

23rd April 1947.  
Wednesday.

P.D. 27.S.D.22.Household 32.

Codling. John. Head. M.Cl.34. Farmer.  
Hyman. Isabelle.Wife.F.Cl.28. 6.5. Homemaker..  
Codling. Pearl. Dau. F.S. 7.  
" Winston Son. M.S. 5.  
" Venetia Dau. F.S. 4.  
" Linette Dau. F.S. 3.  
" Vivian Son. M.S. 1/3

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This is a thatched house, grass sides, on the right hand side of the parochial road leading from New Road to Mount Tappy. There were three children playing in the yard outside the house when I passed. One, who gave her name as Pearl, was friendly and intelligent. According to the Census figures she was 7 years in 1942 and should therefore be 12. She does not look anything like that. She is undersized. All the three children were very dirty. The little boys had only shirts and were naked below the waist. The smallest, ran away when I appeared. Pearl laughed and said he was "very frightened of people". I coaxed him back and he was friendly at the end.

Pearl said her mother was at the ground with her father. Her mother's name was Edith Codling. (N.B. What has happened to Isabelle Hyman? When did Hyman marry Edith Whatever-her-name?)

Pearl said the two other children present were Winston and Venetia. It is difficult to believe that Winston (the frightened one) is anything like 10.yrs. Could it be Vivian?

She said she had two other sisters (Jeanette and Vivian) and another brother Linford.

"Him 'raid o'  
people. Him run  
go hide, go  
holla!"

1947.

There has been an addition to the family since the Census: Lenford, boy, is now 2 years old. In addition John's brother, James Codling also lives in the home.

I met and talked with both the brothers and with Mrs C. The older brother, James, was working in the field when I went on to the land. After a few minutes we were joined by John who was in clean clothes and not dressed for working. His wife followed him.

Land. The land round the house, which is now 2 stretches, belongs to John. It is part of the family land left to them by their father. The father bought this land about 1922 (they thought) from Joe "rater" who went far away and died at sea". He paid £7 for the acre. It was "bare rinate" then. He put up the house. I (John) was about 35 then and living with him. At the father's death the land was left (1 acre still) to James, John, Jocelyn Jones (the sister, Esther's son, she lives in Kingston). 2 bits were sold out by John "to strangers"

James rents a piece --  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre ~~xxx~~ -- at Allsides for which 6/- or 12/- per quarter. (N.B. This is doubtful. All land at A. is rented at 32/- per acre).

Crops: The land round the house is in coffee, yams, pot toes and there are economic trees. This belongs to John.

Labo r. John said he was a "regular jobber". Cant get any

Permanent crops  
round house:  
Coffee, bananas;  
corn; pine; trumpet  
(bark) Pear, Bread-  
fruit.



land to work. He works for Mr B. at 2/6 per day. I asked if that was the usual price. He said "o, but dem is few to emp oy and so dem giv' you what dem like."

The corn (which I saw in the ground about a foot high) was "poor" because the land was exhausted. He would give it to the children to eat if it came to anything.

There was an empty spot between the house and the cultivation John said that was kept for grazing the donkey. It was not really his donkey. He kept it for a friend. He used it for carrying sugar (cane). He cut cane for it. (The leaves usually).

Has a few Bananas "but de whole t'ing tek up wid Panama. Couldn't sell even a six hand yeaterday (yesterday was Banana day) -- not even to give the children.

Livestock. Besides the donkey John owns ~~azxizgxxkzhought itxas~~ ~~Zaxexxaxsmallxonezforzi0x~~ no livestock. I asked him about a pig -- it would help. He said yes, that you could get an extra small one for 10/- and if you rear it an' it grow quick you would get good money. But he cant afford to buy one.

Family history: John was born in Warsop. His parents were William and Ada Codling. His mother's maiden name was Lewis and she was born in Myersville in St Elizabeth. She came here with her mother, Eliza Green. Both parents are dead. He has no brothers and sisters living (except James presumably).

His father was on rent land on Allsides and then they had to pay taxes on the grass huts they put up there -- 6/4 a year. That was only stopped about 5 years ago.

He and his wife were married on Christmas Day 1946. It was a matter of pride over which they exchanged glances. ( She was Isabelle Hyman on the Census.) Her father's name was Thomas Hyman and he lived at Troy. Her mother, Edith McLeish is dead and she was raised by her grandmother Eliza McLeish at Troy. Asked where she and her husband met, she said at Troy and he added "she love me more so she marry me".

Water supply. That is a difficulty. There is a little spring cut at Church yard but it is not good to drink.

Children: In addition to the 5 children enumerated at the top of this history, and to Lenford born since, Mr Codling says he had two other children by Florence Vassell, Alvin aged 17 and Kensil aged 15. Alvin is at Allsides but Kensil is with his mother in Mandeville.

Budget and Cost of Living.

I tried to get an idea of what was bought in the shop as against what is eaten out of the'r cultivations. Mrs C. says she goes to the shop everyday -- not one particular shop but any -- "if they dont have it in one you go to the next till you go all round."

Weekly she buys:

Cornmeal at 5d and 5 1/4 per lb	2- 3 lbs.
Flour @ 5 1/2	2 -3 lbs
Fish (salt) @ 1/- or	<del>1 lb or 2d if de money</del>
Herrings @ 8 3/4 or	1d or 2d if de money
Mackerel @ 9 3/4	ketch
<del>Pork and Beef</del>	<del>rarely</del>

