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Lewis Levi	head	M.M.	38	St.Elizab.	colour.	angl.	W.3.	farmer
Adilade	wife	F.M.	27	"	"	"	W.3.	homemaker
Gorden Percival	adson	M.S.	3	"	"	"	X	

Ownes 14 1/2 acres in 2 parcels. 8 3/4 in cultivation, 3 1/4 not cultivated 1 1/4 pasture, 3/4 other.

2000 heads of cabbages, some okras, and pumpkins,
 1 1/4 in tomatoes = 4000lbs (?) 3 ackees, 4 avocados,
 3 breadfruits, 7 coconuts, 16 mangoes, 1 naseberry,
 12 pawpaw,
 1/2 acre corn, 2 3/4 congo peas, 2 1/4 cassava, 1/2 sweet pot.
 0,1 yams, 1 acre tobacco = 1050 lbs.

2 sheep 3 goats, 2 swine 8 hens,

Family

Levi Lewis called by friends Mass Dud is a half brother of Mrs. Judith Rochester. His mother was Emma Linton (i.e. at the time she was born she was Emma Elliott). His father was a brother of Charles Lewis. In 1924 his father went to the U.S.A. He was working in California and "an elevator" smashed him to pieces".

Cultivator,
Truck owner
Farmer
Shopkeeper

Mr. Lewis is a cultivator but has many other enterprises beside. Two years ago he bought ~~xxxxxx~~ in partnership a truck for £ 700. The partner is Denzil Powell. During the season he works with his ~~xxxx~~ truck for the company. When he goes to Kingston with load of tomatoes he gets 1/6 per mile. The "company" has to find gas and he has to pay the driver and two ~~xxxx~~ side-men. When he goes round with his truck to tomato selecting stations the arrangement is different. Out of tomato season he has less work, but still people hire for bringin thatch, goods etc.

He has a bakery "the missis take care of it". They bake every day bammies which are sent round in the area. He was selling his bammies and little by little started a shop adding some other articles. "The other shopkeeper them squeel about it I do without a licence so I got one." He paid for it 10/- for the year. He doesnt sell kerosene oil because this requires another kind of licence. "I start with a little bread and as I run so often to Kingston I am able to bring a little things." It is difficult to get flour. One needs a special licence for 1st class flour. The licence is free but you must make an application. But his bakery requires mostly cassava. His daily turnover of the bakery is £4 - £5.

Mr. Lewis is very proud of being one of the first pioneers who started the "tomato business". He never misses an opportunity to say it.

Interviewed Levi and Georgiana Lewis.

Present Household.

Levi Lewis	Head	About	44.
Georgiana Lewis	Wife		33.
Percival Gordon	Ad. Son		9.
Enid	do Ad. Dau.		3.

Levi's child by Elsa Elliott.

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1. Cyril / (In America) "Them own one 'pon him." Cyril went off to America last year. His mother's sister sent for him.

Georgiana has never had a child.

Wilfred Gordon (Georgiana's brother) and Redda Gayle are Percival and Enid's parents.

Adoption.

Percy. is Wilfred's first child. As is the first one for me brother, me grip it up." Redda had other children before. Percy. came to live with G. when he was 2 years old. Enid came to the home 3 months ago. Redda sent Enid to spend a short time with G. and she would not send her back. Enid cried for a few days, and then settled down to her new home. Her mother comes to see her sometimes and she does not cry again when she is leaving. The children calls G. Mama and Levi - Papa Doods.

G. would like to have children of her own but she thinks it unwise to solicit a doctor's advice.

Family History.

G.'s mother Evelina Gordon.
Father Percival Gordon.

Children of Evelina and Percival Gordon.

1. Wilfred Ballard's Valley.
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3. Ajean do.
4. Georgiana Bull Savannah (Informant)

G. and Levi were married in 1935.

Occupation.

G. bakes buns every week. When ~~these~~ races are run at Junction she makes cakes. Buns and cakes are sold on a commission basis. She sells cloth, soap, cigarettes, flour, sugar, meal, rice " Any little thing me get me sell. She has been selling for about 3 years. Some of the goods are stored in the house, and some in the "bakery shop" i.e. the room in which the buns are made.

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adopted child

Levi gets the goods for her in Kingston. She sometimes sells to other shop keepers. "But me get cuss cuss for it. You caan do enough fe them people for you to get tenkie!" (thanks) Levi sells for her when she is busy. He does not like the selling.

I found Georgiana and Curdell Bee washing. G. said she could not talk with me now, as she was very busy. We stayer for a while at the wash bowl and then went in the house. Levi and about 6 men were putting up a building across ~~the~~ the road. Levi said, when I passed that he was building a house for his brother. G. said he was building a shop for himself. He told me afterwards that the land on which the shop is being built is his.

While G. and I were talking, Mrs. Francis wanted something to buy. G. told her she was busy. About 10 minutes after, she returned and said quite crossly. "Come sell me the something, or tell me if you naa sell me, make me go me way. Me a go a sea, and the lady catch whya' she a go already."

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G. ~~said~~ Mrs. Francis what she requested. She went in the other room before she came to me. She said "Me bed in ya no make up yet, but a just as me noh have no pickney fe peepe it, it noh trouble me. One somebody in a home you caan get through anything."

Levi joined us and shortly after, G. went to the kitchen. Levi was reared by his adopted mother Sarah G. Hewis. his mother is Emma Linton of Dudder Hill. His father is a brother of Charles Lewis. He would not tell me the father's christian name. Philip Lewis (F.R.)

Levi said he did not know anything of the work we were doing and he would not be able to give any information unless he would be benefited in some way. "I understand that the Government don't know about this work, and the Government should know about it. The Government should advise the people. Like the Census, it was different for that was Government and still them didn't get all the people. I caan tell you all about my people and I don't know what you want it for. I am not talking about you, because you are working for a wages."

He said if I told him that the people would be benefited by the work of the Survey he would not take my word for it. "You would have to do some good for the people from the time you are here. You see there must be some foundation for the people to build on."

Jamaica Welfare.

Levi will have nothing at all to do with Jamaica Welfare. He has attended some of their meeting and has not been impressed at all. I asked what about the straw work. He said Jamaica Welfare did a little in that direction. "But the people was plaiting the straw before them come. It is true them get a little better price but it take

them a longer time to do the plaiting as them want it. If I am not mistaken them was exporting the straw work, before Jam. Welfare take it over." Jam. Welfare launched out with thousands of pounds. "A don' know what them do with it, it just go in a wages. Them pay a whole heap a gal and boy. You hear them over school house sometime, after you leave the meeting, you caan tell what them say."

Courtship and Marriage.

Levi dreamt of his wife 9 years before he met her. In his dream he saw her naked in a dance hall. When he met her, he did not remember the dream. "But every time I see her naked I remember the dream more and more. It was the same form and it was a fair person. You know being man and wife I have the opportunity of seeing her naked." Levi loves his wife. "But I don' love like other men. I wouldn' kill myself if she leave. Any day she feel like leaving, she can go and I will still stay. We married for 13 years and we never have any quarrel. You see her de, she is a blessed soul any way I think, she think the same way."

Levi and another girl were friends before he met G. That girl died. He said a man should not have one woman as there were $7\frac{1}{2}$ men to one woman. Having more than woman could never be wrong. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived had several women. "And did he lose his soul through it? No, one man on the earth can ever get what Solomon get. God gave him wisdom and understanding, even though he had so many wives and so many concubines."

I told him I would not be getting married. "Then you not obeying the laws of nature then." St. Paul said if a man felt like ~~xxx~~ having a woman he should do so. He should not allow himself to be burnt. "God himself say cursed is that spilleth on the floor." If a woman has more than one man God will not hold it against her. Any sin can be forgiven except suicide. ~~Jxxxxxkxaxxxx~~ The Pharisees took a prostitute to Jesus and asked him what they should do to her and He said. "He that hath no sin let him cast a stone." "The Pharisees were so frightened that they just walk off and leave her."

Sex.

Man's nature is very peculiar. "You will have a woman here and you give her every comfort that she could desire, and you would be frightened to see the raggid man she go to somewhere else." In that case the woman was not satisfied with what her husband had to offer. "That thing nature, you think it stop ya. Is not like belly full you know. Is something more greedy than that!"

It is absolutely necessary for a man to find his right mate. Many homes have been broken up because of unsatisfactory mating.

Marriage (Cont.)

During slavery the slaves were not allowed to be married.

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"After them start to work, the white people say make them get back some a them money, and them tell them fe married." Asked why he got married. "Me noh married, me have a wife." Hevi got married so that G. would be heir to what he possessed. "All a them have to know that you married, for the paper have to go to Spanish Town."

"Love is a thing that grow like a plant. You have to nourish and cherish it. You see like how you have a seedling, and you have to take care of it till it gax grow a big plant. Well is the same way with love."

with whom
A girl's first boy friend i.e. the first man/she had sexual rrelationships with is her husband. "When another man marry her now, Him marry another man's wife." Aggirl will ~~cannot~~ forget her first man.

Religion.

Levi is not attached to any religious organisation. When asked what was his religion he said "Trust in God and do the right."

Children

He is sorry his wife does not have any children. It look as if he is working for nothing. He loves his adopted children but he is sorry they are not really his. "And you see youc caan bring up children around here as how you would like them to be brought up. Children have a way of grasping all the bad things and leaving the good." If 4 children in a home are going to school the children will learn very quickly as the bigger ones teach the small ones. "You will find that the smaller ones coming up are always brighter than the first one." Children learn quicker from their own companions.

Levi tries to teach Percival. He is afraid of Levi and cannot learn anything. "As I call him up for his lesson and ask him anything, him burst out in tears. How mast the child learn when him is afraid of me."

Land .

He would not tell how many acres he owned. He inherited the land on which his house is built from his adopted mother.

Occupation. Investment - Means of living.

Powell

Levi and Denzill/are joint owners of a truck. The truck was originally owned by Levi and Mannie Powell, Denzill's father. Mannie died and Denzill took over his share. Denzill is the driver. He receives £1 when he goes to Kingston. He is paid separately for other jobs.

The truck business does not pay well. The roads are very bad and the tyres go quickly. He prefers agriculture and the rearing of livestock. He would like to go in for

cattle rearing in a big way.

Up to 14 months ago Levi was engaged in fishing. He had owns two boats. One is worked by Ebanks and the other by Banton. One will be sold next month. He started fishing at 17 years old. At 20, he went to Cuba. 13 years after he returned to Jamaica and went back to fishing again. He did not say how many years he worked on the sea before he gave it up. "So you can know how many years a do the fishing, if I am 93 now." Levi loves the sea. "But you see I am getting old now, I have to give it up." He refused all the time to tell his age.

Use of contraceptives.

Gertrude, who is working with G. is pregnant. Levi said she should not allow such a thing to happen. She should have used some form of contraceptives. "You see, she never expect that,. She just go thief and it catch her."

Levi uses contraceptives to protect his girls. The girls can use a sort of bag for their own protection.

Concerning marriage, he said: Some men got married "Just through need." After the death of his adopted mother, he did not have a proper/life. He moved betweed Charles Lewis' home and his own. "So a just decideand get married

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Alice Sinclair's
He told me about the fishing at/kms "set up" 27.7.48.

J.O.
9.7.48.

Lewis Levy paid 3 or 4 times visit tom us. He was alawy very eager to talk ~~gammix~~ in general about Bull Savannah, tomato industry and some of his own achievemnets, but as soon as the conversation touched his personal matters /land he owns, labour he employs etc./ he ~~raguix~~ was very ~~reluctant~~ ~~xxxx~~ in answering questions and usually withdrew from ecnversation. We asked Leo Powell to interview him for the essential data concernong his family. ~~xxxxxix~~

Information supplied by Leo Powell
who intervæwed Lefy and his wife on 19.6.48.
J.O. 9.7.48.

Present household.

Lewis Levy, 43.
Lewis Adelaide, wife, 32. Living in B.S. already for 14 years
Gordon Percival, adopt. son., 9. 8 years with them.
Gordon Enid, Ad. daughter, 3. i month with them.

Family history.

Lewis Levy's father was Daniel Lewis. His mother /alive/
is Emma Linton /first Elliott/, married to Arthur Linton
in Dunder Hill.

His half brother by father is Philip Lewis, living besides
him in T.P.S. ~~xxxxxixxxxxmother~~ His half sisters by
father: Anna Lewis and Elsie Lewis, both living in King-
ston. His half siblings by mother: Ezra Linton, Shadock
Hill; Vie Linton, Shadock Hill; Arthur Linton, Junction;
"Doctor" Linton, ~~xxx~~ Dunder Hill, now on contract in U.S.A.
Judith Rochester, Green Olive; Ethline Linton, Dunder Hill;
Mary Lynch, died; Elmay Bent, Top Hill;
He was brought up by his adopted mother Sarah Lewis.

Lewis Adelaide's maiden name is Gordon. She is from Bal-
lard's Valley. Her parents: Percival and Evelyn Gordon.
She has 3 brothers in Ballard's Valley: Wilfred Gordon,
Arid Gordon and Alman Gordon.

They have no children of their own. ~~Percival Gordon~~ and
Enid Gordon are her brother's children. Their mother is
Relda Gale, Ballard's Valley, their father Wilfred Gordon.
They adopted both of them.

Travels. Lewis Levy went to Cuba in 1922. Built his house
from the savings. His house is 2 apartments house. Thatch ro
roof. Buttery, kitchen, water tank. Also an oven to bake
bammies. Only trees: 2 mangos, 2 cocnuts. Cultivatiojs:
yam, cassava. 2 cows, 1 steer.
Percival goes to school - is in the 1st stand. Lewis and
his wife are Anglicans.