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Family Record ~~xxxx~~.7.

INTERVIEW WITH CLEMENT HOLNESS.

Clement was one of the congregation in the Bible Church of God, from which we could hear preaching as we passed. We were led to his premises by his eldest daughter Comis. As soon as we got there Clement came out of the church and over to see us.

Sunday,
June 13, 1948.

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Ed. F.
With D. H.

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His clothes, the shirt in particular was considerably soiled. We asked for his lady. He went to find her, and contrived in returning to pass into his house where he made a quick/ from his very soiled clothes into cleaner ones.

Clement and I went aside under a mango tree, leaving D.H. Clement's lady, May, a number of other women and many children ~~xxxx~~ grouped around her. There were some men around also. They/crowded around her.

Clement's household consists of:

1. Clement Holness -(informant) head.
2. May Rose Powell c.1 wife
3. Comis Holness dau. to May and Clement -10.
4. Delsie Holness " " " " 8.
5. Ello Holness " " " " 6.
6. Goldie Holness " " " " 3.

~~xxxxxxx~~ The household as above share a 2 apt. house built for him by ~~xxxx~~ Cecil Rochester about 7 years ago, on his father's land. His father Theodore allows him as well as his other brothers to build on the land because "we all a lawful son."

Family History

His mother Rosetta Holness died about 4 years ago. His father Theodore Holness.

Children to Rosetta and Theodore are:

1. Clifford Holness 43.
2. Leslie Holness. He died 7 years ago.
3. Mrs. Amy Sinclair, 38.
4. Leopold ~~Sinclair~~ 36. — Holness.
5. Clement Holness 34.
6. Kennedy Holness 32.

Clifford has been living in Balaclava until January of this year. He has built a 2 apt. house ~~xxxx~~ and shop joined together since his arrival.

Amy has married Joseph Sinclair with whom she shares house. They have 8 children. They live in their own 2 apt. house built on their own land.

Leopold has his own 2 apt house built about 9 years ago on his father's land. He shares this with his wife Elsa Holness whom he married 2 years ago. They have no children

They share the house with 2 children Leopold has with a woman named Amy Stephenson. Amy died.

Kennedy lives in one of 3 rooms of his father's with his wife (c.l.) Rebecca Forde. They have 2 children. The children share house with them.

Relationship between brothers and with father

When his house was being built, his brothers helped him to "mix mortar, carry dirt, carry white lime, and stones. They helped him to cut thatch and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and do the thatching of the roof also.

Before he had built his own house he used to live in one of his father's rooms. His father's premises consists of three rooms built apart. He shared this with ~~XXXX~~ Kennedy. His lady Miss May did not share house with him while he was at his father's. She had her own room. He became ~~XXXXXX~~ a friend of May's 2 years before they moved from his father's to live in his 2 apt house. Neither himself nor May paid any rent while at his father's. He did not say whether May was ~~XXXXXX~~ his friend before she came to live at his father's.

His lady May used to cook for the whole family while she lived in his father's room. Monies and food were put up for the meals by everybody. At present Clement goes alone quite frequently to eat at his other brothers houses. He goes to do that whenever he feels inclined to, he never waits for a special invitation. His brothers do likewise -i.e. they come to share meals with him at his house whenever they feel inclined.

Cultivations: He plants on land around the house as allotted him by his father. He does not know what is the area of the space allotted him because it is not measured out. The same is done by his father with his other brothers. Kennedy excepted, all the other brothers have built houses on the land, and planted on the land around the houses.

Taxes: Clement helps to pay the taxes for the land. All the other brothers contribute also. Last time taxes were paid Clement paid 1/-. Leopold who was also present said he paid 2/-. The year's tax amounts to 7/6.

The land: The land consists of $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres. His father cultivates on it. Clement helps him with weeding planting and reaping of his crops. His other brothers also, but they never share not expect to share in the reaping from their fathers crops.

Sometimes a brother has not the plants necessary to establish his field. In that case the other brothers supply plants from their stock. The same is done between father and sons.

Clement: Theodore: May.

At the present time Theodore shares every meal with Clement. He comes to the meals at Clements house. If for any reason he is unable to come, then the meal is sent to him. He is never asked to, and does not supply any money or food towards the provision of the meals.

The monies used to construct his building (about £100) were all his own earnings from tobacco and tomato planting as well as from working on the roads. He is at present working on the Junction ~~xxxx~~ to Bull Savannah road.
