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At hte time of xensus taking Arthtur Linton used to live with his father in Dunder Hill. He married since and lives in Junction on the five acres which his father gave him.

Professional career.

Mr. Linton is a painter. He says he is in this trade already 14 years. He first started to paint with a neighbour Mr. Neil. But he thought him aonly "very little". Then in 1936 Major Moxsy took him to do some work. Major Moxsy "was very experienced in painting" and Mr. Linton learned a lot. In 1942 he ~~xxxxxxx~~ worked for 3 month at the American base. He was paid weekly - every Friday evening £5.5/- In 1944 he went to Florida on contract. He did a little painting there but as it was on contract he was paid all the same \$4 per day. ~~xxxxxxx~~ He paints now in the whole district. Just last week he came back from Hampton School in Malvern where he did some work. At the factory there is every year and sometimes twice a year some work to do. Mr. Linton says that before there was no painter in Bull Savannah. There used to come one from Calerendon 65 miles away - when people needed a painter. Since three years he paints with his brother whom he thaught the trade. He needs an associate and prefers family - he can trust him.

A few minutes after I left Mr. Linton I met another painter who just finished Mrs. Elliott's shop. When asked Mr. Linton said "He is from Comma Pen - doesnt get much work". Obviously he has the ambition to be the only painter - who counts - in B.Sav.

Work in U.S.A. and why Mr. Lindon did not like it.

In 1944 he went to the U.S.A. on contract and stayed there for 8 months - all the time in Florida. He did not like there because: " One day you dont feel well, perhaps you have a little fever - you have still to work. If it rains, suppose it is 4.30 ~~xxxxxxx~~ and it stops you have to go even for that halfanhour till 5 to work. You like to take a little rest - but you have to work through all the hours. The cane was very tall there, one might be wet and still has to work. He got \$4 for every day on which he worked. ~~Ofvxxxx~~ Out of it \$1 was taken for upkeep, \$1 for compulsory savings paid after return to Jamaica and "I got only \$2" The day he did not work still \$1 was taken for upkeep but no wages paid. "Florida is the worst state, I would go anywhere from Jamaica, but I prefer still Jamaica to Florida".

Investments.

Rentier's  
ideology.

Asked how he invested his american savings he wasnt very clear - seems a lot of it went to the races. I asked him whether he intends to buy land? "Land is difficult to get -he said- with tomatoes everybody tries to get some land". I asked him whether there are some better investments than land? "Land is the best investment: you can rent it, you can lease it, you can build a shop on it and rent it" He himself intends to build a shop on the piece of land he has right behind the post-office in Junction. The post-office belongs also to him. He estimates that the building will cost £240 - £280, and he will get £7 - £8 for rent monthly. "After 4 - 5 years it pays for itself - and you have an income - you can live for the rest of your life." He thinks he will build the shop next year - as soon as he gets the zinc to cover it. He might open a shop there himself - but doesnt think he will have enough money to build the house and start the shop.

And farming.

He is also a tomato grower and the ~~president~~ the chariman of the growers association in Junction .

Marriage : his attitude towards this institution.

Mr. Linton married in 1943. His wife is the daughter of Mr. Binn who has a big house and a lot of land between Bull Savannah and Junction "She was one of the Post-Misses" at the post office in Junction. He has two daughters. He doesnt want to have more children - "it is hard with all the schooling to give them". I asked about his twin brother and aprtner - he is still a bachelor. "And he doesnt want to marry and I wouldnt marry again". I asked is it because children are such a responsibility. "No - everybody has to raise children - to take care of you when you are old, - but wife - a lot of jealousy and foolishness". He said his wife is jealous " thats my trouble with her".

I asked whether his wife got any land from her wealthy father. He said no, "but it is like that: If I run short of money or get into trouble, they ~~xxxxxxx~~ help me. When they get old they make a will: this child gets 5 acres, this one 10 acres. If there is money - children share. they divide it up between them."