

FAMILY RECORD 138

4/7/47

Dale.

Margaret Carter	Head	F.S.	70	Nurse.	- Identified/ff
Gladys Wright	G/Dau	M.F.	M. 22 . 5. 5.		
David	"	G/Son in law	M.M. 27	Labourer	
Sidney	"	G/G/Son	M.S. 5		
Aubrey	"	"	M.S. 2		
Una	"	G/G/Dau.	F.S. 3		
Vivian	"	G/G/Son	M.S. 1		
Desmond	"	"	M.S. 3mos.		
Viola Doyle	"	G/Dau.	F.M. 29		
Norman	"	G/Son in law	M.M. 39	Farmer	Mixed F
Kensil	"	G/G/Son	M.S. 12		
Herbie	"	"	M.S. 14		
Mable	"	G/G/Dau.	F.S. 8		
Cutie	"	"	F.S. 7		
Clifton	"	G/G/Son	M.S. 5		
Leonard	"	"	M.S. 2		
Wessel	"	"	M.S. 2		
William Clarke	"	Son	M.M. 44	Farmer	Mixed F
Mabel	"	Dau. in law	F.M. 34		
Icie	"	G/Dau.	F.S. 12		
Jocent	"	"	F.S. 8		
Derrick	"	G/Son	M.S. 7		

Margaret Carter is identified of C.S. as a helper in her son William Clarke's home. P.D/ 28. S.D.10 Household 90.

Doyle family P.d.28 S.D. 10, Household 91.

Wright " not identified of C.S.

She lives in a thatched 3 roomed house. room about 8' by 4' with children 8. 9.9

Margaret Carter called Cubba is sister to Johnnie and Florence Carter. /

Land; She lives on half an acre of land belonging to her brother. She seemed quite disconted with her lot, the land was really left by her parents and John being the eldest took charge of it. Cubba gives her brother 10/- every year to help with the taxes, she says "you may as well call it rent land" it is not even a good 1/2 acre but what ever 'im give we, we 'ave to take it.

One of Cubba's grand daughters, Gladys Wright said "We mot no learn we not 'in' we can' even cut we frock, husband poor an' we poor none to 'elp the other". Another one said "S time we lose time an' go all out a road an' take photograp but we no get not 'in', but God word can' wrong, the rich w be richer still an' the poor poorer, and every day them ee a write up. We go vote an' the man gone a Council an' we even talk fe we, we can' even get salt t'ing, an' we can' soap, from yesterday we no wash, but we can' blame the lad for she 'ave to do her work". Mrs. Doyle another grand dau spoke very highly of the Clinic, she said "Clinic over go a de me carry me baby, so if a even one piece a clothes 'ave me 'ave fi wash it an' put i' on, an' carry 'im out".

Cubba's Profession : Cubba has been a nurse since she young she learnt it through a dream. She said "My grand mother was a mid wife and one Sunday night a dream I saw

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woman take in to deliver, and my g/mother was there, and she gave me a pan to carry cement, an' when I reached a place I emptied the cement, and my grand mother said watch me and see The woman took in to deliver (again) but it was not her hour, she did not feel the baby move, it was in the wrong place, and I dipped up water with the pan and my g.m. put her fingers in it then rubbed the/waist line and the baby went back in the right place, and then I worked on her until the baby came" She then told me that Miss Etheline Chin's mother was expecting a baby and the doctor said it was growth "the doctor give her two or more pints of medicine cost her 18/-, the doctor said it was growth because the woman did not feel the baby move time rolled on until the stomach was 8 months old and still the baby did not move so she sen' for me, after she tell me her story I put 'er on the bed an' expose her, an' I put me mout at her navle an' blow hard for a long time, and then she cry out "I feel it, I feel it", an' then I put her in a tub of cold water, she was glad until she faint. One week afterwards she had her girl baby."

Cubba said she brought Vincent Brissett into the world and he is now about 32 now. She said "The firs' chil' I atten' to, that pickney 'ave pickney, an' that pickney 'ave pickney again". Sometimes she deliveres babies and then tells Nurse about the case, the Nurse generally takes them over, and according to her she received nothing for her trouble. "Nurse is very nice to me but the people do not pay me because I am not under Government control; an' the people too used to me".

Child Guidance in the Home. Two of the small children were hitting each other and the mother called to them "Have manhers how you mean to come before the lady face an' put up fight". One of the small children were playing in the yard and he started to sing, Cubba said very, very sternly "Be silent" the child stopped instantly.

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Other Information: Miss Eda says Cubba is a very very kind old soul, she was the/midwife here for years and years, she would be arrich woman but she was only given in some instances 4/-for a case and sometimes nothing at all, but the cash did not prevent her from working, Cubba is known all over the surrounding districts.

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Cubba is not really a head of the household she sleeps with Mrs Doyle, and she is offered meals from every body, according to Mrs. Whight "Cubba eat from every pot".

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Margaret Carter, (Cubba)

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Cubba seemed quite willing to talk about her work, her first story was : " two baby born/on Thursday ~~and~~ but the birt' did not come, the train' nurse couldn' manage the case so she leave and go way an' said mus' bring the case to hospital, the husban' did not consent so him sen' for me , an' when I ~~see~~ she knowno body they only have brandy a brndy her face all the time so I get a kettle of boiling water an' put some in a little pan an' put the dead baby in thepan o' boiling water an' mak' the navel string hang inthe water an' I carry the pan near to her, an' she cry for heat. an' thepeople frighten because she couldn' talk before I come then after I keep the pan there for a time I tak' out the baby an' put me han' roun' her waist an' when I shake her so the birth drop and she open her eye" While I was talking with her one of her former patients brought a present for her of cocoes andpotatoes. "One day a man come to me from Bun Hill an tell me that his wifehad a baby two days now an' the nurse ten to her and gone and she poorly unto death, when I go I jus see the mother over him a fan him an a pray, an a cry then I atten' to her jus as it was a baby because I see that ~~x~~ somet'in' did fief into her, when the nurse come and see me she ask what I was dong there, and she said that nothin' did not leave into the mother an' I work on her all the time until out come the navel string, when I show the train nurse she say "For God's sake don report me"

"I stay with the patient some times for 9 days sometimes I jus go and come for they don' even have what to give me to eat. The baby and the mother mus'n' come out of the house before 9 day, if them come out before I don' response for them because them wi' tak' a relapse . 8 day them can walk from room to hall but them mush come out a doo' till the 9 day. Some time I 'ave to give them medicine to mak' the baby grow strong in a them. I buy olive oil and other things at Doctor shop fi medicine an I boil all kind of roots" She did not want to tell what kinds of ~~root~~ roots she boiled, so she said "When you pregnant you come to me" She eventually told me before I left."Me use cornie grung, it grow pon tree but when you pick it you mus'n' make it touch grung before you use it , mix wit' strong back, white oil nit root, white rose root an' all kin' of root, beat up i' an boil i' an' gi' them fe drink. In the midst of our conversation of our conversation they called Cubba~~y~~ away from me, when she returned she said " You know what I hear that the nurse report to the hightr quarters that through the Nana them, them can' get / any case so that is why them sen' you roun' fe fin' out, but them can' do me nothin' because who God bless nobody curse.".

After telling her the object of the work she went on with her story. "Some time a woman is having pain but is not her time the baby is not in the right place, it may be inthe right hip or the left hip an I ~~o~~ put it back in the right place . I put her in a tub of cold water an work on her and the baby go right back. That same child over there (Enid Shaw) had a baby and the nurse press her belly ~~too/hard~~ in the centre and the navel string hang out a her, an the nurse run an sen' telegram for the Doctor . When she gone I go over an make the child draw her breath about 4 times and the string go right up back into her, then I hold her two sides and the baby pitch out bleeding through him mouth and him nose - born dead. / One a me wonder ful case I see the head an' when I examine I see one foot pon one ~~side~~ an' one foot pon the other an' I 'ave to pitch the baby right roun' an' i' born head way.

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Family Quarrell.

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Bulla Carter was in a rage he was out on Sunday and Johnie Carter/cut his bananas. Vincent his nephew told J.C. that Bulla had cut his banana so J.C. in return cut a lovely 9 hand bunch from Bulla's field. Bulla said "But what a spiteful bruit an' me know not 'in' 'bout him banana but a grudge the whole a them grudge me fo' the little banana, the las' buying before this one I sell £1 worth out de and the las' time me sell a bunch, me a carry them two (a pig and a goat) out a road an' see if me can get sale fe them becau' me no de yain a the day and them wi' poison them. You know wa ma' when I was a little boy him wife we him married to gi' me a 9 han' bunch a banana fe sell I pass it fe a 9 han' an' tell her se it was only a 8 han' an' you know that man make handcuff go pon me han' an' from that time I say I mus' be careful with him, I was a chil' but I remember all the same". Other members of the family living on the land said Cousin Johnie was a wicked man, they also complained that he sold them the breadfruit "too dear".

27.6.47.

Dale

Larceny(Vincent Smith)

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Cubba got back
the fowl that
Vincent sold to
a woman at Lynch
Town.

Vincent Smith Margaret Carter's nephew stole 3 fowls from her home. She also lost 1 goat kid. While I was at the home Vincent passed, a member of the group said "Watch him no, him, him no ca' you know." His Aunt chimed in "Poor t'ing him no grew under no parents control, ~~but~~ sometime better than him fall in a the trap, asatan over shadow you in the hour of need you jus' fall. But we can' tell them that before them face we have to rebuke them right down to the ground. The boy wicked and bad min', him own it say a him take Auntie Emma own to. Them muse set duppy pon him, as a we raise him me couldn' press no charge, me have to scold him myself, everybody honest till the day them catch them a t'ief. Corprol say a him take the goat but Cubba say a no him take that. Him mothe en at'ief, him gran' mother en a t'ief, so mus' be the t'iefen duppy a walk with him."

When I went down to Johnie Carter's house ~~all the people~~ the conversation was still centred around Vincent. I had to listen to practically the same thing all over again. While Mrs. Allen spoke on the subject Vincent sat quietly on a chair with his back turned to us. "Him take the baby fowl an' sell it to Instructor an' him was the firs' one fin' out that the fowl missing from the yard and moan with us over the loss. I feel very bad over it, people outside may believe we know something about his wrong carrying on and that we are the instigator of wrong things, we knows nothing about. Cubba say him na punish him but the person who him sell the fowl to can carry him to law. The law is this, anywhere you see you goods you claims it. If troble was a t'ing that when him coming him sen' anote, every body would try and avoid him. After a man have a pickney, an' you see that him make up him min' fe bad, you can' lick him down you have to leave him to him min'. - lef him to Government. Johnie Carter said, "It don' trouble me at all I bail him already, I @ my part".

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sold.

Land " My gran' pa William Carter was headman for this lan' and the owner of the lan' was a man by the name of Wilson that is why they call this place Wilson Valley. My granpa get the lan as a gift after Mr Wilson died, it was plenty lan' my gran pa pass it to my father and my father pass it to my brother. Johnie never buy no lan' is myfather possession" /

Taxes: Cubba gives Johnie Carter 9/- every year to help with taxes "Sometime I don' have it I give him 5/-, sometime I don' give him anyt'ing at all, him know I don' have it".

House: The first house was veryfrail, and it was blown down. "Stephen White give me lumber for this house an' me son put it up. Tell the truth I cannot afford to put up a latrine. The one I have fall down and I coldn' get no nail fe put it up, if any body even gi' me stick no nail".

Latrine

Shoes : I asked Cubba where she bought her shoes, she replied "Is Miss Fan I get this shoes, when I get 2/- I give her, when I get 5/- I give her, she not hard on me..

Religion - Anglican - Parson Lynch was a nice man, him gi' me moey, Miss Eda father, Parson Heighington was a niceman to , Miss Eda to she is a nice person, she pity thá poor.

Goat and fowl stealing : She told me about the goat stealing but she never mentioned Vincent's name not even once. "I believe that Jesus will open a way fe me so that I fin' that goat, the same way that I fin' one o' the ~~spat~~ fowl".

28/10/90

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5 ans. in nat. Dr.

William Clarke	Head	M.M.	40	Trel.	Baptist.	W3	Oa,	Farmer
Clarek Mabel	Wife	F.M.	30	3.3.	Man, 4,	Bap.	W3,	Homemaker
" Isolyn	Dau.	F.S.	8		"	"	R1	
" Josent	"	F.S.	6		"	"	X	
" Derick	Son	M.S.	4		Trel.	"	X	
Carter Margaret	Mother	F.S.	68.2.	2.	"	Angl.	X N.P.	Helper, Son's home.

Changes

House: Owner

Walls wood, Roof thatch, Floor wood, All rooms 3, Kitchen.

Furniture.

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Farm:/ Total area, 3 acs. Own 1, Rent 2.
in cultivation, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Operate 15 years, as
tenant 6.

2 parcels, 1, 2.

Canes & Roots .

Empl. labour - weeks

Own " 52 " 6 days.

Tot. value farm £100

without buils. £10.

Mortgages none

Banana - roots 250, 85 bunches, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acs.

Cane - $\frac{3}{4}$ acre

Yam - 1 " 5,000 lbs.

Fruit trees:

Livestock - 3 goats.

1 swine