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Family
Record 122.

Dixon Caselle	Head.	M.Cl.	38	Mixed farm
Scott Eva	wife	F.Cl.	32	
Dixon Cecil	son	M.S.	9	
" Bernice	dau.	F.S.	8	
" Gilbert	son	M.S.	6	
" Alvin	son	M.S.	4	

Eva Scott's hax grass hut is on the path link running from Emeline Carter's house down to Johnny Carter's. Her husband Dixon died in 1943. He went to the China shop. There is a bakery- what happened I couldn't understand, but he was taken from there to the hospital and died there. She was left with 4 children on a few stretches of land. This land was bought by her husband at an early stage of their married life from Johnny Carter. Johnny Carter was an uncle to Caselle Dixon, whose mother Shaw is a half sister to Johnny Carter. Mrs. Shaw lives next to Mrs Scott. They are not on speaking terms for years. After the death of her husband everybody turned their back. Her yams were stolen, other's people cattle would ruin her field. She asked Johnny Carter to protect her but he didn't behave nicely to her. "One day I was singing the baptist hymn 'The Lord is my shepherd' Johnny Carter came and kicked me". / See F.R.120, Johnny Carter said that after her husband's death Eva sung and sung all the day driving all the neighbours crazy. / After that Johnny Carter called her son told him to give some grass to his donkey and gave him 2d. He said to the boy to give that money to the mother. Or to buy something for himself for 1d. and give the mother 1d. He said he realised he was wrong. so Eva Scott forgave him. "The Lord tells us to forgive, but not to forget". So she forgave him but didn't forget.

Her mother in law is an awful woman. "only my husband's brother - Shaw is with me, all other turned back to me" - and she illustrated. she is very thankful to Mrs. Brissett who helped her. She even allowed ~~her~~ Mrs. Scott's goat to be covered by her ram, so Mrs. Scott could have a kid. But. Mrs. Scott doesn't care for people. she believes in God's help - "It is better than earthly help."

When asked why she didn't marry again she said she didn't care for young men because "their mouth is too filthy and they don't have good behaviour".

she was the only one in the neighbourhood who was engaged in some work when I came. she was cutting grass. she didn't beg for anything.

20.6.47:

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Eva Scott also lived on the Carter land, her common law husband Cecil Dixon was the son of Fanny Carter, J.C.'s sister.

Emilie Carter told me that E.S. was converted " From the letter come say her gentleman die at Manchoneel she get convert, an a so she sing all the time". / She make up fire in a her house all day, since the man dead she jus' tu'n fool, the man did go way to work fe come back and married to her, she no have anyt'in', she can' buy clothes, so people give her old clothes. She is a sensible woman she can read and write". E.C. suggests that I go and see E.S.

Land: E.C. stated that Mr. Williams and J.C. were trying to get Eva Scott off the land but they could not succeed. "Dixon did buy piece a lan' from Williams, an' after him dead Williams say the lan' didn' finish pay fo' but who did know bout it say it did pay for, so him couñd' take it away from her. Him did buy piece from J.C. Cousin Johnie an' him did say it never finish pay for but somebody was there to identify that him did pay for it or else Cousin Johnie would a take it 'way Him is a wicked man."

Scott. Eva

26.6.47.

Dale

I saw Eva Scott about three yards form her house, her head was tied with a dirty piece of white cloth and her old, dirty green dress was badly torn, her slip was also torn and dirty. ~~And~~ After I was told by a neighbour who she was I said "How is life" she replied "Life is bright but time is hard as long as me eyes open life is bright"

his friend

Husband Cecil Dixon: Dixon went to work with a Chinese man at Manchoneel. Him was a baker, an' him took sick and them took him to Ashley hospital. When I get the letter him say I musn' fret because it is jus a little col', ~~and~~ fever, and slight headache and the Dr. say him have to injec' him and keep him in a the hospital for a few days. I sen' 10/6 an' say as soon as him come out him mus' take the 10/6 and help himself and don' go back in a the fire heat so soon, and I was ~~o~~ waiting to get a reply from Mr Reggie/ that him can come home and get a little breeze off. Instead of the letter the Friday evening is a deat' telegram come. I was working down the bottom and hear noise up a Wilson Valley and I say, I wonder if a Cassell dead. When I was coming up I see the little pickney run to me a bawl, she hollar till she tear off the frock an' lef in a the bear slip. When them tell me that Cassell dead I say, I know it I saw it in my sleep, and I mak' one bawl up ya, and Miss Georgie, Cosin Johnie house keep take a kerchief and tie me waist and them carry me out the road and give me rum, but I couldn' drink it at all, and them say I mus' keep heatt because him dead and berry a'ready. Mr Reggie say that why him ~~XXXX~~ never tell me is because I diän' consent fo Caswell go. When the telegram come him dead and berry 'bout 12 day' ".

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Land: The land/on which Eva and her children was bought by Dixon from his Uncle Johnie Carter. Dixon rented $\frac{1}{2}$ acre from Mr. Syl. and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre from Mrs. Palan down by the river. "Johnie Carter pear off piece o' fe me lan' an' sell it to Thompson. A breadfruit tree was on the lan' it plant over Gilbert nable string, and J.C. wan' tellme say a no fe me own, an' I dig out the tree and plant it up ya, it was catching as nice as ever, and one day when me go a work somebody broke it down fe ~~cut~~ wood".

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ad other things

Destruction of crops /: "Whatever the father leave fe the pickney them people come and steal it out" I asked her what the father left she said " 1 acre fo cultivation, after the death of him them t'eaf out every t'ing, them take yam, and yam stick wha' the yam a gallop 'pon potatoe out a the groun' every God t'ing, when I go down a the groun' the morning and see every'ing gone a hollar till I t'ink I would a dead if it wasn' ~~o~~ God mercy I would a certainly dead When you go down the groun' all the gongo tree lay down flat 'pon them side it couldn' duppy do it, ~~it~~ mus' mortal s'm'body. I ~~did~~ have plenty tobacco a dry in a the house when the telegram come say the man dead whole heap a people come in a the yard and after ~~it~~ everybody 'catter there was no tobacco so them say them a help me hollar so them a t'ief.

History of Family: Eva was born in ~~xxxxxx~~ Daniel Town "topside Palmouth" she came to Warsop with her Aunt Mrs. Brown "she dead and berry a' Rock Spring " The people who I was living with after me Aunt dead advantage me so I leave them and I was living by myself, afterward I get in company with Cassel an' I fall fe him, an' we knock head together and but the place from the Unale.

House: The firs' house we cut stick and grass and buil' it up that house mash down, then we buil' this one. When I had this pickney stomach (last child) I had to go to woods to cut grass and stick

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then we built ~~the~~ house. Sometime when I go fe get the stick
the ~~pickney~~ belly cramp up with the pickney de."

Children: Cecil 14, Bernice 12, Gilbert 10, Alvin 7.
Cecil works in the field for anybody, if there is work, He also
cultivates part of the lad surrounding his mother's house.
Bernice: Bernice lived with Rosa Bailey Julia Bailey's daughter
for 3 years "but them didn't treat her good. she come down to me
with one frock and it wasn't a new one, it was a second han',
ol' frock them cut an put on 'pon her, them sen' her down to
nakid. She was working a Randy Murray this year ya, an' she
was going in the house with a pon a hot water an' it drop out
o' her han' and splash up in a her face. When she reach doctor
house she faint. She stay with them a couple weeks after she
get better. One morning she go out an' she say she stay late
and start to quarrell so she leave." Bernice received 5/- a
month. Then she was working with Miss Etheline out a the Chin e
shop she stay there fe 'bout 2 weeks " Bernice corrected her
and said it was a month. she quarrell with her and she leave"
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Trees: There are about 11 mango trees in a little group before
the house. Eva said that Cassel brought some mangos to the yard
and he told everybody to throw the seeds at that place. The
mangos are supposed to be robin, green skin, and common. There
are about 3 other mango trees on the premises, but only 3 of the
number are bearing. 3 breadfruit trees, 1 bearing, she also has
a few sickly looking banana plants.

Fowls: 2 very tame hens and 1 chick. "The pickney them did have
plenty fowl but through the people them wicked them set poison
an' all that and the fowl eat i', so me jus sell them out".

Poor Relief: Eva feels that she should be assisted by the Govt.
in some way with the children "them should a put pon country"
"Thompson come and take me name an' I go out a the doctor. The
Inspector write down everyting but him never sen' in the paper
as there is a God over me head him never sen' it in. It is a
conceal business, there is some secret wickedness but God say all
the secret wickedness shall be revealed".

Religion: Eva says she is a methodist "but I wi' visit the An-
glican and Baptist I like all a them." At present she is not
connected with any Church.

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Johnie Carter: "When the devil take hold a him, his tell the sis-
ter them say him a go sell the lan' an' turn them off. Him is
a wicked man him have a mule case a court an' you bet him a go
sell piece more. Him wi' sell every part barring out this one
because this a no beg lan' a buy lan'. One of the neighbours pre-
sent said "As Cousin Johnie fin' out se him a go / dead him sell
every piece o' the lan, because him no got much lef now".

Other information: The last time they bought bananas in the dis-
trict Eva went to the buying station to work when she returned her
lovely 8 hand china banana was gone, she said she was saving it
for the children's meals. "from Saturday night them stoning me
house".

27.6.47.

Dale.

While at Cubba's premisses I heard Eva's voice as if she were quarrelling with someone, I asked who it was and thereply was "Eva is a disgrace to every woman, if him did a work him wouldn't have time fe quarrell, him afret over the man wha' dead a becau' him can' get no mere. Him could a get a ma if him did put himself good. If yousee her de now she don' have on a cloth she say she contented becau' Christ did wear only alittle wrapper she no know that she can' put Christ time wit' now". J.C. and I were going down the path to his hose and we heard Eva's voice again he said "That woman aplay mad, not a t'ing do him, salways a quarrell. Him wouldn' work an' him nakid, if you even gi' him anyt'ing him cu'se you same way".
