

13th. May 1947.

Anderson. Edward

P. C.

Passing up the Parochial Road to Mount Tappy, after Mrs Stewart and just above the Codling's home I saw two women and a small boy working in a field on the road. They were weeding and chopping bush. The field was in peas, young cane and a few yam heads. I recognised the man as one who had spoken to me on the road some time ago and asked me to visit him. I explained that I had mis-remembered his name as Donald Edwards and had looked for him but never found him till today. He said he was glad I had come. I sat on the ground and suggested we might talk without my stopping his work. He took a cogarette and smoked but he did not continue working. The two women were described as "Miss Addie and Miss Emily" -- they both accepted cigarettes.

House & 2 sq. chains. A. pointed out his house which is across the valley on the slope of the rising to the New Road. It is a grass hut. He said he had 2 sq. chains round the house. He had bought the land "August last year" from Imogene Copeland for £5. He had put up the house himself. He did not have to pay any money for them/ He had to go to the bush and cut wood (presumably from Crown lands) and the labour was his own.

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row pig.

Rent Land. He rents 2 pieces -- one, the one where we were, is $\frac{1}{2}$ acre and he rents it from Mr Syl for 15/- He has rented it for 2 years. He has yams and peas in it. He planted yams last year but they did not bear well. so he was now going to put in potatoes. He had about 100 hills last year. They were only enough to eat. He did not sell any -- only the heads. Potatoes don't pay as well -- but he is not planting to sell -- only enough to eat. You go every day and pull one head or two of yams or a heap of potatoes. As they are ripe. put in between the planting and the ripening you have nothing you has to go to the flour barrell and de money bad." (i.e. difficult to come by). You only get back de head -- an has to sell about 50 of the 100 to get de money to buy clothes.

He rents a second piece "from Government on on Coc town. It is away in back land. It is good land. 3 miles from here. Along the Mount Tappy Road. Plants bananas and cocos here.

Anderson is 27 years old. He was born at Santa Cruz next Elizabeth. He came up here with his mother -- Francis Reid. She is now Mrs Miller. She lives over at Mount Tappy. She came up here where her own people live when his father, Frederick Anderson, died. He goes down to Santa Cruz "since he have sense" (i.e. since he is grown up).

Cost of Living: Anderson says that he grows to eat. He sells nothing except sometimes some of the yam heads in order to get "a clothes". (See above)

Food.clothes.

Clothes: Shirt costs 14/- (he was wearing a strong material like unbleached army cloth)

Pants : material $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards (2 yards for 8/- and $\frac{1}{2}$ yd for 2/-")

Tailoring of Pants: 6/- to make.

"An dem carn larst you plenty time fe de cloth rotten."

Laundry: He has to pay to have his clothes washed. It cost you sometimes 2/- Or 3/- if it is 2 shirts, 2 pants under merino and under pants.