

Riley	Nehemiah	head	n.m. 38.	farmer	mixed farm
"	Adelza	wife	f.m. 28.2.2.	homenaker	
"	Hubert	son	n.s. 7.		
"	Erlestar	son	n.s. 2.		
"	Viola	lodger	f.s. 20.	housemaid	

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Family members
and visitors.

We approached the home of Nehemiah Riley. Mr. Riley was not at home. We found only three women in the yard, surrounded by a number of children. One of them was Mr. Riley's wife, Adelza Riley, nee Frazer. Another was Maud Dale, nee Jones. She was living in the yard temporarily, being recently separated from her husband. Mr. Ernest Dale. Mrs. Riley said that Maud is her full sister: "Ee hi, we is full sister, we have the same mother." Their mother was on the spot. She was an old lady, sitting under a tree and mending some old clothes. The old lady said she is Ann Smith. She is here on a visit. Her house is across the road near to Sir Archibald's house. Mrs. R. has two children: Hubert, aged 12, and Hulester, aged 5. Mrs. Dale has two also: Carmen Beverly aged 2 and Mildred Dolores aged 7.

Sale of land.

Mrs. Riley gave us a short history of their family. Her husband had been living on the land for thirty years. They used to have six acres, but they had to sell some to meet the expences of rent. "It was not a good bargain, we did always have for sell it at a disadvantage, but I have for sell, for Sir Archibald put down upon me for the rent, so I had for sell for half price and it had for go back into the rent." They sold altogether 3 and 3/4 acres and were left only with 2 and 1/4 acre. The first piece of land that they sold went ab.5 years ago to Edward Richard; this piece of land had only bananas and cane on it. This piece of land was 3 acres in size. Then they sold 1/2 acre to Gerald Smith, who in turn sold it to Ernest Dale/Maud's husband/. This land had bananas alone on it. Then last year they sold 1/4 acre of ground with cane to Ezekiel Allen. They got from him L.4.15.

Cultivations,

They are left now with 2 and 1/4 acre of land under bananas, cane and ground provisions. "Right now I have one acre bananas, about three chains a cane, and one stretch of yams; the rest plant out in potato, cassava and gungo." Mr. Riley works the remaining land and as he has no help he has to be there constantly and can not find time to hold another job. Mrs. Riley has been sick for two years and can be of no help in the field.

Census Data.

Rileys are Anglicans. Black. They are all illiterate. They live in a thatch house with 2 rooms and 96 feet of surface.

Farm in 1942.

Nehemiah Riley operated the land he now occupied in 1942 for 19 years. He rented 2 and 1/2 acres altogether. Cultivated bananas, cane, yams. Worked 48 weeks in the last year, 6 days per week, 9 hours per day. Paid 24/ per yaer per acre.

Only 1 and 3/4 acre was under cultivation. 1/2 acre was cultivable, but not cultivated last year. Of this, 1/4 acre was under common grass, another 1/4 - other pasture grass. 1/4 acre was the remainder listed as house-site etc.

The value of his farm was given L.32, of which L.8.10 was the value of buildings.

He had 2 avocado pears fruiting and 3 not fruiting /17 doz./; 40 fruiting bananas and 70 not fruiting /25 bunches, 1/4 acre/; 1 common mango/96 doz./.

1 acre was under sugar cane. /20 tons, 160 tins/. 1 stretch was under cocoes/560 lb./; 2 stretches under sweet potatoes /1600 lb./; 2 stretches under yams /1500 lb./

He kept no stock, only 6 hens with 8 chickens produced in 1942.

Riley Adelza and Nehemiah

Date
23.7.47.

Adelza was born at Wilson Valley, but has been living at Allsides since her early childhood. Nehemiah, her husband, is from Ulster Spring "Him was working with the Property Master Dr. Smith for about 30 years, during that time he rented land on the property but did not live here, him only go and come, after me and him get in, him start to live here.

Marriage: "We married now 15 years, but we did live together before we married.

Land: Formerly they rented 6 acres but had to reduce it to $\frac{2}{4}$. "Me rent $\frac{1}{2}$ acre since June.

Crops: Cane, banana, and yams.

Marketing: In 1944 I used to sell to the Govt. out at a shop ~~at~~ Warsop @ 8/- & 12/- a cwt. After them stop buy, I used to go to Santa Cruise market, but I get sick now and have to sell to the speculator".

Labour Recruitment : Nehemiah got through all the tests and everything "when him go back to take him photograph, them test him again and tell him him blood too strong, and put him to stand up out in the sun. Him never get to go, but I know not a thing do him from year before last till now him dont take $\frac{1}{2}$ d medicin. Them did say him too strong".

House: The hurricane we did have before the ~~one~~ in 1944 did blow down the first house, and this one did not even finish yet but we had to move into the hall, so this one put up long time".

Children: She had one child and it died.

Adoption: Viola Riley, her husband's daughter whom she reared has 3 children by Ruben Eccleston, Mrs. Rosalee Allen's son. Adelza adopted Earl, 5 years and Hubert 9. (2 of Viola's children) Mrs. Allen has adopted Leslie who has his father's name, the other 2 are called ~~Allen~~. "When I go to christen him Barson say him would not christen him unless Him have my name". Viola is now married and living at Rio Bueno, she has not yet had any children by her husband.

Riley

Religion: Anglican - "Since I sick for 2 years now I dont go to Church but my card is still going, the Minister know that I am sick" Sickness Adelza suffers from high blood pressure "I spend every thing I have on Dr. bill, the last one I go to is the one out Warsop here, Dr. Phillips".

Rabbits - She was not able to say how many she had, but she told me that the people around stole lots of them.
Ann Smith

Mother: Adelza told me that her mother was the oldest person around Allsides, but they all have bad luck, because her sister Maud met bad luck with her husband, but she confessed that if it were not for her sickness she "would not feel it too hard".

Maud Dale: I asked Maud for her husband, she quickly told me that she did not have any husband. Story : Ernest her husband sent to America twice, the first time he stayed for 6 months, the second time 1 year. "Him have plenty money now / so him dont ~~Article /~~

Riley Adelza

Dale.
23.7.47.

notice me again, when him come from America the second time him turn me out of the house because him have ~~h~~ another woman, them ~~o~~ nt live together but him go and come at her place and she have a child for him now. The last liittlegirl I have him say is not his own, when him come from America after the 6 months stay, hima scept the child ashis, and now one year after him realise is not his own, just because him findsomebody else. The girl who have the baby for him is Ivy Dixon, she was all on choir seat at Church of England. When Ivy did have the stomach I did hear that is his own, but him deny it, afterward him own it up to me. One day botho f us were going to see the baby and when we reach part way him turn back and say him will go another time, but I say I not turning back since I reach so far, and me one go up to the child yard, and me andher clatch. Since him turn me out I meet him out the road one day, and ask him for money he had for me for maintenance, him did not give me any, and I collar him, we had a big thing out there. Shortly after, I got a paper from the Coust, - Earnest bring me up for assault, but when I go to Court the day, it was divorce case call up." I asked her on what grounds her husband would get the divorce "Him say me have another man, when the Judge ask him if him can prove it, him say no, him only hear so. The money I saved while he was in America, was lodged in his name and mine, and him draw out the whole of it, all me clothes, I dont know what him do with it, the ground that me and him plant him sell it, even my ground him sell. He bought a piece of land since him come back the last time, and I hear say him sell it, so even though you ~~h~~ see him going on there him dont have one thing" I asked her if he brought back a lot of clothes for her ~~h~~, she said "no him more bring for Ivy".

Divorce

Daughter: I sent the first girl to Miss Murray School about 2 weeks ago and Earnest go there with motor car and take her away it seems as if Ivy make up clothes for her, from I send her to school that day I dont see her again. When she did not come home the evening I went to Miss Murray for her and she told me that her father took her away in Mr. Dixon's car ~~h~~ but she was not able to say where he had taken the child". Mrs. Dale feels that the child is unhappy wherever she is, because she has never left her before for any lenght of time. When I was leaving Mrs. Dale's mother told me that Earnest was no good "When you see a man take away every piece of clothes from a woman him cant be good, him only have the gold teeth in his mouth, and him face, him dont have anything else and she not going back to him".

Mrs. Dale now lives at her sister's home (Adaza Riley) with her younger daughter.