

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 1.

Francis Sarah	Head	F.W.75.10.6.	St.El.	Col.	Angl.	W.2.	Homemaker
Thomas Joseph	Head	M.M.40.	"	"	"	Ill.	Fisherman
" Unicy	Wife	F.M.37.5.5.	"	"	"	W.2.	H memaker
" Victor	Son	M.S.20.	"	"	"	W.3.	Farm lab.
" Aston	Son	M.S.18.	"	"	"	W.2.	"
" Ida	Dau	F.S.14.	"	"	"	W.3.	None/yes/
" Cleveland	Son	M.S.12.	"	"	"	W.2.4E	
" Cecil	Spn	M.S. 6.	"	"	"		

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Her farm 1942.

Operates this farmland as owner for 26 yrs.
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres in two parcels: 6 and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. resp.

Tomatoes chief source of income

No labour employed

Works 15 weeks 4 days per week 5 hours per day.

2 ac. in cultivation 1 grazing (guinea grass)

~~Cultivation~~ 3 woodland as pasture, other 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Value of farm £200. Value of buildings £160

1 catchment

Cultivations:

Tomatoes 1 ac= 4000 lbs. 1 ackee = 4 heaps, 1 avoca-
do = 6 doz. 2 cocon ts =50 nuts. 15 mangoes=200 doz.
 $\frac{1}{4}$ ac congo peas =2 bushels; 0.3 cassava=150lbs
0.2 ac. sweet cassava = 300 lbs. $\frac{1}{4}$ ac yams=700 lbs.
3 hens.

18 acres
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Sarah Francis.

"Sarah Francis is from Ballrad's Valley. Gordon was her name before she marry. Her husband died long ago."

There are two houses in her yard. She shares these two houses with her numerous family, consisting of ~~her children~~ her son-in-law and her grandchildren.

Thomas Joseph,
her son-in-law.

"Thomas Josphe marry to Sarah Francis daughter - unicy. But she died 1944" - when Bradley was in America. Sarah's "son-in-law - him still moving in the house with the lady. He is a fisherman. He working a boat for Mr. Claston Rochester - them share the catch."

Thomas had with Unicy 5 children - all of them are staying in the house. Their names: Ida, Victor, ~~Aston~~ Aston, Cleveland and Cecil.

Victor Thomas.
His money. His
giel friends.

"Victor went to America once - come back." He is not married. Previously he had some girl friends, "but not right now." "The money leave him, so the girl leave him. He come from America, have a lot of money, then he had a lot of friends."

His girl friends, after his return from America, were Alice Thompson and Mavis Rochester. "Pumped it out, pump the money out." They had no children for Victor and, since they left him, Victor Thomas is without a girl ~~friend~~ friend now.

"One of the girl - Alice Thompson - in Kingston. And one - Mavis Rochester - with John Roy from Ridge." /B. Sav. Ridge/. ~~That girl was attracted to~~ Mavis was attracted to John Roy by his wealth. "Him dont have American money, but him have tomato money."

Victor made no other use of his American money. He built no house of his own, neither bought land. Now he is doing "a little cultivation- very simple." He achieved nothing from his momey: "the girls eat it out - buy some girls. That's all."

Aston Thompson.

Aston never went to America. He stayed home. He is a cultivator - "much better than Victor." Aston is not married as yet. He never had any girl friend. "Never hear of any. We call him "Duppy Dog" - that's his nickname." Why? Both Dudley and Bradley laughed - "Duppy Dog - just we call him so. Dont know why."

Ida. Thompson.

"Ida working in factory, at the packing house. Him wrapping tomatoes, he can wrap."

She is not married, but has a boy friend. They have no children so far. Her boy friend is Clifton Powell - "living at Margaret Roach." Clifton Powell is really an adopted son of Margaret Roach. He is known as ~~xxxx~~ a good cultivator.

Cleveland Thompson. Cleveland is just recently out of shhool. "He leave school now and work at packing house. And doing a little work"at home.

Cecil Thompson. C Cecil, the youngest memeber of the family is still at school.

Sarah Francis - her husband and her children.

Sarah's husband was Charlie Francis. Dudley and Bradley know little about the ancestral history of Francis family. All they know is that "the first Francis - at Reginald Rochester place him lived." He was "Nathaniel Francis' father." But they do not know how "the first Francis" ~~was~~ acquired his land in Green Olive and where he has come from. Nathaniel Francis was Charlie Francis' uncle: "Charlie Francis - him call Nathaniel Francis uncle". 9 or 10

Sarah had ~~10~~ children with Charlie Francis.

1. Adolphous Francis - he is living now in his own house and on his own land in Bottom Bull Savannah. Neighbour to Calbert Elliott.

2. Wilmot Francis - he died unmarried, left no children.

3. Theophilus Francis - "living right now in Tryall with a woman."

4. Eli Francis - "died in Cuba - no wife, no children."

5. Edmond Francis - "still alive" /see Fam.Rec. 103/. He does not enjoy high esteem ~~among~~ in the district; He is described as : "deaf as a bat and blind as a back - him hard hearing and him cant say good."

6. Ernest Francis - he was known under a nickname "Putuo". "Him was last son; him die - no wife, no children."

7. Unicy Francis - she married ~~with~~ Joseph Thomas who stayed with ~~her~~ his wife and his mother-in-law. She died. /See Fam.Rec.101/.

8. Rachael Francis. She also died some years ago. "She was making a baby and she died. The baby was for "this man Ebanks, Bulah Ebanks from Tad Town."

9. Ethel Francis - "she marry to Hardy Spencer - live his place down the Perkins."

Interviewed Sarah Francis.

Family History

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Mother Margaret Banton. Father James Banton. Mother's mother Rosan Banton. Mother's father - "Can't remember that for I was small. My grandmother always come where me mother live, but I never see me gran'father." Father's mother? "Fathers parents dead before I born.

Sarah's children. When I asked for the names of the children Sarah said "After a my children, me noh must know them name." The children are: Ethel Spencer (nee Francis) Martha, "married 2 time" Her first husband was White, the second Burton. Rachael (d) Adolphus, Wilbert (d) Theophilus living atnTop Hill. Headman "living just opposite me." He has build a house on his mother's land. Eli died in Cuba, Ernest (d) Eunice Thomas (nee Francis) dead. "God take 5 and give me 5.

Sarah's husband Charles died about 30 years ago. "Him was a fisherman, seafearing. Alligator Pond fever kill him. Him take Bay fever. ~~Yuxxerine~~ Did you cry? "Noh must cry, after him left me with all them whole X heap of picknie."

Funeral

"It cost a lot to bury him. Have to buy board to make box, have to get clothes to bury him, have to keep wake. We get a little collection as them call it; not from every body, but from a few friends. Any body dead round here, people come from all about and sing till daylight." Plenty rum? "Can't afford plenty rum; get coffee and all that. Every body is poor." Ninth nights are not held in Bull Savannah.

Courtship and Marriage.

Sarah met Charles at Ballard's Valley. "The time when I see him, that time him like me already." Asked Sarah if Charles asked her father for her before he found out whether she loved him or not. "Him talk to me first, suppose I don't like him; I say no my friend. If I like him I say yes. After him get my word him write to father for consent. My father ask me what I say. I say him love me and I promise to marry him."

Did he kiss you? "Could not touch me, have to stand up like a man. Could not handle me for I bring up in my mother home. Could not kiss me, if him did even want to kiss me. When him come to visit me, Him come on a Sunday day and bring a friend with him." Sarah would not go for a walk with Charles as she was afraid of her parents. "I was a very shy gal and fraid of me parents

"Now a days, when I see boys and girls together. When I

see slack liberty boys take with girls, I feel funny. I have to tell them that when I was like them, I could not do it. Some little girls take night and married. One boy Calvin Elliott married to one little girl from Queensbury/was working at the factory." They knew each other for only 2 weeks. "That love not good. Them go a Mandeville and married. The mother from Queen's bury never like it, even though it was a nice match."

Sarah said she got married when she was a young girl. How old? ~~was~~ "When a married a was 26 - young little gal. I would not want to married no younger, now no older."

Childhood.

Sarah attended the Ballard's Balley School. "I had a sister living in the high mountain. Her husband dead and me mother send me up there to stay with her." She does not know at what age she went to her sister. "I was a little girl so I could not say how old I was. When I go home back, I was a big woman."

Asked what she did in the home. "Did not do anything, just stay in the home with her. You know what gal pinkney in a yard do. Just help with little cooking, put on pot on fire and sweep kitchen. Sweep house, any little thing, on ~~Dyxx~~ that. Mother was more cross on me than me sister."

Separation.

Headman, one of Sarah's sons, who has built his house on her land married Hartel Gayle from Top Hill. Asked if they knew each other for a long time before they were married. "Not ver long. She did want lady life." How? "You know in the home, keep nice and sweet. The poor fellow, he could not give her that." Hartel left her husband 6 years ago. "She just leave the husband. Him never say a thing. Him just look on her and say you can go."

Hartel and Sarah got on well together. "After is me she call to help her up when she was going. Me help her up y quite nice and say good bye my dear. After me see what she want. People who go to Kingston, see her looking sweet and nice with her somebody. Is that she want. Me never send and ask anything 'bout her."

Asked if she still liked Hartel. "I don't like her again. She have too much sneaking way. If she come back I could not like her again for what spoil in a morning, can hardly come good in the evening."

Adolphys' wife Lucinda Elliott "nice to me as me nice to her."

Eunice Thomas wife of Joseph Thomas has been dead for 4 years. "Information take her head and it mix with the brain. She been to several doctors, but is only Dr. Johnson say what wrong. She stay at hospital 3 weeks and we get a telegram that she was poorly. We ~~may~~ send for her and she stay home for 3 days and she dead. I send for her and she die with me.

Land.

"X Could not rightly tell what I sit down on now." Sarah does not remember whether her husband bought the land or he ingerited it. "My husband father did live over Mr. Winty Elliott and Winty buy it out from him. From I married I live here. I don't have a where else to go. Have to bury here." Joseph Thomas has been living on Sarah's land for about 24 years. The first child them have is 23 years, and him was here a year before that.

Housing

There are 4 houses on the land, and one room adjoining the kitchen which is used by Sarah's son in law Joseph.

Headman built a 2 apartment house. "Him live in the room and rent out the hall. Victor and Aston occupy one of the houses. Sarah, Ida and Cecil live in the house which was built by Charles - Sarah's husband. Adolphus and his wife live in the other house. Adolphus' house has 2 rooms with verandah. It has a zinc roof and he built his own tank. Sarah' gets water from his tank. Joseph and Cleveland live in the room adjoining the kitchen. This room was formerly used as the children's house when Sarah's children were small. The kitchen and ~~the~~ room was built by Charles.

Sarah has not yet divided the land among her children. "Boys don't get land yet. Only build on it. Them have to work it mind me. If me divide it and the land is fe them, there may be some funniness. As the land is mine, me can hold me voice over it; but when it is not mine me can't talk. Me wi' make will later, when me know me a go dead."

All the boys work on Sarah's land. Victor and Aston work together. Owing to the drought, the tomatoes did not do well. Joe and his son Cleveland also planted tomatoes. They planted too late and did not get much fruit. Joe does not depend on planting for a living. He is a fisherman. Gongo peas is also grown on the land.

Meals

"Headman renters woman cook for him." The woman to whom he rents the room cocks his meals. Me cook for every boby else. Him come when it cook, you know, and me give him some. After him a me picknie."

Adolphus' wife looks after his meals. Sarah's favourite dish is beef. "No need I tell you, for what I want I can' get it; little meet and so. It kill jus' over the road and I can' get it. I don' worthy." Asked what she meant. "I don' have the money to buy it."

Referring to Joseph's children, Sarah said "Them get in ya. Them born in a them han' ya."

Kitchen.

There were 3 boxes in the kitchen. These were used for seating accommodation. On the fire place were 4 ~~x~~ iron pots. One very large. Sarah said the pot was big but she did not have anything to put in it. "That is olden time pot, when we could get something to put in it. We don' have nothing to put in it now."

There were 5 ~~forks~~, spoons, 3 forks, and 1 knife stuck in the wall. There were also 6 cans and 3 enamel mugs. A tin lamp ~~and~~ a number of plates and a big pudding pan were on the table. O another table was a bucket of water.

Sarah was given some chocolates. She did not eat it. Why? "I leaveng it for the children. The little boy will be glad to see Granny leave something for him."

Religion.

The Seventh Day Adventist had a tent near to Sarah's place. "Me go there, but me don' join them. One church me going. Can' join more than one. If it good it good and if it bad, it bad. Is that one me born and see." Sarah is an anglican.

Present household:

Francis	Sarah	head
Thomas	Joseph	son in law
"	Victor	son of Thomas Joseph
"	Ador	"
"	Jola	olaw
"	Cleveland	son
"	Cecil	"

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Francis Edmond
Senior Eldie

Head M.M.41.
Serv. F.S.37.

St.El. Col. Angl. W.3.
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Farmer
Serv. pr. h.

His farm 1948.

Operates his farm as owner ~~xxxxxxvxxxxxx~~

11 years. 2 parcels $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 ac. resp.

$6\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Tomatoes chief source of income.

No labour employed.

Works 52 weeks per year, 6 days p.week, 9 hours p.day

$2\frac{1}{2}$ ac. in cultivation, 1 ac. cultivable but not
used. 2 acres in guinea grass. 1 ac. other.

Value of farm £58, of buildings £28.

1 catchment.

Cultivations: $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. tomatoes = 2,500 lbs

~~xxxxxxvxxxxxx~~

2 avocados: one fruiting = 7 doz.

3 coconuts; 2 fruiting = 75 nuts.

1 grapes

0.3 ac. congo peas = 4 4 bushels

0.8 ac. cassava = 4000 lbs. sweet cassava 0.3 ac =

1,200 lbs. 0.2 yams = 700 lbs.

2 swine

3 hens = 8 doz. eggs.

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Francis Edmond.

Edmond Francis is one of Sarah Francis's sons. He lives just besides ~~max~~ his mother's house, in his own house and his own ~~yard~~ yard, adjoining the yard of his mother.

His father was Charlie Francis /see for further particulars of his family history Fam.Rec.101/.

His late wife /cl./
and her successor.

Edmond Francis is now living alone. He has no children and never had any. "He was living with a woman and the woman died." The woman who was living with him was Eldie Senior. Eldie Senior was daughter of James Senior and sister of Cecil Senior. "James Senior daughter, Cecil Senior father daughter". She died "around 3 years ago". They had no children.

His wedded wife.

Before Edmond Francis was along with Eldie Senior he had a wedded wife, but she deserted him. "He married and his wife leave him to Kingston. Hortense Francis - she was from Tryall."

His last woman.

Eldie Senior succeeded Hortense Francis. /She figures in Census as his servant/. After the death of Eldie Senior "him have another woman living with him again but the woman leave him and gone." She was Marjorie Turner, Magzima Cassagrande's sister. "She go up Bull Savannah - Margaret Banton in Top Bull Savannah". Margaret Banton is her grandmother. "She stay now with ~~his~~ the grandmother." She is now alone - "no other man with her along."

Before Marjorie Turner went to live with Edmond Francis she was living with Samuel Brooks. "Edmond took her from Samuel Brooks. He live down below the packing house, below Euford Powell. Charlie Brooks from Top Bull Savannah was his father."

"Samuel Brooks - him have now anybody. Him dont scump. Him all alone now. Just living to himself. Samuel Brooks much more polite than Edmond Francis, and him cultivate more." He is considered by Dudley and Bradley as much better man than Edmond Francis and much better party for a woman. He does not know why Marjorie Turner left Samuel Brooks for Edmond Francis.

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Thursday,
July 15, 1948.

Interview with Edmund Francis

Born on June 24, 1902, Edmund is 46. He lives alone in one of 2 apartments. The other he rents to Vera Powell who is attached to Earnest Powell. Earnest Powell is the tailor who has rented the shop for the purpose of his trade, on the Wintward Elliott's premises - shop premises. "She" -Vera, "has 3 children ~~now to be, xxxix, xskxix~~ and is on the way to having a third one;" (she is pregnant. The children are Earnest's.

Present Household consists of:

1. Sarah Francis, "about 80;" head; mother to Edmund.
2. Joseph Thomas, son-in-law to Miss Sarah, and Joseph's 5 children as follows:
 3. Victor Thomas.
 4. Aston Thomas.
 5. Ida Thomas.
 6. Cleveland Thomas.
 7. Cecille Thomas.

Mrs. Eunice Thomas, mother to the above children, and wife to Joseph, died in 1945. Edmund's mother cooks for the household as enumerated above.

Family History

His mother Mrs. Sarah Francis (she is part of the household) is about 80. He does not know her exact because the man who had her birth certificate, died many years ago. He is able to estimate her age by relating it to the age of his mother's first child. His father Charles Francis died at 64, in 1918. This was the same year in which the first world war ended.

Sarah and Charles had 10 children: 5 of these are yet alive; these are:

1. Mrs. Ethel Spencer, "about 64;" Ethel married Joseph Spence. They live "just behind the factory. (He would not name the name of this place -Thatch Walk.) Ethel and Joseph have one child named Rebecca Spencer. Rebecca now lives "In a house a little below the road;" (Here again he would not name the location of the house. Actually Rebecca lives in Thatch Walk at a point immediately below the junction of the of the track to Alligator Pond and the road to T.B.S. She shares house with Ivan Powell, son to Willie Powell. Willie Powell was husband (c.1) to Rebecca. He used to share house with her. He died.

her son

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The other children are:

2. Mrs. Martha Francis, "about 51;" She lives in Kingston
3. Adolphus Francis, "about 51;" He lives in the premises adjoining. (See F.R.)
4. Theophilus Francis. He lives in Top Hill. He has been living there for about 18 years now. He has 5 children; 2 of these are by Agatha Cathwright his present wife (Cl)

The youngest of the five children
alive is: *V. Edmund's mother*

5. Edmund Francis 46. (Edmund is my informant)

Edmund's mother had no other children by another union. His father had by 2 other unions 2 children; they are:

1. Egbert Francis, "about 53;" Egbert lives before Benjamin Heath's in Thatch Walk. (Here again the location of Egbert's home - Thatch Walk, was not named.) Egbert has 3 sons - 2 by Birdie Brooks, and the other by Barbelle Dyer. He is sharing the house he now lives in, with one of his sons. He cooks for himself - "has no woman." The other child is to Edmund's father is:

2. Alice Francis - age not given. She lives in Shaddock Hill. She has married William Swaby. She has 5 children for Swaby. She lives with her husband and her children in their own house built on their own land.

Family land

"Mi father died long ago an' didn't leave any will. All things him leave was by mi mother control. (i.e. the control of his father's business passed into his mother's control.)

Brea'nut

"The home here got 4½ acres; Brea'nut Woods got 6½; and Runnit got 7½ acres." These pieces of land are not yet apportioned to those owning them. They will be "shared up one day but a don't know when."

The land is registered in his mother's name; taxes for it is therefore paid in her name also. The money for the taxes - 15/6, is paid by himself and Adolphus.

Asked who will undertake the sharing of the land, he said - "She (meaning his mother) will have to do it before she die." Should she die before the land has been apportioned by her, "then I an' the other brother (Adolphus) will share it up." It will be shared between 2 boys and 2 daughters to his father and mother. Asked if boys Egbert and Alice, the children to his father by another union, would get any of the land, he said - "I believe so."

4, 5

6, 25

7, 25

18 acres to
share

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Interview with Edmund FrancisRe Own house:

He built his own 2 apartment house -the one he is sharing with Vera Powell, in 1936. Said he: -"A set up the house in 1934, an' finish it in 1936. He also built the kitchen (kitchen only) which at present is used by Vera. Vera is paying 12/- per month for the the room she has rented.

Further re Vera: "Sometime ago She (Vera) use' to cook fi mi, but mi stop her; she cook now for the children she have the children with."

His childhood

As a child he shared house with parents his brothers and sisters.

School: He attended the Bull Savannah elementary school from he was 7 till he was 14. He left school in the 6th book. He left school because his father died. Brothers and sisters then sharing house with his mother ~~After school~~ father were:

1. Eunice ; 2.
2. Earnest;
3. Theophilus;
4. Wilmot
5. Eli.

Theophilus is now the only one of these alive.

John had begun during his term of schooling to help his father in the fields. He helped his father to plant cassava ~~and~~ sweet potatoes and tobacco. At that time, his father had used to rear "beast -donkey, mule and mare.

After school:

"After school all a wi try for ourselves." They cultivated. Almost all the stock owned by his father were sold after his father's death. Some of the stock died before they could be sold.

When he was 16 he took full possession of his father's land cultivations etc. His brothers Earnest, Wilmot and Eli (they are ~~xxx~~ dead) as well as Adolphus and Theophilus were then all at home also, but ~~xxx~~ Edmund -"was the leading one." I plan all the work an' they follow me."

Sometime after, Eli went to Cuba and died there, shortly after arriving. It was not long after "Earnest got a cut on his leg by a stick, an' died shortly after from blood poison. Earnest contrat a cold and it turn pneumonia." He died also. That was in 1936.

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Interview with Edmund FrancisHe goes to Cuba

In 1929 when he was 19, he put his age as ~~19~~ 21, and went to Cuba. He would not have been allowed to go to Cuba had he not put his age up. He spent 7 years and 5 months in Cuba, and returned here in 1931.

He went to Cuba to look for a living, because it was "too poor here." He found life in Cuba difficult. Said he "A DIDN't make any progress there after all because after a beenthere for 2 or 3 years the country fall; a couldn't get anything to do, an leave an' come back here."

He had used to write to his mother and to "several other friends" while he in Cuba. Some of these friends were:

1. Herbert Dyer;
2. Joseph Spencer;
3. James Roye;
4. Willie Powell;
5. Eli Perkins;

He told them in his letters how difficult things were in Cuba. In their letters to him they invited him to return here.

On his return here: attitude of relatives and friends

He returned here without any money, but with "lots of clothes." His mother - "was quite glad to si mi, an' all my oth er family that was alive was quite glad to si mi." He went round seeing all his relatives and his friends. His friends - "rejoice was to si mi."

Begins to Work here

About 4 months after his return here he began to work at planting - "home here an' in the woods." He planted on the home site land cocones, french beans and sweet cassava. He worked the same plots with Theophilus. They shared the crops or monies made from the sale of the crops. They used to sell - "according to how the crop turn out with the season - sometimes up to £6 worth of cassava, and sometimes up to £3 ~~xxx~~ worth of gungo peas." They used to plant and sell some tobacco too. Tobacco "was not paying badly in those times. This kind of activity continued till 1935, when he began to plant tomatoes also.

The salable crops from his field used to be sold either by himself or by Theophilus. They always divided equally the monies they received from such sales. He bought ~~xxxx~~ bought materials for building his house ~~from the sales~~ with the monies made from the sale of crops.

He sometimes makes a little money from the ~~xx~~ growing tomato cultivation. Last crop in partnership with Samuel BROOKS

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Ed. F. he planted 7000 holes in land below the factory, belonging to Samuel; with a nephew, a son-to Eunice named Aston Thomas, 2500 holes. In his own words: -"The crop a plant' with Samuel, didn' turn out bad; a get a few pounds from it." (He did not say how much money this was.) The other crop planted on the home site did not clear planting and growing expenses.

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Savings and investments

He has saved £2 or £3 of the money made from his tomato cultivation. He has not invested any of the money he made from his planting into anything because he did not get enough money to be able to do that.

Brother AdolphusJoins in talk:

Mr. Adolphus Francis his neighbour and brother came into the room -the interview was given while he lay in bed, at this juncture. Mr. Adolphus asked what was happening to him; he told Mr. Adolphus he was "mashed up." He had been working at getting stones out of the hills for the road reconstruction when a large stone he was carrying, and which he had hit with a sledge hammer, split, and fell on his feet, injuring them; he also has a cold. Last night he had fever; this has weakened him a bit, and so he is staying home "for a bit."

Mr. Adolphus was wearing an old broad straw sun hat turned up at the sides, and blue gene shirt and trousers. The trousers material was thicker than the material used for the shirt. He sat at the foot of the bed on which Edmund was then lying. He remained there throughout the remainder of the interview.

Edmund's Religion:

Asked in Mr. Adolphus presence what is his religion Edmund said: -"Mi noh join no church at all -none at all. Mi mine (mind) noh gimmi to join none. Religion naw save y'u; a only mi heart can save mi, because mi noh believe in nothin' else."

Plans and ambitions:

He has no specific plans or ambitions. He makes no plans because he feels he will -"soon go from this world"--will soon die.

Information re the survey -Mr. Adolphus requests.

Mr. Adolphus at this point asked: -"What will be the use of all this information you are gathering?" To this question Edmund replied: -"Mi believe it is for journal and magazine, and all them things--them nonsense things." Mr. Adolphus said he did not believe that;

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he believes instead that there is some plan behind. They listened with fixed attention while they heard about the survey.

Mr. Adolphus gives essentials for improvement:

In Mr. Adolphus' own words: -" It is only Christ can make condition better; man fail to do so; I don't see how man will help this condition in this present age.

"This world is too old; man only a try to patch, itxuxy but him can' mek anything now. That is how I feel about it. All it be, for now -today, it not so bad, but tomorrow tears flow.

"Whatever that come about o r expect to come about, can only help some people: -can't help everybody;. You will find then that you fill' an the next man hungry."

Asked what was the reason for that kind of thing happening, he said: -"I woulda have to go back down yonder: everythng come from Satan. All the hope that I look for is the coming of Christ; and you believe me.

"There will be no more sin, no more death after that time At that time everyman will under his own vine; -none to make you afraid." (Bible quotation in part.)

Asked to what religion he belongs Mr. Adolphus said: -"I am not a religionist. Religion is only a form of devil worship -a scheme to entrap people. I go to no Church: I believe only in Christ.

Mr. Adolphus Attitude to elected Government:

"Chiefly ingeneral in Jamaica, as in any other part of the world, it go ehiefly by vote, an' vote go by favour, and so the wrong man get into the right man place. Plenty wrong-man ina right-man place now."

Asked to mention a few, he said: -"A wouldn' go so far: that would be politics." He believes in politics, -"but a wouldn' touch it because I is not the man for ix that."

He -Mr. Adolphus charges ^{string-pulling} ~~xxxxxx~~ for factory jobs

After half a minute quite quiet, he continued: -"Even the factory downthere, the majority of the people y'u si working down there, is only a string-pullin' that them dooyn there. Many other people who can do the work, and who could be there, is on side because them have nobody inside to pull fi them.

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In spite of his boasted leadership among his other brothers during his early youth, Edmund was very noticeably quiet when Adolphus began to speak. He listened without making any comment for some time, and then fell fast asleep. He was still asleep when accompanied by Adolphus I left the room. It was then about 1.00 pm.

His -Edmunds Conjugal Relations

There have been about 3 women in his life, one of these a legal wife. In his own words: -"The real wife must be some here in Kingston. I marry 1939. She leave me 1942. She never return." He did not say what was the cause of the break between him and his wife.

The room: and in it:

The room had 4 jalousied windows, and 3 doors. One of the doors opened into the other room. (It was not open) There was a door each on the north and south sides of the building.

/bed

In the room which was tidy in appearance, were:

- 1 ~~old~~ iron double/ of old pattern.
- 1 dinner wagon - there was nothing on its shelves.
- 1 washstand with a shaded kerosene oil lamp atop, ink and a pen - not a fountain pen.
- 1 chair of American make.
- 2 suitcases standing in a corner.

There were also some clothes hanging about on the dinner wagon ~~xx~~ behind the doors. These were working clothes made of blue gene. The clothes appeared to have been already worn, but they were still clean.

The bed was covered with a clean cotton sheeting of striped ~~xxxx~~ pattern. The covering was clean.

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Edmund was playing with Jeane Powell, a child of about 3, daughter to Vera Powell and Earnest Powell. The child seemed rather attached to Edmund.

Edmund sat looking on at Merton Francis son to his brother Adolphus Francis. Merton aided by two other persons one a boy of about 17, and the other a man, was engaged in putting up the uprights ~~and~~ to ~~make~~ a latrine Edmund is having built. I did not get the names of Mertons assistant Edmund sat on some of the wood used to do the building; the child stood between his legs.

On living conditions in Jamaica against -Cuba.

"I often ~~consider~~ sometimes consider that every poor man shouldn't live. There is so much unhappiness in life after a man is poor and have to find out how to make life, in every capacity of life, and perhaps not for himself alone, it ~~make~~ very hard. Yet, life is hard and life is easy. Life is just what a man make it."

CAREER:

Working in Cuba: -"Why I say so is because times past, I have to work, not even in Jamaica, because I have to say as much as a work here hard, I never work as hard as I work in Republic; and my God, a mek it!" i.e. he made money from his labours. -in Cuba. In Cuba -"as y'u can discern day with y'u eye, y'u begin to work, an' work then as long as you can discern into the evening. But y'u get something to eat there -y'u get what to eat an' what to save ~~the~~ life, but here y'u get what to eat an' not a thing to save the life, an' then the life mus' go."

Work during boyhood:

"I know when I was a boy in school, the first work I ever do an' say I earn ~~money~~ something for myself; I could show you the very spot now. It right under that mango tree. (Here he pointed to the spot.) A was about 9 then; I work a little piece of tobacco; it was about 150 holes. After reapin' the crop I get 10/- from that; a was very small a couldn't manage any more.

The second work that I did after that, was I an' mi father. We plant some more tobacco. A plant about 700 holes, and a reap the crop and a made £4. 4. 6. from that. Before a sold out the crop, mi father died. A return his part (his father's portion) of the money to mi mother which is him wife.

Initial attempt at investment:

"I took my share which was £2 .2. 3. I bought some clothes

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myself, and a little donkey cub. for 25/. A raise the little cub till it had grown a good size donkey. A sold it back for £3 . 6/-.

Start in Life -History of Efforts to Build Own Houses

"With that money -(£3 . 6/-) I was able to start mi life of mi own self. I bought with 25/- of the £3. 6/-, some lumber for my house. (That was ~~xx~~ sometime after his father's death; between 1919 and 1923.) x

I had was to stop o f there, because there was no more ~~xxx~~ money to buy anything more. I had to stop off there until I work and gather some more money, I buy some more again."

~~Asxinxthexprexiexxintexvixxxhxxxi~~ He went to Cuba in 1924, and not in 1929 as mentioned in the previous interview. He remained there for for 7 years, rturning ~~xxx~~ here in 1931.

The materials he had bought for building his house before he left for Cuba, he left in his mother's keeping. He found everything he had left when he returned from Cuba.

His Conjugal Relations

He had no girl friend before he left Jamaica, he said at first adding -"A fool aroun' with one or two girls, but it wasn't anything real or constant." Later he said he had 3 girl friends before he went away to Cuba. These were
1. Barbelle Dyer;
2. Aneta Sinclair;
3. Marjorie Forth.

He maintained relationship with each of these girls till one day they all met at a missionary meeting held at the church. Before this meeting none of the girls had known ~~xxxxxx~~ about each other. Their finding out about each other happened like this: -"A came outside (of the meeting) an' was talking to one of them. One of the other one them si mi an suspect. A little while after a lef' an' go up to mi mother to drink some water: when a lef' a frien' tell them.

It was shortly after this that he went away to Cuba. -"
-"Since a wasn't here they didn't quarrel or nothing."
From Cuba, he wrote to Barbelle; she replied to his letter but he did not write following receipt of her reply.

Asked what had happened on his return here to the girls he courted before he went away, he said -"She -Barbelle, couldn't wait till a come back, because I spen' 7 years an' five months before a come back. All of them (the other 2 girls included) went their own way while I was gone: some

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breed, and the rest of it."

He did not bother much about girls in Cuba. In his own words: -"Wi don't keep noh girl friend there y'u know, because there was plenty sport, but a was foolin' roun' one name Estella." Estella was a Jamaican. By "sport" he means that there were always women about, with whom he could have sexual relationship for cash. By girl friend he means a woman with whom he is having sexual relationship.

His forst girl friend on his return from Chba was Eldie Sinclair Senior; -"That one dead now. She was the first woman a response for, an she dead. She was here with me 'bout 2 years and 6 months."

He marries Artel Gale

"After Eldie die, a married to Artel Gayle. After she leave (as mentioned in previous record) a took home Marjorie. -Marjorie Planchudinet.

Causes of Break with his Wife

"She was too bad. We couldn't agree. She want the world, and the world is not mine. A couldn't afford to give him the world."

They had remained sharing house from in 1939 the year of their marriage till 1942 the year in which she left him.

He kept no girl friend while he shared house with his wife. He does not like "a crooked way; its not good; I go straight all the time I prefer to go without an' see things go right in my home."

(At this stage of the interview, Vera Powell Passed. He said of her: -"That was Eldie daughter y'u know; -the first woman I response for -that was her daughter.")

After Eldie his wife

"A took a next one after she (his wife) leave -in the space of 3 months after. This girl was Marjorie Planchudinet. (Marjorie P. is the girl referred to above)

Marjorie: her illness: his break with her: -cause.

Marjorie remained with him for one year and six months and then left on her own accord. -"A didn' do her anything y'u know, she jus' leave happazard so."

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Interview With Edmund FrancisMarjorie's illness:

"She pass through heavy sickness; she had an abscess breast and appendicits. A sen her to hospital. -(Black River Hospital) She stay there 6 weeks. Wehn she come back home she couldn' do anything; a have to employ a servant give her till she could help herself. Three months after she came back home she began to feel alright, again an sey she would like to do something to help herself. A told x her, -Well, it is not my desire, but if y u want to go yu can go.

She get a little work in the factory, and five days after that she tek in sick again with a pain in the belly -in her stomach. A sen her back to the doctor, an' the doctor tell her she gatherin' inglamation in her stomach."

He sent her to the hospital a second time. -"The two journey (i.e. all the expenses of both illnesses) cost mi \$25." She remained in hospital for 3 weeks on this second visit.

As in the first instance after she had returned from the hospital, she was not strong and could not do much for herself. -"It was 3 months after the second time, before she get better again. She ask mi was to help her that she may help herself.

Marjorie "speculates."

He gave her 30/- following her request for help to help herself. She bought a bag of flour with the money. She -"started to bake bun, an' the last bakin' that was left in the bag, she bake that an' went out to sell one evening. It was a Sunday evening. She never return till the Wednesday 3 o'clock in the day."

"Entering the home she didn't find mi there. She find mi outdoors into one garden doing some work. She then call mi an' tell mi that she want to speak to mi at an instant. I told her that I was unable to come just now, but about 15 minutes later I would come. I went to her about 15 minutes later. X

"When a come into the home, a found she an' her sister packing up her things to leave the home." He asked her why she was leaving the home. She told him she had been to a meeting and had felt a change come over her. -"She just went straight away then."

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He believes -"it wasn't/no change come over her, but she saw a next person up there, an that was a head work." ("Up there" -Hope, in Manchester where she used to go to sell the buns she baked).

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She went to Hope, but -"she an' the fello she have there couldn't agree, and she leave him. A don't know where she is now; but she gone from last year. (He did not say how long she remained in Hope.)

His present attitude towards women:

"Since that I fool around no more: a don't talk to no woman, that anybody could sey -"that is y'u woman! ' A lots a them try to fool around, but I don't try to fool around them because the others treat mi bad."

Women and sexual intercourse for money:

There are women about the district with whom he can have sexual relations for exchange of money. -"There are a few people of that kind down below there, at the place y'u call Thatch Walk. The road divide us; all a them down there are black people; you can scarcely find a brown one. (He is slightly coloured -his features obviously negroid.)

Asked to name a few of these girls he gave the following names:

1. Myrtle Ellington.
2. Derinda Brooks, sister to
3. Merdi Brooks.

"Them 2 that a name last, them live with them parents. Y'u have to meet them outside." Myrtle has to be met away from the house she lives in also.

Charges: -"That is conditionary on how you an' them can talk; sometimes they catch you as well. They don't have no special price to charge. Some a them wi charge y'u up to 10/-, some charge y'u 5/-, some dollar, not less, upward, but not less. All like how things is slow now, they will charge y'u dollar -(4/-). Things is slow now: y'u call it now the Tempo moto, but when things are bright in the crop time, they charge y'u more. During the crop time, y'u find a bunch load a them about here; them come from far and near."

These girls always have to be paid. -"When y'u have one a them 2 or 3 times and dont give her anything, y'u have to give her something the next time -give her something good.... about 40/-, and then y'u might not have to give her in a hurry again."

His attitude towards these women

He has not had any sex relationship with any of these girls ? ? ! In his own words: -"Mi a one critical-

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man. A love woman because them is family to mi mother, but a don't like them with that cond ition, because them let me down already: I suffer many times by them already." He grieves because of the treatment of his wife in particular.

Story of wife's leaving

He had left his wife at home ~~taxatixxx~~ one Thursday morning. He went to attend a race at Stephen Run. His wife had left the house after he had gone to Stephen Run on this Thursday, and had not returned till the following Friday morning at 7 o'clock.

He does not know where she went. ~~xxx~~ She did not tell him anything about what she had been doing away, or why she had not been home on the Thursday night.

On her return on the Friday morning, she gathered her belongings - "tek all the things she want: a never sey tek, or don't tek;" i.e. he made no attempt hinder her going - did not say anything to her. She has never returned - has never written.

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Interview with Joseph Thomas

Joseph Thomas a fisherman and cultivator, is 53. He captains a boat named "The Lady Sommers" and owned by Claston Rochester of Green Olive.

Boat Crew:

Crew members helping to man the boat are as follows:

1. Willet Heathe of Thatch Walk.
2. Reginald Powell ~~also~~ of Thatch Walk.
3. Cyril Brooks also from Thatch Walk.

Of these, Reginald only, has his own pots. He is allowed to fish with a ~~xx~~ 5, but is now using four. Mr. Claston supplies pots to Joseph, Willet and Cyril. Cyril and Willet have 4 pots each; Joseph had 17 pots of varying sizes. They fish "on the half" for Claston.

Effect of Weather on Fishing:

Since June of this year, Joseph has lost 12 pots. He has 5 only now. -"Fishing is a hard job between June and July every year; we loose tackle of fishin' ~~xx~~ material; wi caan find wi pots an' all that.

Before he fished for Claston:

Previous to his begining to captain the Claston Rochester boat, he used to work as a hand on the ~~xi~~ Wilbert Brooks boat. He had his own tackle then -5 pots.

Re fishing on the half:

It is scarcely more profitable to fish on the half as he is doing for Mr. Claston, but "everybody can't be hands; one suppose to lead as captain. It is nice to be a captain; ~~the~~ he can go where ~~the~~ wants although he always consults the other men about that -"and when they agree, everything is ~~ailxrightx~~ O.K."

His attitude to fishing -the dangers:

"Sometimes it is really calm and good, but sometimes so wearisome, ~~xxx~~ tiresome and dangerous y u can loose y'u life at a moment go-ahead."

"Is my trade; I learn it; I feel good of it. It will be tough sometimes, but old sir Henry Morgan said in History, -'it is better to die in mattle as a brilliant soldier, than to han g as a coward.' Jesus can't bear the cross alone an' set the world free."

Joseph was under the influence of drink, and inclined to be rather affectionate; He kept trying to embrace me. He apologised for having to leave; said he "Hours fallin' ! He was going to join the boat crew."

/at Alligator Pond. He hoped I'd call again.

Information from Leo Powell.

Interv. Victor Thomas and partly Sarah Francis.

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Francis Sarah, 84, widow.
 Thomas Joseph, 54, son in law.
 Thomas Victor, Joseph's son, 24.
 Thomas Aston, Joseph's son, 23.
 Thomas Ida, Joseph's dau., 19.
 Thomas Clevon, Joseph's son, 17.
 Thomas Cecil, Joseph's son, 10. / 1

Sarah Francis is from Ballard's Valley. Her maiden name was Bent. 2 of her siblings ~~five~~ are alive and live in Ballard's Valley.

Her husband, Charles Francis, was son of Peter Francis. She had 10 children for him: Adolphous Francis /B.S./, Theophilus Francis /Top Hill/, Edmond Francis /B.S./, Eli Francis /died in Cuba/, Wilmoth Francis, died, Ernest Francis, died, Martha Berton, Kingston, Rachel Francis, died, Ethel Spencer, B.S., Unicy Thomas, died. Joseph Thomas: he was outside son of Joseph Thomas and Margaret Simpson. Was brought up in Top B.Sav. in "auntie's home." Has one half sister ~~by~~ through his father - Ida Simpson. Her mother was Amy Thomas.

Joseph started to live together with late Unicy Francis 26 years ago; they married 10 years ago. Unicy died in 1945. They had 5 children; all alive, all living with the father. Joseph Thomas is from Rose Hall.

Victor Thomas went to U.S.A. in 1944. Spent his savings on ~~stink~~ rum and drinking.

House: 2 houses in the yard; with 3 sleep. rooms and 1 sitting room. Thatch roof. Furn.: 4 beds, 2 tables, 4 chairs. Tank.

Land: 18 ac. in 3 lots, 4.75 homeland; 7 acs woodland; 6.25 Brednut Wood. All land bought for L45 /by Sarah's late husband?/. 4.75 cult., 8 ac. g. grass, 5.25 woodland. Trees: 7 c. mangoes, 2 robins, 3 coconuts.

Tom.: 2500, L25. 44 yam hills and 140 Japanese yams. 2 ac. cassava. 1/4 ac. congo /4 bags/. 1/4 ac. red peas. 1 donkey, 2 pigs.

Joseph Thomas is fisherman. Uses 10 pots, goes fishing twice weekly to All. Pond. Victor, Aston, and Clevon are ~~work~~ cultivators.

Weekly spendings: 30/-. Spent on clothes last year L32. On doctor L10. On school L4.

In school: Cecil, 3rd stand.

Sarah Francis is Anglican.

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to share