

P.D. 23. Sbd. 20. Household 44.

C.F. 102.

Anson Celeste	Head	F.S. 30. 3. 3.	Homemaker
Clarke Perlitta	Dau.	F.S. 4.	
" Headly	Son.	M.S. 2.	
" Owen	Wife.	M.S. 1.	

Ibidem, Household 41 /?/

Copeland Cyril	Head	XX M.M. 38.	Farm labourer.
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Interview with
Perlitta Clarke,
the eldest girl
of Mrs. Clarke/?/.
15.5.47.Ab.10.30.

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Perlitta Clarke
and her family.

I visited the house ~~in~~ ^{People} the absence of old ~~Clarke~~. I met only four children, which sought a hide in the house at my sight, but ~~later~~ were not frightened at all. I had a talk with the eldest child, who was a girl of 8 or 9, was very resolute and felt all the time natural and easy. I learned in the course of our conversation that she was Perlitta Clarke.

Perlitta did not know what age she is. She is ~~in~~ the school already, but she did not go this week. The previous week she was all the time in the school. This week she could not go. She jumped in the school and hurt ~~her~~ her back. She has pain in her back now. She will go to doctor to-day.

Her parents are not at home. Father is "in the ground". Mother went to the shop. She stays alone with the small children. The boy, whose age was unknown to her, but who looked ab.5, is her brother, Hogbin Clarke. The girl /who was ab.3/ is her sister Lillian. The youngest child, a girl of about 2, is also Lillian, but she is not her sister. She is her uncle's child. Her ~~name~~ name is Ansom. Her uncle is Ansom too. He is her mother's brother. Her mother is Ansom too. Her father is Clarke. She has also an elder brother / if I did not misunderstand her/ who is now in the school. His name was long and strange and I did not remember it.

Perlitta's
occupations.

If not in the school, she does some work at home. "I sweep the house and clean everything." She did no sweeping and no cleaning to-day ~~because~~ because she is "sicky". She does not work in the field.

Perlitta's
parental land.

Perlitta confirmed that the land over the hill belongs to Mr. Beckford. But the yams near to the house are not his. "The yams are mine" - she said. She did not work at planting them, but they are "hers". The same was repeated with bananas on the other side of the house. "Bananas are also mine". The cane behind the bananas was not "hers". It belongs to her uncle, Ansom.

Yams and bananas at the house extended only a few yards and were very close to the house. The line of adjoining properties was clearly seen.

The house and
children's place.

The house where Perlitta lives with her parents and brothers and sisters /6 people together/ is a grass-house, old and small. It has a thatch-roof and wooden floor. It has no window, but has two doors: one in the front wall, and another at the back wall. Children stayed all the time ~~near the front~~ ~~in~~ the house near the front-door. There was ~~an~~ a partition a partition in the house, dividing all the space into two compartments. ~~Each was tiny and almost~~ In each of these two tiny compartments there was a bed. A wooden bed, covered with a mat, was seen at the back wall in the back compartment. Another bed - just a wooden structure - was ~~seen in the~~ at the side wall in the front compartment. There was practically no other furniture in the house.

Perlitta explained that her parents sleep on the bed in the first compartment, and she sleeps on the bed in the back compartment. On the same bed there is ~~also~~ there is the sleeping place for her brothers. She did not mention her small sister.

Copelands (Hanson)

Clarke family

I gave ~~to~~ Perlitta four sweets for all the company. She ground one of them in her teeth and offered each child a piece of the sweet.

Interview with
Miss Eda.
16.5.47. - J.O.

Perlitta and her
parents.

The house I visited doesn't belong to Mr. Clarke, it belongs to Miss Celeste Hanson, who lived for some years with Mr. Clarke but then left him. The house was built by Mr. Clarke, but it was built on Miss Hanson's land. Now Miss Celeste stays in the house with Mr. Copeland and her children.

Mr. Clarke, the
first husband of
Celeste Hanson.

Celeste Hanson lived for some years with Clarke, for whom she has born ~~xxxxx~~ three children. ~~xxxxxx~~ Perlitta was the second child of Clarke ~~xxxxxx~~ and Celeste Hanson. The first child was the boy who was absent at home during my visit - he was in the school. The third child was probably Hogbin Clarke. I did not ask whether they were regularly married, or just lived in c.l. marriage.

Grandison, the
father of the ~~you~~
youngest child.

Celeste Hanson left her husband Clarke and "went to Grandison". She stayed with him for one year ~~and~~ or so and had with him a child - this is probably ~~the~~ Lillian, described by Perlitta as Lillian Hanson. ~~After the child was~~

Copeland - the
third husband.

"After the child was one year old she left Grandison and went to live with Copeland. Copeland joined R.A.F. during the war, but did not stay long in the army. He was rude to the officers, and was turned away and came back to Warsop. After he came back, the girl picked him."

Celeste's child-
ren.

All the children live with the mother. "Clarke's children are light in colour. Grandison's child, a little girl, is black." Celeste Hanson born no child for Copeland.

Celeste's pro-
perty.

The land and the house belong to Celeste Hanson, not to Copeland. ~~This~~ The land is ~~xxxx~~ "girl's mother's place." The house was built by Clarke, but it is on Celeste's property.

First desertion.
Second desertion.

Miss ~~Hax~~ Hanson left Mr. Clarke because "the man was too old" for her. Grandison probably was also too old. "She left him for a younger man."

Quarrel with
Copeland.

"Eli Copeland is jealous of her. Whenever she goes there is a quarrel. They are fighting all the time. She says the man has to support children. Copeland is jealous of Clarke's children, and of Clarke as well. She is a character too the woman. Always fighting with somebody. Last night she said she had to sit all the night. The man had cutlass and a big knife. She waited till the man was asleep and then took the cutlass and the knife from him, and only then went to sleep."