

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 5.

Francis Adolphous	Head	M.M.44.	St.El.	Col.	Angl.	W.3.	Farmer
,, Rosetta	Wife	F.M.54.5.5.	,,	,,	,,	W.2.	Homemaker
Dyer Percival	StSon	M.S.15.	,,	,,	,,	W.3.0E	Student
Francis Neville	Son	M.S.10.	,,	,,	,,	W.2.4E.	
,, Moldie	GrSon	M.S. 3.	,,	,,	,,		

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His farm 1942.

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner 25 years.

*30 acres
p.8.*

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 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of which 14 acres in Manchester.
 2 parcels: 14 and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~~XXXXXX~~ acr. resp.
 Labour employed for 10 weeks p.a. Average number of labourers per week: 5.
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in cultivation (for the rest of land no data)
 Value of ~~XXXXXX~~ the farm £ 150, of buildings: £125.
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Cultivations: 0.4 ac. tomatoes = 3,200 lbs.
 5 coconuts (one fruiting) = 14 nuts.
 3 jangoes = 130 doz.
 0.3 ac corn = 2 bushels
 1 ac. congo peas = 3 bushles
 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac cassava = 1000 lbs. 0.3 sweet cassava = 500 lbs.
 0.2 ac. yams 300 lbs.
 1 donkey
 4 sheep
 5 swine
 2 hens = 4 doz eggs.
 7 rabbits.

Inform. Dudley Simpson and Bradkey Rochester.
23.3.48.
J.O.

Francis Adolphous.

Francis Adolphous is son of Sarah Francis and late Charlie Francis /for the particulars see FamRec.101/.

His wife, "Lecinda".

His wife was Rosetta Elliott at first, now Rosetta Francis. She is known in Bull Savannah under the nickname of Lecinda.

Lecinda is older than Adolphous Francis. They married "long ago".

Before Adolphous Francis married Lecinda, "he was in friendship with a woman, but did not ~~bring~~ bring him in ~~his~~ own house." His girl friend was Esmine Rochester - "she was Eglon Rochester sister, but she die."

"Esmine Rochester have a pickney for him. Mother die and pickney die - both of them go."

Then he married Rosette Elliott.

Rosette Elliott's father was Charlie Elliott her mother was Judith Elliott. Charlie Elliott was Calbert Elliott's father. He lived "right over Calbert Elliott. But him die a little bat before Christmas."

Lecinda's children before she married Adolphous.
Percival Dyer, Lecinda's son and Adolphous's step-son.

Lecinda had 5 children altogether; three by three different fathers before she married Adolphous and two by Adolphous.

Her first child ~~was~~ is Percival Dyer. He was "her son by Allen Dyer. Allen Dyer was Bradley Dyer's father. He was living just below Eli Sinclair down the road, just down the bottom."

"Percival Dyer was always with his mother. His father die when he was small."

"Percival Dyer - him schooled in Bull Savannah school. Good brain, could pass better training." He lives now with his mother and his step-father.

Adonijah Lewis, son of Charles Lewis.

Her next child was by Charles Lewis. "She did have one boy by Charles Lewis in Top Bull Savannah - Adonijah Lewis. Him went away to St. Thomas and him die. Him living with his father before he go."

Edith Powell, daughter by Joseph Powell.

Then "she have one by Joseph Powell - a girl Joseph Powell - him Mr. Laban brother-in-law". /Joseph Powell married Zala Rochester/. "She have a girl by name Edith Powell. The girl in Kingston now. And good-looking girl. She living in Kingston with a man, but I dont know the name of the man. She have about two children. She stayin with the man and working out."

Before she went to Kingston, "she was in friendship with John Roy and the parents did'nt

this could cause her illness. "At the time she she was in friendship with Arthur Thompson. I dont know whether this was the two men that made her mad. She was with two men at the same time. Plenty of men. She had plenty of men. Two here, one in Kingston. Too much for him /=~~her~~/, it mad him /=~~her~~/, got on him /=~~her~~/ nerves."

Francis Merton, a modest boy. Most famous Dong Juans in the district.

Neither Dudley nor Bradley know anything of other girl friends of Merton Francis. They think his only girl friend before Vera Bromfield was Alga Rochester. There was - to their knowledge - no other girl in his life. They were sceptical about Merton Francis assertions of having six girl friend "at a time". He just bragged. "Him a boy. Nothing to brag yourself over. No pain that. I never know of his six girl friends."

There were only three men in Bull Savannah who were famous of their numerous love adventures. Theywere Burnell Simpson, Dudley's brother; Emanuel Powell, who died a few months ago /last September/; and John Roy, living now at Ridge.

"You could really believe them if them tell them have six - seven at a time. Them were really bad. But not Merton Francis."

Visit at home. Interv. Adolphous Francis.
9.7.48.
T.O.

Mr. Francis was sitting with his neighbour Charles Roye on the verandah floor. He told me Mrs. Francis wasn't in. She is selling on the road ginger beer and bread. To-day (Friday afternoon) is the "pay-bill" in the factory so she went "to collect". Her customers are the people engaged in building in the factory.

The house is a "smart" one. Zinc roof, big verandah. There are two rooms. There is another small building behind - one living room. In the third building a kitchen.

Present household: (#Age given but seems doubtful to me)

Francis Adolphous Mead.	M.	45(?)	Jeh. Witn.	cultivator
" Lucinda	wife	M. 46(?)		housewife & high
Dyer Percival	ad. son	S. 21		clerk in factory
Francis Neville	son	S. 17		cultivator
Francis Naldy	gr. son	S. 10(?)		at school
Senior Roxroy	nephew(ad)	S. 15		cultivator

Re age: Mr. Francis said he came from Cuba in April 1930. He stayed in Cuba for 13 years and 5 months. I think these dates can be relied upon. He left Bull-Savannah in 1917; he possibly couldn't have been 14 at that time and father of a child. (Merton Francis, who also by the way gave his age as 27 and ~~max~~ can't be less than 30) Mrs. Lucinda's age was given 46 so she would be in 1917 15. She had before Merton two children already ~~ix~~ two different men. It is highly improbable that at 15 she had already 3 children by 3 different fathers. The age of the child Naldy was given by his mother Vera Francis as 8 years. However in this case ~~asiannanyocheersu~~ many others this arithmetic doesn't convince the informants.

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Adolphous Francis is the son of Charles and Sarah Francis. Adolphous' ~~grax~~ paternal grandfather was Peter Francis. "This home now belonging to Mr. Windy Elliott was my grandfather's home and land. He sell it and leave the place. The first wife die and the second leave him, so he fret, sold the place to Mr. Windy's father and went to Kingston. He had a cousin there in water police. Got as high as sergeant. In those days they didn't care for land, he sold the place and leave here." Peter Francis was the brother of Nathaniel Francis father of Stanley Francis (F.R. 87) Adolphous doesn't remember the name of his paternal great grand father, but he knows he used to live in the place where Reggie Rochester lives now. "This place down there where the cricket ground is - it was Francis. The father of my grandfather live there."

His father died while he was in Cuba. The mother is still alive and lives in the neighbouring house.

His wife Lucinda is from the Elliott family (see F.R. 21,45,19610) They knew each other from childhood living in neighbouring houses. They also went to school together: "Joseph Neil was pupil-teacher at the time". ~~He~~ What made him leave the young girl-friend, whom he rejoined after 13 years - I couldn't get.

13 years in Cuba. " spent 13 years and 5 months in Cuba I still can speak and read Spanish". He went there in 1917 at the time when many people from Jamaica ~~an~~ went there to clear the grounds and work on the prospering sugar plantations. He liked life in Cuba. I asked him why he returned after such a long sojourn, ~~xvifxysuxstaxvkeavium~~ and where ther he brought a lot of savings from there.

"If you stay too long in the country - you live like natives, don't remember you have a country to come back, to save." "Like the natives" he would go after a period of work and spend his savings in the city. Later in the twenties the earnings were not good at all "The country go down." Adolphous found himself "Without house, without land, no family." He decided he will go back to his place. He explained that foreigners couldn't buy land in Cuba. "And I have always my mother/~~at~~ heart ." "While he was in Cuba his father died. "She was getting old and me being the oldest - I was the only one really to take care of her." (There were 9 children see p.2&3) "Which reason was the most important: lack of work or the love for the mother it is difficult to say, but he repeated both several times.

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During his stay in Cuba he used to write home. "I write them and send money, but for the last 4 years I didn't write at all, I had nothing to send." His family didn't know what became of him. He came unexpectedly to Bu Bul-Savannah "And the mother cry". I come back and God bless me." He liked the life in Cuba "I could live there." (Meaning he would like to live there if the economic situation was better.) "The people there good - if you don't trouble them - they don't trouble you". (It is a cliché sentence I heard from almost every one who was in Cuba.) "In every country, in every society you find the good ones and the bad ones, I can live with every one." At times he used to work in places where there were no Jamaicans, but for the majority of time he had some Jamaicans round him.

He met Spaniards who came from Europe to Cuba. "Poor people, hard working people."

The children While he were speaking a goat wandered into the garden. Adolphous called "Roxroy Windy's goat in the garden". The young boy emerged from the smaller house and run to chase the goat. Two other boys were in the yard. I said: "You have many helpers - so many boys around." Adolphous sighed: "So many boys, and none for me raise other people's children. I have only two my own." His eldest son Merton Francis was brought up by the mother's parents. He explained that Royrox Senior was "acou



sin from Ballards Valley. Stay here and help a little." Naldy Francis is his grandson: Merton's child. Percival Dyer is the son of his wife whom she had with Allen Dyer while Adolphous was away in Cuba. He didn't mention the two children his wife had before ~~xxxxxx~~ Merton. After Adolphous returned from Cuba he built his house. He resumed his friendship with Lucinda. They married in 1937.

Religion After Roxroy came back from chasing the goat he sat in the open window of the smaller house and was reading "Watch Tower." Adolphous said "I am doing a little reading myself - I subscribe to the society." But he wasn't interested very much in religious matters.

Social problems. Unlike the Jehovah Witness official attitude Francis is interested in social problems: "Take Jamaica - the rich man is keeping the poor down. All level land - that belongs to the rich, we have to struggle in the hills. And even the settlement - the poor can't buy it." He explained that for the very poor who need the land most the settlement terms are too hard. "And they give unsuitable land. In five acres perhaps two acres to cultivate and the rest rocks, rocks and stones."

His land. He himself is not bad off. He wanted rather impress me with his good economic status. "God bless me" He helps his mother "and other people" "since I am in a better possession." He has about 30 acres. The house is built on the family land, of which he has 2 acres. He bought from the settlement in Duff-House two "good" (as far as size is concerned) pieces. In Duff-House however there is a lot of land which can't be used as it is stony. "You say 30 acres, and it is perhaps really half of it"

It was getting rather late and his wife was still collecting her money. All the women who sell on the roads collect their money on Fridays. "Mrs. Francis she collect here, at the factory. Merton's wife - her pay bill is in Alligator Pond." (Vera Francis is Adolphous daughter-in-law. She also sells ginger beer of own production to road workers who are paid on Fridays in Alligator Pond.)

Right at the beginning of our conversation Francis said: "My I ask you a question?" I told him people won't know and understand each other unless they ask questions. "What is your mission?" he asked. ~~xxxx~~ I explained drawing him into conversation. But he wasn't suspicious or unwilling. When I was leaving he said "Now I regret I didn't meet you sooner." and sent greetings for J.O.

Information from Leo Powell.
 Interv. Adolphous and Lucinda Francis.
 14.6.48.
 J.O. 26.8.48.

Present household.

Francis Adolphous, 45.
 ,, Lucinda, wife, 46.
 Dyer Percival, Lucinda's son, 21.
 Francis Neville, son, 17.
 Francis Naldy, grson, 10.
 Senior Roxroy, ad. son, 15.

Adolphous Francis: son of late Charles Francis and Sarah Francis /see F.R.101/. 2 brothers and 1 sister alive /Edmond Francis, B.S., Theophilus Francis, Top Hill, Martha Berton, Kingston/. 1 brother and 1 sister died: Ernest Francis and Eunice Francis /see F.R.101/.
Lucinda Francis nee Elliott. Parents: Charles and Judith Elliott, ~~xxxx~~ dead. For her brothers and sisters see F.R.21.

Adolphous Francis was previously along with Esmine Rochester, had no children with her. ~~Rax~~ He is with Lucinda already for 26 years, married 11 years ago. Lucinda ~~had~~ had two children before she started to live with Adolphous Francis. Had two children: one is Percival, Dyer, son of Allan Dyer, another Edith Powell, daughter of ~~Raxpa~~ Joseph Powell.

They have 2 children: Neville and Merton Francis. Senior Roxroy, adopted son, is son of Raphael and Emma Francis. Naldy Francis is son of Merton Francis and his wife Vera Francis.

Adolphous went to Cuba 1920. Built home from the savings. House: 2 rooms, zinc roof. 1 room sep. house under thatch. 1 "outhouse". Tank. Furn.: 2 beds, 2 tables, 1 cabinet, 4 chairs.

Land: 30 acres owned by Adolphous. In 3 lots. 15 and 13 acres in Duff House and 2 acres at home. Bought from Land Settlement and Sarah Francis /his mother/. Paid together L120 for the land.

Trees: 3 comm. mangoes, 2 bomabys. 5 coconuts, 4 pears, 2 ackees, "plenty of thatch".
 Tomatoes 4000, L40. Yams 105 hills. 2 ac. cassava. 1 ac. corn 3 ac. congo peas. 1/2 ac. red peas. 1/4 ac. sweet potatoes. 1 sq. chain escallion.

1 donkey, 1 beef cow, 1 pig, 4 hens common.
 Spendings: weekly 30/- . L50 spent on clothes last year. L.20 on doctor and dentists. L3 on books. L6 on education.
 Investments: L150 in land, stock and buildings. ~~L200~~ L200 Gnt Saving Bank.

Jeh. Witness Adolphous and Lucinda. Percival Dyer works in the factory, in the office. Naldy in school 1st stand.

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