

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 4.

Dyer Vincent	Head	M.M.29.	St.El.	Col.	Angl.	W.3.	Farmer
,, Elsie	Wife	F.M.29.4.4.	,,	,,	,,	W.3.	Homemaker
Sailsman Leymond	StSon	M.S. 8.	,,	,,	,,	W.1.4E.	
Dyer Avis	Dau	F.S. 4.	,,	,,	,,		
,, Olive	Dau	F.S. 4.	,,	,,	,,		
,, Lloyd	Son	M.S. 1.	,,	,,	,,		

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6 acres, p. 6

His farm 1942.

Operates as owner for 9 years.
 4½ acres in two pieces: 2 and 2½ acres. resp.
 No labour employed.
 Works 52 weeks p.a. 6 days a week 9 hours p.day.
 In cultivation 2½ acres. In guinea grass 1½ ac.
 other ½ ac.
 Value of the farm £ 60, of buildings £ 30.
 1 catchment.

Cultivations: ½ ac. tomatoes = 3,000 lbs.
 2 avocados = 5 doz. 1 coconut = 20 nuts.
 3 mangoes = 150 doz.
 ½ ac. ~~gera~~ congo peas = 7 bushels. 1 ac. cassava =
 3,000 lbs 0.2 sweet cassava = 700 lbs.
 0.3 ac jam = 500 lbs.
 2 swine
 3 hens = 4 doz eggs.

Inform. Dudley Simpson and Bradley Rochester.
23.3.48.
J.O.

Dyer Vincent.

Dyer Vincent is son of Charles Dyer - for further particulars see FamRec. 86.

Elsie Dyer,
his wife.

Elsie Dyer's maiden name is Holness. Her father is "Man-man" Holness - I dont know his official name. Everybody call him Uncle Man-man. He live in Chapman." Her mother is from Russels. "Dont know her name - she die."

Children of
the house.

There are six children now in the family. ~~xxxxxxx~~ 5 children /"4 children and a baby"/ are by Elsie and Vincent. The oldest boy is Elsie's ~~xxxxxxx~~ first child by another man. "Elsie little boy, Dyer stepson - his father is Witter. One Witter from Cross-road - when you go Meyersville , near Warminster."

Dyer Vincent's
sister and his
brother-in-law.

The household has increased recently by arrival of Dyer's sister who stays now with them. "Dyer Vincent have a sister - married and living now just there. The husband of his sister is Jonathan Holness. She come just back. They sell their ~~home~~ there in Comma Pen and come right there / = here / living."

Their removal from Comma Pen to Green Olive is not so idyllic as was presented by Charles Dyer. Charles ~~Dyer's story~~ Dyer's story /see FamRec.86/ was that he wants to have his daughter at him now as he is getting old and needs to be looked after; and that his son-in-law could not agree with his ~~own~~ own family at Comma Pen, who did not pay enpugh respect to his wife and Charles' daughter. The only true fact of his story is that really one acre of Charles' /or rather Vincent's land/ was ceded to Jonathan for £20 to help him to build his home ~~xxx~~ in Bull Savannah.

The transaction was far from being as smooth as it was presented by Charles Dyer. Mr. Fisher heard ~~xxxxxxx~~ two-days ago a ~~an~~ outbreak of a violent quarrell at Charles Dyer's place and was told that this is Charles Dyer quarrelling with his son-in-law from Comma Pen.

The truth is that Jonathan Holness is a ~~xxxxxx~~ broke and had to sell his property in Comma Pen to pay his debts; that he is not a right husband and his wife goes with other men.

"Jonathan Holness is the man that just break down. And he cant help himself. Drink too much rum. Man a tremble. Kill him nerve. Ham cant make house. I dont know how can him make a house."

Jonathan Holness has a brother in Comma Pen who is just like himself. He is also a drunkard and both men had troubles with their wives.

"Two women they marry them, cant controll them. Cant controll them at all. The rum make them weak. Somebody else have to do the jam."

"Jonathan Holness and Jonathan Holness brother, Tede Holness who married one Inez Holness - these are th the two men. James Holness was Inez' father, her mother was Ella Mark first, now Holness. Sam Lynch's wife is Inez'sister. But Sam Lynch not too week, no, sir. Big man too and quite all right."

Visit at home 9.7.48, & Elsie Dyer.
Interv. Vincent Dyer.
T.O.

Vincent was sitting on the steps of his house pe-
dicuring his foot with a very big knife. He showed me
a corn on his sole which he was carving out .

He speaks as if he had no palate. People say he is
deaf, but I think he hears well enough only has some de-
fect of vocal apparatus.

The two-room house with verandah has a zinc roof.
Kitchen and buttery in another building rather in bed re-
pairs. Behind the kitchen a very big shed for drying to-
bacco. The stroy of this shed is as following: the agricul-
tural instructor Mr. Hines was "making propaganda" for
planting tobacco which, he said, could be sold to the fac-
tory for a good price. Vincent built this big shed but the
whole "scheme" didn't ~~work~~ work. The shed is there,
and isn't much used for tobacco which I saw drying in the
kitchen.

Present household:

Dyer Vincent	head	35	cultivator
" Elsie	wife	35	housewife
" Avis	dau	10	At school
" Olive	dau	8	"
" Lloyd	son	6	
" Dorothy	dau	3	
" Norma	dau	1	
Sailsman Orvil	step-son	14	At school

8 Vincent Dyer is the son of Charles Dyer and Fran-
cella Dyer nee Gordon. Vincent was brought up in his paren-
ents home in Green Olive. ~~xxxx~~ He went to the Bull-Savannah
school. As a young man he joined the police, was first in
Kingston then transferred to Montego Bay. He left the po-
lice (I heard from other people that he was dismissed on a
account of his unintelligible speach) and came back to
Bull-Savannah. (For his parentage etc. see F.R. 86)

He got 1 acre of land from his father and built
his house.

His wife Elsie Dyer is from "Comma Pen Lettitz way
She was Holness before she married. Her parents were James
and Catherine Holness, and had 9 children. Most of Elsie
siblings emigrated to Kings ton: James, Charles, Harold,
Astley, ~~xxxx~~ and Amy. Ronald and Maurice stay with the
parents. Derrick settled in New Forest.

Before Elsie married Vincent she lived for a time
with Ronald Sailsman. they had a son Orvil, who stayed
first with Elsie's parents, and after she came to live
with Vincent she brought him to Bull-Savannah.
Jonathan Holness, the husband of Vincent's sister
Rose is a first cousin of Elsie. He is also from Letitz.

The land. Vincent has one acre of home land which he got from his father. He also bought 5 acres in Brednut wood. Vincent wanted to cultivate a very large of tomatoes this year. He is a rare exception who didn't make money on tomatoes. He cultivated 10 000 trees. However owing to the big amount of the cultivations he couldn't do it all by himself. He wanted to hire people etc. The result was that the planting was delayed and the tomatoes were not planted in right time. The crop was late and poor. He said that the £20 odd he got for it didn't cover his own expenses. ~~Other crops~~ The "food" is used only for home consumption. They manage not to buy. He thinks that for his household (2 adults and 7 children) 1 acre of corn, $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. cassava, $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. peas, $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. sweet potatoes with "a few vegetables round the house" should be sufficient.

He keeps two acres in guinea grass, there is one acre in "ruinate" from where he has his wood supply. The rest is cultivated.

Activities in the yard. While I stayed there Elsie was busy all the time in the kitchen preparing dinner. She would come for a few minutes to us, and then go back to the kitchen. She is a good looking young woman. (Looks much younger than the age she gave). Vincent was all the time operating with the machete his corn, which made me shiver Orvil was making fire in a ~~big trunk~~ thick and short trunk of mango. This Vincent cut specially to make a mortar although the tree was still bearing. At one end the trunk is hollowed by burning and it serves as a mortar for many household purposes like beating cassava for "a-bicka" (kind of porridge) coffee etc. All the smaller children were running from us to the mango tree and back and were stuffing themselves with mangoes.

Additions re land, & family . I asked about his sister Rose about whom I knew she came recently from Letitz to live here. Rose with her children and husband Jonathan Holness stay at present with the father Charles Dyer. The house which is just opposite Vincent's house across the path is almost finished and glares with a new zinc roof. Vincent sold one acre of the home land to Jonathan for £20. The price is very low but it was a "family arrangement"

Elsie and Vincent said they are very glad to have for neighbours Rose and Jonathan, however how much it is a genuine feeling and how much an attitude conveying the "we live nice in family" idea, I don't know.

Information from Leo Powell.
 Interv. Vincent and Elsie Dyer.
 14.6.48.
 J.O. 26.8.48.

Present Household.

Dyer Vincent, 36.
 Dyer Elsie, 36, wife.
 Dyer Avis, dau., 10.
 Dyer Olive, dau., 8.
 Dyer Lloyd, son, 6.
 Dyer Dorothy, dau., 3.
 Dyer Norma, dau., 1.
 Sailsman Orvil, ~~son~~ Elsie's son, 14.

⁸ Dyer Vincent, son of Charles and ^{Francella} Lucilla Dyer. See F.R. 86.

Elsie Dyer, nee Holness, daughter of James ~~XXXXXXXX~~ and Catherine Holness, ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Leititz. Her mother is dead. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ She has 8 brothers and sisters living in Leititz, Kingston and New Forest. Vincent and Elsie married 10 years ago. Vincent has no outside child. Elsie has one - Sailsman Orvil, living with the mother. His father is Ronald Sailsman, Leititz. She was along with him for only 6 months.

House: 2 rooms, zinc roof. Tank. Furn.: 2 beds, 3 tables, 2 chairs.

Land: owned by Vincent Dyer: 6 ac. in 2 parcels. 1 ac. home land, 5 ac. in Woodland. Bought from his father for £30. 3 ac. cultivated, 2 ac. grass, 1 ac. woodland.

Tress: 1 bombay, 1 robin, 1 greenskin, 1 coconut.

Tomatoes: 10,000, £20. 1/2 acre cassava, 1 ac. corn, 1/2 ac. red peas, 1/4 ac. sweet potatoes.

1 donkey, 1 hen, 3 chickens.

Weekly spendings: 35/-. £20 on clothes last year. £15 on health. £4 on education.

Avis and Olive in school /3rd and 1st stand/.

Religion: Elsie is 7Day Advent.