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*Dyer*

Dyer	Charles	Head.	M.M.	60	St. Eliz.	col.	Angl.	W.2.	Farmer
"	Eurcella	wife	F.M.	57 6.5.	"	"	"	W.3.	Homemaker
"	Ivi W.	son	M.S.	24	"	"	"	W.3.	Tailor
"	Leopold C.	son	M.S.	19	"	"	"	W.3.	Mason
"	Babsie	gr. dau	F.S.	5	"	"	"		
Powell	Glenrick	gr. son	M.S.	9	"	"	"	W.2.	3.E.

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His farm in 1942.

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 36 years.

*3/4 acre  
p. 1*

Owns 31 acres in two parcels 22½ and 8½ ac. resp.  
Main source of income cassava and tomatoes.  
No labour employed.  
Works 40 weeks p.a. 6 days p.w. 8 hours p.d.

4 acres in cultivation  
16 ac. cultivable but not used.  
8 ac. pasture (6 guinea grass)  
2 ac. woodland used as pasture.  
1 ac. other

Total value of farm £ 220, buildings £120  
1 catchment.

1 acre tomatoes = 9000 lbs.  
1 avocado = 2 doz. 1 coconut = 60 nuts  
7 mangoes = 423 doz. 3 pawpaws = 90 no.  
½ ac. congo peas = 9000 lbs. 0.2 ac. white yams = 250 lbs.  
0.2 ac. tobacco = 112 lbs.  
1 donkey, 5 sheep, 3 goats, 1 swine 1 pig. 2 hens = 12 doz, eggs.

Visit and interview with  
Mr. and Mrs. Dyer.  
Wednesday, 17.3.48.  
T.O.

The house is in Green Olive between the house of Claston Rochester and Stanley Francis.

Ancestry.

His mother was Mary Sinclair, and his maternal grandmother from Elliott family from Ballards Valley.

"Her people (grandmother's) were white people and as fair as you." "She was from Bal. Valley and I married a girl from B. Val. too."

Mrs. Eucella Dyer is from Ballards Valley Her maiden name was Banton. She says she married and came to live here 37 years ago.

The land, & house.

Mr. Charles Dyer's father house is on the other side of B. Sav "over the Ridge". His father and mother are dead. Two of his brothers settled on the old paternal land.

The house in which Mr. Charles Dyer lives now with his family was built by himself. The land round it was bought ~~from~~ by him from his mother and two sisters. "It was my mother's claim".

Before he married he spent 17 years in Alligator Pond.

"I spent there 17 years - near Alligator Pond. I cultivate there, I raise horses and cattle I fish in the river".

He didnt have land there, he ~~was~~ was living on Spring Pastures.

"I drink water from the river but malaria never trouble me. I take quinine twice weekly, it is the best."

Visit of daughter.

One of their daughters is married to Holness. They live in Letitz Savannah. The daughter, her husband and their two children came on a visit to-day to Mr. & Mrs. Dyer. They intent to spent a couple of days in B. Savannah.

Mr. Dyer said he wanted to visit us and he promised to come to-morrow evening.

Fam. Rec. 86.

The conversation turned to war. Mr. Dyer hates the Germans.

"We heard here how they took advantage of other people. They lost. They will never rise, never reunite again. They are under american and british flag. Everybody under british flag must have a far share."

I expressed the hope that Germans like Swedes after the period of wars will ~~xxxxxxx~~ may be become<sup>a</sup> peaceful democratic nation.

Mr. Dyer was full of admiration for the democratic Swedes but his sentiments towards the Germans were revengeful.

"They will never rise again" he repeated many times.

*Dyer*  
Mr. Senior is a fervent supporter of the Seven Day Adventist and is a ~~xxxxxxx~~ leader and member in their church.

Visit of Mr. Charles Dyer  
18.3.48.  
T.O. & J.O.

Mr. Dyer came - as promised - shortly before 7 p.m. We were just having supper and he shared it with us.

Asked whether he would drink some rum he said "I drink anything". (He is the founder of 7 Day Advn. congregation in B. Sav.)

After the supper the others (E.F. I.D.D.B.) left and Mr. Dyer sat with us helping himself generously all the time with rum. He started by expressing his regrets and apologies that he came to visit us only now. He spoke slowly to enable us to take notes, and we were able to make a verbatim record.

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"You are/stranger . Come to live with us and we are so happy to have you. The first time I saw you - passing my gate one afternoon - wet. I was so in sympathy. Saw you wet and could give you a shelter, but at that time you pass my gate and you was near to your house. Simple because we love to accommodate poor strangers!" (He wanted to ask us in though he didnt - why is explained later).

"The second time I saw you it was at the fac-

strangers in  
the village

(I was)

tory gate early morning. / Standing in front of the gate- you were coming from the factory . In the evening while I was returning from work I came to the Elliott spirit lincenced shop. I saw you on the road accompanied by Mr. Vincent P@we|| I was informed that very night that he took you to his own home. That ends the story." (The story of what he has seen of us till this evening.)

"It is a long promise that I promise to come and spend a little time with you. I heard you are interested in this Parish!"

"Several people told me that you are quite enterprising. (You entertain people) Around two weeks ago I paid Miss Jude a visit. She asked me if I ever pay you a visit. I tell her - no. She said according to how we live I should. For you are quite enterprising living amongst us."

"Thats the matter."

"I came straight from work. I was wet with sweat I couldnt come to say how do you do!"

"One of those nights instructor Hines was here. I am sorry to say - that I feel somewhat out of place ~~that you people~~ to know that you people ~~are~~ who are so energetic live so close to me and I never ~~came~~ pay a visit until to-night. Had you gone away and I didnt pay you a visit I consider that I fail a loss that it turned to a loss. "

"Listen to me. Then it pay that I come to take your time? I have this time to give away at any time. What beat me - I never know that you have so much work until to-day."

Missionary work.  
"Teaching Negroes".  
Thatch Walk.

He realised it only after he met Miss Barrett coming from Thatch Walk to Green Olive. He asked her where she comes from. "From Green Olive" was the answer. "How can you be from Green Olive? We both met in Thatch Walk. That the back part of the district, where the Negroes are. There we both were interested in those Negroes - teaching them and making them. From thence ~~xxxx~~ now we become friends. Whne we ~~me~~ meet to-night we were no strangers with Miss Barret but we were strangers to the others."

"I was a missionary there. I am a Seven Day adventist and I was a missionnary there. From house to house. I was leaving from Eglon Rochester's house going to Charles Heath house and I found her at Charles Heath house sitting comfortably lecturing - doing her work. She was there before me. I could not tell what she was lecturing."

"Thatch Walk is the back district of Bull - S Savannah. Still include to Bull-Savannah. During the time of slavery the slave was driven to the back part and they still remain there."

"When slavery was abolished they all back to their ancestors property and still stay there and the white and the colour people remain in the front. Because they were higher to them."

Mr. Dyer apologized he was keeping us so long. "I am telling you too much, I am keeping you out of bed." He himself doesnt sleep much. About 4 hours he says.

"As it come to 4(a.m.) o' clock I must wake and go to the latrine. I can't sleep later. My last son and grandson - they slept in bed. Between 6 and 7 and I must wake them."

He explained that his wife (whom I invited also to come) couldn't come with him as one of them has always to stay at home to take care of the two small grannies. Some other evening Mr. Dyer will stay at home and this will enable his wife to come and visit us.

"I will stay (at home) because I am obedient to her while she is obedient to me. We live it properly. We set good example. Its how we live."

Husband-wife relations

Family history.

"My grand mother came from Ballards Valley. She was a Scotch, Elliott. And (she) marry at Ball. Val and came to Bull Savannah and live. (there)"

"I was the first lawful grand son and I return to Ballrads Val. and took a wife. I marry a wife, who was Miss Gordon."

Is her family related to the Gordons in Thatch Walk?

stealing names.

"No separate. ( a separate family) Gordon from Thatch Walk - he steal that name - he was a slave . Every black steal his name. Because slave steal master's name. Gordon is a high name."

"John Emanuel Salmon - he lives at Junction - steal the high name of Salmon and he steal his name whilst he was only John Edward. But he stole that name. I know because he was from a very poor family . The person who adopt him and rear him and brought him out to man decently - he steal his name."

Who are the families here, who have their own names - not stolen ones?

The old families

Poweel  
Dyer.

"First ~~Poweel~~ Joseph Powell and Fibi they are the oldest Powell. The oldest Dyer - George my great grand-father. He was from Junction accompanied by his brothers: Duncan Holness, Henry Dyer, Joseph Dyer, Samuel Dyer and James Dyer. Those were great grand-uncles of mine. Duncan Holness - he wasnt my great grand uncle. He was another woman's child, but brother to him (to George Dyer). He was a bastard." (Holness).

Rochesters:

"And there was an old Rochester raiser from here. Old Thomas Rochester. My mother's grand-father, who got Thomas Sinclair - who changed his name from Thomas Rochester to Thomas Sinclair and marry Dorothy Elliott to Dorothy Sinclair (Miss Dorothy Elliott after having married Thomas Sinclair became Dorothy Sinclair)."

"If you look to-morrow through this glass window you will see a great thatch tree. A great grand son is living there by the name of Cornelius Elliott."

Elliotts.

"Miss Jude (Rochester) mother is sister to Cornelius. She (Miss Jude's mother) was Elliott before she married Linton. These Elliott claim themselves to be Scotch people from England. And they were. (This was said with a special stress) Because we witness it. We burried those Scotch in Ballards Val. It's nothing that we heard of, but we burried them. My grandmother Dorothy Sinclair - Missis - was just your quality. Your hair is yellow - her hair was ~~was~~ black. She was the best woman to live in Bull Sav. No ~~xxxx~~ best woman in Bull Sav. No woman as kind as she. Dorothy Sinclair teach all women to live correct and fine but they don't follow her."

"As I tell you Missis Dorothy Sinclair had more children and grandchildren than all women - From 4 daughters. (the grandchildren) More than any other woman. She use living on the land she is burried. Just here. You will find there Dorothy Sinclair, Thomas Sinclair, the daughter Judith Elliott - on Mr. Laban's premises just here (where) you are living on the land. Ask me the reason why they are burried there. They are burried there because Thomas Sinclair that is burried there and his wife Dorothy Sinclair that is burried there - the home beyond the burrial ground - which is called to-day Mrs. Martha Rochester's home - that is the home of ancient Thomas Rochester which is Thomas Sinclair father - home. That the reason."

"Thomas Rochester the nephew to the old ancient Thomas Rochester - the father of all."

"The father of Thomas Rochester, Arthur Rochester, Thomas Sinclair and Nicolas Rochester. And Nicolas Rochester is the father of Mr. Laban's home"

"Thomas Sinclair - thats the son -he want to change the name - it was too long. He want to change the name - was going too long. But he (Sinclair) didnt continued because the son die and daughters marry. I was christened Charles McFarlane Dyer. - XI am the first son of the last daughter of Thomas Sinclair and on my father's hand I am the first heir of George Dyer. But it was nothing to heir. I hope to gain heaven."

"Thomas Rochester was the oldest Rochester we can find. Mr. Laban's father was the grat son. Thomas Rochester was the father of Nicolas Rochester who was father of Thomas Rochester who was father of Laban Rochester."

Two women breed all the people.

"There was two women living in Bull Sav. The name of one of those women was Mistress Kennedy and the other was Mistress Francella Rochester. And these two women, two sisters bereed all the people. Those two were great grand mother of my father and my mother and when saying so you, I am 67 years of age and that I can gather to give."

Gospel facts.

"Francella Rochester was Thomas Rochester's mother. When I came to this world Mistress Kennedy loose his (her) husband. Grand mother of my grand-father. No Kennedy (left in the district any more). I couldnt describe you what happened to Kennedy. Sons of Mrs. Kennedy: Duncan Holness, James Dyer, Samuel Dyer Jacob Dyer, William Dyer, Susan Holness Henry Dyer. Thats what I found here and I am giving you Gospel facts."

"George Dyer had a son also George Dyer and I am his grand son and I am now 67 years old so it is a good time."

Holness.

Asked about Theodore Holness Mr. Dyer said ~~he was not from the Holnesses~~ he was not family to Septimus Holness.

"Miles Holness, Winston Holness, Septimus Holness - they are the sons of Uriah Holness. Uriah Holness is the son of Duncan Holness. Violet Holness, Keath Holness and Joyce Holness - those are the daughters of Uriah. Winston call Ambrose uncle. Theodore is a separate Holness."

"Jane Holness is the mother of Winston, Septy and Miles and the girls. Jane Holness brother is Ambrose - him died."

"And my one daughter marry a Holness - family to Cedrick - whose name (the daughter's husband) is Jonathan - his father's name is Charles Holness. He lives in Leititz Savannah - Jonathan Holness and my daughter Rose."

Religious principles and habit.

Here Mr. Dyer interrupted his genealogical explanations to comment on his drinking.

"It is against my profession to drink, but I work so hard. From my cradle I take a drink for my stomach sake."

"He ralted a story how a doctor came to a very sick man and said: "O pity, had this man take one glass of stimulant his normal life would be 15 years longer."

"Those who came those who came in first before I came they tell you but very little. You couldnt gather much from them. If you came for that purpose you should get it, because it is here. I am afraid I havent the knowledge to give you the right thing. Everybody who comes to this Parish and come to me I like to give what Christ tell me to give to you. What you think is that: give you the truth, give you what pass and gone, give you no lie."

"I come up here twice to Miss Jude at night, coming from work wet with sweat, pretty tired. Miss Jude said to me: 'You ever been among those good people over the house?' No sister - I said. 'Everyone is coming and you should come - chiefly you and your wife. I couldnt stop with wife but I promise to come. I feel ashamed, I saw the good lady over sister Netty /Mrs. Claston Rochester/ I feel I should accomodate her because I am just in front of her. But this is just a bit neglectful. Then my dear sister my wife is interested in you. She has no servant to help her. She should be here with me. She has two granny that keep her pretty tie and she cant shun them. Financial difficulties."

"When I was lefting she said you go and say something to Missis. She /Dyers wife/ accompany my daughter ~~xx~~ 3,5 miles till her door. I wait at the Seven Day Church till 10.30 p.m. She had to carry her home and bear the burden. When she went home she carry all the good news of Bull Savannah her old home. She is about to sell her home and bought one acre here from my son, - Vincent Dyer. He married Elsie Holness - James Holness daughter. Jonathan Holness the son of Charles Holness /brother of James Holness father of Elsie Dyer/ Jonathan married my daughter Rose, Rose Dyer. Jonathan is selling his home and land to buy a home from his brother in law Vincent Dyer. Why? He is not living fine amongst his people, His family is not treating him good and is not treating good his wife. IN Leititz district - Jonathan Holness has several cousins in Bull Savannah. He is selling 4 acres there to buy one acre here - but it is just the same price. The land in Bull Savannah is dearer, because is near to tomato factory. ~~XX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ The factory dont count money it weight and Jonathan is a shareholder here"

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immigration

old age insurance

"£20 for one acre /Jonathan is paying in Bull Savannah to his brother in law/ He would ask £ 80 or £100 for one acre but he is buying from his brother in law so he give it for £ 20. He is selling there 4 acres and house for £280. He will spend more /on building his new house in B.Sav./ I want to get back my one daughter closer to me. because I am getting pretty weak. I am coming to be old."



His neighbour  
Stanley Francis†

" Stanley Francis - first cousin. We are two sisters children. Jane and Mary. His mother is Jane, my mother is Mary. His mother is the oldest daughter, my mother the youngest daughter. My first lawful son is Vincent Dyer."

Family old  
place.

~~thombing~~ parents

"On the Ridge two brother is there: Alganon Dyer and his wife Edna and Annas Dyer and Hilda the wife. Before climbing the hill you see a pair of thomb this is the beloved father and mother . I scorn the action of thombing them as the others are thombed. I thomb them with artificial letters turning the backs to the road. Please ask Mr. Alganon Dyer and his wife a permission to view the thomb. I am inviting you to go inside and enter the premises. You are permitted to enter and view them by the years of law /love?/ I am the lawful son. I sent you there to go and view the thomb."

The original place

" The original place of Dyers - Junction. You will find the original spot close to spirit licenced shop known as Boysie Rowe. You were instructed by C.M. Dyer. All the ancestors were in Ridge. When you come to Junction ask who you see at Junction to show you the spot that was settled by Susan Holness. Should they refuse, ~~xxxxxxvxxvxxkxxx~~ to show you, call or send back to Bull Savannah. Call me: C.M. Dyer. If you ever pay me the time I will come. To show you the spot known as Dyer's field - that's the spot. And many of the poor people are to-day and dont Dyers field. There is a woman living there to-day known as Elma Simpson, which everybody call: Auntie Mo, That new shop built on it. Rowe shop. But I am not sorry with the people. I know everything. When you go up Bull Savannah you pass over the most important place bight here."

"If you are not moving in a hurry we can give you more what you are hunting for."

"You come here the worst time the earth can afford. Nobody to give you a rose, nobody to give you a cabbage, nobody to give you a fruit. we can only give you a face."

Village opininn

"The most I know about you from my grand-son Vincent Powell. We call him Glen. My daughter's son" /It seems that Rose is not the only daughter, perhaps the only lawful one/

"He /she/ is my daughter - David's wife. Vincent - he born with me, he go with me and he study with me. One daughter - first child, the first child."

It was almost 11 p.m. and Mr. Dyer rose to go. He stopped however at the door. He preached a farew well sermon with great fervor:

"I want your soul to be saved, because Christ is calling to me and you. That these souls of ours be saved before Christ come - now brothers and sisters don't be troubled about these things. Christ is coming, dont worry about that one. Those who are to be saved must be saved without a sin. And Christ is coming. Brother and sister be careful. Dont worry about



Visit at home. Interv. Gee (Jay?) Dyer.  
13.7.48.  
T.O.

Gee was busy at scraping with his machette the bark off big sticks which he will use to build his own house. The house will be right here on father's land."

Gee is a tall healthy looking young man with an engaging smile. (Physically a pleasant contrast to his elder brother Vincent F.R.104).

Present household:

Dyer Charles	head	60	
"	Francella	wife	55
"	Gee	son	26
"	Leopold	son	24
"	Alvin	gr. son	24 (son of Gee & "a girl in Kingston)
"	Barbara	gr. dau	11 (dau of son Ivi & Muriel Thompson)
Powell Glenrick	gr. son	15	(son of dau Rose & Many Powell)

Temporarily staying in this house but moving soon to new house which is almost finished, daughter Rose with husband Jonathan Holness and children:

Holness Jonathan	head	40	
"	Rose	wife	33 (daughter of Charles & Francella Dyer)
"	Curlin	dau	8
"	Janette	dau	6
"	Hubert	son	4
"	Pauline	dau	1

They used to live in Precious Plain where Jonathan family lives. Jonathan bought a piece of land from Vincent Dyer (son brother of Rose. Vincent's wife is first cousin of Jonathan and is also from Precious Plains) while the house was being built they stayed for a while with Vincent, now they are staying with Rose's parents.

The house : 3 rooms, one room in the older part behind, two rooms in the newer part forming front to the big catchment and tank.

Kitchen in separate building in which there is another room.

Gee has been in the police force in Kingston, but said he didn't like the job. At present he stays with the parents and cultivates father's land. Intends to start his own this season, but doesn't know whether he will finish (depends about his money resources.) The land on which his brother Vincent lives and a part of which was s

to Jonathan Holness, was bought by Charles Dyer from an old man "Many bushing" (?) his wife was known under the name of "Julia mother". The place was called "Bushing" but now is called "Have a view" - the whole of Green Olive and Shaddock Hill could be seen from there.

Charles Dyer is the son of George Dyer and Mary Dyer the daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Sinclair. His two brothers Algonan and Annas Dyer live at the old family place in Ridge. Two more brothers died. Sisters: Sussan, Rachel, Vera and Etheline. 3 more died. Mrs. Rhoda Elliott is Charles' aunt - father's sister.

Charles and Francella (nee Gordon from Ballard's Valley) had 6 children:

Mildred - the first girl - died.

Vincent 35 lives separately with wife & family in B.S.

Rose 33 married Jonathan Holness lived in Precious Plains. Will be living in new house ~~saxfaxixixixix~~ nearby

Ivi 30. Is "tailoring" in Kingston.

Gee 26 (informant) stays with parents.

Leopold 24 stays with parents. Has a 3 months old son with Elsaida Francis daughter of Stanley Francis.

Grandchildren Charles and Francella have 12 grandchildren: Vincent has 5, they stay with their parents.

Rose has 4 legitimate - stay with the parents and one outside stays with the gr. parents.

Gee - one outside - stays with the gr. parents

Ivi - one outside - stays with the grand-parents

I didn't get any information ~~suxvix~~ whether either of parents (Charles & Francella) have any outside children.

Land One parcel in Green Olive (Charles' mother's "claim") One parcel in Shaddock Hill. One parcel in the woodlands. Gee doesn't know how ~~manj~~ acres each or total.

Gee got "a spot for the house" from the father right in Green Olive on the part which was bought by Dyer from Francis. ( neighbour and first cousin.)

Information from ~~Charles Dyer~~ Leo Johnson.  
 Interv. Francella Dyer and Rose Holness.  
 15.6.48.  
 J.O. 29.8.48.

Dyer Charles, 50-60.  
 ,, Francella, ab.50, wife  
 ,, Jay, son, 26.  
 ,, Leo, son, 24.  
 Powell Glenrick, grson, 15.  
 Dyer Alvin, grson, 4.  
 ,, Barbara, grdaughter, 11. 7 per.

Temporarily staying in the same home:

Holness Jonathan, 40, Charles Dyer's son in law.  
 ,, Rose, 33, wife.  
 ,, Hubert, son, 4.  
 ,, Curl, Dau. 8.  
 ,, Jeanette, dau., 6.  
 ,, Pauline, dau. 1.

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Dyer Charles: son of George and Mary Dyer. Brother of  
 Annas and Algonan Dyer in Ridge. See their F.R.  
Dyer Francella: is from Ballard's Valley. Her parents:  
~~James and Gloriana Gordon~~ Leah nee Bent and Chlovis Gordon.  
 They had 6 children, 5 alive: Vincent 34, B.S., Louie,  
 31, Kingston, Rose Holness, 33, married, now in B.S., ~~Edie~~  
 Mildred Dyer /d/. Other children in the home.

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 2 houses. One- 3 rooms, zinc roof. Another house - shiggl  
 roof.  
 Land: 18 acs in 3 lots. 2 homeland. 7 ac. cultivated, rest  
 woodland.  
 Trees: 2 homabay mangoes, 2 robins, 1 pear, 16 coffee tr.  
 Animals: 1 goat, fowls.  
 Religion: Francella, and Charles and Children - 7 Day Adv.

Powell Glenrick - is son of Rose Holness, His father was  
 Emmanuel Powell /d/. Dyer Alvin is son of Jay Dyer and  
 Cynthia Sailsman of Kingston. Barbara Dyer is daughter  
 of Louie Dyer and Muriel Thompsen in Top Bull Savannah.  
 All 3 ~~children~~ grandchildren adopted by Charles and  
 Francella.

Jonathan Holness is from Letitz, son of Charles and  
 Julia /nee Nembhard/ Holness. His brothers and sisters  
 live in Litzitz, one of his sisters in Blacks Pen.  
 He married Rose in 1937. Jonathan had two outside child-  
 ren. They are not stying with him. They ~~lived~~ lived  
 with their mother, Hilda Holness.  
 Jonathan Holness is buliding his house in B.S. Has 1 ac.  
 of land, bought from his bro.-in-law Vincent Dyer fro  
 £20. He is stock daler, buys and sells mules.  
 In school: Barbara Dyer, Curl Holness.  
 Religion: Charles Dyer, his wife, are Sev Day Adv.  
 Jonathan is Moravian.