

P.O. 27. Sbd. 21. Household 53.

Fam. Rec. 154

"Lynch Town".

Lynch Alfred	Head	M.M.56.	Farmer	Mixed f.
Lynch Christiana	Wife	F.M.55.7.5.	Homemaker	" "

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Lynch Town,
its two parties.

I visited this part of Lynch Town where William Lynch's ~~was~~ /cf. Fam. Rec. household 52/ is situated. I found Mrs. Setira Lynch at her house. Lynch Alfred was absent, but his family was represented by Christiana Lynch. The chief person was Miss Margaret Dwyer, ~~name~~ nee Lynch. Men: William Lynch, Dwyer,

In this part of Lynch Town three houses are close to each other. A ~~beard~~-house, in which Miss Margaret ~~Ray~~ Dwyer lives with her husband, is the best ~~was~~ and it occupies central position. Close to it is the grass-~~was~~ house of William Lynch; a little down - half-destroyed or built in half only, structure of the grass-house of Alfred Lynch and ~~was~~ his wife. Further down and up on the slope of the hill houses of Joseph Lynch and John Lynch are situated. They are ~~was~~ at a distance from the three first houses.

The chief person in the compound of three first Lynch-families is Margaret Dwyer. She lives in the best house - it is at the same time the house in which their mother lived before her death and where she died some years ago. It was Margaret Dwyer who led all the time the conversation. Other members of the compound did not try to add much ~~was~~ to it - they usually confirmed what Margaret said.

History of the Lynch family.

All Lynches trace their ancestry to William Lynch, who ~~was~~ came to Warsop from St. Elizabeth years ago. He came here when he was married and all his children, who stay to-day in Warsop, ~~was~~ were born still in St. Elizabeth. Both of the ancestors: William Lynch and his wife, were born in St. Elizabeth. "Both of them born St. Elizabeth. They married there and have all their children in St. Elizabeth and came here to make a living."

Old William Lynch bought land "from old man Ruddy." "He bought from old mother and Ruddy." He built his ~~was~~ house a little below, ~~was~~ between Alfred Lynch's and Joseph Lynch's house.

He had 8 children. The eldest was a daughter, who is married to Charles Bailey - his house is in ~~was~~ "Lynch Town", next to the local Meeting House. Next child was Joseph - he is the eldest ~~was~~ son. Next one was James - lives on the other side of the Baptist Church. James was followed by Robert - he lives on the main road. Next was Hilda Lynch - "she dont marry, she still lives single life and still have a tittle of Lynch ~~was~~ because she dont marry. She live in ~~was~~

Manchester. Hilda Lynch was followed by Alfred, the Johny, and Margaret, who was the youngest and the last child.

William's death.

William died in 1929. ~~At his death the family property consisted of...~~ Not all the members of the family stayed at that time with old man. James was separated at that time - lived in the same house over hill in which he lives now. Johny was living also in his own house & it the same house in which he is living now. Robert and Albert were in Cuba at that time. Margaret was "abroad" - in St. Elizabeth. "Joseph was here - living in his own house" /the same house in which he lives now/. Only his old wife, mother of all Lynches, was ~~staying~~ at that time with old man and their grandchild, William, bastard-son of James Lynch. Alice Lynch, the eldest daughter, who ~~married~~ married Charles Bailey in vicinity, "was coming here". "And the old wife could attend him."

Family land at William's death.

Margaret Dwyer and other ~~members~~ members of the family denied that William's property was 5 acres at his death. Previously it was bigger. They don't know how much William bought from the old Ruddy. Before his death William was paying taxes for 1 and 1/2 acres. In the meantime he probably sold some parts of the land. Margaret Dwyer ascribed to him the sale of land. But William Lynch, who stayed all the time with his grandfather and grandmother, told me, when we were alone, that it was his grandmother who after the death of her husband sold land to other people.

All of them maintained that at father death only 1 and 1/2 acre was left. "Joseph live the same place. James - on his own possession. Before father died, he ~~went~~ went away. ~~and~~ His wife was Florence Plummer - one family with Frederica Plummer. Johny bought land from the same old Ruddy and was living on his own "possession". Robert bought land of his own. He was living on Main Road with a foreign woman from St. Martin. Bought a little piece of land by the road. Alfred bought ~~some~~ "a little place" in Crownland. He similarly as Robert, was ex-soldier and ~~got~~ got 6 acres of land. Only ~~Alfred~~ Alfred and Joe "lived on the father's premises".

Successors to paternal property.

After William's death Robert Lynch became "responsible for the place". He pays taxes: "takes the father's position", "has an active part". He is described as "Headman Lynch."

Robert Lynch is not the eldest son of old Lynch, ~~but~~ the eldest is Joseph. ~~Still~~ Still it was Robert who became "the headman". Joseph Lynch ~~is~~ is was not capable to take this position - he is "sickly".

Out of the old paternal property William, the grandson, received 1 stretch of land or so. ~~Joe~~ Joe got some of the father's land previously. Now 1 and 1/2 acre which was left after old William's death is inhabited and used by 3 families: Margaret Dwyer, Alfred Lynch and William Lynch. Robert pays taxes for all the property and the land remains undivided. Still there is some subdivision of the family land agreed upon by three successor-families.

"Everybody knows his little boundary. We dont bother - we just live and work the same place. We live good - all of us live good."

Family harmony does not extend probably to other Lynches living in the vicinity. Margaret Dwyer advised not to go to Joseph Lynch, of whom I learned everything from her. "You mustnt go to Joseph. We told you everything"

According to William Lynch the paternal property was 5 ~~new~~ acres after the death of old William Lynch. It was partly sold by ~~the~~ the widdow and so reduced to the present size of 1 and 1/2 acre. A part was sold to Lester Blake; another part to Charles McLish, who came to live in Warsop from Rose Valley, St. Elizabeth.

Lynches and their families.

Three families who occupy old paternal property are small. Margaret Dwyer and her husband have no children. They adopted a girl from Thomas Barnes in Wilmouth Town. The girl is not relative of theirs. She calls however Margaret Dwyer "aunt". Alfred Lynch and his wife have no children staying with them. They are alone. William Lynch introduced a correction to his previous statement. Only 4 people are in his house. Kenneth, his youngest son, stays with his mother at St. Elizabeth.

Neighbours.

Their nearest neighbours are Griffiths. They came from Rockspring and bought land from Stewart Carter. Stewart Carter ~~was the~~ belonged to Trev family. He sold to Griffiths his own land, not the land of Trev property. ~~Stewart~~ "Stewart had his own property here." There are today several Griffiths families living in vicinity: Eric and Daniel Griffiths, sons of Benjamin Griffiths. And Cyril and James Griffiths, two brothers living in separate houses. Cyril and James Griffiths are brothers ~~of~~ of Setira Griffiths, who is wife of William Griffiths. Another family, which was living previously ~~near~~ near-by, just over them near to the Coelie Robinson's hut, was Retchie/Lucille?/ Simpson. She died and the house does not exist any more.