

Friday.
25. 6. 48.
D. B.

Interviewed Daisy Sutherland.

Present Household

Bradley Dyer Head 28
Daisy Sutherland Wife (c.1) 24
Leonie Dyer Dau. 3
Glenrick Dyer Son 5½ months

2 sons
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5 sons

The house .

The members of the house hold live in a room attached to the kitchen . In the room there are ~~two~~ two beds, a table with glass wares . The whole building is made of spanish wall and it has a thatched roof . The building is getting very shabby and Daisy complains that she does not want any one to come to the house , because it is poor . (by any one she means any member of the Survey) She does not want any one to ~~her~~ come to her "poverty place for it no stay good . Me caan even buy any thing put in dey because it caan hold " .

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They have started to build a house , the roof is thatched and the lime and dirt are ready to be mixed for foundation . "When that dey house finish me wi' buy things put in dey , fa it wi' bigger and wi' hold more things . This one too little and poor " .

The kitchen has a fire place , and a log that is used as a seat . There is also a place that serves as a x table .

Meal for the day .

Daisy was very busy preparing the mid-day meal for Bradley who would be coming home soon for his lunch . She mixed the flour , then made "little johnny cakes " . Next she cut the beef that she had into little bits then put in the pot ~~et~~ to fry . She complained that "the meat tough , me no know when it though fry , and Bradley soon come " . She was very anxious to have every thing ready before Bradley should arrive .

She was very busy and hardly could stop to talk "me ~~no~~ no want him come and the lunch no ready "so me caan hardly stop fe talk with you today" . The baby was crying and everything made her rather x cross . After playing with the baby and it ceased from crying , Daisy became ~~wer~~ more pleasant , and started to talk in a friendly way .

Source of living .

At present Daisy is not working . In the crop she used to wrok at the factory wrapping and packing tomato at 1½d per box . She does no other kind of work , except working at the facroy when it is crop time . She is supported by Bradley . He works at Miss Edith's shop doing tailoring . He has his own machine , and sews all the time

Family History.

Annie Powell her mother

Algy Sutherland her father

George Powell her ~~great~~ grand father , her mother's father

Her mother's children.

Herself

Amy Powell

Wilbert Powell

Wilbert and Amy are children of one "Powell from Christiana

Adelaide Rochester (nee Senior) DAUGHTER of "Master" Senior.

Amy is living living at Prospect "with him man !"

Wilbert is sharing house with his mother . He has a girl friend , she is Evelyn Stevenson .

Adelaide is married to Willie Rochester , and has her own home .

Amy's mother was working as a house-keeper in Christiana when she met Amy's father . Her father did not marry her mother . Her mother came back to Bull Savannah where Amy was born . She grew with her mother here in Bull Savannah . She went to the Bull Savannah School , and read to the 5th Standard . "Me left school before me time up , me take up womansish , and me mother did poor and couldnt keep me a ~~xxx~~ school any longer " .

Earning her living

She was not supported by her father , so after leaving school she had to go and look for some thing to do to help herself . She went to work at the factory . She worked in the packing house , wrapping ~~xx~~ and packing ~~team~~ tomato . Since then she has worked at the factory every year . She does not know whether her father is alive or not . He does not even know him . In the last crop she could not work at the ~~x~~ factory , as she has a young baby .

Meeting Bradley .

She and Bradley became friends about six years ago . Her mother did not like him at first , but later on she got to like him . She did not go to live at Bradley's house until this year . He used to visit her at her mother's house .

Brith of her first child.

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she went to Dr. Mais . "The way me did large him ask me if me have any body in a me bredd wey have twin , me tell him no. Him tell me that when me time come to have the baby me must go a hospital go have it". She went to the Doctor the Tuesday and the Friday ~~xx~~ following she went to the Hospital at Black River . She was there for about three weeks before her time came .

She was told by the Doctor that she has " lack-bone", and it would a hard fe me fe deliver , but a the hospital them tell me that a no "lack bone " me have but a close me me close." he was given medicine to reduce her . Me never get nothing much fe eat , only milk and dry bread Labour started on a Saturday night and she never deliver -ed until Tuesday morning . "Lawd 'a nearly dead a never feel a pain so yet . A roll, a bawl , you must know that some body dead right side a me bed and a x neverknow one thing . Me have on and off pain , in a belly and in a me back " .

"The Nurse them never pay much attention to me . All when me in a the pain , A remember Nurse Johnson say, "trouble dey a bush , Anancy bring i' come a house., that a when me dey hawl and could nt get any help . Them never try fe help me them did only have Christmas in them head , for Christmas did dey hear . The Tuesday morning A get up and go in the Toilet and when a sit down , one bad feeling take me and one pain A couldnt do nothing more 'an give one bawl . A thing a ~~xx~~ did though dead " After she gave the "bawl" some one ran to tell the Matron and she came up and started to quarrel on the Nurses . Matron took her up and took her to the Labour room , put her on the Labour bed . She was given a cup of medicine and after that she did not know any thing more .

When she regained consciousness she was told that the baby "born dead " . "The nabel string born before the baby and that nearly kill me . How the nabel string come first a because me use to clean the "hog tripe" when them kill hog over me grandfather yard . The cleaning bad but the twisting worse , because the nabel string did wrap over the baby neck and that nearly kill me . So she was asked whcther to save the baby's life or hers which would she prefer . "Me tell Dr. me know the world aready and life sweet , and with that them try fe save fe x me and a that make the baby born dead " . The day when she delivered was full moon "and the baby swell big big and that make the time worse hard ." The baby was a boy , which weighed about nine pounds.

After delivery she was sick for about three weeks in the hospital . Her breast were swollen , they gave her pains and fever . She recovered soon and was able to go home. Her other deliveries were not as hard as the first one When she had her last baby she had hemorrhage . "Me

feel the morning like me did wan ' go a "toilet" and me go and by the time me come back me feel that the baby dey come . Before Miss "Cella " come me have the baby and the "after birth " and every thing come . Never know say me no fe get up so soon , so me go down fe use the chimney me feel one bäckness cover me up , and the whole room wash with blood . Lucky thigg Miss Cella did come , them have fe put me foot high and put me head ~~up~~ low , with brown paper in a the roof a me mouth fe stop the blood"

"All when me come out a room me white and weak , could a hardly walk , breeze could a blow me down . Me lose too much blood , up to now me head feel light sometime " .

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Parents' attitude to/children.

Daisy loves her children but she complains that the little Leonie is bad , "you no knwo how him suck, = suck ya and bawlie bawlie . Him too spoil and him father spoil him . Father does not chastised Leonie , mother does it when there is need for it . If she cry fe anything the father wi' more so give him more 'an beat him . Daisy does not prevent her child from going to the next yard to play " because we a neighbour , and fe them pickney come a fe me yard so me couldnt stop fe me form go dey".

Thursday.

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I paid another visit to Daisy's yard . This time she was bathing her baby . She was sitting ona piece of log in her kitchen with the baby in the wash pan . She did not use a rag , but soap her hand every now and then and rubbed the body all over , head too . She does not use a special soap for bathing the baby "any one me use the baby use it too " She has a rag for bathing the baby , "but i' want fe wash and me no have the time now for me have fe look 'bout Bradley lunch as me finish bathe him"

After washing off the soap ina rather soapy water , she got up and went for a towel to dry the baby . She returned took up the baby , held its head down and soap the face again , then wash off . She started to dry the body the baby who had enjoyed the bath , started to cry , and stretched for the pan . It was obvious he wanted to go in the water again , but the mother did not take any heed of its cry . She does not use any special powder for it neither . The drying finished , she took a shirt that was not pressed , stretched it with her hands , and put it on complaining at the same time , "me no know a wha ' kind a thick cloth this him father buy fe make shirt fe him . It too thick , me though out it down till him dey sit down " . Though she had just finished com-

bath/

plaining about the shirt, she was satisfied to know that it is clean "the baby wi' sleep better for him wi' cool". She bathes the baby about the same time every morning. After the baby has got its ~~skin~~ it will sleep for a long time. ~~After~~ After the bath before the baby goes to bed it is given the breast to suck. It falls asleep while sucking, then is put to bed.

Baby's food & Health.

When Leonie was a baby she was given porridge made of Oats with goat's milk. She was also given Castoria and Cod Liver Oil when she was five months old until she was a year old. The Castoria helped her very well through her teething period, she was never sick while teething. She got Cod Liver to build her, because she was thin in body. She was weaned at nine months, and then started to eat food such as Cho-cho with butter, beef soup, fish tea and rice. She started to teeth when she was seven months old.

She started to give the baby "Klim", "but him no look ~~like~~ like him like it so much so--me stop from give him. We gwine start give him Castoria, see if wi' help him when him start fe teeth. I' look like this one gwine teeth with him belly, fa me hear him belly start fe robb. The baby is taking now porridge made from starch ~~with~~ made with goats milk.

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Daisy is proud that her children are not troubled with scratches like some other babies. "Them mother no have it them father no have it so them caan have it. It have fe in a ~~man~~ the parents blood before the children caan get it". The children are free from scratches of any sort. Daisy to keep the baby from getting mosquito bites shuts her house very early in the evening to ~~avoid~~ them coming in. The baby is healthy and strong and quite grown for its ~~six~~ age.

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Training Leonie.

Leonie can use the chimney. She was taught to do that from she was one year old. She can wash ~~her~~ her hands and her face by herself, she did that ~~xxxxxxx~~ while I was there. She is learning the Lord's Prayer but cannot all by herself as yet.

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2. 7. 48.
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Visiting Daisy's home again she was not in but had gone to visit her neighbour Juney Sinclair. In a little while she ~~x~~ came, swept her kitchen and then washed some dishes. She said, "A hope you no come ya this morning with out you carr' something fe give me, fa this morning a distress morning. We no have a money fe go a shop, me have fe go trust this morning". Just then

Leonie ran up to her and started to cry . "You see dey ~~me~~ now a some thing she dey cry fa a'ready and me no have a thing fe give her ! To the child she said , "you better shut up you mouth , and run go long a hell , run steady go a hell . I' favour like you mus'e like fe visit me , you better 'an me, me no have no time fe talk this morning . Fe you bread ~~h~~ and cocoa butter a'ready , fe me no butter yet . You no wan ' Leonie ? I' better you take him carr' home with you ~~h~~ fa him dey bawl 'pon me fe ~~see~~ something fe eat and me no have nothing fe give her !

She sent ~~x~~ Leonie fer ~~xxxxxx~~ a comb to comb her hair . She commented on Leonie's hair , "me no know wey she get this ya little thin fuz from , for neither him mother nor him father no have that dey kind a hair . Finishing her ~~hair~~ hair she sent the child for another comb to comb her own hair (Daisy's hair) . She complained of her hair how dirty it is , "x and a me less care ~~me~~ hair ~~make~~ make i' dirty so and drop off . From before me have baby me did fe wash i' , and up to now me no do it yet ,

Land .

Bradley lives on his own land . He got it from his father . She does not know the portion of land that he is living on . Bradley also has land in the woods -that he bought from his uncle Jacob ~~yer~~ yer . Neither does ~~hee~~ she know the amount in the woods nor how much he pays for it .

Cultivation.

Bradley does some of his cultivation down at his mother's old yard , and in the woods . He and his brother Gerald ~~Dyer~~ Dyer work to-gether on partnership . Daisy does not know any thing about his business or his cultivation . "All me know and business with is when him work i' me get i' fe eat. You wnat him cut me throat fe tell you him business ? "

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Information from Lillian Powell.
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Present household.

Dyer Bradley, 28.
Sutherland Daisy, c.l.wife, 24.
Dyer Leonie, dau., 3.
Dyer Glenrick, son, 6 months.

Dyer Bradley: Father Alan Dyer /d/, mother Lillian Dyer /d/. Two brothers and 4 sisters: Dudley Dyer, Kingston; Gerald Dyer, B.Sav.; Naomi Campbell, U.S.A.; Lucille ~~Jane~~ Jones, Kingston, ~~Zain~~ Zilla and Zemina, B.Sav. 1 half brother: Percival Dyer, B.Sav.; 1 half sister Amy Dyer: Dunder Hill.

Daisy Sutherland: Father Archie Sutherland, Christiana; mother Annie Powell, B.Sav. 1 half brother: Wilbert Powell, B.Sav.; 2 half sisters: Adelaida Rochester, B.Sav. and Amy White, Prospect.

Bradley went to U.S.A. 1944-45. Built his house from the savings.

House, land, farming.

House: 1 room. Kitchen. Buttery. Latrine - not completed.
Furniture: 2 beds, 1 table, 1 foot machine.
Land: owned by Bradley Dyer 2 acres, inherited from parents
Trees: 11 mangoes, 1 pear, 4 cashews, 12 coffee trees.
Cult.: yma hills 20. 1/4 acre congo. 1/4 acre red peas.
2 pigs, 1 fowl.
Weekly spendings: 10/-. £10 spent on clothes last year.
No savings.
No religion.