand on her stomach, over her heart, touched her lips, her head, and finally pointed her index finger towards the sky. (We were sitting in the open in the shade of a lagre mango tree; she stood up to demonstrate.)

This action to her brothers and her sister Vera, constituted a solemn oath, which if broken would cause the person taking it to die. Her brothers and sister always bound her to secrecy with this oath. The thought of breaking it frightened her. She never once broke it. She used to feel she would die if she broke it.

Use of the oath: One day her sister ~~stole~~ some of her mother's sugar. Vera really stole the sugar, and feared that she would be flogged by her mother. Because of this fear Vera bound her to secrecy with this oath. When her mother who was out when the sugar was taken, returned home, she discovered the theft and questioned Clarice. -"Mi tell her that mi would tell her who do it but that if mi tell her God will kill mi. Sh' (her mother) ask mi what kind a oath that mi tek that mi caan ~~tell~~ her who do it. Mi show her, an' sh' laugh over it." Clarice was not flogged.

Relations with neighbours children:

"She her mother usually 'low (allow) mi to play with all the other children. Usually girls played by themselves at "baseball," while boys played at "ball," i.e. at "cricket. She does not know -does not remember why the boys did not play with the girls.

Career

School: She attended the Bull Savannah elementary school from she was 7 till she was "about 13" She was forced to cease going to school then because she became very ill.



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"he had a major growth in her "belly." It used to pain her unbearably during most of the times she used to be in school. At such times she said -"a jus' sidong (sidong=sitdown) an' crying all day."

She remained at home for about one year after leaving school. At 14 then -"a went to Kingston (public Hosp.) an' them sey they would not operate on mi because I ~~don~~ don't have as much constitution; them think is just as well mi mother tek mi hoke back because mi goin' to ded.

On her return to her mother's home here, she was taken by her mother to "balm." "Balm" ~~is~~ is some people who join balm and wey give you all bush medicine an' thing." ("Wey give you all = where you are given all)

The balm -at the balm

"The balm place was in Blakes Pen." This place is about 16 miles from this district. Asked what happened at the balm she said -"Mek mi tell y'u now: is somepeople if anything wrong with you them can tell y'u. Them sey them try y ux case, an' then them tell y'u what do y'u. Them tell mi sey a born with a growth, an then give mi medicine to si if ~~itxamixxexxxperixxwayx~~ them could ever perish it wey. A go there (the balm) about 6 times.

On her initial arrival at the balm she was taken to a woman named Miss Reta. "Sh' ask mi where a feel the pain. Mi show her. After mi mi tell her sey 'yes is a growth.' Sh' doan soun' (soun'= sound-examine with a sthetscope) or anything y'u know." This woman has the ability to tell everything that happens. If for instance, Clarice ~~xxxxxx~~ tells some one prior to going to see Miss Reta, that Miss Reta can't effect any cures, then as soon as Clarice gets into Miss Reta's presence Miss Reta will usually challenge -"yes y'u jus' tell the young man that mi doan know anything, but noh si y'u come now!"

A dream -its influence:

After the 6th visit to the balm, ~~xxxxx~~ -"a leave off going then, an mi did stay at home till a get a dream." The dream: "Is a dream why mek I operate y'u know! I going give y'u the dream that a have: about a year after a come back from the balm a dream a si mi father, an him sey, -'y'u know mi baby, if y'u go an let Dr. Johnson cut y'u finger, that blood will bleed out.'"

"I get up an' tell mi mother the dream, an' the following



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day sh' get up an tek mi to the/hospital at Dr. Johnson. Dr. Johnson operate on mi. A wouldn' tell y u the thing them tek out a mi. Is a size thing so: (She showed with bothe her hands cupped the size of the growth taken from her. The space between her hands was about 6 inches & in diameter)

The growth: "It was a round thing with all hair on it. It was so old it have all hair on it. I was unconscious for 8 days after the operation." This operation took place on Tuesday Oct. 26, 1946.

The eighth day: "On the eight day, nurse sey a jus open mi eyes an sey: 'Raxharx' "Father again in Jesus name we meet, Bowing penitent at his feet."

Nobody ever know a could ever live ~~ixsaxx~~ again; not even Doctor for himsey is only a experiment him ~~txx~~ was trying out.

In the Hospital

While in the hospital she was visited by Dalsen once, and at a other time by Ellis and Bradford. Several people from the didtrict, and who wer not related to her also came to see her. Among them were Miss Nancy -Turnica Powell, and Winnie Neil. Winnie was a friend ~~sfxhxx~~ who used to live in Junction.

Transportation to the hospital

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"Every week a car use to come with people. That time Claston Rochester did have him car." Her mother never x came to see her because she had a weak heart. She used to/melons and eggs for Clarice. Clarice was in the hospital for 6 months.

After the hospital:

"I come home an' was sitting down doin' nothin' for about 6 weeks. I couldn' walk. She bbgan to get strong slowly, and about 6 months aftr her return home she began to work. -"Before that a couldnx never bend to do anything.

Work

First job she undertook was with Mr. Beaham a formenx manager of the factory. He was his cook and Butleres. He aid her 9/- per week. She ~~xxxxxx~~ worked with him for 4 months. He left after this time and the present manager Mr. Hastings took her over to do his butlering and cooking. He also paid her 9/- per week. Mr. Hastings was not then married.

She left off working at the Hastings in December 1947 because she was not feeling well. She has been at home



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since, -"doing nothing y'u can sey."

Savings

She saved £2 during ~~xxxxxxx~~ the period of time she worked at the Jamaica Vegetables Managers'.

Monies from tomatoes: "I plant tomatoes myself -about 1000holes." Her brother Bradford did the planting fore her. She bought the mould for manure, grass for mulching etc. She also spent some money engaging people to do the weeding for her.. These expenses totalled 70/-. She made £20 after taking out the expenses for planting.

Investment of her savings

She is now doing a little buying and selling between Bull Savannah and Kingston. She sells "dry goods like coconut oil, salt fish, sugar, flour, matches, cigarettes, cream soda, wine and beers." She started this business with about £15. Her mother had helped her ~~km~~ -gave her £5 of this amount.

She had rented a shop from Claston Simpson. She gave this shop up -was asked to give this shop up in January of this year. Simpson the owner is now using the shop himself. She had used to pay him 8/- per month rent. This shop is in Shaddock Hill. Altogether hse had been in the shop business for about 6 months. At the end of this time she found she had made £100. This sum includes the £15 she invested in the business.

Buys land and builds shop

With a portion of the money (£100) she has bought one square chain of land for £9 from Esmine Perkins. The land cut from Esmines larger plot, has a fronting on the Junction-Bull Savannah road. She bought the plot about 1 month ago. She is ~~xxxxxxx~~ having a shop built on it. She expects that this shop will be finished in August of this year.

She keeps her savings at home. She does not think there is any point in ~~xxxxxxx~~ opening a bank account unless one has £1000.

A means of earning addition money was straw plaiting. She did that during the spare times she had while she ran the Shaddock Hill shop.

Her boy-friend

Her boyfriend is Ronald Rochester of Green Olive. She has never had another boy friend. Ronald has been her school-mate. They were friends from that time. He was her friend all through her illness: -"Y'u know pick-nie friends."