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Luther Shaw.

I met Luther Shaw at Mrs Rhoda Bailey's house this morning. He came up the path while I was talking with Estella Wood the "Converted" preacher and member of the 4 Poles sect. He said he had also been converted in Warsop.

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Shaw Luther
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Head. M.M. 29. F. Lab.
wife F.M. 22. I.O.

(For further information in regard to his connexion with this cult see Religion File. under "Converted: 4 Poles.")

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Shaw told me he lived in Bottom Warsop. He was at present engaged in ploughing lands to put in yam and ginger. Out of the planting season he worked as a cane cutter on Long Pond Estate. He was waiting now for the crops to be planted to go down there and get work: "being as you have to put in/

It was possible to get work at Long Pond Estate from January to December -- anytime. There were plenty of men in Warsop who worked on the sugar estates out of the planting season. Some women went too. But lots of men.

They would go down on the Monday and come back on the Saturday. They would work from Tuesday to Friday. They were given Estate quarters to live in. They did mostly piece work. They cut the cane, tied it into bundles and it was carted to the mill and there weighed and they got paid by the ton.

Feeding and cooking: "Everybody buy a pan and buy foodstuff and hang it up and look after it yourself." You cooked it yourself. You has to do it for yourself when you work piece work. When you work day work (Note: the day work gangs) dey form women to cook it for you.

Meals: You has to get up early to be in the fields by seven. You make hot water and make a little tea with sugar and a bread. You work till 12 when you draw off till 1. They doan hav yam like we have so you have to carry down yam. You eat yam and a little fish. (Note: saltfish bought at the shop. Now 10½ per lb.) After 1 you go back till 5 when you draw off. You can go back then and rest. And have dinner. Mostly bread and sugar. If you have a little "food" (N.B. yams, coco etc) you keep it for breakfast. Because when you are resting you dont need food like when you work. Sometimes you are hungry but you have just to bear it.

Only on Friday we get beef. We pay 1ld a lb. You cannot get none other things in the week -- only the fish-kind.

Asked if they ate eggs he said: No, they are too dear. I said I was buying eggs now @ 1½ each. As an egg was equivalent to about 1 lb of meat they could get 7 eggs for one lb of meat. He said eggs did not make a "belly full". "It did not fill up their belly."

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Dale.	Shaw Luther	Head	M.M.	28	Fam labourer	Mixed Fa
	" Enid	Wife	F.M.	26	Homemaker.	
	" Noel	Son	M.S.	4		
	" Zeta	Dau.	F.S.	3		
	" Una	"	F.S.	2		
	" Ira	Son	M.S.	2 mos.		

Lives in small grass hut.

Enid Shaw is the niece in law of Margaret Carter (Cubba) & Johnie Carter. I met her yesterday at Cubba's house as a member of that household, but found out today that she lives very near to her on a stretch of land owned by the same Johnie Carter. Before I could receive any detailed information about her family the whole set of cousins and other relatives from Cubba's house surrounded us, so I thought it best to allow them to lead the conversation for most of the time.

nd Yesterday Cubba told me that Florence Carter, her sister was Luther Shaw's mother. F.C. lives W. V. near to Cubba on the same land belonging to ...

Enid said that Coolie Carter her husband's aunter and J.C.'s sister who lives on the road was given the ¹/₂ stretch of land on which herself and her husband now lives, Coolie has to help Cousin John (J.C) with the taxes and Mass Luther (her husband) pays rent to his mauntr by working for her sometimes. "Cousin Johnie go to all 'im family them an' pick up tax money" Enid then told me that J.C. had a law suit at Ulste Spring. "A man from St. Anns gi' 'im a sick mule to 'ter to and Cousin Johnie 'ave it for a long long time an' the man never come for it, so 'im sell the mule fi £7 an(now after 3 years the man come fi the mule an' Cousin Johnie tell 'im say 'im sell it so the man sue him for £30, an Cousin Johnie sue 'im fi care the mule for 3 years. Cousin Johnie no get notin' out a the mule because it cos' 'im £ get feedin' fe the mule for so long, an' up to now the mule no even better good because 'im can' even walk good " About five minutes afterwards Vincent Smith J.C.'s grand son joined the party and he said "If Cousin Johnie did follow me 'im wouldn' 'ave no law suit, becau' I tell 'im not to sell the man mule, is a ticklish case you know sa, becau' the man did give 'im part o' the money". At this point two of the cousins actually spoke together "Wa' an' Cousin Johnie tell we se the man no even gi' 'im farthin', Cousin Johnie is a wicked man" Mrs. Doyle said is a hard case, for after a man give you 'im tings you 'ave no right to sell it. if the case throw off when Cousin Johnie come home 'Im wi' hollar "Edward hell a happen, Edward, dead an' berry, an' when the case call again 'im wi' win. Every time 'im a case a court an i' call off the next time 'im always win". (Edward is supposed to be a dead brother). Another cousin said "St Anns is a bad place an' the man wi' work obeah". We then talked about bitter and sweet cassava and Mrs. Doyle said "I don' use the same cutlass cut the bitter and the sweet cassave stick, an' mi granny did tell me that when a planting the sweet cassave I should put sugar in me mout', an' every time I do it and the cassave sweet ca done" Her sister then said that she would not eat cassava because she was not sure which one was poisonous, then Mrs. Doyle addressing her said "Whosoever loveth his life shall lose it" "You love fi you life to' much an' you an' you shall certainly lose i' ". (It was also Mrs. Doyle who ...)

Luther and Enid Shaw

(It was also Mrs. Doyle who quoted a passage from the Bible yesterday at Cubba's house).

Existing relationship between parents and children : One of the little 3 year old girls took up the banana flower, her mother & dragged it from her very roughly and said "An' it wi' gi' 'er yaws you know Ma" The child cried and rolled on the floor, and her mother hit her several times with a swithh, and she howled for all she was worth. One of the cousins tried to quiet the child by putting her arm around her. On seeing this the mother said sharply "Don' hush 'er she wi' t'ink any body a fasey wit' 'er". Enid (Mother) lent the same child's hat to her little cousin about 5 minutes after she had stopped crying, and immediately the noise started again and her mother quickly gave her back the hat and the crying ceased instantly. Enid said "Is October she born you know ma, rainy mont' an' you can se' she cry cry same way".

According to Mrs. Doyle "Them should buil' a big barrick in Wardop where we can leave all the pickney them, an' get some ol' people fi look after them, we would even pay the ol' people so that we young mothers can go work, because we can' mine pickney pon emptiness".

Religion: Enid and Luther are Baptists, but they also keep revival meetings in Wilson Valley, the meetings are conducted by Luther. They built a meeting house, but it is now broken down.

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- A. Family. Since 1942 they had 3 children one is dead and Una age 3 and Ira 6 months are ~~still alive~~ and living with them.
- B. House: Grass hut built by Luther about 6 years ago.
- C. Furniture: 1 table, 1 chair,
- D. Farm: Last year Luther rented land (6 stretch) from Ernest Aickets agent for Mrs. Pang he could not pay the rent and the land was taken from him by the agent. Egbert Dixon has given him a ground (1 stretch) but he is only allowed to plant $\frac{1}{2}$ this year's crop, when he reaps this Year's crops (potatoe, cassave and a few hills of yam) he has to give up the ground. This crop will only be used to feed the family "not enough to sell. He is also given 1 stretch of land by Thompson "Only to plant potatoe and take off the crop"
- E. Occupation: Luther is a farm labourer and Enid sometimes does grass weeding Last week Luther did weeding for Egbert Dixon and received 6/- for a week's work

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Shaw Luther	Head M.M. 24	Trel. No Relig. X	W. Farm Lab.
" Enid	Wife F.M. 22.1.0.	" " X	Homemaker.

Changes:

House: Owner.
Walls thatch, Roof thatch, Floor wood, No. of rooms 2, Kitchen,

Furniture.