C.D. 22, Sbd.8. Household 17.

St.El. Col. Angl. W.3. Farmer Head F.W. 47.6.5. Rochester Martha M. ,, None/yes Dau F.S.21.1.1. .. Ivy R. ,, F.S.16. 22 Elsie 3 5 ,, GDau F.S. 4. ,, Blake Lis H. ,, ,, Lloyd A. GSon F.M. 4. 22 ,, GDau F.S. 1. Dver Arlin K. 2 3 ,, ..

Her farm 1942.

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She occupies her farm land for 9 years as owner The land is in 3 parcels: 3/4, 5, 5 acres each - 10,75 acre together. Main source of income: tomatoes. Works 45 weeks per year, 4 days per week, 5 hours per day. Does not employ any labour.

3,5 acres are in cultivation. 4 acres cultivable

but used. 1,75 under grass and used for pasture. Not used as pasture: 0,5 acre. 0,75 acre "other land"

The value of farm: L95, L30 for buildings. 1 catchment.

Cultivations: Cobbages: 0,2 a. - 420 heads. Escallions: 0,1 a. - 100 bund. Tomatoes: 0,2 - 1084 lbs.

Fruits and nuts: 1 avocado - 2 doz. 6 coconuts - 300 nuts. 5 comm.mangoes - 380 doz. 1 naseberry

- 12 doz. Corn - 0,25 a. - 1 bushel. Congo - 0,75 a. - 7 bushels. Red peas: 0,25 a. - 0,75 bushel.

Cassava: 1,25 a. - 1800 lbs. Sw.Potatoes: 0,25 a.

- 398 lbs.
Tobacco: 0,25 a. - 160 lbs.
l sheep, 3 goats, 1 swine.

Inf. Dudley Simpson 17.2.48. J.O.

Share-cropping.

Dudley Sipson works Martha Rochester's land on share. "I work the land and she get the benefit. She have to help

me reap - but on her own land."

**We divide the crop bag for bag. Two share. But some time when I work 3 share, you give the owner one third

and you take two third. When she give you help on it, you give him bag for bag. Everything equal - she is quite

nice."

Her daughtesr.

"They dont work the land - daughters. One is along with Cecil Senior, the man who does little tailoring. 5 children. But the man dont like to work - just little tailoring. And he always drinking - always drunk. Drinking away what little he earns."

Visit at Mrs. Martha's home. 21.2.48.

The house.

&

its occupants.

Family history.

Mrs. Martha Rochester's house is in Green Olive, between the house of Mr. Claston Rochester and the cricket ground. It is spanish wall with thatched roof without ceiling. There are two rooms - both bed rooms. The kitchen and catchment are a little below the house I met Mrs. Martha a few weeks ago at Mrs. Claston Rochester's kunsy whom she helped then with house-work, (Mrs. Claston Boch has a little baby). At present live in the house: Mrs. M'rtha Cochester, her three daughters: Ivy, Aida and Elsie and grandchildren: Arlin, Bevin and Dean (daughters of Ivy) Norman Earl - son of Aida and Lloyd and Louis Blake sons of Josephine who is near Kingston.

The house was built by the late Mr. Joseph Rochester

He died in 1933. He was sick for 5 years before he died. Mrs. Martha told how she took him to many doctors. Dr. Johnson from Black River - when she brought her husband to him - told her to take him home at once, as he might die on the way. Another doctor also "gave him up, but the doctor died before my husband died,." "He (the husband) took a lot of medecines. He strained his stomac lifting grass - hard work. He had an abcess on his breast. At that time they didnt have injections. To-day they could cure him by injection. He had an attack (got into fits - frienzy) two weeks before he died." His grave is onx in the yard some 100 yards from the house. Mrs. M rtha has 5 daughters. She had a son but he died as a young boy. One daughter is withvhervhuevunv Josephin "but we call her J sephine Isabelle". She is away near Kingston. Mr. Blake is also there. (I didnt gather whether they were married and together.) The children are with Mrs. Martha. On The second daughter Evelyn married (Common law?) Senior "who lives near the facto ry. They have five children: Kenneth, Ronald, "Johnson" (I dont remember his real name, we call this boy J hoson' Eric and "Fie" - her real name is Vivine.

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The three remaining daughters live with the mother. Elsie has no children - she works in the packing house. Aida has a 5 years old boy N rman Earl. The fat her is Isaac Rochester son of Panton Rochester. Isaac is in the U.S.A. for almost 2 years now. Aida expects him to come back this year. B th Mrs. Martha Rochester and Aida told me what a nice fellow was Isaac. "e was always full of

jokes. "You would miss him if you know him."

Ivy has three daughters. The eldset Arlinvisvabout Gvpenvavokvv Dye r is an bout 6 years old, the next girl is Bevin - about 4 years old. I dont know who was her father. The youngest Dean is 4 months old. She is Dean Cochester. A very fat baby and healthy looking.

Saturday

Mrs. Martha Rochester is a Seven Day Adventist. Only one of her daughters Aida is also Seven Day. The other two

"they didn't join yet." Mrs. ochester didnt go to church tooday because she doesnt feel well for the past few days. She has "pains in the stomack". She decided not to eat anything heavy to-day and take castor is oil to-morrow. She was up - sitting on a chair and playing with the little baby. She was clad in a cotton sweater with long sleeves "to keep warm". I arrived at about 11 a.m. The two daughters : Elsie and Ivy were dressing. Ivy had a pink art. silk slip on, they invited me into the room as I hesitated upon intruding on the toilette. But they didt mind, "er sister helped her to put a red camisole and on this a yellow dress with bine pig blue spots. The girls were using powder profusely and made their hair up into a beautiful elaborate coiffure. I asked where they were going - to church? No. To the factory? No. For a visit - they hesitated but didnt give an answer. Finally they dressed, but "backless toeless" shoes on and said they were going for a walk. Later on Mrs. Martha said they went for a visit -(I do not know what mistery was connected with their going out.) Beforefizer the two girls left, Ivy fed her daughter. We talked about feeding babies etc (see children) Later on Mr. John Sangster came but was obviously waiting with whatever business he had for me to leave. I left in the company of the little Arlin as Aida asked me for some aspirins. The child asked who cooks in the kitchen said: "Everybody - mostly Elsie who works in the packing house." I tried to find out how the sleeping arrangements are made, as there are only two big beds in the house. Arlin said she slept with her mother in the first room, but was not able to say how other people were accomodated.

3.3.48. T.O.

Met Mrs. Martha talking with Wiliam Rochester who was working at his field near takkhis house. Mrs. Martha was carrying some escallion and a few tomatoes from her field in Dunder Hill.

She said she had her land in three parcels: one round the house, one in Dunder Hill and one "in the woodlands" (i.e. towards the sea in the direction of Alligator Pond. She had a fourth parcel still in another place but she sold it, it was too difficult for her to work it.

"I am an old woman - have no son and my husband is dead" she said reffering to the difficulties of working the land. She said she rented out her land on shares to people. One of her "sharers" is Dudley Simp son another one is John Sangster - the young man who came when I paid her a visit the other day. Mr. Sangster cultivates "everything round the house(her house) vegetables and all". Speaking about Mr. Simpson she said "He is a good man - an honest man - he gives

Her cultivation.

my share - what is mine."

I asked her about her health. She said she was feeling better than the other day but still had "pains round my belly and in the back" She intended to see thever to-morrow the doctor who is coming on Thursdays to the factory.

17.6.48

D.H.

Visit to the house of Martha Rochester.

Martha Rochesterra was out when I called, the two duaghters, Tvy and Elsie were on the vreandah. Ivy had her baby in her arms. Two chairs were brought out, and we talked for a short while.

Ivy told me that she had three daughters. Dean Rochester the baby was eight months old. Bevin Dyer is 4 years, and Arlene Dyer is six yers old.

She weans her babies when they are nine months old, and neither of the other two caused any great difficulty. She starts feeding them on milk and porridge when four months old, and a large amount of bush tea. Dean was beinning to sit up at three months, but she has not ried to stand yet.

She is a Seventh Day Adventist, and she pointed out the Church standing on the kinx top of Ridge. She sends the children to Sunday School (She used this phrase herself, although it is not held on Sunday) The service lasts about an hour for the littlest ones.

There are some other children all in the same household.
Lois Blake
Lloyd Blake
Cecil Blake.

All the children get along very well together, and she has not noticed any particular fighting amongst them. They are mostly too young to go to school. Lloyd who is about nine or ten years old is in charge of the sheep they keep around the house. Elsie said with a laugh "Him's the sheepherd." He could be seen very energetically running around chasing a frisky lamb in the field below the house.

As I left I passed Lloyd and asked him if he alone looked aft after the sheep, he said, Yes. He takes them out every morning before he goes to school.

I obtained very little information from this family as they were obviously not willing to talk. They contrived to turn aside or smile at every question I put to them.

The baby looked wry fat. She began to crobefore I left, as I had to retrieve my pencil she had grabbed. They first brought out a tin of boot polish to distract her, but as that didn't work, they brought out a toy pig coloured bright red, with a slit in the back, showing it to be a money box. There was however nothing in it. The baby was quit happy with this.

Interv. at home Martha Rochester. 21.7.48.

I was talking with the children who played near her house under the mango tree. (See F. 26/6) Martha came out of her house and was looking at me. I thought it a good opportunity to check who is living in this "women's house" full of children, since I just got the names of the ones playing with Boula Gordon.

We stood with Martha near the grave of her husband Joseph. Martha said she had a great difficulty in keeping it clean as the children always play on it and dirty it with mango juice and earth. She washes the tomb, now and then. In her husband's days all this field round afthe house was planted with yams. He planted them but didn't live till the harvest. When he died the yams whithered there was no crop from this field. She never planted yam here, she keeps the place for the sheep to graze.

I complimented her on the fat baby Dean who was also taking part in the game being carried by an older girl. We worked with martha names and ages of the occupants of her house:

50 (Miss Martha likes round fig Rochester Martha head 25 gures when age is concerned dau IVY 20 which is a very common occudau Elsie gr.son 11 rence). Blake Lloyd 11 Llois gr.dau Blake gr.dau 6 Dyer Olline gr.dau Dyer Bevan 8/12 Rochester Dean gr.dau

of the daughter who lives near Kingston and Cecil Blake. Cecil Blake is the father of the children and not their sibling as D.H. wrote on p.5 of this F.R.

The daughter Aida who was living here atx when I first visited this house is working now in Southfield

Olline and Bevan Dyer and Dean Rochester are the children of the daughter Ivy. The two elder girls arex father is Ivi Dyer the son of the neighbour Charles Dyer

The grand son Norman Rochester - son of Aida and Isaac Rochester stays at present with paternal grandparents Panton and Alma Cochester. I mistook the boy for a girl as he was dressed in a frock long enough to cover his disinctive features. Sually little boys of his age have only a very short jacket open in the front, very rarely nickers.

I believe the household is now recorded correctly. Martha is a much better informant when not in the presen

ce of her daughters.

Informant Dudley Simpson 23.7.48. T.O. QUALEYXVIMPUMXXINKEKMXXXI)

"No father and no brother to work. Father died and one brother died. Joseph Rochester had lots of land. She sell some lnad. Joseph "ochester bought 5 acres from my father (Lionel Simpson) and she sold it to Dorrell Dyer.

Dudley knows her land as he works on shares on her land. Martha's land: "22 acres homeland, 5acres savannah - beside uncle Peanion (Ernest Powell's land in haddock Hill). and 5 acres in Ruinate."

"If she did have a man to work the land it wouldn't be hard to her - it is level land."

As Martha has only daughters and no male relative to work on her land, she gives it to neighbours to work on shares: Sharecroppers

Dudley Simpson plants on her land cassava, sweet

potatoes and gungoo peas.

John Sangster he got £ 3:5:0 from the tomatoes he

planted on her land.

Artie - son of uncle Usine (Isaac Sinclair from Rid dge) plants on her land gungoo peas and sweet potatoes. Sidney impson (son of Ethel Simpson) plants tomatoes.

Women's work Martha works as a selector at Linton' shed. The daughters work at the factory. Elsie works in the packing house. Ivy worked there too but not this year, "she had a baby couldn't manage. B Previously she was a supervisor in the packing house.

Ida is now in Southfield, working with Dr. Johnson. helps when he makes innoculations. She used to work at the factory too. Dr. Johnson - he is the brother of the Dr. John

son from Black Kiver.

T.O. 17.6.48.

Martha Rochester 8.
Interviewed: Ivy Rochester daughter.
L.V.P. 14.6.38.

Present household:

Rochester Martha Head. F.W. 50 6.5. Exton. 33. Advent. W.4. Housew.& cult. B.S.P. No rel. W.5. domestic dau. F.S. 24 3 Ivy 11 dau. F.S. 20 --W.3. in factory tom. Elsie at school Advent. Hloyd gr.son M.S. 11 Blake Louise gr.dau F.S. 11 W.2. at school Arline gr.dau F.S. 6 Dyer Bevin gr.dau F.S. 4 Rochester Dehe gr.dau F.S. 8/12

Family History.

Martha Rochester lawful daughter of George and Sharlot Myers. Sharlot Myers was nee Davidson. Martha has no half brothers or half sisters. Her siblings are: Oscar, Nathaniel, Wilfred, and Endly. (brothers) and Josephine, *xxx Florry, Elvy, and Roda - sisters. Theyxulixiivevinxuxtonvv Roda lives in U.S.A. and Josephine in Ballards Valley. All the rest in Exton. Two sisters died. In all she has alive 4 brothers and 4 sisters, and 2 sisters dead. No relations are maintained with them. Her husband Joseph Rochester died in 1933, after a long 5 years lasting illness. She was "kept" for a time by Moses Elliott. She had 6 children. The only boy died. Her 5 daughters are: Josephine, Ivy, Aida, Elsie, and Evelyn.
Josephine married (?) a Mr. ecil Blake from Kingston. She is at present working as a bar maid in naton. Her two children are staying with Martha Rochester. Evelyn is with the tailor Cecil Senior. They have 5 children: Kenneth, Ronald, "Johnson", Eric and "Fie". Aida is at present in southfield at work. She has a 5 years old son with Isaac Rochester son of Panton. Isaac is at present in U.S.A. on contract. Ivy and Lisie are staying with the mother at home. (see below

Ivy Rochester daughter of Martha and Joseph. She was brought up in ther parents' home. he has 3 children: the two older with Ive(?) Dyer, she does not want to tell the name of the father of her last baby. She stays at home doing domestic work.

Elsie Rochester daughter of Martha and Joseph. Was brought up in her parents' home. She has no children. Works in the season as wrapper in the packing house.

Arline and Bevin Dyer daughters of Ivy Rochester and Ive Dyer who lives now in K ngston. The Children are supported by the grandmother Martha. Dene Rochester is the daughter of Ivy, father's name not disclosed. This chill is also supported by the grandmother.

Rochester

Lloyd and Louise Blake are children of Josephine/and Cecil Blake. Both children are adopted and supported by the grand-mother.

Housing. One dwelling house consisting of two rooms and verandah. furniture: 4 beds, 2 chairs, 2 tables, Both rooms are slept in. One kitchen in separate building. 1 latrine.

#Dunder

Land: 10 acres in 3 parcels. All land owned by Martha Rochest ter. Twoxpareels. One parcel is round the home, one near the home in # kadasakxHill and the third in the woodlands. Only one acreswas inherited and the rest bought. The home lot was bought from Joe Witter, the woodland lot from Brooks. There is one acre under cultivations and one acre under guinea grass.

Economic Trees. 2 common mangoes, 2 grrenskin, 1 naseberry, 1 adocado pear, 25 coffee, All fruits are used for home consumption only.

Gultivations. The land is not cultivated by Martha and her daughters by rented on share crop. The lot round the house is cultivated by John Sangster and the one in under Hill by Dudley Simpson. Tomatoes: 2000 - Martha's share £ 5, acre congo peas, corn, some vegetables.

Live stock 4 sheep.

Expenditure for clothes about £6 is spent yearly for each adult and £1:10:0 for each child. Expenditure on entertainment on Christmass £ 3. On education £ 1. They have no savings.

Religion Martha and the children belong to the 7 DayAdv.

Public functions. Martha is a deaconess in the Adv. hurch.

Information supplied by Leo Jonson who interv. Ivy Rochester on 14.6.48. J.O. 9.7.48. Checked with the F.R.

Present household.

Rochester Marthais from Exton. Her father: George Myers, mother - Charlotte Myers /first Davidson/. She has a number of brothers and sisters: Edman, Oscar, Nathaniel, Wilfred, Endley, Kasap Florry, Elvy - living in Exton. Josephine - in Ballard's Valley. Roda - in U.S.A. Herkhan She had children only by her husband Markan Joseph Rochester - dead.

Children: 5 alive, one /son, Wilfred/ died. Those alive: Josephine, living in Exton, where she works as bar-maid. Ida - working now in Southfield. Exxemitize Evelyn - living with Cecil Senior in B.B.S. as his c.l.wife. Has a number of children with him. Elsie and Ivy - at home.

House, land. Their house looks noce: it is a 2 rooms house with a verandah. 4 beds, 2 chairs, 2 tables. 1 kitchen.

Martha has ab.10 acres in 3 lots; 2 homeland, 1 woodland. 1 acre inherited, the remaining bought: 1 home lot from Joe Witter, woodland from a Brooks. She cultivates ab.1 acre. 1 acre in guinea grass. Cultivations: 2000 holes tematees, on share with John Sangster /nst inc.L5/, 1/2 acre congo, some corn. Keeps 4 sheep. Trees: 2 comm.mangos, 2 green skin, 1 naseberry, 1 pear, 25 coffe trees. Expenditure: L1 weekly. L6 clothing each adult person yearly, children L.1/10/0 each. Christmas - ab. L.3. School - L.1.

**eligion. Martha Rochester belongs to Seven Dya Adv. Children are instructed in Sev.Day. Martha is deaconist. 2 children Blakes go to school.