

C.D. 22, Sbd. 8 Household 20.

Lewis	David F.	head	M.M.	32	St.El.	Col.	Ang.	W.3.	Farmer
"	Marion	wife	F.M.	31	5.5.	"	"	W.2.	homemaker
"	Cecil	son	M.S.	12	"	"	"	X 3.E.	
"	Hector	son	M.S.	8	"	"	"	W.1.	3.E.
"	Bertram	son	M.S.	7	"	"	"	X	no
"	Rupert	son	M.S.	4	"	"	"		
"	Keith	son	M.S.	2	"	"	"		

His farm in L942.

*J. James*  
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Operates this farm land as owner or part owner for 7 years.

Owens 5.5 ac. in 2 parcels: 2 and 3.5 ac. resp.

Main income from tomatoes and cassava.

Employs 1 labourer for 48 weeks p.a.

Works 30 weeks p.a.

2.25 ac. in cultivation. 2 ac. available but not used. 1 ac. in guinea grass. 0.25 ac. of other land.

Total value of farm £ 100, buildings £ 50. 1 catchment.

0.5 ac. tomatoes = 5300 lbs.

1 breadfruit = 3 doz. 5 coconuts / 2 fruiting / = 140 nuts. 5 mangoes = 300 doz. 1 naseberry = 6 doz.

0.75 ac. congo peas = 3 bush. 0.5 ac. cassava = 2500 lbs. 0.25 ac. sweet pot. = 340 lbs. 0.25 ac. yam = 1950 lbs.

1 sheep. 3 goats. 1 swine. 1 pig. 6 hens = 24 doz. eggs. 2 rabbits.

Friday.  
9.4.48.  
I.D.

Interviewed Miriam Lewis.

Present Household

Miriam Lewis.	mother
Cecil Lewis.	son
Hector do	"
Bertram do	"
Rupert do	"
Keith do.	"

*6 persons*

Family History.

*Miriam's*

Parents: Charles and Mahala Thompson. Mother's mother was Sinclair, than Rochester. Mother's father Aaron Rochester. Father's parents Marion and Phillip Thompson "from Manchester, round Plowden way.

David's (her husband) father is Charles Lewis. She does not remember the name of his mother "The woman him have the child with, him did not married to her She did live at Alligator Pond but she dead now. Her "pet name wad Tap tep." David grew with his father, He did not have much to do with his mother. Is only in case of sickness him go to see her, or when him want to see her otherwise." She/come to see me sometime."

used to

David's illness.

"He was a Police in Town and him get the T.B. germ from another Police mand, so I must say is it him dead from." David remained in the hospital for 10 months. When he left/the Dr. told him that he should go home and rest. "He is not a man of wealth so he could not rest, He went out and work and him break down again. Him would not go back to the doctor because him say that the Dr. would be cross with him, as it was his fault. Him just make up his mind to die."

/the hospital

Miriam nursed her husband until he died. "We did not live together while he was sick.

Financial assistance.

David's father helped Miriam while David was sick. She was also able to get money from the land. "His father helped a whole lot. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Is him stand the funeral, it don't cost me a thing.

Did not like his job.

Miriam had her first child at her mother's home. "When he go to Kingston, I did not go the same time with him." Hector was born in Kingston, David did not like the Police Force "and him pass out unfit. Is not the germ him did have, but the doctor help him to pass out unfit." Bertram, Keith and Rupert were born here.

Charles helps Miriam with the children. "Him give them books for school, and clothes, and all that.

Charles Lewis

Gertrude

Charles has a daughter/in Kingston who is married. She is teaching. Herbert is living with Charles. His wife took the child when he was a baby. Doris, Herbert's mother, lives at Top Bull Savannah. Mrs. Lewis also has one of Birdie Rochester's children. Birdie had twins for Charles and Mrs. Lewis took the girl. Has Mrs. Lewis any children? "She don't have any for her husband. Him must be feel that him want picknie, so him stray out." Mrs. Lewis had a child before she was married. Her name is Elorene Blomfield. She is now teaching. Herbert's younger sister/- (not Charles' child) lives with Charles and his wife. She works in the home. "Mother have plenty, I believe she glad that they take her."

Myrtle

Land

The land on which the house is built was given to David by his grand father Charles Dyer. The house was built by David. "Grand father give him 2½ acres just under the Hill here, them call the place Little Ease." The land is cultivated on share. Miriam does not remember the name of the man who does the cultivation, he is called Duggie.

Cecil has his tomatoe garden on the land surrounding the house. "Him had to leave shhool to help me." Cecil is now 17. He had a very good crop. He sold about £100 worth of tomatoes. "Every 6 rows of tomatoes you drill, you put in a row of cassava. You see you get the money, and you get the food."

Asked if Cecil had any land of his own. "I believe his grand father will give him land, for him have plenty.

Typhoid.

There is a terrible outbreak of typhoid in the area. "Typhoid will for ever reign in Bull Savannah, for look how many typhoid carriers you have around here.

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For the relationship between Marion Lewis  
and her father-in-law Charles Lewis, see his  
Family Record No 190.

Interviewed Marion Lewis.

Present Household

Marion Lewis	Head.	38.
Cecil	do	Son 17.
Hector	do	do 13.
Bertram	do	do 12.
Rupert	do	do 10.
Keith	do	do 8.
Ursie Gayle	Adopted Dau.	7.

Adoption: 7

Ursie's parents are Ida and William Gayle of Pedro Village. Ursie's mother visits Bull Savannah often. She has lots of children. Marion asked her for one of them. Ursie has been living with Marion for about 3 years. She has been to Pedro once. Her mother called to see her last Thursday. "As I don' have any girls, I say I would take this little one. I always wished to have girls but I didn' have any."

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Teething

"Some teethe quite young, all 3 months." Her first child Cecil was sick when he started to teethe. "Some poeple say them swallow the teethe water, and it give them a pressing on the chest, a kind of cold." She does not believe in the saying that babies should be paid when the first tooth appears, or the child will be ill. "That is not true, I never bother with it."

Thumb sucking.

Her children have never sucked their fingers. "Sometime you have to illtreat them bad." If the mother puts anything on the finger to prevent their sucking it, it is of little or no use. The children suck it all the same. "Sometime have to tie up the finger. Some keep on sucking it when they get big." There are children who suck their tongues. "Vertell Elliott, a big woman have a ~~child~~ child, still suck her tongue."

Crying

Marion would not allow her babies to cry too much. If the child cries and it is neither hungry nor sleepy; she takes it up all the same. The child may be playing and as the mother passes it starts to cry. "I say they know the mother by the smell."

Baby's arrival.

She does not tell the children of the coming child. After the baby is born she tells them that the Nurse brought it, or that it was dropped by an aeroplane, "I just try to hide the truth. If ~~ixknd~~ she had a grown up daughter, she would tell her about the child. "But a

never worry with the boys." She employs a maid to look after the bigger children when she has a baby. Her mother also assists her. "But you caan just depend on them." The other children are always kind to the baby. "They play with it."

Cecil was born at Marion's mother's home. He calls Mrs. Thompson (Marion's mother) Mama and calls his mother Mary. The other children call her Mama.

Walking.

She does not teach the children to walk. "Them help themself."

Fights.

Her children fight often. "One may have something and the other one want it, and them fight over it. All me can do is beat them out of it." Cecil flogs his ~~bro~~ brothers. If he ~~sends~~ is sending them out and they refuse to go, he flogs them. In such cases Marion does not ~~in~~ interfere..

In didding anything a/mong the children. The older ones are given preference.

Cecil and Marion are now building a tank very near to the house. They are now drawing water from Charles' Lewis' tank.

Cecil plants tomatoes. ~~and~~ "Him give me a portion of the money to help with the smaller children. "Him alone don' claim it."

Hector helps Cecil ~~in~~ with the tomatoes. He helps to ~~in~~ sucker and tie them.

Bertram also helps with the tomato garden. Hector and Bertram carries water and ~~bring~~ fetches wood. Cecil draws water "somet~~x~~imes."

Rupert also carries water.

Weaning babies.

Marion weans her children at 6 months. "Have lots of ~~tr~~ trouble with them. They cry plenty. If the mother is pregnant and she nursed the last child "that milk would sick the baby."

Helping children to dress:

A child 4 years old cannot dress ~~it~~self. Mother has to bathe them. "If is a girl, and you give her, her little panty and slip, she will put it on, but you have to fix it. Girls would help the smaller ones but the boys don' worry."

Sleeping habits.

Marion had to rock or pat her babies to sleep. "A lively

baby won' stay on the bed and just fall asleep, it will cry. But a deadie deadie baby will go to sleep!"

Excreta

Marion teaches her children when they are a year old to tell her when they would like to "dirty", "Sometime they dirty up the panty and you don! know." Babies are washed after having a motion. Her babies sometimes try to drink their unine. When she sees them, she takes them away from it.

Second marriage.

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Marion would not marry again. Her second husband perhaps would not like her children. "Some man have cross turns. The children wouldn' have a fatherly affection for him. And them may be ill manners. I wouldn' worry with that again. I have plenty worry already with husband and children."

Marion did not have David's help in bringing up the children. "He was hardly in the home."

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