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Interviewed. Lodric Rochester.

Family History.

Lodric lives with his wife Mavis Rochester and his 2 children Henry and Joan. His wife's ~~xxxxxx~~ Hector ~~Dyer~~ also lives with them. His mother Zala Gordon is married to Harold Gordon and lives at Thatch Walk. Mother's mother is Annie Neil whose first husband was Rochester. His mother grew over Green Olive His wife is from Shaddock Hill. Her maiden name is ~~Dyer~~. Lodric's father is Canover Rochester, Nicholas Rochester is his grand father. Canover is now living with Lodrick Laura Linman reared Lodrick. She is the sister of his father's mother, Margaret Rochester.

xxxx brother
Dyer

Canover used to live with his father at Green Olive. He started to live with Lodrick in '38. Canover is a fisherman "sometime him cultivate on good people land on share." Nicholas has 4 children alive - Jimima, Adeli Biggs living near Junction and Ida. Lodric did not know where Ida was living. "Well, that would a hard fe I tell you she is allboutian."

Land.

Laura Linman left about an acre of land for Lodrick. His house is built on that land. He has 5 acres which he bought for £17 from Euston Powell.

He went to America with the farm labourers and stayed for 10 months. On his return he bought the land. He could not afford to buy any land before he went to America. "I did not have money to buy land, build house or nothing at all," but I put trust in God. I see them take down man for $\frac{1}{2}$ lb over the weight and I weigh 138 and them take me. Them put me up on the scale 3 times and the scale still register 138 and them take me.

Marriage.

Lodric does not believe in getting married unless there is a home ready for the wife. Mavis and himself did not live together before they were married. "Only go and come." Lodrick would not like to be married and had to live with his wife's parents. "You can't have mother cow and don't have property." "If I live with me wife people, I may tie out that donkey and him say why you tie the donkey there, I was going to tie my cow there." "You see when you hear that, you wont feel good."

Interveiw took place at Thomas Heathe's home. Lodrick said the book which we intended to publish would not help the people of the island. "Them going to send it in a book say onca upon a time there was an old man named Thomas Heathe." Thomas said the book would not come in that form. "We not getting a thing, me see through that a'ready. / You will get for you a work." Lodric then said "Them going to send it in the book say, Once upon a time, and use our name."

/Turning to me, he said

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In talking about the land, Thomas said Lodric should tell me the real state of the land. " Is the woody part, that is more rock and dirt. You have to tell him the condition of the land, them will believe is good land."

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Interviewed Mavis Rochester.

Present Household

Lodrick Rochester	Head	25.
Mavis Rochester	Wife	20.
Hector Dyer	Brother in law	10.
Henry Rochester	Son	4.
Joan do	Dau.	10 months.

3 year old

Mavis and Lodrick's/son, Golfy, lives with Mrs. Edith Dyer, Mavis's mother at Shaddock hill.

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Mother Edith Dyer
Father: Dorrell do.

Mother's mother : Elethia Dyer.
Mother's father : Doctor Dyer.

Father's mother : Margaret Dyer.
Father's father : She does not remember his name. When he died she was a small child.

Children of Elethia and Doctor Dyer.

1. Mrs. Estel Elliott. Lives Over Road.
2. Shallibert Dyer do Chocolate Holye.
3. Sister Lawrence. do Ridge.
4. Nicie. "Don' know her husband name." Living in Mandeville
5. Martha Dyer - dead.
6. Pun. Living in Kingston. "Her husband die. Don' remember fe them name. After it so funny funny."
7. Son Dyer. Lives at Dunder Hill.
8. Bredda Dyer do Dunder Hill.

Children of Edith and Dorrel Dyer.

1. Mavis (Informant)
2. Tinet Lives at Shaddock Hill 18.
3. Kenrick do 13.
4. Shirley do 11.
5. Hector (Lives with Mavis and Lodrick.) 10.

Edith's child by Sergent Lewis.

1. Linnett. "She plenty older than me. She is the first one for my mother."

Edith's children by other unions.

1. Bradley Roach (dead) Father Gursie Roach.
2. Stanley Reid, living in Manchester. Father Stanford Reid.

Lodrick Rochester's mother: Mrs. Zala Gordon.
Father: Camover Rochester (F.R.80.)
Mother's Mother: Mrs. Ann Neil. Green Olive.

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Pregnancy and Childbirth.

The expectant mother is not supposed to sit over a mortar.

If she does, she will not have an easy delivery. "You not to eat out a pot. You not to stretch up you hand or throw anything. You will fling out the baby hand." She is not to look upwards, her baby will have cross eyes. If, during pregnancy, she climbs trees, she will have "a hard time, and it will hurt you."

Sexual relationships are continued up to 6 months of pregnancy. "Some people after that, but me know, that me is to that time."

~~Refer to the baby~~ When the baby is from 1 to 9 days old, the mother ~~only~~ takes porridge and milk. "You caan eat late, it kill you with pain in a you belly. Caan eat hard things 'cause you inside tender. If she wanted anything hard, she would be given a small piece of a bammy."

"When you come out a room." ~~After~~ (the baby is 9 days old) "You must not go over fire till the baby 3 months old a enter into 4." The mother will take a cold. Mavis does not believe that. She made tea for her baby and she did not get a cold.

Her mother sleeps at the home anytime Mavis has a baby. She stays for 9 days. When Edith goes home Lodrick cooks. "Me show him what to do, and them pickney put fire under the pot. When it cook, him will take it off make it cool, and me will share it out. Them say you mustn' hang you face over the pot steam."

Pain

Mavis does not have terrible pains. "Just as me start feel pain me send for Aunty Cella. It never stay no time, me have the baby." Cella Simpson, the midwife, knew Mavis when she was a small child. She would not allow Mavis to pay her. The night on which Joan was born, Cella had a cold. She slept with Mavis. "She didn' want to go out in the night dew. Cella visits her patients about 3 times in 9 days. If the patient is ill, she ~~pay~~ visits more regular frequently."

Clean habits.

She teaches the children to use the chimney when they are 8 months old. "When them all one year, them ask for it for themself."

Weaning.

Her boys were weaned at 11 months. She intends "nursing" Joan for 1 year. She is very glad she has had a girl. In order to prevent the children taking the breast, she rubs her nipples with allows. "When them taste it better, them don' ~~want~~ with it again."

The babies ~~g~~ begin taking porridge at 8 months. She generally

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made porridge of cornmeal or cassava starch. Fresh cassava is not used. After the cassava is pressed it is allowed to get mouldy, the starch is then washed out, and that is used to make the porridge. "The fresh cassava will poison them."

Addition to household.

Asked why Hector lived with her. She said he was attached to her while she was living with her parents at Shaddock Hill. "Him follow me come down ya, and after that him just stay." Hector will only go to Shaddock Hill if Mavis sends him for anything.

Courtship and Marriage.

Mavis met Lodrick at her sister Linnett's home. Her parents did not quarrel with her when she was pregnant. "Them did like Lodrick." Lodrick wanted to marry Mavis before she had the baby. "Me didn' want to married. Me didn' wan' go before Parson with the belly." Lodrick went to America. On his return they got married. While in the States, he sent his money to Teacher Millard, who saved it for him.

Land.

Lodrick owns the land on which they are now living. Where his father Cannover Rochester lives is also his. "The person who raise him, dead and lef' it give him." Mavis could not remember her name. "Lodrick pay taxes and everything. Since him father didn' have any place, all a them just live there. (See Family Record 80. Lodrick figures as a member of Cannover's household).

Games.

Mavis stated that the Thatch Walk folk do not play ring games. "Them only corrupt the pickney them more than anything else." In Shaddock Hill games are played on Sunday and Friday afternoons. "Old and young play together." Samuel Roach said the people were too hungry to play at this time of the year. "If you de ya till 1st August, you wi' sure fe see the ring play."

Neighbours.

Mavis does not like Thatch Walk and it's people. Edith Bent's son, Rupert, used to visit her home. She stopped him as he cussed too much. "Them vex about it. Them use to come here, but I don' go to them place unless any of them sick. I don' like them carrying on. As I find out how a person stay, I don' go to them place."

Presents.

Mavis' sister Tina, gave Joan a pair of bangles. Mavis sometimes sends food to Elsa Lee (F.R.182.) She was with Elsa when the baby was born. "From that me noh catch up de yet, but anything me have me send and give her." Yesterday she sent she sent Elsa fried fish and bammy.

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Poultry Rearing.

Mavis bought 4 leghorn chickens from Margaret Roach for 10/-
She reared a pair. The hen has not yet started ~~to~~ laying.
She bought 1 dozen eggs for 4/-, her hen sat on them and 2
chickens were hatched; both died. Mavis has decided to
rear only common fowls. "The other one them too easy fe
dead."

Information supplied by Lilian Powell
 who visited the house and interv. L drick
 and his wife on 17.6.48.
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Rochester Lodrick, 25.
 Rochester Mavis, wife, 20.
 Rochester Henry, son 4.
 Rochester Joan, daughter, 10 months.
 Dyer Hector, Mavis' brother, 10. /1st year in school/.

Parentage.

Rochester Lodrick: father Rochester Canova /Th. Walk./,
 mother Gordon Zala /now Thatch Walk, wife of Harold Gordon/
 His brothers and sisters are: children of his father
 /see fam.rec.80/. and of his mother /see fam.rec. 78/.

Rochester Mavis: daughter of Dorrel and Edith Dyer in
 Shaddock Hill /see Fam Rec.145/. 3 full brothers: Kennrick,
 Shirley and Hector Dyer; 1 full sister Tynette Dyer.
 2 half brothers: Bradley Roach, Shaddock Hill, and Stanley
 Reid /Manchester/.

Outside child of Lodrick Rochester: Lodrick has one outside
 child: Lillybelle Rochester. Her mother is Rosetta
 Senior, Bull Savannah. Lillybelle is with the mother.
 /Rosetta Senior is Eustace Senior's daughter - she is
 living in her parents' home, unmarried/. Rosetta has also
 another child for a Thompson /in New Forest/. See Fam.
 Rec.53.

Children of Lodrick and Mavis Rochester: they have 3 children,
 but only ~~six~~ 2 stay with them. Godfrey Rochester,
 their 3 years old son, stays with Mavis' parents: "lives
 Shaddock Hill grown and cared for by grandmother Edith
 Dyer."

Dyer Hector. Is brother of Mavis Rochester: "lives with
 sister and grown with Mavis in Thatch Walk."

House, land, farming. The house is built recently .
 Lodrick Rochester spent 10 months in U.S. on contract,
 built his home from his savings. The house is one room.
 1 kitchen. Furniture: 1 bed, 1 chair, 1 table. ~~xxx~~
 Tank is being built, but "dont finish yet".
Land: owned by Lodrick Rochester 10 acres in 3 plots:
 1 acre homeland, bought in 1935 from Thomas Heath;
 5 acres River Hill, bought 1945 from Euston Powell;
 4 acres Long Acre, bought from L.Settl. 1946.
 Trees: 2 sweet saps, 1 pear, 1 pawpaw, 3 coconuts, 1 grape
 Cultivations: 3000 holes this season, only L10 - "crop
 failed". 50 hills yams, some cocoes. 1/2 acre cassava,
 1/4 acre corn, 1/4 acre congo.
 Animals: 2 pigs, 1 donkey, 1 dog, 2 hens.
 Spendings: weekly groceries and meat: 15/-. Clothing:
 for all the household past year: £15.