

27th April 1947.
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McLean, James. (Durham District).

I passed along the Parochial Road to Mount Tappy at about 6 p.m. On a cultivation on the left under banana trees I saw two heaps of yams and three men with two scales weighing the yams. McLean told me they were his yams. They had dug them to-day. The truck was passing tonight and he was taking them to Kingston himself on the truck to sell them there. He had not finished weighing so did not ~~know~~ know how much they weighed. They were yellow yams.

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Household 42.

McLean James	Head	M. M.	50	Farmer	Mixed Farm
" Sybil	Wife	F. M.	44	l. l.	Homemaker
Nichol Beryl	Cousin	F. S.	9		
Facey Lloyd	G. Son	M. S.	3		

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On the Parochial Rd. leading to Mount Tappy just behind the house of Mrs McLeish (Miss Marie Wiltshire) is Mr James McLeans' house. It is a large wooden house of native lumber, well made with a verandah in front, and from the view I got of the sitting room (we talked on the verandah) well furnished. There were pictures on the walls (not seen clearly) a nice dresser with crockery (made locally of mahogany) and chairs tables etc.

Mrs McLean who gave her name to me as Sarah, (not Sybil) was in the kitchen when I was taken over by Mrs Arnold Green. She was in working clothes with her head tied in a handkerchief. She is a middle aged woman gone to fet, rather stolid looking, with a soft voice and somewhat shy of me, though willing to be friendly. She had with her a small child who she said was adopted. (I did not get the name in my notes). The child's mother was Clementina Green and she did not know the father. (This is the first time I have heard this expression in Warsop). Clementina was no relation but "a good friend". She died last year March and Mrs McLean adopted the baby.

Mrs McLean said she had never had any children. I asked if her husband had any and there was some diffidence in the reply. I do not know whether it was embarrassment or dislike of the subject:- He had 4 children: 1 lives with Levi McLean; 2 are at Santa Cruz; 1 at Balaclava, 1 at Lowlands (of Trelawny i.e. Duanvale. She then added a fifth: Cecilia Falknet at Craig which is in Manchester. (Note: I am not sure that Cecilia F. is not the name of the mother). Levi's mother died when "she" was a baby. Sestina Brown (the mother of a girl) is at Balaclava.

Mrs. McL. said the house was built by a carpenter. The district here is Durham.

Said I should best ask Mr McL. about the land: she would not know. It would be best to catch him early in the morning or in the evening. They had their dinner between 4 and 5 p.m.