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Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Religion	Color	Occupation	Other
Chester Joshua	Head	M.	42	ST. Eliz.	Color.	Angl. XW.3. Higgler /	Tobacco
" Nicola	wife	F.	38 7.7.	"	"	W.3 Homemaker	
" Ronald	son	M.	20	"	"	X Fisherman	
" Lily	dau	F.	18	"	"	W.3. dres maker	
" Agatha	dau	F.	14	"	"	W.3. 3.E.	
" Hicks	son	M.	12	"	"	W.3. 3.E.	
" Mackenzie	son	M.	10	"	"	W.2. 3.E.	
" Merlin	dau	F.	8	"	"	W.1. 3.E.	
" Vern	son	M.	5	"	"		

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His Farm in 1942.

Operates this farm land as owner or part owner for 16 years.

Owens 7 acres in 5 parcels: 2, 2, 1/2, 1/2 and 2 resp.

Main source of income from agricultural operation: Tobacco - cassava.

Does not employ labour.

Works 26 weeks p.a. 6 days p.w. 8 hours p.d.

4 acres in cultivation, 2 pasture (L.1/2 in guinea grass) 1/2 ac. woodland used as pasture.

Total value of farm L 180, of buildings L 75.

1 catchment.

Cultivations: 0.2 ac. tomatoes = 280 lbs.

1 coconut not fruiting.

6 mangoes = 460 doz.

3/4 ac. congo peas = 5 bushels.

1. 1/2 ac. cassava = 5600 lbs. 1/2 sweet cassava = 950 lbs. 1/4 ac. yellow yams = 510 lbs.

1/2 ac. tobacco = 150 lbs.

5 goats, 2 swine. 2 hens = 10 doz. eggs.

16 acres
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Interview with Mrs. Nicola Rochester.

16.3.48.

T.O.

The house is in Green Olive between the houses of Charles, Nicolas and Birdie Rochesters, who are brothers and sister of Joshua.

For family hist. of Joshua see Fam. Rec. 24 of his brother.

Mrs. Nicola's parents are Charles and Rebecca Powell. They live just on the hill in Tad Town. Her mother is from Ballards Valley but Mrs. Nicola doesnt remember the name of her mothers parents.

Mrs. Nicola looked very prosperous in her neat dress and big hat as compared with her two sisters in law who were in working dresses and only with a kerchief tied round the head.

Occupation.

The husband was not at home. Mrs. Nicola told me he buys tobacco in the district and sells it in Kingston. This year he doesnt go so often to Kingston as the crop is not to good. This is however balance by a good price for tobacco. Usually this year he stays about 3 weeks at home going around buying tobacco and then travels to Kingston. Joshua unlike his father and all his brother ~~wasnt~~ is not and never was a fisherman.

Children.

"I have 7 children - big children. Two daughters married - one in Mandeville and one in Ballards Valley". The eldest son built his house on the hill. She showed me and introduced her 16 years old son Mackenzie. He works in the facotry. He is a strong boy. Mrs. Nicola is proud of his physical fitness "And he is only in early 16".

Her youngest daughter Merlin - the only one left at present at home, just came from school ~~for~~ for lunch. Nice girl and well clad.

The land.

Mrs. Nicola spoke of their land as if they had a lot. I was astonished to find in the census it is only 7 acres. She said the land in Tad Town where her oldest son settled recently is "her" land. Whether she meant by it that it was given to her by her parents is not clear. I asked her and she said yes, but perhaps she didnt understand the question.

Another piece is round the house. It is her husband's family land he got from his father.

They have a piece in the woodlands and the fourth one in New Forest.

This land in New Forest is very far "Boys go and cultivate there."

13.4.48.

T.O.

Inf. Joshua Rochester.

I met for the first time Mr. Joshua Rochester in front of his house. Mrs. Nicole was scraping cassava and he was sitting on logs near her. He is much taller than his two elder brothers Nicolas and Charles and his ~~rather~~ way of behaving and speaking is much livelier and "modern" than theirs.

The tobacco "speculator".

He says he travels almost every week to Kingston on truck to sell tobacco which he buys here in the district. "I buy it all around: Ballards Valley, Tryall, Chocolate Hole". He himself cultivates tobacco and there is a nice plot of it right in front of his house. He says than previously there was a lot of tomatoes cultivated in Bull-Savannah, but now "Everything is given to the salad". He calls scornfully tomatoes "salad" "but salad". He himself does not a never cultivated tomatoes. "I never touch it. My son cultivates in New Forest. I have lands there."

The tobacco he sells is "half cured". This year the price is good. It is rather more difficult to get it than to sell it. However sometimes he has difficulties in selling too "They give trouble sometimes." He sells it in the market in Kingston.

His voyages to Cuba and work in the tobacco factory.

Mr. Joshua went four times to Cuba. The first time he went in 1917. The last time in 1926. He says he never stayed long in Cuba - from under one year to one year and a half. Some of these expeditions were profitable - some not so much. He went to Cuba in company with other young men from the district. The first time he went with his brother Panton Rochester and with Ernest Powell. Panton Rochester has travelled more: he went not only to Cuba but also to Panama.

Mr. Joshua didn't learn spanish in Cuba, although he spent there over four years, in total. "Only a few words - very little." He didnt work there in the field but in the factories. "I never work at cutting cane, I work in sugar mill and tobacco factory. Cigars. They have the best cigars in the world.

The house.

His house and yard look prosperous. I peeped into the kitchen: there were three big wooden trunks

one over the other on a kind of wooden construction. I didn't have the opportunity to ask what was stored in these trunks /tobacco?/ The kitchen was full of small children "belonging" to his sister Birdie and his brother Nicolas households.

Behind the kitchen there is a big tank with a very large, white and clean catchment.

Mrs. Nicola was working at her cassava under a little structure which used to serve as a "house" for rabbits, but where now yams were stored. She had on an elegant hat and a smart dress .

Interv. Mrs. Nicola Rochester at her home.
23.7.48.
T.O.

Mrs. Nicola was scraping cassava just as she was doing it when I visited her over three months ago. I told her ~~that~~ this and she laughed saying "Cassava - we do it half of the life and that's our life." Her husband was away in Kingston on his-tobacco business.

Present household.

Rochester	Joshua	head	48
"	Nicola	wife	43
"	Ronald	son	25
"	Mackenzie	son	17
"	Merline	dau	14
"	Vern	son	11

Ronald has a house in Shaddock Hill but he still lives with the parents. He rents one room there to a neighbour Marion Rochester the daughter of Birdie Rochester. Marion is a dress maker and has her workshop there but sleeps at her mother's home.

Ronald "is along" with a girl in Ridge the daughter of Beatrix Sinclair. The girl is called "Doui". They build a shop in Ridge, however Mrs. Nicola couldn't tell me on what basis this partnership will be carried out.

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Information from Leo Johnson.
 Interv. Ronald Rochester.
 26.6.48.
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 Occup. Jushua

Rochester Joshua, 48.
 ,, Nicola, wife.
 ,, Ronald, son, 26.
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 ,, Veron, son, 11.

Joshua Rochester son of Simoan and Margaret Rochester.
Nicola Rochester, nee Powell, daughter of Charlie and Jane Powell in Tad Town.

Joshua and Nicpla have 7 children. 4 in the home, 1 daughter married and living in Manchester, another ~~and another~~ unmarried and living with the married one in Manch., one married and living in Ballard's Valley.
 Ronald Rochester has an outside child. He is not married.

Joshua went to Cuba once.
 House: 2 rooms. Kitchen. Ronald has one house in Shadock Hill recently built and ~~not~~ as yet not inhabited by him.
 Land: 16 ac. in 5 lots. 4 lots in ~~the~~ B.S., 1 - 8 acres in New Forest. 3 ac. inherited, rest bought.
 Trees: 5 c. mangoes.
 Tomatoes: Ronald 8000. 120 yam hills. 2,5 ac. cassava. Co
 Corn, cango. Sweet pot, 1 sq. ch.
 1 donkey, pigs.
 Occup. Jushua is ~~a dealer in tobacco~~ a tobacco dealer: buys tobacco in the region and delivers it to Kingston.
 In school: Merline and Veron.
 No part. religion. Joshua and Ronald are illiterates.