

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 40.

Sinclair	Philip	Head	M.M.	59		St. Eliz.	Col.	Angl.	X	Farmer
"	Francella	wife	F.M.	55	14.11.	"	"	"	X	Homemaker
"	Edna	dau	F.S.	40	1.1.	"	"	"	X	Higgler
"	Isaac	son	M.S.	37		"	"	"	X	Farmer
"	Joseph	son	M.S.	35		"	"	"	X	Farmer
"	Eva	dau	F.S.	33	5.5.	"	"	"	W.2.	Higgler
"	Clifford	son	M.S.	26		"	"	"	X	Farmer
"	Martha	dau	F.S.	23		"	"	"	W.2.	Seamstress
"	Maude	dau	F.S.	28		"	"	"	X	Higgler
"	Calvin	son	M.S.	17		"	"	"	W.2.	None
"	Curdel Vincent	son	F.S.	13		"	"	"	W.2.	4.E.
"	Vincent	son	M.S.	12		"	"	"	W.1.	0.E.
"	Janette	dau	F.S.	10		"	"	"	W.1.	4.E.
yer	Osborne	gr. son	M.S.	9		"	"	"	W.1.	4.E.
"	Millicent	gr. dau	F.S.	8		"	"	"	W.1.	0.E.
"	Sylvia	gr. dau	F.S.	8		"	"	"	W.1.	0.E.
"	Urnie	gr. dau	F.S.	7		"	"	"	W.1.	0.E.
Holness	Cathline	gr. dau	F.S.	5		"	"	"		
Roye	Aldith	gr. dau	F.S.	13		"	"	"	W.3.	0.E.
Rochester	Curdel	stepniece	F.S.	18		"	"	"	X	

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His farm 1942.

42.5 acres
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Operates his ~~land~~ farm for ~~24~~ years as owner. His farm is in 3 parcels: 1,5 and 5 and 8 acres each. 8 acres parcel is in Manchester. ~~XXXXXX~~ Employs no labour, Worked 52 weeks last year. Total land: 14,5 acres. Cultivated 6 ac. Cultivable 2,5 ac. In pasture 2,5 ac. /2 in Guin. grass, 1/2 ac. common grass/. Woodland not used as pasture 1 acre. Other land - 2,5 ac. Value: L110. Build. L30. 1 catchment. Cultivations: Tomatoes 1 acre - 700 lbs. 2 avocados - 40 doz. 1 coconut - 30 nuts. 4 mangoes - 280 doz. Congo 1,25 ac. - 20 bush. Cassava 3,25 ac. - 3000 lb Stock: 1 donkey, 4 goats, 5 swines, 4 hens/10 doz. eggs prod./.

Inform. Dudley Simpson and Bradley Rochester.
13.4.48.
J.O. + T.O.

Philip Sinclair -
his family; his house.

Philip Sinclair's family is one of the biggest in Bull Savannah. 20 people figure in this household in 1943. Now the family is slightly less numerous - some members left the house, new ones are added.

The family occupies two houses, both neatly painted and equipped with a tank and catchment. There is a lot of children playing always in the yard, climbing trees and looking for fruit. Ribbit Town is known of ~~xxxxxxx~~ as being very prolific. "Any time you go ~~xxx~~ Rabbit, you suppose to meet a lots of children going down."

Philip Sinclair's
ancestry. His pat-
rimony.

Philip Sinclair father was Hammon Sinclair. His mother was Eliza Salmon. Philip was an outside child. He stayed "with the father as the young boy". "Father died around 5 years ago. He /Philip/ succeeded the old place - ~~xxx~~ get some land from his father."

Francella Sinclair
- his wife.

His wife, Francella Sinclair, is daughter of Arthur Rochester and Sarah Rochester. "Both die years ago." She is also sister to Robert Rochester, who once lived in Green Olive, but after a bankruptcy went to live in British Honduras.

~~Children of the house~~
Children of the house.

"Them have a lots of children. All live together - not scatter as yet. Some making their home but them dont gone as yet."

Imogene
~~Edna~~ Sinclair, first
born outside child of
Philip.

Philip's ~~xxxx~~ eldest daughter was not by his wife and she does not live in the paternal home any more. "The oldest one for Philip Sinclair daughter is Imogene - but she is not for him wife. Rachel Dyer had her for him - before he married."

"Imogene is Berrisford Simpson wife . We call her Brumelle for short. She started to live with Berrisford Simpson before they married. They married just recently: living together and after a while they married. She was living in the old granfather home, in the old Hammon Sinclair home - old Hammon raise her."

"With Berrisford they have a lots of children: Ethel, Ida, Icilda and Fred. About 3 more else - they have a ~~xxxx~~ little one they call Rammie. Children stayed with Brumeale until Berrisford took her home."

Cf. also Family Record 135.

Edith Sinclair.
Her daughter by John Roy:
Aldith Roy.

"Edith Sinclair - the child is by him wife. She living with hi' father and mother - all the time. ~~He~~ Have one child by John Roy. The child marry to Louie Frances - she is Aldith Roy. Only one child for John Roy - and she have any more since. Still waiting for John Roy."

Cf. also Family Record 121.

Isaac Sinclair.
His outside child.
His "girl-friend".

Isaac Sinclair - "we call him Bredda Sinclair - one of the older son." "Him still with the father. Him have an ~~outside~~ outside child the old Uncle Usine yard, with this idiot his daughter. She have a child she says his, but Bredda says not his. Isabelle her name - she is not owned."

Isaac Sinclair - "he is in friendship now with Margaret Honess, aunt of Clarice Roy. We call her Maggy." /Cf. Family Record 128/.

Albert Sinclair
/= Josph in the
Census/
His women. His
outside children.
Phema Sinclair.
~~Ucella Simpson.~~

"Albert Sinclair - him is with the father but him making him own ~~home~~ home. We call him by his nickname "Goram" "

"That boy must be around 30 odd. Not married as yet. But him not living alone. He have a child by Phema Sinclair, that deaf girl old James Sinclair daughter. One child only."

"And him have one child by Ucella Simpson, old William Simpson daughter. Directly I dont know him have any more children."

"Phema Sinclair child live along with mother, wheras Ucella Simpson child ~~live~~ live along with Philip Sinclair family - father took it. Him call "Neppy"."

"Albert Sinclair is "just alone now; him a slow man, you know, Doctor."

Cf. also Family Records 7 and 136.

Eva Sinclair.
Her late cl.husband
Edmond Dyer.
Cyril Boggle -
her boy-friend.

"Eva Sinclair - she is with the father. She have lots of children. She was along with one Edmond Dyer, but Edmond Dyer die, and them were un-married."

She has 4 children for Edmond Dyer: Osborne, Milicent, Sylvia and Urnie.

Previously Eva Sinclair lived with her cl. husband - "in his house, just where Bradley Dyer, beside Egbert Simpson in Logwood."

"After Edmond Dyer die, him have a brother Dudley Dyer. The land that he was living on, that was for Edmond Dyer father. So Dudley Dyer went and administered himself to his father estate. And take this girl Eva Sinclair to court. He win him in court. And she have to leave the home and come

back to him father."

"When you are along with a man and the man die and you are not married, you dont stand the law."

Eva Sinclair has now two other children by another man with whom she is in friendship now. "One Cyril Buggle - ~~he~~ she have a child for Cyril Buggle. That child is with the father, but she have another child for Cyril ~~Buggle~~ Buggle and the child is with her."

Holness Cathline.

Before she went with Cyril Buggle, she "had a child for Ambrose Holness - we call him ~~Septhy~~ Septhy Holness. The child is Holness Cathline. With the mother."

Maude Sinclair.
Her child.
Her boy friend -
Isaac Elliott.

Maud Sinclair - she stays still with her parents. Still Unmarried. "By looks - an old girl. But not so old."

"She did got one child, but it did die. A Chinaman was ~~xxxxxxx~~ the father. She went somewhere to Saint Mary and worked with a Chinaman. Here she had the child - in Bull Savannah. But the child - it died in travelling."

"Isaac Elliott, son of Moses Elliott, her boy friend now."

Maud Sinclair works in the Packing House. She worked ~~he~~ there for years and gained the reputation of the best wrapper: "the fastest wrapper that work overthere."

"Corporal" -
Clifford Sinclair.
His girl friend
Clarice Roy.

"Corporal" - Clifford Sinclair - still living with the parents."Him have girl friend. Understand to-day that this girl Clarice Roy is making ~~xxxx~~ a baby for Corporal. She is good-looking girl - but she is no good. Not content with one man. But we cant kill her for it."

"Previously she had a child for Sydney Simpson, but making next one for Corporal."

Cf, also Family Record 128.

Martha Sinclair.

"Martha Sinclair - she is a young girl. Living with father. Unmarried and not children."

She has no boy-friend - at least no one is publicly known as her boy friend. "She just pretend that that she have no one. Vincent Morgan - from Comma Pen - was her boy friend, but him die."

She is "not so bad girl. Some of our girl - them try to keep up, to keep them character. It's better for them, but not so better for we."

She is working in the Packing House as wrapper.

May Sinclair.

"She was a young girl - not bad looking. Had no boy friend. But she died - she died 1927."

"Demos" Sinclair.

He is either Calvin Sinclair or ~~xxxx~~ Josphe Sinclair by Census. "Living with his father - the ~~same~~ same house." Unmarried. "No children, no girl ~~friend~~ friend."

Other children.
"Kemis" Sinclair
/Curdel/. Jeanette
Sinclair. "Sonny"
/Vincent?/.

Other children are still young. Have no children, no boy- or girl-friends. Curdel - "we call her Kemis - a young girl, with father and mother. She is working in factory now, in the packing house."
"Jeanette - young pretty girl. About 15 years. No boy friend." "Last boy - they call him "Sonny - that boy is around 13 ~~years~~ years. Go to school."
/Is it Vincent?/.

There were two other children that died. "Two girl that die - one we call her Gippy."

Their standard of living and means of subsistence now and formerly.

All this family still live together and work together. Women and girls work at the factory, in the packing house. Men ~~xxxxxxx~~ do not work at factory. They are all cultivators and work a lot of tomatoes on their father's land. The land is not subdivided - they work in common on it.

Now the family - inspite of its size - is quite ~~xxxxxx~~ prosperous. But previously Philip Sinclair suffered a lot of privation and ~~hardwork~~ had to work hard to attain the present standard of living. It is only after he bought 8 acres of land in Duff House that he could improve his conditions.

"If he didnt have the Duff land, him meet it hard. Since the son come up, ~~xxxx~~ them meeting a little lease now. But at the beginning him work hard, hard. He ~~xxxx~~ try to make life better. With tobacco on him head, on him foot, him use to leave right to May Pen to sell." Michael Roach was his partner in trading. They had no means to buy a donkey, they used from time to time to hire a donkey to carry carry their tobacco load to the market? ~~xxxxxxx~~
"one jackass hired - one sied occupied by each."

Curdel Rocheser - adopted girl.

Inspite of all the hardships, they ~~xxxxxxx~~ were ~~xxxxxxx~~ always very kind people and never tried to shirk off any family obligation. They adopted and raised Curdel Rochester, Francella's niece.

Curdel Rochester is daughter of late Arnold Rochester and Agnes Dyer. When Arnold Rochester and Agnes yer parted, Francella took Arnold's daughter to raise her in their home. Arnold Rochester was Francella's ~~xxx~~ brother,

Curdel's boy friends.
Her children.

Curdel "expecting now to marry one boy Alvin Powell from Comma Pen."

"But she have two children: one for Ernest ~~Rowe~~ Powell, young tailor at Mrs. Elliott shop, - he is ~~son~~ son, lawful son, of Charlie Powell from Tad Town. He is a married man /Ernest Powell/. And she have another child for Lushington Sinclair."

"She living now with her mother - Agnes Dyer. She have the two children with her."

Visit 18.6.48.

Chief informants: Clifford Sinclair, Francella Sincliar /mother/
Maud Sinclair, Curdel Sinclair and Eva Sinclair.
J.O.

We went with miss Barrett to visit Philip Sinclair's family - one of the biggest families in Bull Savannah. Their place looked almost empty, but one we entered kitchen we found in it Curdell Sinclair ~~was~~ cooking a meal in a big pot on the fire. ~~The conversation was at the beginning~~ Her brother Clifford was sitting on the bench; 4 children - 1 to 4 years old ~~was~~ were playing in the kitchen. We separated: Clifford took me to the representative room in one of the dwelling houses - Miss Barrett remained in the kitchen.

We sat in the room. ~~Mr. Sinclair was on a chair~~ Miss Francella, Clifford's mother was in another room and she soon joined us. Also other members of the family: Eva, Martha, Curdel and Jeanette were dropping in from time to time and kept ~~the~~ company to us. All the interview was by necessity "joined", different members of the family supplying the information. ~~According to the~~ Children were also present - especially at the end of the meeting. Not only family children, but also coming from neighbourhood.

The first subject taken up was the constitution of their family. ~~They said that~~ They said that altogether 21 people live together in this home. But their enumeration was not easy and it took us a lot of time before we cleared the matter. There are 22 people in this household.
Present household.

- Sinclair Philip, ~~is~~ over 60.
- Sinclair Francella, 60. ~~is~~ Philip's wife. Both Marr.
- Sinclair Edna, the eldest daughter - 45,
- Sinclair Eva, daugh. 38,
- Sinclair ~~Maud~~ Maud, daugh. 33
- Sinclair Martha, dau. 28,
- Sinclair Curdel, dau. 18,
- Sinclair Jeanette, dau. 15.
- Sinclair Albert, the eldest son. ab. 44.
- Sinclair Isaac, ~~son~~ next son. 42
- Sinclair Clifford, son. /gave his age as 26/. 31
- Sinclair Calvin, son. 22
- Sinclair Vincent, son. 17,
- Dyer Millicent, gr.dau., ~~is~~ Eva's daughter. 15 y. old.
- Dyer Sylvia, gr.dau., ~~is~~ Eva's twindaughter, 15.
- Dyer Ernie, gr.dau. Eva's daughter. 13.
- Dyer Ernest, grson, Eva's son. 18. Called also Osborn.
- Holness Cathline, gr.dau. Eva's dau. 9.
- Sinclair Roy, grson. Eva's son. 4.
- Sinclair Albert, grson. Eva's son. 3.
- Sinclair Vincent, grson. Albert's son. 4.
- Brooks Percy, Philip's grson, outside son of his outside daughter Brumelia. Percy is 23 years old.

13
1 dau
9
15
2 dau
23

~~News of the children~~

Family history.

None of Philip's and Francella's children is married. Edna had one child for John Roy in Ridge. The girl Aldith Roy stayed in the house until she left last year to join her ~~husband~~ boy friend Louie Francis in Ridge. She lives now with him.

Eva - has children by ~~two~~ three different men. Her first common law husband with whom she lived in his house was Edmond Dyer. Her 4 eldest children are by him. Edmond Dyer died in 1937 of hookworm and typhoid fever. ~~Her~~ His brother, Dudley Dyer, living now in Kingston, did not allow her to stay in her man's place. He turned them out and she went back with the children to her parents' home. The matter was brought to the court but was lost because of ~~the six of the place~~ the "heir of the place" since Edmond never "leave the will." The last child Ernie, was only 2 months old at that time and Eva had to work hard to be able to maintain her children. All the family contributed to ~~their~~ ~~maintain~~ the upkeep of her children. They all were sent to school. Ernie is still in school - she is in 5th standard inspite of being 13. ~~She is a bright child~~ Teacher says she is very ~~bright~~ bright. Millicent and Sylvia left school this year only in 4th ~~at~~ standard. Ernest reached also only 4th standard.

Her next man was Septy Holness, preacher in the Bible Church of God. Septy Holness lives with his mother Jane Holness. She has one child for him, Cathline Holness, 9 years old - she stays with her. The child visits frequently her father and gets "things" from him. Septy did not marry Eva ~~because~~ - they parted. All the time they were going along she stayed in her parents' home.

Septy Holness was succeeded by Cyril Sinclair, who lived just near-by in vicinity. ~~Ray~~ Her youngest children Boy and Albert are for him. He supported the children till lately. ~~when~~ Now he stopped all the help as it seems and probably they will go to court with the matter. He is building new house for himself in Duff House and probably will marry. another woman.

The last child-member of the family ~~at~~ in this house is ~~for~~ Vincent Sinclair, 4 years old. He is Albert's son by Ucella Simpson /daughter of ~~late~~ late William Simpson / in Shadock Hill.

Brooks Percy also belongs to this family, sleeps and eats with them. He is son of ~~Brumelle~~ ~~Brooks~~ ~~Sinclair~~ daughter of Imogene Sinclair, the eldest daughter of Philip Sinclair. ~~She had this child before~~ Imogene Sinclair, called ~~at~~ also Brumelle, is his outside child. He had her by Rachel Dyer before he married Francella. Brumelle had an outside child before she married - Percy Brooks. She is married to Berrisford Simpson in Shadock Hill and has children with him.

The only person in the family to be married soon is Maud. ~~sh~~ Her boy friend is Isaac Elliott, Uncle Moses's son. He builds his house now and Maud will join him as soon as the house will be ready. Will she marry him? "We expect so."

Martha was rather ~~reticent~~ sceptic about her marrying a boy. There is a lot of boys, about whom one must be careful. ~~They~~ "Some just going to fool - chat and such things." But

they have no ~~houses~~ houses of their own and so cant marry girls they fancy.

Clifford is 26 according to his statement which is ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ - judgeing by Census - very inaccurate. He cant marry - hss no land and no house of his own. ~~Albert~~ None of the brothers ~~xxxxxx~~ is building the house for himself. The only exception is Albert who plans to build the house on his own land ~~in~~ in vicinity of father's home. He perhaps will marry when the house will be built.

Daily routine. Present and absent members of the family.

The only persons present at the time of our visit in the home were: Francella, who always stays at home ~~and~~ and does not go to ~~the~~ work in the fields; Isaac who was working in the garden /staking yams/ near the house; Albert who caught cold and did not go to work in the fields; Martha who does a lot of home work and ~~xxxxxxx~~ works as dressmaker staying at home; Curdel whose duty is to cook meals; Eva who is either with children or if goes outside it is chiefly to sell bammies in Alligator Pond. up

All other ~~members of the~~ grown members of the family were outside. Ellint All men went "in the wood" to weed grass and ~~work~~ plant cassava. Maud went to visit her boy friend Isaac Moses and stay with his family at Uncle Moses' home. ~~xxxxxx~~ She likes Uncle Moses very much and Uncle Moses likes her very much too.

Children did not go to-day to school as it is Friday. So ~~xxxxxx~~ Ernie was all the time moving around the house and assisted us in our conversation.

There were also other people coming and staying in the room: Lucille Comerbush, about 15 years old, dropped in. She was presented as sister of Aldith Roy's husband. She lives in Kingston, came on a visit to her brother Louie Francis and came to see her sister-in law's family. Miss Ford, c.1 wife of Kennedy Holness next yard came ~~xxxxxxx~~ with her two children, one in her arms, and stayed with us.

At the end of my staying in the house Jeanette, the youngest daughter of Philip and Francella, described as "she is the last son", came in and was introduced to me.

When leaving the ~~xxxxxx~~ place Mr. Kennedy Holness came into the yard and we renewed our acquaintance.

Other children from the naighbourhood and from the house were all the time moving around entering and leaving the room. and then coming back again.

Occupations and tasks.

All men in the family are cultivators. They cultivate a lot. Clifford used to practice carpentry once but now he ~~works~~ is only cultivating as other brothers. ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ He left school when he was 14 and started to learn carpentry from a Neil in Dunder Hill. He was ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ started with working and learning the trade with Mr. Neil for 4 years before he started to carry the trade on his own. He worked in the factory making tomato-boxes for several years.

Philip Sinclair is still ~~working~~ doing cultivating inspite pf his age. And Eva is a cultivator also. She sells bannies in Alligator Pond and fish brought from Alligator Pond in Bull Savannah. But she also works her own garden. This year she planted 2000 tomatoes. She plants also cassava ~~and~~ for her bannies and escallion for sale. ~~xxxx~~ She started her cultivations after ~~her first~~ the death of ~~her~~ Edmond Dyer. Martha was very proud of her cultivator's career. Eva is not like other women - "some of them prejudiced, wont touch the dirt."

During the season Martha and Maud worked in the factory wrapping tomatoes. Both of them could wrap daily from 50 to 100 boxes. Once Martha earned in a day 7/- and Maud even more - 10/-. Vincent, the youngest of the brothers, is also a cultivator. He worked at the factory in the season at 2/6 per day ~~leading~~ carrying the boyes of tomatoes to be loaded on the truck. ~~xxxx~~ Ernest, Eva's ~~youngest~~ eldest son, ~~xxxx~~ similarly as Vincent shared his time between cultivations and work in the factory.

Martha is also dressmaker. She sews for other people to earn some money and also does sewing for ~~the~~ the family.

Organisation of work. Men.

Each of the ~~six~~ brothers cultivate separately. Albert, the eldest one, works together with father, especially at tomatoes. Each of other younger brothers ~~six~~ planted their tomatoes separately. As cassava and gongo peas follow the the tomatoes, each of them works separately on his cassava field. ~~Gix~~ There is no separation of cultivations with congo peas. All "gungoo" is worked and reaped together.

Each of them can take any portion of land he wants to cultivate. But the selection of the plot is not left to each of them. Before the season starts they discuss the matter and the plots are allotted to each of them accordingly. Albert, the eldest brother, is described as ~~planner~~ "the planner." The land is allottted ~~and~~ to everybody according to the plan of the cultivations for the coming season. They had such a conference about two weeks ago. ~~xxxx~~ Tomato season starts in September and now all the plans have to made for all the year.

xxxx tasks Once the land is allotted to each of them they do their cultivations as it pleases them. Nobody supervises them or assigns ~~the~~ running ~~work~~ to them. They are doing it just by themselves.

~~xxxx~~ All 5 brothers took part in the last planning conference. ~~and also Percy Brooks in spite that he is working chiefly Windy's Elliott's land on share~~ Eva did not take part in it. - ~~she works her own~~ Her cultivations are ~~not~~ included into the joint plan. No other woman took part in this deliberations - only men. Also Calvin and Vincent - young as they are. And even young Osborn Dyer - as he has his own land. On the other hadd, Percy Brooks, who works Windy Elliott's land on share did not participate in the planning.

Organisation of work. Women.

are Unlike men, who carry their work frequently independently of each other once the land is allotted to them women's tasks ~~are~~ ~~apportioned~~ depend on each other and accordingly ~~are~~ apportioned to each of them. It is the mother, Miss Francella, who assigned their tasks to her daughters and granddaughters.

Miss Francella gets up the first. She has no special duties with the exception of making tea for all the family. She gets up at 4 in the morning, ~~she~~ ~~has~~ ~~her~~ ~~day~~ ~~break~~ with the first break of the day. Tea is ready and taken about 7.

~~Women's tasks consist in cleaning the house, cooking the~~
~~meals, washing and wiping dishes~~

Cooking is allotted to Curdel and she prepares both breakfast and supper. During our visit she was cooking a huge pot of porridge for the children and those grown up members of the family who stay at home. Those who went "in the wood" took food and pots with themselves to cook their breakfast on the spot.

Cleaning of the house, sweeping of the floor, washing and wiping dishes, is the duty of three young girls: Jeanette, daughter of Miss Francella, and Millicent and Sylvia, Eva's daughters.

Miss Martha serves the meals - especially supper. It takes her one hour in the evening. ~~and~~ Besides she looks after the children in the house together with Curdel. If they are lazy, refuse for instance to go to the shop or are slow in fulfilling her orders, she "slashes" them. Curdel never does it - ~~she~~ she is too soft. The chief trouble with the children is that they are lazy.

Miss Martha also "sends" children to school. And she also sews their clothes. She has sewing machine on which she works for the family and from which she derives some earnings when sewing for other people in the village.

Children who go to school or those staying at home have no much work to do. Their chief work is to go to shop when sent to buy something by Miss Francella or Martha.

It is Miss Francella who directs the shopping. She gives money for the shopping and the shopping is done according to her dispositions.

When Eva is in the home she looks after her children herself. And also after other children. I saw her carrying a meal of porridge to feed little Vincent /Albert's 4 years old son/ who was ill and ~~stayed in the house~~ was not brought to be fed in the kitchen.

Meals.

Meals are served three times daily. The middle day meal, ~~the~~ breakfast, seems to be the only "informal" one. Tea and supper ~~have~~ keep to a definite procedure.

Tea is given to everybody by "mother" - it is Miss Francella. She prepares the tea and as soon as other members of the family are ready they start to come to kitchen are given their tea by Miss Francella. The rule is that first men and the women are served with tea. Tea-time is also time ~~of~~ neighbours' visits.

"Not only we - said Martha - friends come to the morning tea. Family we live lovely." Among the regular visitors to morning tea are ~~Joseph Sinclair~~ Joseph Sinliar, who is first cousin of Philip Sinclair, and James Sinclair, his brother. They come alone and dont bring their wives or families with them. Sometimes members of Philip Sinclair's family visit their neighbours at tea time and share their morning tea. But it is only "some-time." The explanation of these visits by Martha: "We live lovely, we unite together". As far as I could understand there is no particular order in serving tea to people - they get their tea from "mother" as they arrive.

Morning tea consists of coffee with milk and sugar ~~and~~ or bush-tea with buns, bread or biscuits. ~~For~~ Bush tea is made of pear leaves, sweet sap leaves, Rosemary, fever grass, sometimes a bit of ginger is added to it.

Breakfast is cooked only for those who stay in the home. Men who go to work in the fields do not participate in the breakfast, so chiefly women and children gather at the breakfast time ~~at~~ in the kitchen. Breakfast was just being served when we were leaving the house. Children were already in the kitchen. Miss Curdel who finished cooking, stayed in the living house with us. First the sickly child was given his bowl of porridge. Porridge - according to the explantuon of ~~the~~ corn meal with sugar and milk.

Dinner is the meal at which all the family ~~is~~ participates. It is served at about 5 and according to what Martha said everything is over ~~in~~ about one hour time. Big as their kitchen is couldnt accomodate all the people. The table is laid in the kitchen - in which otherwise people sit on benches and keep their dishes in ~~the~~ hands - and all the people are served by Martha in 4 turns. First of all father and mother are served. Then all the men of the household. They are followed by women and children get their dinner at the end. Martha who serves gets her meal after the children.

~~Rice~~ Dinner consistss of food with fresh or salt fish, ~~and~~ sometimes with meat. They need at least 5 to 6 pounds of meat ~~is~~ for such a big family - for one meal only. So meat is usually Sunday dish. They buy meat /beef/ on Fridays ~~and~~ - about 6-7lb. Food: yams, potaces, gungoo, cassava. ~~and~~

Sunday dinner is better. ~~Rice~~ Rice and peas and beef or other meat. Sometimes fowl. If fowl is prepared for the meal ~~only~~ only father, mother and 3 eldest sons ~~participate~~ share the fowl. Father and mother are give a leg, which is regarded as ~~their~~ a part due to them. Other mebers of the family are given fish or other meat.

~~Their~~

Expenditure and contributions to the upkeep of the household.

They dont know how much is spent weekly ~~in~~ in the shop on the upkeep of the family. Miss Francella confeseed that she never counts. All the shop expences on food etc. are as a rule covered by "mother". She disposes for this purpose of the money she has, ~~and~~ says what to buy and sends children to the shop.

Nobody pays any fixed amount ~~to cover~~ the expenses of ~~to cover~~ his share in the expenses. ~~But~~ But if the mother is short of money and asks some ~~of her~~ off her sons the money given will be used for the expenses and never returned. Last time a couple of weeks ago Clifford was asked by mother for money and he gave her 5/-. Other brothers contribute to the upkeep of the household in a similar way. And if somebody earn money he will buy by himself meat or other shop goods and bring it to mother to be used by all the household. That is what Martha ~~used to~~ did ~~when~~ when she was paid for her work in the factory last season.

~~Everybody in the house who earns money by selling his~~ ~~earnings~~ Earnings derived ~~by~~ from cultivations, work in the factory, trade or "speculating" are not shared but retained in ~~the~~ ~~private~~ private possession and disposal. Clifford used part of his money from ~~the~~ last year tomatoes for his clothing expenses. ~~He~~ ~~will~~ If he will sell some of his cassava, also this money will be kept by him and will be his own only. But the food from the fields he cultivated will be used freely for all the household. And so is with everybody in the family.

Cultivations.

Each of the cultivators in the family ~~has~~ /including Eva does his cultivations separately. Father and Albert, the eldest son, planted tomato together, as partners. Other sons had their separate tomato gardens. ~~Also~~ They plant also separately ~~their~~ yams, cassava, corn and red peas.

Philip and Albert planted last season 9000 tomatoes. Isaac - 4000, Clifford - 5000, Calvin - 4000, and Vincent 3000 - about 1/2 acre. Osborn ~~Brooks~~ planted ~~on~~ ~~there~~ ~~with~~ ~~Clifford~~ ~~Elliott~~ 5000 from which he derived in ~~his~~ 150. Philip and Albert ~~planted~~ have together 4 acres under cassava; Isaac, Clifford and Calvin - each 1,5 acre; Vincent and Osborn - 1 acre each. Philip and Albert have again 1 acre under corn and red peas, each of the other men 1/2 acre each. ~~Philip and Albert have~~ ~~150 hills of yam; each of the other men, Clifford and Calvin - 1/2 about 100 each; Philip has his own yam garden with about 150 hills. Albert, Isaac and Clifford had have ab. 100 yam hills each. Vincent - 62, Vincent - 50, Osborn - 60. Congo peas are not ~~grown~~ cultivated separately. They have altogether ab. 3 acres under "gungoo" "for all the house".~~

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Tobacco is planted by all the men together and income from it shared equally. However ~~Philip has his own field~~ two small fields of tobacco near the house are described by Martha as "father's".

Stock.

Similarly as cultivations, stock is kept by individual members of the family in their own possession. Albert has 1 milch cow and a heifer; Clifford keeps 1 beef cow; Osborn has also 1 cow.

The only donkey is owned by the father. Edna has 13 goats, Albert, Maud and the mother /Francella/ have 1 pig each. "Mother looks for all pigs." ~~Her~~ Milch cow is milked every day by Albert, who gets up for this purpose earlier than other brothers.

Land. ~~Only~~

All the land 35 acres together is owned by the father. But Albert and Osborn have also some land which is their own property. Albert owns 3,5 acres nearby. Bought it ab. 10 years ago from his grandfather, ~~and father of Phil~~ his father's father, for £20. ~~Text the stanger much~~ He paid little for the land because it was sold in the family. Albert's land is nearby and Albert plans to build his house on it. Osborn has also about 3 acres of land - "grandfather died and left it to him."

35 acres of the father's land are in 3 lots. 5 acres are at home, 9,5 in Duff House and the remainder - about 20 acres - in Breadnut Wood. Only ~~land~~ homeland and Duff house land is taken under cultivations. Woodland in Breadnut Wood is in grass. They don't make any cultivations over there, because "them thief too much in Breadnut Wood."

Only people who cultivate the family land or in addition their own land took part in the ~~planning~~ planning debate. Percy Brooks did not take any part in ~~the proceedings~~ it, since he has no land and works Windy Elliott's land on share. Osborn, young as he is, took part in the planning as he has his own land.

House.

Their homestead consists of 3 buildings: 2 dwelling houses and one kitchen. One of the dwelling houses is 30 years old. It has two rooms fairly big. In one of the rooms, to which door was opened, I saw two beds neatly covered with ~~some~~ dark blankets. ~~There was no other furniture in it.~~ There was no other furniture in it. Smaller house, the new one, was built about 8 years ago. It has also ~~one~~ room. I was invited to one of this rooms ~~furnished~~ which evidently was regarded as the representative one. It was furnished with one bed covered with a bedcover, one ~~table~~ small ~~and~~ table and one bigger ~~one~~ and higher with glasses and china on it. There were 3 or four chairs in the room, each of them covered with a cushion with a printed inscription on it. ~~Next~~ In the next room the furniture was simpler: a bed /also with bed cover/ one table and one ~~chair~~ or two chairs.

The smaller room - as it was explained to me - is occupied by mother and father. Nobody else lives with ~~him~~ them in this room. The representative room is ~~inhabited~~ Maud's room - nobody else shares it with her. The old house is shared by the remainder of the family. All men - 6 of them - live in the room with two beds. They sleep three on each bed. Next room is women's and children room. There are 3 beds in it and all the who live in this room sleep in beds - not on the floor.

There is a tank besides the house with a catchment. They have enough water, but during the last drought this year they had to carry water from the spring two miles away. They sent each day a donkey ~~with a boy~~ bringing ten gallons in one load to the house. Sometimes donkey had to ~~have~~ carry water from the spring twice a day.

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Interviewed Martha & Curdel Sinclair.

J. O. and myself visited Phillip Sinclair's yard , and Martha and Curdel two of Phillip' daughters and Clifford one of his sons . We were told by them that their father was not at home , as he left for the woods some-time before we arrived there . Their mother was not very far away , with that Martha started to shout for her mother . J. O. was left talking to the Clifford and I went with Martha in the house where I was shown a sick child . The child is Albert Sinclair , a child of Vincent Sinclair . The room that he is staying in , the windows were all shut and the room was rather stuffy . I told Martha it would be very good if she would keep one of the windows open , as that would help the child to get more fresh air which would be most helpful . She readily agreed to the suggestion and opened one of the windows and also the back door , through which we went back into the kitchen .

In the kitchen Curdel was preparing a very thick porridge for the sick child , much too thick for a sick person. It was awfully hot and had to be put in a dish on the fire place where it was kept to cool sufficiently for the child . Martha and Curdel both went to school and both read to the 5th standard . After school both of them went to sewing at Miss "Lyn" Rochester . The fee for sewing was 5/- per month . On completing their sewing Martha was given a machine by her father . Both sisters sew at home now . Martha is more efficient in dress making , and gets more work than Curdel . For the last three years , when the crop is on Martha works at the factory in the packing house . Curdel has been working at the factory in the packing house for the last two years also. When the crop is over they both go back to their sewing . Martha is known as Turnica also.

Edna who had gone out came in just then , and in a loud voice yelled at one of the little boys, who was in the other side of the kitchen must have been doing something wrong , saying "you though dig out you behind", (behind) . Edna came in the kitchen and joined the group Martha and Curdel stayed for a little then left , and went towards the house . There are two houses , with two rooms each . Seven people occupy one room , eight in another . She had great difficulty in telling the names of the people who live in the different rooms, so she gave the numbers of the people instead . Her mother and father stay in one , and five of the sisters stay in the other room . There is one household , with the father and brother contributing to the up-keep of the house hold . Edna and Eva help now and then , but they are not expected to do so , or compelled to do so .

Edna has adopted one of her sister Eva's daughters, Sylvia

Sylvia . Edna took Sylvia from she was two months old . She sends Sylvia to school ~~to~~ and is solely responsible for her . Maud another sister of Eva's has adopted Ernie , another of Eva's daughters and one of her brothers adopts one of her sons . Eva's other children are supported by her father , with the exception of Millicent , the only one that Eva has to support . Edna said that Eva was living at Edmond Dyer's house for a long time . Edmond was just making preparations to marry her when he died . After Edmond's death Eva was still at the house when Dudley Dyer , Edmond's brother took her to court and turned her out of the house . With ~~that~~ that she had to return ~~at~~ to her ~~brother~~-parent home . When Eva came in a little later she told the same story as Edna did .

Eva trades on cassava and bammies . At Alligator Pond she sells her bammies , going there twice for the week . Her cassava she sells at New Market . She goes to New Market once a week , starting at 12.0'clock in the night and coming back at 2 12 .0'clock in the day . She has not been to New Market since this year , only to Alligator Pond . To help to make her living , she plants a little tomato and escallion .

Edna after she left school went to work with one Mrs Montgomery in Mandeville , doing domestic work at 10/- per week . She worked for one year and then she left for "me and she couldn't gree , she cuss too much . The work did ~~me~~ too much and when you caan get through she cuss" . She began to trade when she came back , "with every little thing from here to Alligator Pond . She stopped her trading three years ago and started to work at the factory on the Grader , getting 3/- per day . When she works at nights she gets 4d per hour for the night . She also plants a small portion of tomato .

Edna's first boy friend was Arthur Roy from Bull/ Savanah . They became friends when she was about 20 years old . Edna was much amused when I asked her about her boy friend and she burst into laughter . She did not want to talk about her boy friend , as she told me she could not remember what had happened , "for that a long time now " . Eventually she told me that Arthur wrote to her first off ~~1~~ all telling her that he loves her (burst of laughter) . She wrote back telling him that she too loveshim (laughter again) . Arthur next went to her mother and asked permission to be friends with her . The parents consented , and so they started to ~~visit~~ visit one another . Arthur promised to marry her . She went to live at his home . They were moving as friends for two years before she had her first sexual intercourse . That took place at Arthur's home (laughter) . They were together three years before she had her first child .

When she was expecting the second one Arthur started to go around with other women , such as Coolie Sinclair , and Linnette Simpson. Edna took sick with fever , and Arthur asked Edna's mother to take her until she was well again , but me never go back , for me no did love him again ". Arthur never asked why Edna did not return, that was the easiest way for Arthur to get her to go back home , so that he could get to go around with the other women . He supported the children very well . One is dead and the other is married , who is Aldith Francis The father still offers Aldith any thing , but he does not maintain her any more . Edna has never had "dealings" with any other man since then . She stays home and work for herself .

Arthur is "along with four other woman now , the woman them quarrel and fight one another because him visit some more than some . Most a the woman this side prefer the man them x when them brown and fine looking . Me prefer the one that x carry me on the best , whether him black or him brown ". Edna said that Marhta and Cardel do not ~~have a~~ have any boy friends , "me no / know why them no have any them must a 'fraida the old people them ". Francella , the mother and Eva came in just them and Edna who was probably longing x to get outside ater such a long talk got up immediately and went outside

Francella loves all her children alike , so as Eva . "Me caan love any more than the other , only if some no have manners ". The chastisement of the children is done chiefly by grand mother or grand father , or any of the bigger members of the family , for instance Eva , Edna or Maud . "When them wrong in a any thing me chastise them . Some time me have fe reason with them and some-
ren/ tien me have fe take the rod to them . Granny is responsible for the up -bringing of the children , and teaching the child/good manners . Granny is helped in the line of training by her bigger daughters . It is very likely Granny will have to use more of her skill in the training of the children , especially her younger grandchildren and great grand child, as they displayed just the opposite to what Granny was teaching them during my visit. Aldith's child had to be slapped twice by the grandmother Edna , for crying for things that were not given to her .

The work at home is divided between the boys and the girls equally . Father gives the boys the work they are supposed to do , while mother give s the girls . At the age of twelve a boy can begin to help father in the fields with the cultivation . When he reaches the age of 17 he begins to cultivate for himself . Father "always start them off , for him give them plants , and money fe buy tobacco or tomato seed seed" the boys carry wood for the home , water the cows and donkeys and carry food from

field to house . The work for the little girls of 7 in the home is to sweep the yard, go to the shop , "and eat and rude ". When they reach the age of twelve they wash dishes , clean the house , and start learning to wash and iron . They also prepare the cassava for meals and "empty chimney " . "We dont make them empty chimney till them a twelve " .

Eva said there were many things~~s~~ that the "old time people say " one should not do when expecting a baby . ~~Straw~~ Straw plaiting should be avoided as it will wrap the baby's navel and give trouble at the birth of the baby . "Me plait straw all the time when me in the way" and it never do me nothing " . ~~Another~~ /things that are not to be done when one is expecting a baby:- one is supposed to walk very fast it will turn the baby out "the house " . One must not sit and cross the feet , neither must one sit on a "malter" (mortar) , or stand at any door . If the person stands at the door of a house or a kitchen , when labour starts the baby will stop on the way .

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The first thing that is given to baby when it is born , is salt and water , which is to take the slime off the baby's stomach . The next thing that is given is sugar ~~tea~~ and castor oil . Up to the sixth month ~~the~~ baby is given tea and is breast fed at the same time . Porridge and cow's milk are given at that age too . If the baby has a cold sirasee can be given for it . Strange to say Eva has never given any thing to her baby or babies at teething ~~time~~ time , "me just make them stay and break out " Button weed is given to the baby when it has a tummy ache .

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I paid another visit to Eva , just as I was going to her home she was crossing the path to go to Joseph Sinclair yard . I x called to her , but whether she heard or not she did not reply . It is likely she heard but did not want to stop , being afraid of answering more questions I followed to Joseph's yard . There she told me she did not go to Alligator Pond today as she could not get any cassava to make her bammies . She was not looking very happy , but did not say what was wrong . Being unable to go to the market has made her very sad , she said "if me did have money today me wouldnt dey here " .

After Edmond Dyer died in 1937 she and Ambrose , called "Septy" Helness became friends . They were friends for two years , during that time she got ~~pregnant~~ pregnant , and had Kathleen for him . She did not share house with Septy , he used to visit her at her home . After a time he started to go with other women , and she did not like

it so their friendship came to an end . Septy is supporting Kathleen all the time . "Septy na run up and ee down now for him a christian now , him join the Bible Church of God " . Eva still loves Septy , "but me na friend with any more , better me'tan to meself , and work x fe meself" .

Her next man friend was Cyril Sinclair from Duff House . "Cyril come a me yard come ask me friend with him . Me and him friend fe eight years , but me never one day go a him house go live . Him no did even have any posse , him this build house" . Cyril used to live in his old parents' home near to Eva . He used to visit Eva all the time . She has two children for him Roy and Albert . He is not supporting his children at all , all the care is left on the mother . Eva and Cyril are not on the best of terms . They parted aft r living together for eight years . Her reason for leaving him is that he has "too much woman " , just as Septy . He started to pay more attention to the other women and to "less care " her so she "leave him " .

Talking about Septy and his christianity Eva said that she believes the Bible Church of God is the only one to follow "round here" . They tell you that you must repent and be baptised and she thinks that is the only way to go to God . They tell you the truth , but ix yet at the same time she thinks the best thing is to join God . The Millenium "then say that we no have any soul , then i we no~~we~~ have soul wey we gwine repent fe . Then say yo no need fe repent . He believe the Adventist too , but after them want keep the day good . Adventist a mus'c only fe Jews and me no Jew , me a Gentile " .

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Ed. F.

Interview with Francella Sinclair

Francella Sinclair is the wife of Phillip Sinclair. I met her in Margaret Holness' yard. She greeted me as follows:

"May God open your heart to make him come in. I have him in mi; if a didn't have him in mi this morning a couldn't talk to y'u.

"A go to Church of English. I use' to go to this church once, an' a hear the word. O

Her conversion

"One day at a funeral -it was the teacher Mr. Millard was reading over the death- as hi m readin' over the death, the spirit lif' mi, an' mi daughter ~~xxxx~~ howl (hold) mi; sh' didn't understan'. Mi tell her it was the spilit from God an' she mus'n' resis' it, but sh' still leadin' mi on believin' that I was mad. 'he resis' an' resis' till sh' get mi to that church up there." (Here she pointed to the Bible Church of God.) but they couldn't help mi up there; a was in the church kneelin' down, but a couldn't fine any peace there; a couldn't help miself; a sey the spirit is not in this ~~xxxx~~ place!

"One of mi ~~son~~ take one of mi han' and try to draw mi, but the other one tek mi an carry mi to the church' -(Anglican Church) ~~xxxxxxx~~

She met Mr. Millard in the church yard. He had come out of his house to meet her. Hex brought her a chair which he asked her to wit upon. He brought out a bible, read from it, and then prayed with her. She felt "light after that; ~~xxxx~~ Mi spirit was ~~xxxx~~ relieve an' a could walk an' go home all right."

"A find that a have to give out the word of God after that. This morning a wake an' this come to me:

"The angels have been round,
To carry the tidings home,
to the new Jerusalem etc."

She sang this hymn for me, in a slow hauntingly high pitched voice. "Praise God," she SAID AS SHE FINISHED singing. She raised her right hand as though she ~~was~~ was offering a benediction. Her eyes lit up, and her face took on an aspect of serenity as she sang.

She has been baptised. This was done at the ~~Anglican~~ Church.

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Bible Church God group, but after she had been baptised she went back to the Church Group. She is still attending at the Anglican CHURCH.

As she turned to leave me, she said - "God be with you till we meet again, an' pray that we may meet again, an' that the spirit may enter in, i.e. into me.

Margarett and Elsie who were in the yard when this talk took place, did not pay any attention to it. It appears they are accustomed to this kind of thing from Francella.
