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C.D. 22 Sbd. 12 Household 36.

Dyer	Hubert	Head	M.M.	78.	St. Eliz.	Col.	Angl.	W. 2.	Farmer
"	Annie	wife	F.M.	70.	5.3.	"	"	X	Homemaker
"	Agnis	dau.	F.S.	50	10.8.	"	"	X	Higgler
"	Zeminna	dau.	F.S.	40	3.1.	"	"	X	Ngne
"	Lidel	son	M.S.	43	"	"	"	X	None
"	Olsson	gr. son.	M.S.	3	"	"	"	-	
Francis Louis	gr. son	M.S.	19	"	"	"	"	W. 1.	Farmer
Rochester Wilfred	gr. s.	M.S.	23	"	"	"	"	X	Farmer

His farm 1949.

1,35 - not used as past. 6,5 - "other land."

Operates as owner for 55 years.
 2 parcels, 6,25 and 12 resp.
 Tomatoes and grains chief income.
 Employ: no labour. Works 40 weeks per year.
 All land 18,25 acres. 3 ac. in cultivation. 3 culti-
 vable. 4 ac. pasture. 1/2 in G. grass 2 in comm. grass.
 Value: L75. Buildings L50. No mortgage.
 1 catchment.
 Cultivations:
 Tomatoes 5/10 ac. - 1400 lbs.
 3 breadfruits - 50 doz. 3 coconuts - 200 nuts.
 11 mangoes - 300 doz. 3 naseberries - 250 doz.
 Congo 3/4 ac. - 10 bushels.
 Cassava 1,25 ac. - 1800 lbs.
 Potatoes 1/4 ac. - 500 lbs.
 Yams 1/4 ac. - 300 lbs.
 Stock: 1 donkey. 4 goats. 3 hens / 7 doz. eggs prod./

land Hubert
 owns 10 acres
 p. 11 the rest
 was considered
 belonging to
 Louis. The
 same wk. still.

1/2 acres

Inform. Dudley Simpson.
13.3.48. + 14.3.48.
J.O.

Hubert Dyer and
his wife Annie
Dyer.

Hubert Dyer is brother of old George Dyer ~~xxxxxxx~~,
~~xxxxxxx~~ father of Charles Dyer. In this way
Hubert Dyer is grand-uncle of Joseph Dyer, son of Eileen
Powell and Lindon Dyer. "Dyer Joseph to call Hubert
Dyer gran'uncle."

Hubert Dyer's wife, Annie Dyer, is Dudley Sim-
pson's aunt. She is his father's sister /his father's
name was Lionell/.

Hubert Dyer's
land in Ridge.

Hubert Dyer's patrimony was in Logwood. "Him got
some land from his old father George Dyer in Logwood.
But he did not make his house in Logwood. The place he
lives on was bought." Dudley does not know from whom.
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Agnes Dyer.
Her parents.
Her cl.husband.
Her children.

Agnes Dyer is daughter of Hubert Dyer and of Julia
Simpson, old Robert Simpson's sister. "Hubert Dyer marry
to my aunt, but he know that girl /Julia Simpson/ before
he marry to my aunt." So Agnes is described as "bastard
daughter" of Hubert Dyer.

Agnes Dyer never married, but she was for years
"along" with Arnold Rochester. She had a number of child-
ren with old man. ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxxx~~ Wilfred Rochester, whose ~~xxxx~~ death
is described in Fam.Rec.74, was one of them.

Agnes Dyer in
a new place.

Agnes Dyer does not stay any more ~~xxxxxxx~~
in her father's home. She moved to another house - a ~~xx~~
tiny hut further up on the Ridge road. Neither house nor
land on which the house is built is her property. ~~xxxxxx~~
The place and the house belonged originally to "Pigeon"
Rochester, but after her death passed to her brother
Stanford Yaws, ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~

"Agnes Dyer - she did not get this land from Hubert
Dyer. That land was for Pigeon Rochester. Pigeon Rochester
get it from her mother. Pigeon Rochester die - around
5 years since she die - and leave that land for him /her/
brother Stanford Yaws. /Yoze?/. /Youth?/. Stanford put
Agnes Dyer to live and care the little home." It is
possible that she pays "a little rent" for it.

/For Pigeon Rochester see Fam.Rec. 131/.

Inform. Dudley Simpson and Bradley Rochester.

26.3.48.

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Dyer Hubert - his children by Julia Simpson.

Hubert Dyer, "before he married Annie^K, he had children by Julia Simpson - two children."

One was Agnes Dyer, another Eric Dyer.

Both Hubert Dyer and Annie his ~~wife~~ wife are still ~~alive~~ alive. Agnis Dyer is living now separately, in old Pigeon Rochester's house. Eric Dyer - "he living in Kingston for years." They have some family in ~~Kix~~ Kingston and it was through the family that ~~it~~ Eric Dyer settled down in Kingston.

Agnis Dyer and Arnold Rochester.

"Agnis was living with Arnold Rochester as husband and wife. They have lots of children. They just separate from each other and Agnes come back in Hubert Dyer home."

Dudley knows of 7 children of Arnold Rochester and Agnis Dyer. "Grafton - the first son, Panten - the second, Wilfred - the third, Biltice - the first girl, Delsie - the second, Curdell - third girl and Ruby - last girl."

"They got some that died in the meantime. After she leave Arnold Rochester, she never have any children for another man. She go with another man, but she never have no children."

For other particulars of Fam. Rec. 60.

Dyer Hubert's children by his wife Anie.

"All of them are idiots. Relda Dyer - she was living in Hubert Dyer home, but she die now, a few years ago."

"Laurax Dyer is a boy. Another idiot - he died too."

"And a next boy - Larmond - an idiot too. He is living right now in Hubert house. Still alive."

"Zemina - another idiot, also by Annie. She is alive."

"All of them are mimic. Non-compass mentos."

Dyer Hubert's folly.

Dudley knows this family pretty well, since Anie, Hubert Dyer's wife, is his ~~xxx~~ "auntie." He attributes idiocy of Hubert Dyer's children to a folly to which he succumbed after having married his aunt. "When him marry my auntie, him behave himself so high, he exalt~~ed~~ himself so high, uplift himself so high - he regard himself as the royal the book speak about. That he as ^Dyer thatk them Dyers are so high as crown." He was "insensible" all the time and children that followed "them crack, them lack of something - some nutriment."

Zeminna Dyer -
her children.

"Zeminna - she have children . Two children - both alive. One for Angus Dyer from Dunder Hill, and one for Wilfred Rochester."

"Zeminna - she is perfect idiot. She is alive. Perfect idiot - just silly, lack of knowledge. She crack - not so collective as other person."

Olsson, who stayed with Zeminna in 1942, is Angus Dyer's son: "was that boy for Angus." "Olsson living now with ~~father~~ his ~~father's~~ father. But the one, for Wilfred Rochester, living in Hubert Dyer home."

Wilfred Rochester, who is Zeminna's nephew, was ~~stx~~ staying in 1942 with his mother in his maternal ~~grandmother's~~ grandfather's home. Later on he moved to live with his father Arnold Rochester /see Fam.Rec. 60/.

The child that was born by Zeminna later on is ascribed by people in the district to Wilfred Rochester, though it is not known for sure.

"Wilfred would chop your head if ~~he~~ I told you that him have that child by Zeminna. Zeminna fool, him call her aunt and him would be afraid other people to laugh at him that ~~he~~ him have pickney with the aunt."

Hubert Dyer's ~~gr~~ daughter by Jane Lawrence?:
Isabelle Dyer. Her son: Francis Louis.

Before Hubert Dyer married Anie Simpson, he got a child by Jane Lawrence. Her name is Isabelle Dyer - she was no idiot: "is quite sensible."

Isabelle Dyer had a child for Dee Francis: Francis Louis. Francis Louis stays in Hubert Dyer's /his grandfather's/ home. Isabelle ~~xxxx~~ Dyer married in the meantime Aldith Roy and lives "now in his own home, married to Aldith Roy."

Land and its cultivation.

Hubert Dyer has "a lots" of land, but the family is not able to cultivate their land. "Somebody work the land for them - Francis Louis work the land. And he give other people land to work."

Tuesday .
22. 6. 48.
D. B.

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Family Record 122

Interviewed Louis Francis & Lucille Comberbach.

Louis , his wife Aldith , and his sister Lucille were at home . Louis was sitting at the door of the kitchen while his wife and sister were busy looking after the evening meal .

Family History.

Louis is the son of Belle Dyer and Egbert Francis . His father ~~x~~ did not marry his mother . Both his parents are from Bull Savannah , and they are both alive . His mother left him when he was about nine months and went to Kingston to work . He was left with his grand father and grand mother-in-law , Mr Hubert Dyer and Mrs Annie Dyer . His mother has more children since she is away , Lucille one of them is spending time with him .

Early days .

He grew with his grand parents . As a little boy he was sent to school , "but me never go , me ~~x~~ eat off me breakfast and hide a bush . When four o'clock come and me see them other one dey go home , me come out and go home like me did go a school to . A now me sorry me no did go " . He was never maintained by his father all his care was left on his grand parents . As a boy he helped his grand father with his cultivation , until he started to cultivate ~~for~~ for himself .

America .

He went to America in the Contract and spent nine months there . He did all kinds of work while he was there . He worked in canes and in vegetable fields . He liked it in America and would go back any time . He has saved a "little money well" from what he earned in America . That money ~~he~~ he has invested in stock-rearing , such as cows, goats, and pigs .

His Marriage .

He was married in 1946 to Aldith Roy , daughter of Edna Sinclair and Arthur Roy . They were married at Littiz . He does not remember the Minister's name . At the wedding there were ~~many~~ many people , but ~~many~~ cars . The reception was held at Aldith's grand parents' yard . Since they are married they have a child whose name is Pauline . Louis is 24, and Aldith is 21.

only a few /

Occupation .

Louis cultivates very largely . He plants an acre of tomato sometimes , 1½ acres of cassava , half acre or more of gungo peas . He plants yams and potatoes , ~~but~~ he did not

tell what portion . He sells a little of the cassava that he plants , and none of the other things , except the tomato. He cultivates ~~on~~ his grand father's land . He has never worked on partner ship with any one except ~~enese~~ once when he worked with his grand father planting tomato . The tomato crop can bring an enormous amount when the season ~~is~~ is very good . He did not say how much he had made in the last crop . He pretended to be very busy that day and could not talk about "nothing more today , come back another day , and bring one bottle a Three Dagger with ~~you~~ bring Mr fisher too and then you wi' hear everything !"

Aldith helps him with the cultivation and sometimes she does a little sewing when she gets anything to sew. In sewing she uses her aunt Martha's machine . She worked at the factory wrapping ~~the~~ tomato at 1¹/₂d per box for three years .

Sinclair's /

The House .

There are two houses but one house hold . Aldith , Louis , and Lucille are staying in one of the houses . The house Louis is staying in has one room . Passing by it , it appears quite new . Louis said he built it and will occupy it until the old people are dead , then he will take charge of his ~~grand~~ parents' own . They have left everything in the "will" for him , - "house and land " . Louis' room is a few chains from the other house , but they are most of the time at the ~~grand~~ grandparents' yard . The meals are prepared there at ~~the~~ the grand parents' kitchen .

The kitchen is a well built one , very strong , and nothing like new . It is made of spanish wall , with a thatched roof and concreted floors . It is quite spacious , and has a lovely fire place . In the kitchen there is a huge log which serves as a seat . A cupboard is in one corner near to the fire ~~place~~ place and at another corner there is a little table .

Lucille Comberbach.

She is the daughter of M. Belle Myer and George Comberbach . Her father is from Barbados and her mother belongs to Bull Savannah . Her mother is now working in Kingston, doing house-keeping . Her father did not marry her mother . She came from Kingston three weeks ago to spend "a little time" with her ~~brother~~ brother Louis . She will be staying until November . She was born in Kingston , but this is not her first visit to Bull Savannah .

Her father has married another lady . When Lucille was seven years old she went to stay with her father and ~~mother-in-law~~ stepmother . She stayed with them until she was

stepmother /

mother /

reading in the 4th standard , then her mother took her away . Her/ took her away "for me step-mother did dey illtreat me . One day me and one a me sister did dey play , she lick me and me lick her back . Me step mother come in and start to beat me and lick me all in me eye , till me eye swell up and me hand , and she tell me that me mustnt learn to fight". She flogged the other sister , but not as much as Lucille . One one told Lucille 's mother about the #1 flogging she got . The mother took her home .

Even when her stepmother "illtreat" her , her father cannot say anything . Him 'fraid fe her to , for she boss him , and him will get a good beating too. So even if him talk him have to shut up quick time for she will hog him down ". Her father works as Warden at the Rae Town Prison . He used to support her , but hez has stopped now , "say she come of age". His wife has stopped him from maintaining Lucille .

She read to the 6th standard at school , but had to stop , because her mother cannot afford to keep her in school . After leaving school she has been learning going to sewing . He went for three months and then she has to stop until she returns . Her father gives her pocket money now and then when he comes to visit her . She will be 15 years old in November .

At her brother's home she helps to do "every little thing" in the domestic work . She was very busy preparing cassava for the evening meal .

Wednesday .
23. 6. 48.
D. B.

Family Record 122

Interviewed Annie Dyer .

Present House hold.

Hubert Dyer	Head	Age over	80
Annie Dyer	Wife	" "	" "
Liddel Lamond Dyer	Son	"	40
Zimina Derenda Dyer	Dau.	"	32

step/

Annie was sitting on a chair outside . Her/grandson was attending to her hand that was broken a few weeks ago . She fell on the hand again and was in severe pains . The hand was bruised from the fall that she got and was bleeding . The palm and fingers were swollen . The hand was wrapped in a piece of cloth , and she kept rubbing the fingers and palm all the time . Though she was in pains she was quite pleasant .

Family History.

She is one of the seven children of Helen Simpson (nee Swaby) and Lionel Simpson . Both her parents were belonging to Bull Savannah . They died long ago . She knows her four grand parents . They were , her mother's parents Dorothy Swaby and Edward Swaby . Her father's Annie Francis and Edward Simpson . Of the seven children she and Dorothy/are the two alive . Dorothy is bedridden and is at her son's Charles Lewis' house . They have not seen one another for years .

Lewis/

Early years .

When she was a child Bull Savannah did not have a School , so she was not sent to school . She was quite grown when the first teacher came to Bull Savannah . He was Teacher Moody . Her father died when she was ten years old . Life became hard for the mother and to help her self she started to do "a little trading " . She traded on bammies at Alligator Pond for about two years . Then she went to stay with her aunt Judith Elliott who was married to Henry Elliott and living in Ballards Valley .

She was twelve years when she went to her aunt and she stayed with her for fourteen years . She was well cared for there and was "the missis of the home " . Her aunt and uncle in law loved her . She did not have to work very hard there , only to help in the home . Her aunt did not have any children , so she was the only child in the home .

She got married at her aunt 's home and came back to Bull Savannah to live . "Hubert go to me aunt and fe me and we court fe three years , and after that we married " .

Her children .

She had five children three are dead and two alive . Her husband has three outside children , by two different women . Her two children are two idiots . The boy is much worse than the girl . He is quite a man but is like a child . It was obvious the mother did not want him to come outside while I was there , but he kept coming out every now and then . He was shouted at every time he made his appearance , and he went in quickly like a puppy that is whipped . He picks and scratches his face and his hands all the time , until his hands became very white . He can scarcely talk , when he tries to speak it is just like a baby trying to lisp his words .

His mother said he was born like that , and she has never taken him to the Doctor . He has terrible pains in his head all the time . He has to put "sweet sop" leaves on it to keep it cool . He cannot work or do any thing at all , "we have to just keep him like a baby . She does not know what is wrong why he was born like that .

The girl Zimina can help herself a little better than Liddel . She speaks at a very fast rate always ending what ever she is saying in a way that cannot be heard or understood . She was sent to school , but her head couldnt take it . Zimina works at home , and some times she does a little work outside , she is now picking and carryin g stones at 2/-11 per box .

She had three children two by Angus Dyer and one by Wilfred Rochester . Two of the children are dead and one is alive . The child is Oldson Wilberforce , and he is along with his father Angus . Zimina could not nurse none of her children when they were born . Her mother had to feed them with the bottle with cow's milk . Zimina did not have any milk to nurse her babies . Her son is going to school and she is happy to know he is reading in the 1st. standard .

Zimina never worked at the factory , "she no collective 'nough fe work dey . She only help him father carry the tomato go to the selecting house " .

The house .

The house has two rooms , Hubert built his house , and ~~in~~ about six years ago he built the one Louis is living in . The house is of a fairly large size , none of the inside could be seen as most of the doors and windows were shut and every one apart from Liddel was outside . Looking up at the roof , one could notice that it had been thatched / ~~not~~ not so long ago but not ~~very~~ very recently . The house is not one

of the very low type , ~~Asked about the house seeing~~
from without

from/

again /

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Occupation.

To help to make a living Annie used to do the trading still at ~~Alligete~~ Alligator Pond. She had the need to buy cassava, because her husband planted cassava. At that time a banny could be ~~sax~~ sold for a ~~g~~ ~~id~~ the most. Sometimes she could make a good sale. She traded for quite a while then stopped. It is a long time since she has stopped her trading.

Her husband is a cultivator. For several years he has been planting tomato. He plants cassava, peas, yam and potato, but he does not sell any of what he plants, except the tomato. He was not able to give an estimate of what her husband cultivates. Her husband is getting very old and cannot do much in the line of cultivation as before, but he does a little still.

Hubert used to do fishing at Alligator Pond working as a hand with Hubert Rochester first, then with Horatio Powell. He did not have his own boat, but he had his own pods and was not only depending on what he was paid. He did fishing ~~sax~~ ~~xx~~ for a long time, but has given it up because he is too old now.

Land.

Hubert has ten acres of land. He cultivates on his own land. Everything he has is given to Louis. Louis is to take care of Annie and Hubert until they die, and then take charge.

Relationship.

Louis and his wife are very attentive to Annie and Hubert. Louis provides for the household and Aldith prepares the meals. Aldith washes for Annie sometimes with the little help that Simina is able to give. Annie is very tender to Louis' daughter Pauline. Pauline had fallen asleep while I was there and Annie was quite concerned as to where they should ~~put~~ put her to ~~se~~ sleep. Annie calls Aldith "me mother", asked her why she calls her mother. She said she take care a me and look after me well. She and Louis too good to me. Me no know ~~k~~ what me would a do with out them!

They are well cared ~~for~~ for and do not have to fret for nothing having Aldith and Louis.

Present Hpusehold.

This family consists now of 7 persons:

Dyer Hubert , head, age over 80.
 Dyer Annie, his wife, ,, ,, 80.
 Dyer Liddel Lamond, their son, age ab.40.
 Dyer Zemina Derenda, their daughter, age ab.32.
 Francis Louie, grson of Hubert by his outs.daughter, Isabelle.
 age 24.
 Roy Francis Aldith, nee Roy, wife of Louie, age 21.
 Pauline, daughter of Louie and Aldith, ab.2 years old.
 Lucille Cornelbach, Louie's half sister, 15.

Francis Louie and Aldith live in a separate house build
 on Hubert Dyer's home land, almost in the same yard as grand-
 parents. They work and cook together. Louie Francis is pro-
 spective successor of Hubert Dyer, his grandfather.

/J.O., from the information supplied by D.B./.

8 persons