

27/22/43.

May 1947.

Green, Arnold.

His wife.

Children: George Mendez (her child before her marriage) or co-habitation with Green,

Doris Green, over 7 years, at school in 5th Std.

Mrs Green was in the yard and said she was just going down to the river to wash clothes; her husband was in the entrance to the house in working clothes. He said he would be glad to talk to me. They brought out a chair for me and he sat on a stone while she stood while we talked.

House and land: This they own. They bought it about two years ago from George Wiltshire. There is the house and half an acre of land. He paid £4 in two lots -- 30/- and then 50/-. He pays taxes on it at the rate of 7/8 per year.

On this piece of land which is on a steep slope except for a small piece on the house site, there is a fairly thick cultivation of coffee, bananas (one with Panama disease), corn; and some economic trees: 3 Breadfruit (planted by himself), 1 Pear, a Trumpet tree. 2 Pimento trees.

The Corn: was planted at the end of March to come in in June or July. He has also planted a few renta and cane. They will use all the food grown round the house on this bought land for food. They will sell the pimento. Last year they sold the berries for 2/6. They did not sell the leaves for oil. The yam here is about 1 stretch.

Rented land: He rents 2 ^{pieces at Allside on Durham sections} ~~pieces~~ ^{1/2} acre each. They are widely separated. (They were vague as to the distance from the house. He said about a 1/4 mile but the wife disagreed and said it was more like a mile. It was past the school and along the road "fur".)

Crops grown: "A little cane, yam and corn." On both pieces. One is on the hillside, the other on the level. He works the land all the time. He does not rest any part of it. He has planted these crops on the same pieces ever since he had the land. (see below).

1st 1/2 acre: Yams: He has 40 hills of yam. He plants yams from April to May and they are ripe in March and April. He got 150 lbs last year from the 40 hills and sold them in March at 12/- per cwt.

Corn: He plants in February to April and reaps from June to August. He does not sell the corn but they eat it.

Cane: This was planted 5 years ago. He has added "a new young piece since then". Makes sugar: "After the contrivances tek out (i.e. expenses) you only get 2/- out of 2 barrels (i.e. 1/- per barrel of liquor. He "has to hire a beast". He grinds his sugar at Teheran Beckford's mill and the total cost is 2/4 per barrel. He carries the cane to the mill on his head.

2nd 1/2 acre: - On the second piece, also 1/2 acre, which is on the hillside, and which he has cultivated for about 4 years, he grows a little bit of cane. When he rented the land there was some of this cane on it. He had to pay the landlord £1 for it. This was because the man whom had had it previously could not pay his rent and owed it so the landlord took the 20/- -- not the man who planted them. He has always grown cane and yam here. He has about 75 hills of yam. (Yellow). Last year he got 200lbs which he sold at 12/- per 100.

Cane: He got 7 barrels of liquor which gives 2/- profit per barrel. (Unless I misunderstood him this conflicts with his previous figure of making 2/- profit on 2 barrels.)

Green Oswald #1
Farmer
M.Cl. 36
F.Cl. 25. 2.2
N.S. 7
F. 6
Head
Wife
S/sons
Daughters
Green Oswald
White Amy
Mawles George
Green Joyce

~~Oswald Oswald~~ The name was also given to me today as "Arnold" + not Oswald. v. 28.8.48.

YAMBYX

Labour: "Last week I had to go out go work fe de man who dig de yam hills as I couldn't pay it. Usual to do that." i.e. to hire another cultivator of the same economic level and if you cannot pay him, you work the same number of days for him.#

Watersupply: The watersupply is from Wilshire Town.

Livestock: He bought a pig last year August for 21/- in Santa Cruz. He has also a goat and 2 kids. The goat gives milk for the family. They keep fowls.

I work plenty as labourer. Sometime for all different amounts. It was 1/6 last year. This year it is 2/- I work about 1 day in every week.

Family history: His mother is Jane Green who lives on New Road. His father was Charles Green. He died a long time ago. He was born at Allsides.

Aimee White, his wife, now Mrs Green, (they were married in April 1945) came from Leeds in St Elizabeth. Her parents died when she was small and she was adopted by a godmother. She came up to Warsop as a small girl to work for Miss Inez Bailey. She cried when she was coming up in the coach. Miss Bailey went there (to Leeds selling yam and sugar) and she still goes down there and brings her news of her family there.

She she worked for Seivwright who ~~has~~ owns the shop on Allsides where a cabinet maker now has his shop. Mr S. is a big landowner on Allsides. She worked with him as a domestic.

Mr Green also worked for Seivwright as a labourer. That was about ten years ago.

Before that Mr Green was living on his mother's land on Allsides.

After working at Seivwrights, Mrs Green went to work for Howard Saunders.

<u>Budget:</u>	They buy weekly at the shop : -	<u>Quantity purchased:</u>
	Saltfish @ 1/- per lb OR	
	Mackerel @ 9d per lb OR	
	Herring @ 6d to 8½d now	1 lb.
	Bread (on Saturdays only for Sundays)	4d.
	Cornmeal @ 5½ 2 lbs OR	
	1 lb Flour and 1 lb Cornmeal	2 lbs.
	Salt.	1 lb.
	Rice @ 10½	2 lbs.
	Sugar @ 2½	1 lb.
	Sweet oil for cooking	1d or 1½d.
	Kerosene oil for lights.	1 qt. 4d.
	Tobacco	1 yd.

Foodstuffs and milk from the goats produced on the farms.

It was made clear that not always all these things could be bought. But this was their idea of the minimum necessities of life.

Clothes: Men's: Arnold Green had two working suits and one "dress". Working suits cost 10/- for material for the pants and 6/6 if you went to the tailor. But a seamstress would make them for 3/6. The shirt would take 3 yds which would cost 9/- and she would make it for 2/-
The "dress" suit would cost 30/-

Women's: Mrs Green had 4 good ones and one old one. She was wearing a pinafore dress, a white blouse under a flowered top and skirt. She showed me a very nice dress which she was just going to take to the river to rinse -- it was her best. She "just bought the material from Miss Van for 3/3 per yard and it cost 4/6 to make. It was a heavy printed cotton, like coarse linen.
For ordinary dresses, the material would be 2/2 per yard, 5 yds to the dress, and the seamstress would make it for 2/-

Children's.

Boy's: Material 2/6 per yd (khaki) or even 3/6. For making pants 1/- by Miss Kennedy (the seamstress) and for shirt 6d.

Girls: Dresses cost 1/3 to make. Material 2/-
