

P.D.22. Sb.5, Household 67.

Lewis Edward	Head	M.W.80.	Retired
" Daphne	Daughter	F.S.13.	
" Easton	Son	M.S.10.	

First visit
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Family ori-
gins. Arrival
at Warsop.

"I am stranger here."

Lewis Edward was not born in Warsop. He is from St. Elizabeth. His parents "were black people, the same as I am". His friend

"Ggod year" ago he came to visit his friend. He is no more alive. They worked together at Comfortable Hall and at a time his friend left the place and settled down here, in Allsides/?/. He came to visit him. "I come here to see a friend. They give me a little place to seed yam and tha how I did stay here." His friend died a long time ago. His name was Headman /?/ Cane. At that time it was much better here and he decided to stay.

From tenancy to
own property.

First of all he rented 3 acres in Allsides. "I live on Allsides property. Rent land it was. 3 acres. I saved some money on rented land and buy this one."

History of family
property.

buy

~~His first house was built a little up on the hill.~~

He owns 2 acres to-day. This a part of the land he bought years ago. He was refused further tenancy in Allsides and this was how he came to buy his own land. "Since they discharged me fro rent land I come here and buy a little piece of land. They discharged my cultivation and turned me out."

He bought some acres /more than 2/ from Mr. Tommy Sinclair. "I buy it from Mr. Tommy Sinclair. This get it from his father. He sell a piece to me." The price he paid for the land was L.21.10. xx This was bush when I buy it from Mr. Sinclair. I cleared the bush and planted all the trees and made the cultivations."

He bought his land when the road was built already. x "After the road built I come here, this place." He planted

~~at that time the~~ ~~with the~~ same what he planted previously on the rented land

now. On his buy land he planted chiefly banana and coffee.

His property was previously somewhat bigger than it is now. He sold a piece of his buy land to his neighbour /further down the hill, just at the road/ Bailey. He did not remeber his Chtistian name. According to Mrs. Brisset Maud his full name is Thomas Wallace.

History of the
house.

He sold this piece of land when his first house was smashed by the hurricane. Over 30 ~~for~~ forty years ago. His first house was built a little up on the hill. xx "Hurricane mash it up. Very long time. Hit was whe his first wife died. "I was married. The wife died - it was at that time.

Then he built his next house on the place it stands now. "After my wife died I built this house here." It is "strong house". No hurricane damaged it. It needs only from time to time some repair.

Cost of the grass-house to day.

To built such a grass house to day costs a lot of moneey. Lumber will cost ab. £25. Grass costs 1/. a bundle /"to be carried here, i.e. including the cost of transport from the "back-wood" to his house./ ~~Sticks~~ About 30 bundles of grass will make for the roof and the walls. Sticks make an additional cost. "Sticks will cost me a great many. One shilling a bundle to come here." 5 bundles of sticks is what will make for the house. Together 5/.

Family history.

Lewis was married twice and is widower now. ~~First~~ His first wife was Emilia Cane. He had no children with her. His second wife was Ida Clarke. He had two children with her. He had also another daughter, ~~she~~ but this was "outside". The mother of the girl is /or was/ Rosetta Green. "Married twice and two of them dead." ~~Two children by the name of~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ "Mamsy /his illegitimate daughter/ was outside. Rosetta Green was her mother."

His two younger children stay with him. Mamsy Lewis lives with her husband down the Wilson Vylæy. He is married to a Hutchinson. "She was along with me and the she got on and went with the man she ~~was~~ married." They have no land of their own. Live on a rented land. The land they live on belongs to Mr. Hendricks. "Hendricks Luther - his land. He lives at Comfortable Hall, his place."

He has no brother. No relatives here. "I am stranger here." He has a son he adopted. His name is Stanford Lewis. The new house by the road is his adopted son's.

When asked about his children, Lewis said at the beginning of the interview: "There is plenty of them, but not of mine. But some of them look for me. Now I am sick man. Got nothing."

Cultivations.

"I couldnt tell how I manage /to get his living. Chief crop is bananas - "to pay my taxes." He has no stock. "No beasts at all. Only one little pig - that's all." The pig belongs to "his little daughter".

When he came over here "the chief crop was the same a cane and bahana and yam. And the same thing is going on." There is however a trouble with

~~the disease~~ our banana fall now. He does not even count his stems. They do not bear fruit. He propbaly will not continue the cultivation. "After they dead out, you plant cane and yams." "No banana can be planted on such ground."

He does not know whether he will plant cane. "Cane - very very hard hard work right through." One has to have a mule, to pay a man to do the work, and he has no money.

Cane and banana are the crops that "pay good." When he settled down on his place, at that time the price of banana was 6d to 1/. Now it is much more. Ginger is very hard for cultivation. A lot of work and much risk. "When it come to you you have no price for it. It is always 6d. pound. Dont pay."

Farmer's complaint.

"Hard work have we in Jamaica. Very bad, very bad for black people here. No help. No help for them. No assistance. Have you Agricultural Society here? "No, Sir. No."