

Lynch Robert	Head	M.M.	46	Farmer
" Marie	Wife	F.M.	47 1.1.	"

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Mrs. Marie Lynch is from the french island St. Martin. Her first husband was Monsieur Alexandre. He went as a soldier during the 1914-1918 war and died in Egypt. In 1918 Mrs Marie went with her daughter Florentine to Cuba. She worked there as cook with a few families, first in Havanna and then in the country- all together for 12 years.

In Cuba she met a Jamaican - Mr. Lynch, married him and came to Worsop in 1931. Robert Lynch was not born in Worsop, but all his family lives there in the quarter called "Carter Property". He has a bit of land further towards Troy, but has no house of his own. They rent a room and kitchen in the "zinc shop".

The furniture is somewhat different than in other house. A very large "double bed" is the outstanding feature of the room. The bed is an metal one. In the "kitchen" where food is prepared evidently but not cooked / it must be done outside/ there is a sewing /foot/ machine and many coloured prints on the walls representing some saints. Mrs. Lynch is catholic. Now she goes to the Baptist church which is nearest her. She brought these prints from Cuba. There is "sacre coeur de Jesus", holly virgin, and St. Francis with ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ surrounded by animals. /She says it is St. Anthony/, and St. George with the dragon.

Her family is in St. Martin. She did not have any news from them since war. She wrote a letter recently but did not get an answer and is very much upset by it. Her mother and brother are in St. Martin. They have a farm the re.

She speaks french with effort and badly but with great pleasure. She called her neighbours- Smith the shoe-maker and said: here is a lady with whom I spoke my native tongue, she speaks it better than I. " She says spanish- which she spoke in Cuba mixed up with her french. She has only one daughter, who is from the first marriage. She says in St. Martin when people have 4 children it is considered already a lot. She does not like Jamaica, as life is poor here. She likes most Cuba. She came to Jamaica, because her husband wanted, but if she knew how it is here she would not have come. Her daughter Florentine is Cl. wife of Aldan Greene. She can speak french a little, but even less than her mother. They speak sometimes french with each other