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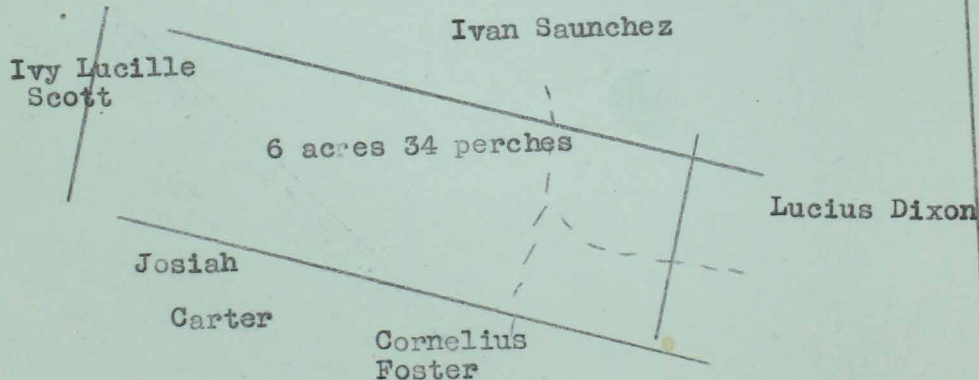
real name	Saunchez			real age in 1942 about 40)
In census:	Saunders	Egbert	Head	M.M.35 Farmer Cane farm
	"	Doris	Wife	F.M.38 8.7. (in reality 11.7)
	"	Persile	Son	M.S.15
	"	Calvin	Son	M.S.13
	"	Nerissa	Dau	F.S.12
	"	Wong	Son	M.S. 9
	"	Delisser	Son	M.S. 8
	"	Aldit	Dau	F.S. 6
	"	Viola	Dau	F.S. 2
Winter	John		Uncle	M.S.49

Mr. Saunchez came to visit us a few days ago. He introduced himself and explained he came as he heard I wanted to know smeting about lumbering. (see Economics non-agricultural occupations) He invited us to come and see his home and also - on another occasion agreed to take us to the forest to show how sawying is done. He sent a letter yeasterday saying he will expect us today. Round 9 a.m. he sent his eldest dayghter and she took us to his farm.

The farm

His farm is in the Cockburn Paptent - last house in this direction. It is on a parochial raod which exists however only on paper. In reality it is a small path just for one man or one onkey, a cart couldn't be driven there. It is situated on a ridge with a magnificent view of the Cockpit. From the main road it is about two miles by small path. ~~He bought it from the Govvx~~ The land was bought from the government. It is 6 acres 34 perches and he got the title dated December 7th 1944. (I have seen the title) The instalment was ten years £1.6.7. It cost st Januray Mr. Saunchez earer to the main road £ 12.--

The following diagram copied from the title:



Neighbours: "Miss Scott she lives in Kingston. A cousin of Mrs. Brissett Miss Fan (Mrs. Brissett looks after the land)." Josiah Carter he sell the land to Caludius Gordon." "Cornelius Foster - the Government took land from him. He couldn't pay. The Govt took and gave to James Paine." "Lucius Dixon - him dead. His family lives on New Road." FASTER - he lives now on George Wiltshire land."

Beginnings and family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Saunchez are from St. Elizabeth. Mrs Saunchez both parents are dead. Mr. Saunchez was an outside child. "Father never help me, We don't reap nothing from the father -its why we have so hard, we have to walk is own way." This father is dead now. The mother lives on her $\frac{1}{2}$ acre with her brother who is not married and hasno children. Mr. Egbert's mother had three children: Egbert - the oldest, Ivan who lives nearby and a daughter. This daughter is a domestic in Kingston. She has one child - a boy. (probably illegitimate but I din't want to ask this time). "My brothe Ivan is younger but he come first to Warsop. I nursed him. I remeber him when he was a tatly. He cried and I held him in my arms. My brother help me gather lumber and grass. We stayed with him 3 motnhs". They came to Warsop 17 years ago, following the brother Ivan who came first to Warsop and settled here. They first stayed with the brother, for 3 motnhs. During this period Mr. Egbert chose the site and collected lumber and grass for the house which he built with the assistance with his brother, uncle and a hired carpenter. Then the family moved. Nerissa was born already in Warsop.

The house

It is a grass house thatched, without windows. It has a long shape. Half of it is walled. There are two rooms. In one is a bed, a small table on which two small trunks sand. Over the bed is a wattled antresole. On walls hand a few clothes. The second room has also a large bed, a side-board, a small table on which are books and two chairs. Everything is "newspapered". One big advertisement of Canada -land of opportunities - catches the eye. The second part of the house is under a thatched roof but without walls. It has also a wooden floor. There is a table, a box with Mr. Saunchez ustensils, a few blocks and a huge saw. This is used - asthey told me- for a dining room. The timber for the house was collected by Mr. Egbert himself with the assistance of his brother Ivan. The posts are of burn eye and the floor of broad leaf. Mr. Saunchez built it himself. He only get a carpenter to "floor" it and to make the doors. The carpenter was Harold Carter and used to live opposite Baptist Church. He lives in Troy now. Harold Carter was hired for two days and was paid 5/- a day. The thatch is made of "cotton grass" It is the leaf of a palm which looks like a coconut palm but ~~grows very low~~ its crown is near the ground. It has to be collected, dried and put into small bundles, which are tied with "white bark" from a special kind of tree. Ax The thatching was done by the uncle from St. Elizabeth - the one who lives with Mr S. mother. He is a professional "thatcher". "He work thatching in Oxford. Day work. Government employ to make cow house. Pay 5/- a day."

But. Mr. Saunchez didn't pay his uncle for making the thatch.
"It is service in the family".

Furniture. The furniture was acquired in Warsop. "I deliver lumber to carpenter. Consie Watson. He made in half. Paid with lumber. This table and four chairs. The side board - I give lumber and paid £1.17/- . The little table - for lumber." All the above furniture is made of mahoganny. Mr. Saunchez delivered lumber to the carpenter. Half of it was for the furniture, and the other half to pay the carpenter to make the furniture. The two bed were made by Mr. Saunchez himself. "I want try a little meself". All this furniture is 17 years old. It looks nice, strong is well cared for. The floor in the house is polished, in the veranda clean - but not polished. The thatch is very finely and accurately done. The part which is veranda ~~texnash~~ was done only 7 years ago. Mr. Saunchez plans to put walls and thus have his house bigger.

Between the house and the kitchen is a large wooden platform, on poles. Pimento was drying on it.

Kitchen The kitchen is a spacious wattle building covered with thatch. It is "a jour". Inside there is a wattle partition. The first part to which leads the door-way. There are benches round it - and I believe the meals are taken here, and the veranda is used only when visitors are there. In the second partition there is a big fire-place built of stones and "fenced" with sticks. It serves also as a table to prepare food. There is no other table. There is a bench, a mortar, made of a hollowed trunk. It serves also as a stool. In a corner hangs a nail peg where salt

Provisions kept, ~~in the wattle building in many vases from the ceiling. These~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ also salt fish is kept in this keg. In the middle hangs from the ceiling a smaller tin in which are small round fruit with a hard skin - they are yellow-green and remind of the acorn but are bigger. These are "nicole". They grow wild "in the bush". "We parch it and beat make like coffee and drink for tea (breakfast) It is good for kidney. Children play like with marbles." In the wattle wall some bunches of leaves are stuck. ~~This is x~~ These were: "Search my hearth" Grows wild used for tea. "Harveybart" for tea and bath if you have fever." "Jackysaggly - for tea good also for cold". And finally Syru-ssey - for tea. A little peas and a few heads of sugar complete the "pantry". No other provisions are kept.

Kitchen utensils

A cedar bowl was on the stone "hearth-table". It was bought for 2/- 4 years ago. A man ~~xxxxx~~ used to make tem in Warsop. He went to Manchester and died there. A big black iron pot was on the fire-place. It was cracked - a whole part dropped from it. It was mended with a wire by a "mechanician from St. Elisabeth". This pot is as old as the household. A siever for cassava hung on a stick. In a corner a tigrate attached to a small board. This is to grate coconut and cassava for "banies". I haven't noticed any plates or spoons etc. They must have been somewhere out of sight.

Fruit trees. The "buildings" and yard is ~~xxxx~~ surrounded by fruit trees growing very thickly. These all were planted by Mr. Saunchez 12 years ago. The ground was virgin when he came here. He didn't know which trees will catch and so he planted them without any plan very near each other. Most of them did come out and they are too near each other. All of them bear fruit already. There are coconut palms, and we were offered coconut to drink water from them "It is very nourishing" said Mr. Saunchez. Coffee, mangoes, bread fruit trees, avocado pears, nase-berries, bananas, (small and big - commercial and for home use-

There are also mahogany trees he planted and cedar. Beautiful yams grow near the house. They are Trinidad or Barbados yams. Mr. Saunchez says they are very good and keep long when cured. They yield "25 lbs from a hill as well as more - but sometimes 5 lbs" Mr. S. doesn't plant cane at all. "I doesn't do any cane work. Not the soil for it - take too long to crop." He plants his yams in April, May and June and digsthem in January, February March and April. "To come good must take a year. Poorer classes people start to eat it from November - can't wait."

Children

All children stay at home with the parents. The eldest son Persile helps his father on the farm. The second son Calvin who is 18 now, can't do much work. "He is delicate". The eldest daughter Nerissa is 17 now. She came 10 days ago from Kingston where she stayed with her aunt for 5 months. This aunt is the father's sister who is domestic in Kingston. Nerissa went there to learn "domestics" I asked her what she learned. "Clean floor, answer the telephone, typing - and general domestics". Both parents asked me to take Nerissa with me - to employ her. I explained that in Europe no one employs "domestics" I asked what other careers there were for young girls except domestics. Mr. Saunchez said: "If it were in my possession she could take lessons from the teacher, pass exams and be a teacher and help herself and me." They hope that the aunt in Kingston will find a her some work in Kingston.

Three children: Wong, Delisser and Aldit go to school in Warsop. They don't come back for lunch as it is too far. They get for lunch either smething cooked - it is sent to school, or get 1½d. each to buy something in the shop for their lunch. The youngest Viola (they said Violda) is at home. Her pet name is "Girly". Mrs. S. expects another child in September. She asked me to give some "bedding" for this child. When I asked what it meant she explained she wanted a sheet she could tear and make vests and (powijaki). "Only rich people have cradles for their babies. We keep them in our bed." (Going back I have seen a small baby in a cedar bowl. It looked like the Firenze bambinos on the babies institution. Took picture). The names of Persile and Wong were given to Mrs. Saunchez by her sister who used to live a long time in Cuba "They are Spanish names" said Mrs. S. proudly.

Married children. I asked whether if the son marries he will stay with the parents? "If my son marry he make his own home. Generally try to make his own house and land before he marry. To stay together (parents and married children) - it create disease." If the daughter marries parents try to give her some household equipment. "If you afford you give a table, some chairs, half a dozen plates, some irons - if you afford."

Plans for future house. Mr. Saunchez plans to build a new house on the land which he bought from George Murray and which is much nearer to the main road. "I (will) build at George Murray - and some children occupy here."

Guests About 10 a.m. two boys came on a donkey with side baskets. They were: 16 years old Ricky, who is the son of Saunchez' s aunt and 10 years Valentine Mrs. S. sister's son. They are both from Aunchinbeddie. "Came since morning and going back in the evening, come to take some socoe plants." They didn't bring anything. The brother in law send a word saying he intended to send some corn but didn't have time to go to the field. They won't pay for the cocoe plants. It is a "family affair".

Children's help .The post-school age boys help in the farm. Calvin is "delicate" so he doesn't do much work. The 17yrs old daughter is expected to find some work outside - as "doemstic". All the children bring water from the spring which is about 40 yards. Children also collect wood for fire . Mrs. S. pointed to some sticks: "This is bush wood, good wood is in the back wood."

Shop Mrs. S. sends to shop every day. Since three of her children go to school they can easily go to shop. If she forgets to tell her children who go to school some other child goes to shop. She sends them to Chin' s shop. Mr. & Mrs. S evaluate that they have to spend on shop alone 16/- a week for the family. And if Mr. S. goes to do lumbering he takes provisions with him for the week (5 days). "It is 8/- for the bush per week."

Stock Mr. Saunchez used to have goats, but two mothers and some kids died last year. "So I don't care for them any more." He has a nice pig which is tied to a palm-tree. It is fed with cocoe heads boilt. Near the pig there is a wooden vessel with water. They have a few fowls.

Visit of the parson. About 12 noon when we were round a coconut palm which the boy Ricky climbed to cut nuts for us somebody shouted from the opposite side of the valley. It was Rev. Gallimore riding his horse. He asked which was the best way to come to the house. Then he went accross the valley, unsaddled the horse and left it under a tree grazing. Nerissa was sent to meet him. He climbed the steep hill. Mr. S. said he was a member of the church but didn't go to service for a long time. Parson came and was asked to sit on the veranda. This was his first visit to Mr. S family. We left them and went to have a look round ~~and visit~~ so as not to disturb parson in his activities. I could Mr. S. explaining he had a large family and couldn't afford buy shoes and how was he to go to church barefooted. We left accompanied by the two boys on donkey and Nerissa who was going to the village to buy something in the shop.

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 "Economic remarks"

Mr. Saunchez: "A haven't a single penny in the bank. A man working should have something in the bank." "Jamaica is not poor. There are people - rich people. But who have money hold it tight. The reacher don't circulate /money/ so the poor could live."