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Family Record
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Carter	Emelie	Hd.	F.S.	70	5.5.
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Mrs. Emelie Carter lives in a grass house just below the banana buying station. She cooks in the same house she lives, which is unusual. In front of her hut is the frame of a new wooden house. This is the main source of sorrow to Mrs. Carter. The house can't be finished because she hasn't got the money. She has three sons and two daughters. James lives "over Craig" Arnel in Warsop, Mabel "down to river with Lewis, one daughter in Kingston and the youngest son in Kingston. He is the only one who cares for his mother. He works in Kingston on a farm. He gave Arnel \$33.-- to build a house for the mother, but the building doesn't proceed and she has to live in this hut, where the roof leaks.

Her husband Peter Carter died long ago. He was the brother of Johnny Carter. The land ~~xxxx~~ where the hut stands doesn't not belong to Mrs. Carter, it is Johnny's carter. "Family land". I asked who died first; her husband or her father-in-law. The father in law she told me. Why then the "family land" went all to Johnny Carter and none to your husband? She explained that Johnny Carter had a law suit to get all this land and ~~xxx~~ he said no one helped him with this law suit - which he won, so the land will be his. He pays the taxes on the land where Mrs. Carter lives. "and we help him with the taxes." She believes the law suit was with Arthur Carter, but is not quite sure about it. Her maiden name was Maclean. She was born in Warsop. Couldn't get much more from her as about 5 women with children came and interrupted the conversation to beg. One Mrs. Shaw came in a bright red dress and with a 1 month old baby in her arms. She wanted a dress for the baby. I asked her whether it is good for the baby to be with uncovered head in the sun. She said she couldn't afford to buy even that much of material. I told her she had both a handkerchief and a hat on her head. She laughed. The Nixon women came, and Miss Lindo / who was away when I passed her house/ all begging. I said I had also a big family and how could I have enough money to help all of them. "Give to one" said Mrs. Shaw. To which one - to you? She laughed.

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Begging
women.

20.6.47.

Dale.

Emilie Carter is Johnie Carter's Sister in Law, and she lives on the Carter land. Her house was very untidy, and the old iron ed only had a few pieces of rags thrown on it.

Land: Before me husban dead him always tell J.C. to swear off the land that him fe get but him wouldn' do it. When the man (Husband) see say him almos' fe dead him go to him again and him still wouldn' swear it off, because the man did want to pay his own taxes. I always give J.C. 5/- a year fe taxes but since him sell off all the lan' I stop give him because I dont see what I giving him for. About 4 years ago him take away about 1 stretch an sell it. That piece did really belong to my son. Arnold tell J.C. that him not goin' to pay him any more taxes an him mus' swear off fe him portion as him tell Cousin Johnie that, him cut down all the cane, take it feed him beas' and grind some an sell the lan' to Chinee Thompson. As is Arnold plant the breadfruit tree Thompson say him wouldn' like to deprive me out a it, so / him say if me son would a buy the lan' him would a sell it to him so Arnold buy the lan back from Thompson, but I don' know how much him pay for it". Emilie does not know how much land she has now.

/carpenter's
fee

House: The grass house in which she now lives was erected by her son Egerton, it is very shabby now. The frame of the new wooden ~~ff~~ house mentioned on page 1. cost £13/ and the carpenter in charge is Hutchinson from /Craig. £5.19. has already been paid to him so there is still a balance of £7.10 and the house is not half finished. Egerton who is responsible for erecting the house lives in Kingston, he is a soldier "An' them jus' raise him to Corporl" (Note on page 1. she said he was working on a farm). Egerton sent £33 to James his brother to put up house for his mother James who was in the shop business bought lumber sometimes "Him take the money and push on the lumber him buy in job lot pon / me and rob the balance of the money". Egerton give him £4.10. fe buy lumber fe finish one room and himtake the money an no lumber no come yet". Egerton built the / house when he was working at Dr. James in Falmouth. "The two boy say them na work pon the house because me won' live to inherit it"

/ present

E/C. said
Mabel was
married.

Children: She has 5 children, Arnold, James., Egerton, Imogene, and Mabel. / Mrs. Lewis (Mabel) (note on page 1. Emilie said M. was living with Lewis down the river) "got a stroke so she is sickly". Imogene no keep healt'y because she no have no pickney, Doctor say she won' keep healt'y unless she have a pickney an she feel that she no wan' have any. She say , if she can' get a man fe mine her so that she can mine me, she rather stay without a man". Keith Carter her /grand son lives with her but she says she does not have any clothes to send him to school and if he is even sent he will not attend. His father James "Won' give him colthes".

Crops: Corn, yam, potatoes. "No lan' fework, only about a $\frac{1}{2}$ stretch. She also has coffee and bananas, and 2 breadfruit trees. "Sometae I sell one or two bunch a banana".

Clothes: She has 3 cotton dresses. "I don' even have one Kerchief fe tie me head".

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Her head was tied with a clean piece of pink material "If me even wan' go over Craig fe find out about the lumber me can' go because me can' go out aroad with this pon me head, it don' look good".

Meals: She has coffee in the morning with a little piece of bread. "Sometime me drink it so" There is no mid-day meal, at night she buys 3d fish, 1d sweet oil, and 1 lb. or $\frac{1}{2}$ lb flour. "Sometime me no have no fish me jus tu'n roun' the food with the oil; when we have a bunch a banana we can' make it come to perfection we have to cut it down young because hungry jus' lef fe kill we".

Livestock: There is one pig which belongs to her niece in Kingston, it was bought by her youngest son Egerton and he asked her to rear it for her daughter.

Farm implements: i how nnd a part of a maschett. With loud laughter she said "I don' shame fe show you ma this is all I got".

Lumber 1 Bullit tree. "I dián' plant it , it jus' grow so"

Financial assistance: "Sometime Egerton send 10/- sometime when Ina hve anyt'ing she send it, if Jnes have food an' me sen' the little boy him wh' sen' it, but Arnold no gi' me not

Emily Carter

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26.6.47.

Dale

On my way from Eva Scott I saw Emile Carter at the sprin
spring and heard her calling to a child a few yards off
I asked her if he was her grand -son she said "yeas ma
him ~~xxx~~ is a dog, him don have a min", the same boy
you see de him jus like joncrow" The boy heard all
that she said but it seems as if it did notmatter to
him he kept on playing happily with the others.

Dale.

Carter Emeline.

17.10.47.

A. Family:- No changes since 1942.

/ only B. House:- Made of grass with wooden floor/by son Egerton Carter
part of the 12 years ago. House is now in very very bad condition,
house has wooden a new one has been under consturction since February
floor. 1946. Owing to lack of funds the new house is not
yet finished.

C. Furniture:- One bed(iron) with board and rags on it. 1 table.
There is no kitchen and cooking is done inside the house.D. Farm:- Emeline Carter does not have any land of her own, she
lives on land belonging to her brother in law Johnie
Carter. She has 2 bread/fruit trees, about 6 roots
of banana, and several plants of congo peas.E. Occupations and income:- Earned 2/- last week for carrying cane
for Ephraim Lewis.F. Expenditure:- In the morning coffee is taken, nothing at mid-
day and dinner in the evening (1 lb flour for 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
and 1d oil) This amount is not bought every day.
Sometimes she gets dinner from Mrs. Brooks and some
times from her daughter Mrs. Lewis Mable. Cash exp.
for shop was 1/3 last week. She receives 10/- a mont
from her son Egerton in Kingston, the daughter sends
money sometimes.