Oth April '47.

P.D. 27. Household 29.

Stewart "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" ""	Samuel Wilhelmina Clarence Headley Eloitt Jennie Rozlan	Head Wife Son	M.M. F.M. M.S. M.S. M.S.	38. 18. 16. 14. 12.	10.	9.	Farmer Homemaker Labourer	Mixed "	farm
22	Joyce	Dau	F.S.						
99	Cleveland	Son	M.S.						
99	Gwendolyn	Dau	M.S.	2.					

fivst Visit 10.1V.47. J. O.

I entered his farm from the valley and was invited into the yard. I congretulated kim Mr. Stewart with his nice banana garden, but Mr. Steart appeared to be much less satisfied with it. He agreed that the soil is godd, but there is no land to cultivate. His farm is only of 1/2 acre seize. He has no money to buy more land and he cannot support his family out of the farm of this seize. Wes His is a large family. He is father of 11/eleven/ children. He cannot get enough profit out of his farming to buy more land. The land costs a lot. He did not answer what is the price of his land, but volunteere an information that the land along the main road is much better and costs much more than the land in the hackna backside. There is plenty of land to be cultivated around. This land along the parochial road maxwhich towards the cocpits belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Brisset. If there possibilities to earn money they could buy more land and be better off. But there is no industry here, no work and no possibilities to earn something. They are poor people, very poor. "Look at my house - he said - I could not build any better house." This was a typical wattle house hut with a grass thatch. Even such a house costs a lot of money. Sticks must be bought, and grass must be bought bought, all the material must be bought. He did not say how much his house costs. Only people who are rich enough can built better houses. Peopel who brought from America some money, and xcan buy more land and build better houses. In the village only big people have good houses. Who are the big people in Warsop? "There is no biggest man in Warsop than Mrs. Brisset. She is the biggest man in Warsop. Not all of his children stay with him. His older son went

away - he showed in a gesture theworld around.

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> visit ference Minute)

I found Wilhelmina Stewart working with a machette in her field. We had showers of rain yesterday and the day befor e breaking thedrought and I noticed everybody out intheit fields. On the way to her I passed a small boy tethering a pig in the field. Mrs Stewart went on working until I was nearly up to her and then came forward cheerfully. Herhands were red with soil and she held the machette with which she had been planting, and 2 girls. She said she had had seven boys and 2 girls.

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Mother. Her mother, Mary White, is a widow. She has two of her grandsons keeping her company. (See below). She has land which they help her cultivate.

Children:

(N.B.It was noticeable that she mentioned her second son f first).

- 1. Lester Stewart." J dont can tell his age. I lose the register papers in the storm. " "But him a' de second." He lives with his grandmother, Mary White. "As she has son who occupy with his own home so she tek Lester fe care him (i.e. her) she "tek him fe keep him company as de husban' dead. (At this stage the son who had been tending the pig joined us and she said to him: "Fresh col' a' kill you puss!"
- 2. Clarence Stewart. This is the eldest son. He also stays with his maternal grandmother. "But him (i.e.she) down tek Clarence fe him go an' cum." He helps Mary White with her land when he is there.
- 3. Rennie Stewart. 19 years of age. Is a Labourer. Works day work. Sometimes work for "Justice" (i.e. Mr Brissett).

sband.

- Mr Samuel Stewart, the husband here joined us. He came up from the valley through the cultivation. He was dressed in a clean khaki long trousers and shirt. His hands were clean. He said he had "bad eyes". He could not work for trypersket which was had a been a clean trypersket which was had a been to be the machette was cutting. Thereafter Mr Stewart and his wife jointly replied to questions.
- 4. Ralston Stewart. aged 15. In de home. Has a sick leg. Cant work much. Neen to doctor and had injections.
- 5. Clevis Stewart. Dont remeber age. "Dem cum quick after one amother". About 13. Lives at home; goes to school.

 a ged 11/
- 6. Headley Stewart/(the one caring the pig, with the cold)
 He dont go to school Except off and on. "Clothes beating
 us, ma'." Pants 4/- per yard khaki worn by Mr S. Mrs S.
 said the material for women's clothes was "too t'in (thin)
 "A s you wash two times it tear up."
- 7 & 8. Elwitt and Joycie Stewart (twins) aged 7.
 - 9. Gwen Stewart, aged 5.

Cultivations. Mr S. said has father had left 2 acres of land between hisself, another brother of his, and a niece of his father's (Lilian Robinson). He could not do much in the field. He could not afford to hire labour much. "We has to hire for everything". "We dont work the land as we should He has 2 stretch of cane but he cant bother with it. They have to hire to draw it (1/6 per barrell) to boil (1/- p. barrell) and 1/- to a man if he has to boil. "You don' get a ting out a it." So he "ju' plant fe de sake a de children dem. He has been sick about 5 years.

Mrs S. added: There is no farm here to work (i.e. the sons could not get day labour). We has to employ we pay 1/6 (i.e. per day). "De islan' poor." He S. added: "When man like we hire him we pay 1/6. We can pay more." He said Mr Webb on Allsides only hired Allsides tenants. He pays 3/- per day. Mr Brissett (Mr Sil) pays 2/6. Mrs S. "Jamaica people life rough."

Note: Both Mr S. and Ralston (not seen) probably V.D. Mrs S. obviously the worker of the family and the mainstay

of the home.

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saw Mrs Stewart in her home. Two of the smaller children were with her and one was very affectionate and stayed with. us while we talked. Mrs. c. was sewing a patch on her son's crousers -- or it would be better to ay she was sewing the pants round a patch. So I sat in the room with her while sh e went on with it. She is an industrious housewife and a very fond mother. Several times while I was there she called out to "Headley" to take the pig down and feed it. Headley came in and expalined that he had "cut de coco and hab it on fe bwile". He and the smaller child played with my cugarette box and lighter and asked lively questions. Mrs S. said Headley could not go to school because he had the only suit she wasmending. Plenty o de children couldn't go to school becese de clothes is distressing we.

Mrs S.'s parents were Isaaiah xxx Smith and Mary Peid.

Her mother later married Alexander Reid.

Jaccy Smith and Mrs Gertie Plummer are her brother and

sister but by the same father but different mothers.

Referring to Yaccy Smith she said the father had left all the land for the family but he had it all -- they never get none.

The house in which we were talking and the land round it was her husbands which he inherited from his father. There were two other brothers. "De two o' dem living but we cant tell wey dem dey. From dem go wey we dont hear a word a dem. Long time dem go wey. First to Kingston. We write to dem dere but de letter cum back."

There are about 2 acres round the house. In addition h & husband rents 2 acre from "Mr Syl" for 15/- He has been renting that piece for about 6 years. "Every year we tek it out and hav' fe work back in de same place an' i' no bear again. (i.e. the land is exhausted and they want to move on to a new piece). But we can't move becausen we can't get lan to work. Dem wont rent at Allsides -- Allsides land is only for Allsides tenants."

The pig. I inquired whether the land might not be improved in fertility if they kept some Livestock and put manure back. She said She buy a pig "An' you wan' hear how I get the pig? I's a little pig and it cost 20/- I break stone -an' you have to buy de stone -- I get dem at Missa Wiltshire -- you pay 3d a box. You have fe sledge it up and carry it on you head from slam over yonder to here. It mek you life hard. Den you brwak it. I get 25/3 and then I have to pay (deduct) the 3d a box. An' me tek it go buy one little pig."

M r Stewart's Family. It was noteworthy that Mrs Stewart seve ral times referred to her husband when talking to me as "Sammy" It is more usual for the women to refer to their men folk when talking to you as "Mr So and So.

Mr S's parents were Charles Samuel Stewart ("He was named

after his father") and Caroline Green.

Mrs Stewart's Family.

Mrs father was Isaiah Smith and my mother Mary Reid. I asked if she remembered her grandparents and she gave me her mother stamily. Mrs grandfather's name (i.e.mother's father) was Alfred white. "Me no remember me mother's ma's name. Me Father's mother was Smith (she could not remember his christian name). "Me no barn cum see dem" (I was not born when theynwere alive) The mother is alive and lives "as you go down Baptist -- de paint house at de cross as you go to Baptist -- you no did see it on Sunday when you go to service?" I said it was Mrs O who had gone to service at Baptist on Sunday. Before her marriage to Reid her mother had three children: her, by Isaiah Smith; Oswald by James White and Eliad by Walter Mendez. There was also Adeline Smith, her sister, who was cripple up from her birth -- "him draw, him crupple up".

Marriage. She was married 9 years ago. (This would make it 1938. The Census gives her eldes son as 18 in 1942. He was a Stewart.)

Budget. Introduced by the question: Wha! i! cost you to live?
Wha! you have to buy in de shop? To help her, I said what
you have fe breakfast and dinner and supper? Shesaid "Supper
ma? We don! have supper!" I asked if they ate nothing after
the 12 o'clock breakfast and she said "No, ma."(I dont think
this is quite accurate -- they may have "tea" but it is not a
substantial meal.) I said I would get hungry to go, to bed after
nothing after midday and she said "We kun don! have it." Tuit e
factually and not pityingly.

She said they bought in the shop weekly :

3d Fish (saltfish). N.B. As fish is $11\frac{1}{2}$ per 1b this is merely for f lavouring.

åd Salt.

1 lb meat per week. "Dem wont trus ((i.e. credit) more.
De butcher want him money. "

Often I only gi' dem (the children) so so food (i.e. only yams etc). And de kerosene oil nu carry you tru de week -- you carn' burn i' lamp all night. Sopa -- none can be got but "de white soap" (Guinea Gold) an it doan wash -- it doan lather. An' sometimes I buy li'lle sweet oil.

Bananas. Yesterday was buying day. She had sold 3 Runches for $2\frac{1}{2}$ Counts. But she owe onw Tailor fe trouses (trousers) for one boy (one of the children) and she borrow 2/- and have to pay it back. So nothing come in.

Clothes. A dress costs 7/9. I asked her how manynshe had: she looked startled and said "Wen you has 2 you has nuff". After a sigh and much stitching of the patched "trousis" she added: "Fust times tings was better -- since de Islan' get bruk down dem is hard -- hard:" (I think this refers to the collapse of the Banana business.)