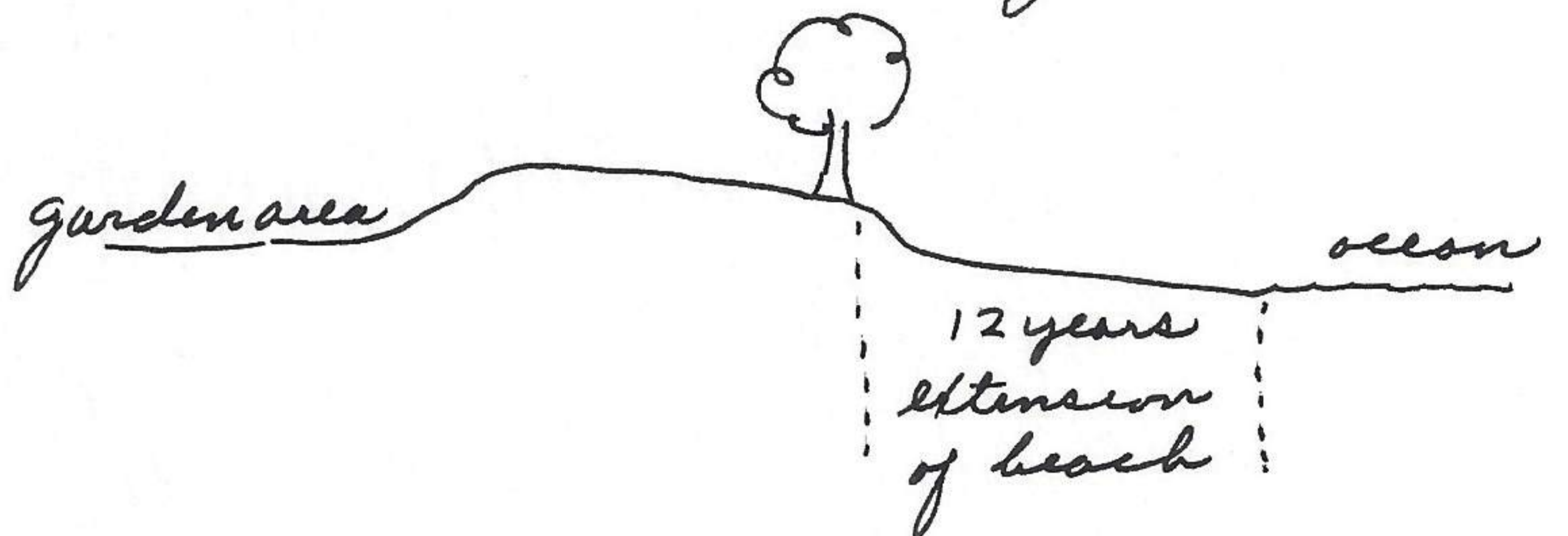


E. Leas's observations are: mockingbird common when she was 8 years old but recently pearly-eyed thrashers have driven them away. She has seen them eat the eggs of the mockingbird. The pearly-eyed thrashers fluctuate according to the availability of food and come to the island in drought years. The mongoose was introduced to control the poisonous snakes which were here in early days and to control the rats, although the rats could have been a factor in the sugar cane industry. When E. Leas was 8 years old (she is 49 years old) they grew carrots as big as your arm, cabbages, potatoes, tomatoes and other crops, now the drought and loss of soil makes farming impossible. The slopes that are now in back of their homes were covered with big trees and deep soils; now a rocky slope with hardly any soil and only small brush, cacti and other successional plants. She claims that in recent years of hard rains the sea around them turned to red because of the soil washed from the bay. One tamarind tree on her property was 3 feet high when she was born, 49 years ago, this tree now is 6 feet in circumference. The beach has grown 50% since she remembered it and in the last ten years has moved 12 feet. In hurricane time the water goes over beach into garden area.

Cacti come in periods of drought. The well has served them for generations and was used to water cows and other stock. The



well now is becoming salty and low for first time in its history. When she was 8 years old she knew of a negro 108 years old who remembers emancipation. She claims that pottery around Danish dwellings are of genuine Danish culture.

Took two photos today; (570803-1) of Bell showing at boat at camp and (570803-2) of large tree at south west end of beach just before beginning of steep cliff area. (570803-3) of sunset from camp. Winston Anderson (age about 9 and son of L. Enesa says snakes come out after rain to sunny spots on trunks or limbs of trees and on top of grass. He brought us a gecko (woodslave) taken from his home. The nuttegg tree is only poisonous to eat whereas the fruit of the manchmeel looks like the nuttegg, is poisonous to handle and eat. When rain falls on manchmeel and then onto you, the skin blisters and hurts for several days.