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28/10/48

Lewis Samuel	Head	M. Cl.	40.	Farmer.	Mixed Farm
Dunkley Madriana	wife	F. cl.	36	4.4.	
Lewis Lucilola	Dau.	F. S.	7		
" Theophilus	son	M. S.	6		
" Aldan R.	Son	M. S.	3		
" Haizie May	Dau	F. S.	1/2		

Family Origin: Margiana is from St. Elizabeth, parents Mary and James Dunkley "Me and Mrs. Howard Saunders a 3rd Cousins we are near family" Margiana came to Warsop with Martha Dixon her 1st Cousin and remained with her until she died "after she dead me have to find me own way" Samuel was born in Warsop "same place here" Mother Sarah Simpson, Father Edward Lewis, Mother's mother Alvira Brown, Mother's Father Edward Simpson.

Land: Samuel told methat he had 2 acres of land, his wife contradicted him then he said "you have to call it 2 acres" His grand mother bought the land, it was afterwards handed to his mother, and then to him. His mother sold 1 stretch of the land "but it dont finish pay for, and it dont swear off" The person who bought the land - Foster was shot by his son Brother Foster "I dont know his right name" "because him say the father would not give him anything him covit the father labour and him would not help him work". The boy was sent to prison for life. I found out afterwards that Egbert and Adonijah Rowe/live on a part of the 2 acre plot which he said belonged to him, he also showed me a portion which is owned by Mrs. Rowe his sister. After asking him about the land again he said "Is not for me one, me wont know how much is mine till it pacify". He does not rent any land.

Tax: Samuel pays all the taxes - 15/8 a year "Sur charge just come"

Crops: Banana, cane, "After you pay out for all the contrivance, you dont see what you get, you only say since you have the 2 root make you find it out". He has 25 roots of yam - yellow and St. Lucian. A little bitter cassava is grown and Margiana uses it to make bammies. There are several breadfruit trees but he only showed 1 that he planted.

Children : Margi had 10 childred 5 dead 5 alive  
Ivy Dixon died at 2 months "him would not feed". She had this child when she was 16. When I asked her about the father of her child and how she felt when she knew she would soon become a mother, she laughed and her husband also laughing asaid "Please mam she did only take a chance". She then told me that she did not tell her mother about it "She find out for herdelf and she nearly kill me with murderation" "The boy look after me, him give me anything I want, and

look after the baby till it dead.  
 Josephine and Aldan Bailey (twins) She had these children by Francis Bailey. I asked her how she met him "I was living near to him house andhim use to come to my house and I used to go to his, when I have the stomach I go to my father andhave the pickney, him did look after me good".

Man-slaughter

his nephews

Illigitimatefather Cecil  
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Gauntlett died of fever when he was 9 months old. Josephine had fits which the doctor said was caused from worms, she died at about 1 year old. "Me cut put fe have the pickney them if I go to this yam stick is a pickney, if I go to the hoe stick is a pickney so for fear I go and full up the world with bastard me just married to Mr. Sammie, not because me like the breed".

Legitimate children: Lucilda, 12. I asked her if she was not glad to have this child seeing that she was married, "Me never glad, me no want have no more, if me did know what to do me would not have any more. Me go to doctor and ask him how me can stop, and him tell me that me cant pay him, so all me have to do is have out my lot".

Aldan: Died at 2 years. "Just start have fits, the pickney sick Saturday and by Sunday, after Church dismiss him dead. Doctor open him and say him did have worm".  
Theophilus, 7, Zephaniah 3, Maisie 4, Alphius 6 months. One child was still born "Him dont have any name".

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I can hardly see how she managed to cook inside as the sky can be clearly seen through the roof of her house.

House: The first house was burnt down about one year ago. The present house was put up by Sam, Margie helped to cut the posts. The bed which seemed to be nailed to the floor of the hut takes up about half the space of the room, and it was strewn with old cloth and badly torn banana mat. Before the bed, was a piece of thin iron shaped some what like a bow and a lot of wood ash under it, this Margie said was her stove when it rained she had to cook inside as there was no kitchen. The house was exceptionally filthy, the floor was not swept for days. I drew Margie's attention to this and she said she had to go out early and that accounted for the untidy room, she promised that it would be tidy when I returned the following day. I visited her on 2.7.47. and the room was still in the same condition. I did not see any clothes hanging about, she showed me a jacket which one of her boys had to put on when it rained. This child was clothed in rags and I saw him at his Aunt - Mrs. Rowe, on several occasions in the same outfit. They are all naked.

.Clothes

Health: Both children and parents looked sick. The baby is fed on black mint tea "Me cant buy milk to feed him and me feed him on my breast too". I asked her why she did not take the baby to the Clinie she said "Me dont take him because him not sick".

Meals: She was preparing the mid day meal for the family which consisted of breadfruits. "I put float with it some times" Margie very rarely buys saltfish as she does not have enough money.

Livestock: 2 pigs. "One is mine and James Pryce my cousin give me the other little one to raise for me and him, when them will ever turn hog?"

When Sam is not working on his own land, he does day work for other people, he digs yam hills at 8/- a 100 (without mid day meal) Margie does weeding. Part of this interview was done at Mrs. Bertha Murray's garden; Margie did some weeding there today. The garden takes up a little over a stretch of land and she receives 2/- for her work.

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Mrs. RoweNeighbours

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Burial

Sam's Mother was paralised for a very long time and Margie had to look after her "the same sister there Mrs. Rowe would not even halp, one time the mother did go down there to stay and she beg me to come and take her back quick, if I was not caring her you think she would say that, and she was at her own daughter? me have to clean her like pickney, and now them want turn me off the land, menot coming off, and them same people have goat and them would not even give me a little milk for my baby, Mrs. Rowe tell my husband all sort of things about me. Any time Sammie pick any thing off the place if it even one coconut I say to him is your sister, give her one, but them dont have that good mind for me. You see one house put a road - board house - is one of her daughter live out there, them a big people. Egbert wife dont have a pickney and if is she to give one a my pickney them any thing, them would a dead. Is only this woman living beside me here, when she cook, she see that me no have it and she would call the pickney them and give them ~~any~~ thing to eat".

"Sam mother say if him carry any more woman in a the house beside me him will feel angry in a him grave". "It cost we more than pound to berry her, we have to buy all rum for the grave digger to drink and to wash the face".

House (Part on page 2) The house contained a bed, mortar, stove, a basket of "ginger tee" a block of wood, (very low used as a seat).

Mealtime: I arrived at about 10:00 a.m. and the children were all eating. Margie said they were having "Pot soup" only flour was cooked in it. The sup was in a broken pot, which was placed on the ground, and the children helped themselves, / one used a spoon, the others used small pieces of broken pot, the baby also had its share of the soup. Sometimes 5 or 6 breadfruits were cooked for one meal.

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Mrs. W. Rowe.

Mrs. Rowe, Samuel's sister told me that Margiana was a wicked woman "she tell lie on her husband say him throw water on her and make him serve 10 days at prison. My daughter in law is a quiet and deasent young woman, not because is my daughter in law but that same woman tell lie that she see her husband and her together same place in the yard, and my daughter in law beat her up and them go to court. Well, after ward them make up the case as them realise is one family. Police Mendez tell Teressa (daughter in law) that she should move from the land because the woman disgrace her. Is not so the man did stay, you know, is my mother last pickney. First time him and my son go out with £3 to buy shoes, but the wife is not good, she have her own way, and look at them now, you would not even beg them a can of water.

After having Mrs. Rowe I went to Sam. and Margie. I found Sam, sitting on the ground with his children around him and they were all eating cane. He told me that he had just come in from work on his pun land where he dug 4 yam hills. After he had finished eating the cane, he took 4 mangoes from under the grass, he gave two to the pigs and divided the other 2 among the children, cutting them with the machett. I asked Sam why he did not continue working, "Me just come to look on the children, as them mother gone out".

Sam and the children still nakid, I took a look at the house and it was well swept.

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