

Family Record

Case History No 116. Pa 1.

P.D. 22/5/36.

Dixon.	Ignatius.	Head.	M.M.58.	Farmer.	Mixed	arm.
"	Alice.	Wife.	F.M.54.11.10.	Homemaker.		
"	Doris	Dau.	F.S.25.	Domestic.	At	ome.
"	Pearlie	Dau.	F.S.21.	Dressmaker.		home.
"	Ena	Dau.	F.S.19.	Domestic.	At	ome.
"	Mervin	Son.	M.S.16.	Labourer.	Mi:	d Farm.
"	Merris	G /Dau.	F.S. 9.			
ager.	Una	G /Dau.	F.S. 7.			
Hills.	Doreenza	Niece.	F.S.12.			

19th May 1947.
Monday E.C.

Just after I had left the home of Lorenzo Fraser and Sa White (C.H. 112) this morning I met Mr Ignatius Dixon. He is a fair man and owns ~~xxx~~ land on Allsides some of which he has sold off. He said he would be glad to see me and told me where he lived. Which I have forgotten.

Farm Schedule:

Born: Albert Town. Coloured.
Operated land now occupies 14 years - 6 as tenant - 9 as part owner.

Operates 3 pieces: 5 $\frac{1}{4}$; 4; 1. acres.

Min crops: Cane Bananas, Roots.

No: persons living on Farm: 9. 2 M over 14; 4 under; and 3 F. under 14.

Farm Labour: 2 M. and 1F. Regular labour during week Dec: 12th '42

On Task: 4 M 2 F.
Av.No.Days worked during week ending 12th Dec. 1942 by -

Reg.Wage lab. M. 3. F. 3.

Tem.Task M. 4. F. 3.

Labour employed : 24 weeks in 1942.

Worked himself on Land : 52 weeks; 5 days ; .w. 8 hrs

Av. no of labourers
per week employed: 3.

<u>Total no acres:</u> 10 $\frac{1}{4}$.	Owned.
<u>No acres in cultivation:</u> 4 acres	
<u>Cul. lands not used:</u> 2 "	
Commons (grass)	1 "
Other pasture grass	1 "
Acres of other land	$\frac{3}{4}$ "
<u>Value of Farm:</u> £260.	
<u>" Buildings:</u> £120.	
<u>Mortgages:</u> £130.	Interest (Loan Co. Trust B/Soc. etc 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ %)

Water supply Livestock: Springs. Not on own land.

Farm Machinery: 1 cart; 1 wet sugar mill.

Vegetables : nil/

Tropical Fruits etc.

Avocado 1. Fruiting 8 doz.

Breadfruits 9. 54. "

Bananas. 100 Frt. 100 Not Frt. 5/10 ac. 128 bunches.

Mangoes. 8 common

Papaw: 1 not frtg.

Pimento: 6 Frt. 3 Not Frt. 100 lbs.

Sugar Cane: 2 acres: 20 tons: Not a Reg. Cane Grower

Congo Peas: 2/10 acres. 6 Bushels.

Yams (yellow): 1 acre; 1000 lbs.

Coffee: 3/10 ac. 120 lbs.

Livestock: 1 Mule.

1 Swine.

1 Hen ~~xxxxxx~~. 4 doz. eggs.

Mr. Dixon invited to his house which is on the New Road just on the "26" mile mark. He has about 15 acres of land of which he cultivates about 6. He is from Albert Town. His father had some land in Warsep which he left to his 3 sons. Mr. Dixon inherited 4 acres and a little" and bought the rest. During his life he sold once 1.1/2 acre and another time 3/4 of an acre. "I wanted a little money, was in deep water" "If you sell perhaps you cant buy it again" He says Jamaica wants badly industry to give people work. The small farmer's work is not remunerative. He says one cant even estimate whether a plantation brings any profit. "One business cant help along itself. Perhaps you sell a pig to help yams, then this yams helps you to buy a pig again, and you have to sell a fowl."

Ginger.

He says 1 square chain "takes" 1 hundre weight of ginger to plant This in "good crops" can bring 6 to 8 hundr. of green ginger. If the crop is bad it may bring 3 to 4 hdwg. 3 hgw. of green ginger makes 1 hgw. of dried ginger. And the litany: 4/ to cut the bush, /per stretch/ 10/ to fork it, 5/ to refine it, 5/ to cut it, 5/ to drill trenches, 3/ to plant, weed twice, dig it out, carry from field, peel it, - and you get 4 halfpenny per pound. Sugar doesnt pay either, it used to be £ 1.1.6 per tin and now it is 10/-.

"The Government must help us, the Government must do something" It seems he sees the only way out of the difficult situation of the farmer by Government help. Said in his young days "We earn less and pay less, life was easier". Says children are underfed, dont grow big, are weak cant work properly.

Family history.

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ His wife is from Rose Valley. She is the daughter of a Smith and sister of father of Mrs. Hanson and the shoemaker Smith and xxix farmer Smith. He had a big son who died.