Allen Joslyn  Head  M.Ct. 27.  Farm labourer.  Mix. farm.
Codling Edna  Wife  F.Ct. 13. 1.1.  Homemaker
Allen Merle  Dau.  F.S.  3/4
Mr. Allen and Miss Edna Cadlin.
Their four children.

Visit at Miss Edna's home.
15.5.47.
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Miss Edna and her four children.

The house.

I stopped at Miss Edna's house attracted by the shouts of children inside the house. I found Miss Edna sitting in the door of her tiny grass house, surrounded by three of her children and keeping in her arms or even feeding the smallest one. The smallest was a boy of 3 months old. The eldest a girl 6 years old. She presented to me two older children as "the black ones", and the younger as the "browns". The "black ones" follow their father and are black. The younger children are alike her family - that's why she calls them "browns".

The house. They all live in this small grass house. Its inside was so small that two beds/wooden structures covered with mats/meeting in a corner filled almost the whole space. She was sitting on a chair which - together with three children sticking to her - occupied the rest of the room. There was no window in the cubicle - just the front door. A kitchen near by was without a roof and locked just a ruin.

Their land property and cultivations. Their property adjoins the road just opposite the school gate. They have bananas on this land, some cane and yams. There is also a number of fruit trees at a small distance from the house.

These are not their all cultivations. They rent also 1/2 acre in Allsides. This is under cane exclusively. Mr. Allen, who was not at home, went actually to Allsides to do some fieldwork there.

History of the family and of the family property. He did not buy this land. He got it from his mother, Mrs. Ethel Wallace. It was the place where Mrs. Ethel Wallace was born and from which she went to Allsides when she married her present husband, Mr. Thomas Wallace. This place was her mother's home. She died here and was buried here. One of two tombs in the garden is the grave of the mate mother of Mrs. Ethel Wallace. Another is the tomb of the young man who was in the same yard; he died and is buried here; he came along with the mate mother of Mrs. Ethel Wallace. When Mrs. Ethel Wallace passed this property to her son, Mr. Allen, whom she had before she married Mr. Wallace.

Miss Edna's family history. Miss Edna was born in Allsides. Her father is from Rockspring, her mother from Manchester. They met in Allsides where they married and stayed all their life. They live now in Allsides on a rented land. She parted from them 7 years ago, when she came to Warsop to live with Mr. Allen.
Miss Edna has no help in the housework from her children. They are too small. Her eldest daughter is only 6 years old. If the children are big enough they are of some help to the family. As a rule their duty is to carry water, sweep the house and wash the plates. 6 or 5 years old girl does not help at all. She is too small.

Mr. Allen's nickname is "Pucey". Or was it his father's name? He is the son of Mrs. Ethel Thomas. Martin Allen took his grandfather's name, or rather the name of his mother. She was called "outside child", before she married. Mr. Allen plays cricket. He is a good cricketer. May be he gets some payment for it. He goes and plays all around "where the truck go".


Allen, Joslyn.  Head. M. Cl. 27.  Farm Labourer. Mixed Farm.

27th May 1947.
Tuesday.
E.C.

I passed this home on my way to see Mrs. Jimmy Edwards. The three children were playing outside the house. They were dirty and ragged. On the line was a strong of rags which had been children's frocks, drying. The mother, Edna Cooling, was seated in the doorway of the hut nursing her baby, which is just 3 months old. She is young, slenderly and ruming to fat.

Edna's father is Mr. Tom Gibbs and her mother Mrs. Francella Davis. Her father lives on Allsides on the road leading down hill past the Manager's office.

I did not take any information from Edna beyond her relationship to the other Coolings on Mount Happy Road, but I asked her if I might take a photograph of her and children. She consented willingly and came out and posed for me in the garden (save the word) nursing the baby with the 3 children round her.

She has increased her family since the Census was taken and it now consists of:
- Merle, aged 6 years (girl)
- Nalda Allen, aged 3.
- Rose Allen, aged 1 year and 9 months.
- The infant, aged 3 months who is to be named Vincent.

N.B. If information given to T.O. on page 1 is correct and her parents were married, then information that they bear different names given me to-day may mean that there has been a different set-up.

To check.