C.D. 22. Sbd. 13. Household 19.

Brer Bradley Head M.S.23 St.E. Gerald Broth M.S.21 Zemina Sist F.S.32.3.2 Roy, Burnett Neph M.S.13 Garth M.S.5 Dyer Zelah Sist F.S.26.2.2 Powell Carol Neph M.S.5 Lampert Neph M.S.5 Rancliffe Neph M.S.3	Black W.2.0E. Col. W.3. Homemaker W.2.0E. W.3. Superv. TomF
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Farm of Gerald Dyer

in 1942.

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 5 years.

Owns 15 acres in 3 par els: 9, 4 and 2

acres resp.

Main income from tomatoes.

Employs 1 labourer for one week per year. Works 40 weeks, 5 days p.w. 9 hours p.d.

4 acres under cultivation, lacre cultivable but not used, 3 acres under guinea grass. 6 acres Woodland. lacre other.

Cultivations: 12 rows of cabbages 6 yard each = 90 heads, 3 rows okras 6 yards each = 8 doz.

0.2 ac. escallion = 450 bundaes.

1 acre tomatoes = 3000 lbs.

l ackee =160 heaps. 3 bradfruits /one
fruiting / = 10 doz. 1 coconut = 48 nuts.
l guinep =0. 26 mangoes = 1040 doz. 1 orange
= 1 fl. box.

0.1 ac. beans = 1/4 bushel. 1 ac. congo
peas = 10 bush. 2 ac. cassava =12000 lbs.
1 ac.sweet potatoes =1000 lbs. 1/4 ac yam = 1392 lbs
cotton = 4 lbs. 0.2 ac. tobacco = 112 lbs.

2 sheep, 7 goats, 2 pigs, 1 swine. 5 hens = 4 doz. eggs.

Informant Dudley Simpson and Bradley Rochester. 13.4.48. J.O. + T.O.

Chnages from 1943.

This household - one in 1943 - split now into 3 separate households. Two brothers: Bradley Dyer and Gerald Dyer built their own houses to which they moved, wheras sister hadxbeenxxarexleftx remainde in the old parental house.

Father Allan Dyer.

Their father was Allan Dyer. Allan Dyer "got the land from his father and him die and leave it GaraldxandxBradisyto Bradley /and Gerald/. Cf. also Fam. Rec. 114.

Bradley Dyer his new house. His girl Daisy Powell.

"Dyer Bradley - moved to his new house quite recently - about last year. With his girl Daisy she living with him now. One Daisy Powell, old George Powell managers granny. Dyisy Powell mother is Annie Powell, but her hame is Sutherland - her father's name."

In the new house built by Bradley "both of them

live and two baby - their children."

Previously, during "at Major Moxsy", Bradley
"work at the factory." It was "before he went to Ameroca" in 1944. "Bardley is a tailor - he has his tailoring at Miss Edith Powell shop" - together with Ernest Powell.

Gerald Dyer. His girl friend Rose 's daughter.

KGerald Dyer is also preparing his own home. Simpson, Izan SimpsonHe is "building his new house pight over Esmine's hut. He is sleeping there now, but he has not taken h his wife as yet." His cl. wife is "one girl, Izan Simpson daughter, Rose Simpson from Shadock Hill. She living withm the father. They have one baby." Gerald Dyer went also to America in 1945. He

is a cultivator, does not work and did not work at the factory. His house was built possibly from

the American money.

Sisters in the old lavine yer. Zemina Dyer and John

now only The old home is inhabited by thexainters two home: Zemina and Ze- sisters of Bradley and Gerald: Zemina and Zelavine, and their children.

Zemina Dyer had two children for John Roy. Roy. Their children. Both children, boys, are living with her. Their nam mes: Burnett Roy and Garthie Roy. Garthie Roy is stil a small boy. Burnett is "a cultivator, works with his mother and works at the cannery."

Zemina Dyer is faithful to John Roy, though inx thexmeantimexhexanteredxother he is now withxetherxx womenx along with other girls. She "expects to be mar ried, isnt along with any other man. Still waiting for John Roy."

Cf, also John Roy's Family Record No 121.

Zelavine Dyer and Ernest Powell. Their children.

Next sister, Zelavine Dyer, has 3 children - all hy Ernest Powell, the tailor. / ee Census Sch.l/ Ernest Powell is now married to another woman

and Zelavine is no more "along with him".

Now "she is along with Dan Williams", but little is known to Dudley S. and Bradley R. of their relationship.

Family life of this household.

The land which ther inherited from their father is not subdivided. They share it in common. Them keep the land as the father leave it.

No quarrells. Bradley and Gerald them work together and Zemina and Zelavine, what they can afford to do they still work together. Two sister together. and two brother together. The father/s/ of the children support the children. And Zelavine is the supervivisor and the packing house. Zemina - she work in the packing house too, wrapping tomato."

Interview with Xilliahxing Zemina Dyer:

July 27, 1948 The household at present consists of:

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- 1. Zemina Dyer (informant) "about 36."
- 2. Zilliahvine Dyer, about 32, sister to Zemina.
- 3. Gerald Dyer, brother.
 4. Bernet Roye, 19, son to Zemina and Arthur Roye.
- 5. Gorty Roye, 11, son to Zemina and Arthur Roye.
- 6. Roncliffe Powelll, xon 9; son to Eva Dyer, a sister now dead, and James Powell James is the husband of Rose Powell.
- 7. Lampert Powell, 7, son to Zillahvine (she is called Zillah) and Earnest Powell
- 8. Beverly Powell, about 5or 6, daughter to Zillah and Earnest Powell.
- 9. Roy Powell, son, 3, also child to Zillah and Earnest Powell.

All of the above named share meals, with cooked either by Zillah or by Zemina. With the exception of Gerald Dyer, wkwxxx all those named sleep in the house a 2 apartment cottage. Gerald lives/in his own house he has built on a portion of the family land.

/sleeps

Zillah is cooking din er today. Yesterday she cooked dinner also, while Zemina cooked lunch. The cost of all meals are shared by Zemina, Zillah and by Gerald. This is always done.

Family History

Her mother Mrs. Lydian Dyer, died when she was 13. Her father Myer Allan Dyer, died 11 years ago.

Lydian and Allan had 9 children; in order of age the are:

- 1. Naomi Dyer Campbell (Mrs.) she is in New York. She is about 44.
- 2. Edmund Dyer, about 40; he is dead.
- 3. Zemina Dyer, (herself) 36. 4. Eva Dyer, 36, dead.
- 5. Dudley Dyer, 34; he is in Kingston.
- 6. Zillahvine Dyer, her sister sharing house with her, and also interviewed.
- 7. Bradley Dyer, 28. Lives in Ridge. B.S.
- 8. Gerald Dyer, 26, He lives in own house built on Family land.
- 9. Lucille Dyer; she is 24; she lives in Kingston

Her mother's mother wax Dorothy Lewis is a manber member of mxxxxxxx Charles Lewis' household: T.B.S. Charles is her son. Her mether's father was Charles Lewis now dead. Charles Lewis of Top Bull Savannah is the only child alive to Charles Lewis (snr.) his father, and Dorothy Lewis his mother.

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Grand ma Dorothy had no children by www.thex union. other than with her father husband.

Mr. Charles her husband had by/other unions:

1. Mrs. Maud Ann Johnson of Bottom Bull Savannah. 2. Mrs. Sarah Holness of Commer Penn. 3. Mrs. Sargeánt Lewis; she is deal.

The land

The land -ll acres, on which the house is built, is owned by all the children. This land was left by her father, he did not make a will. Taxes for the land is paid by Gerald and Bradley in Dudleyx's name.

Her childhood:

Zemina grew up with her mother and father, brother and sisters in the house the now occupies with her sister Zillah.

"helpwash, clean house, tidy kitchen, sweep yard, and tidy; she thanks she was about 10 when special effort was made to see that she was learning to do these things.

School: She attended the Bull Savannah elementary school from she was 7 till she was 12 or 13, and in the 5th book.

Childhood Ambitions: "A wanted to learn to mek my own clothes and to do fancy work." (Fancy-work=embrodiery etc.) She did not get the opportunity to learn to dom any of the of these things. Her mother died when she was 12 or 13. "er mother's death hindered the putting into effect of any such plans.

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After school -Work:

"Mi mother die when a was 12, an' a go out to work when a was 15." Work was housework in Christiana, at 8/- per month.

Contact for job: -"A lady got the job for me. She
use to live here an' trade market in
Christiana." Mrs. Feutado the womman with
whom Zemina went to work had asked this
woman market trader to "get somebody to
work for her."

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She did not like the work. It was hard work. She stayed a year at it.

She did not keep this job for very long; she left it and for others like it. She remained in Kingston for 2 years altogether. During this period she would sometimes come home to spend a week or two.

She returned home:

She was 19 or 20 when she returned home to do "hard work -wround work," i.e. she worked at cultivations of tomatoes. That was in about 1936 or 1937. She has not left this district since.

Her cultivations:

She has been planting also, congo and red peas, corn and tomatoex other food crops since her return from kingston. She is helped with these cultivations by her brothers Gewald and Bradley, as well as with by Arthur Roye, ealled John Roye. Arthur is her boy-friend he does not share house with her but comes to see here regularly.

She sometimes employs labour -employs whoeverwar she can get. Per chief helper is Vernon Perkins of Ridge.

Tomatoes: She planted (Zillah joining) 1000 holes of tomatoes last tomato crop. Her crop was not as good as it could otherwise have been because she had planted too early, and her crop had got caught in the drought. She made £6 clear profit; that is, she made £6 after she had paid her crop expenses. Zillah also got £6. Begining with last year, Zilliah xxxx has been sharing half the expenses and labour on the crops she has been planting. They share the crops or monies from the crops.

JohnAsk courtship

She had her first shild Bernet Roye, when she was 16 or 17; that was after she had returned from Christian

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Meeting Authur -John: his advances:

John was a friend of her family. He used to fisit the family. He met her at home. Later he wrote to her, told her in the letter that he loved her, and would like to marry her if she would consent to become his "sweetheart."

Asked what she did on receiving the letter she ssaid
-"Mi noh answer it." She did that about a week after
she had received recieved his. She agreed to become
his sweetheart. The frequency of his visits increased.

Her first pregnancy:

About a year after she had become John's friend, she found she was going to have a baby: -Bernet.

Own reactions to pregnancy:

She had not been quite sure she was pregnant till the pregnancy was about 3 months old. he discovered this herself. She had used to feel badly -"throw up, couldn' drink water nor nothin' couldn' keep a thing down. A didn't feel good in mi mind either because a wasn't looking for that. "She did not tellanyone about her pregnancy, save John. She didn't want to tell anybody because she was ashamed; she allowed everybody, her father included, to find out fot themselves.

John's reaction:

"Him noh tell mi sey mi mustn' fret." He promised, that he would soon see about marrying also. He did not say when he intended getting married. His promise to marry her made her mind "easy." for a "little while."

Father's reaction:

"Him quarrel; him never like it. Him sey John have to find place put mi. but John come talk to him an' mi still remain in the home. Him (her father) never sey mi mus' move again."

She does not know what John said to her father. She was not at home when John called to she her father. Her absence from home was accidental, not planned. Her father had not told her about John's visit. John told her about the visit after he had made it, and that "everything would be alright."

Baby's arrival-and John's attention:

She was attended by Miss Cella Simpson -Auntie Cella Simpson. When she "took in to have the baby," her

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father went to call Anntiex Cellaxxxxx John, who went to Call Auntie Cella.

Auntie Cellas treatment:

"Shi bathe mi first with hot water, an' then ninte (ninte= annoint) mi tummy with castor oil. Shi give mi bush tea (of sweet sop of vurry vine) an' shi give mi some milk before the baby was born. "After the baby was born mi never drink nothin'.

She did not have a difficult time. Baby's arrival was unaided. John remaind on the premised while the baby was arriving. He came to see her bnd the baby before the ninth day.

Her reaction to John's other courtships:

She knows John has a number of other courtships. She is jealous about that. "Write that! " she knit she said laughing a little, -"write that I am jealous!" She has had quarrels with these other girl friends. Asked how many other girl friends she thought there were -thinks there are, she said laughing the while -"100 of them." She said after -"he has 3 other girl friends, -altogether has 4 girl friends. Asked who are these, she named:

1. "Coolie Spence or Sinclair," of Commer Pen.
2. Linette Lewis of Tadd Town. She had some difficulty remembering Linettes names; she was only able to remamber the "pet name;" She asked Zillah who sat a few yards away fot the name. She did that quietly, perhaps, because John who had arrived during the course of the interview was then in the house nearby. Zillah gave her the correct names of the Linette Lewis.

3. Mavis Rochester; Zemina hesitated before naming Mavis. She had to asks of Zillah -"wha' Duncie name again?" Zillah said-"Mavi Rochester. Zemina had not seemed to want to name Mavis. The reason was not apparant; Mavis lives on premised a-joining John's; (Perhaps she hesitated because she thought it would be thought Mavis had priority of claim maxaxxxxx to John by reason of h r proximity. There was no evidence this assumption is correct.)

She has had quarrels with Mavis, and with Linette, but "mi an' the other one in Commer Pen never quarrel. Wi

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never fight; wi only quarrel; wi pass an' make confusion -molest one another. Wi pass one another an' drop wud (wud=words) for one another, but wi never fight.

These quarrels have decreased in frequency as the years have gone by, but they have never quite ceased; they have become few and far between.

John's support of his children:

"Him give mi what him have; mi can't complain.

Religion

"Mi don t join none."

Re Jehoviah Witnesses: Mi noh believe ina that one at all -noh believe ina that one; mi noh believe that is the right way. Them sey God come from 1914, an' that all them pretty house that Mr. Hastings an' all them makin', that nothin' goin' happen to them. We goin' come live back in them afterwards. Lion goin' tame like a puss an' all them things.

Re Sweetheart Life:

Fi them religion sey y'u can do anything. Y'u can even live Sweetheart life -that that noh nothin'. So fi them religion sey." She said that in a rather critical and sacastic tone.

Re Seventh Day Adventistizm: -"Mi noh even hear what them have fi sey. Mi never go wey them preachin' at all.

Re Bible Church of God: -"A that one mi believe in.

Mi believe that one is the right way. Milike

believe all that them sey preach sey, be
cause mik believe all a wey them sey is the

true.

Anglican Church: -"A long time mi never go there, so mi caan tell y'u nothin' about that; them good to', but mi believe ina Ribbit more. (Ribbit -the Bible Church of God in Ribbit Town.)

Her present attitude towards John

Mi noh feel good about his havin' other girls, but after mi can't help it -after him wont hear what mi sey.

A total of at least 4 other men have made advances to her but she has rejected them. She was rejuctant to

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name these suitors for reasons not obvious.) Each of these suitors had written to her. -asked her in the letters to be friends with them: -"Mi tell them no." She gave verbal replies -mever wrote any letters in reply.

Asked why she had said "no" she said: -"Because sometody dey before them, an' mi caan bother with 2 or 3, mi rather the one,"

She does not know -"can't tell," whether John will marry one of his present girl-friends: -"That dey hard to tell."

John dressed in a cap, a cotton shirt, and khaki, all new ly laundered, had come during the course of the interview. He was fireshly shaved and wore a pleasant smile. (He is almost always smiling pleasantly) I was sitting with Zemina' -facing her, at one stage sitting was given under a mango tree in the yard. He stayed with us for aabout a minute, and then sauntered off towards another mango tree where he sat talking with Eli Perkins a member of the Jehoviah Witnesses group here. Eli was on one of the regular visits made here by members of his groups in effort to propagate their religious beliefs Zemina kept looking after John as he walked away, but when I suggested that she perhaps would like to see him and that she should hot allow the interview to hinder her, she said it was "alright."

John stayed talking with Eli under the mango tree about 50 yards away for a long time. He was using his hands while he talked. We could not see Eli, as he was screen ed from view by the mango tree underxwhickxhexestyxith takknix Every now and then, Zemina would look in his time direction, but she showed no anxiety to go to him. She said laughingly, that Eli and John had been great friends before Eli had become a christian, and that Eli was now trying to convert him.

Zemina laughed a great deal during the interview, remarking sometimes that I was fortunate that it was she whom I was interviewing and not her sister Zillah; she was sure Zillah would not tell me anything. I am lucky; he D.B. had come to see her someweeks ago, but she had not told D.B. anything, she was not then feeling well, and was somewhat annoyed about previous questions asked her about her private business. She has told me everything however—really—I-am—lucky; she chased D.B. Zemina has an attractive if worn face, and was pleasant throughout the interview. As the talk concluded, she

/bedroom; John also. Zemina has an attractive if worn face, and was pleasant Neither came out. John throughout the interview. As the talk concluded, she asked me to come to sevent into the house which John was abed. I interviewed him on Wednesday next. Zillah after. Zemina said a cheerful goodbye from the//

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Her Childhood

She lived with her parents brothers and sisters during her childhood;

School: She attended the Bull Savannah School from she was 7 till she was 15? he left school in 4th book. She was a "dunce."

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After school, she did "a little sewing" with Mrs. Violet Lewis wife of her mother's brother harles ewis. She was not charged any money by Miss Vie for her sewing tuition. She really was adopted by Miss Vie, and was experise the household. She remained a prt of this household toll she was 19. She has learnt to sew her own dressed but does not take in any kubax jobs. he sews for her children also.

MissVie still regards her as her daughter. She goes to see her (see Miss Vie) often.

Reasons for leaving Miss Vie's

She left Miss Vie's, because -"Mi an' uncle Charles & son (David Lewis, now dead) couldn't get along.

Everything him make a quarrel. She does not know why he used to quarrel with her.

Meeting Earnest Powell: - her children:

It was after she had met Miss Vie's that she met k Earnest. He wrote to her -asked her in his lefter"to be kik friend with him." She replied about 2 weeks after, giving her consent. That was about a year k after she had left Miss 'ie's.

In his letter to her he had told her he loved her, "and him promise mi marriage." They became closer friends, and later she became pregnant.

Re her own reactions to Pregnancy:

She would not say what were her own reactions to her pregnancy. She said -"Massa, mi naw tell y'u that; you must know by this: others mus' tell y'u!"

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She has been attending Missionary meetings and concerts held by the church however.

Her Sisters reaction to/Prehnancy:

"Zemima quarrel an' sey mi shouldn't have any now."
Zemima quarreled only during the first town months of
the pregnancy. Zemina had not discovered that she
was pregant till after the pregnancy was about one
month old.

Harnest's Reaction:

His marroage: Her reactions to his marriage:

He married Jo yee Holness about 4 years ago. The was then displeased about his marrying another girl, but at does not now mind. She is now really glad she did not marry him, because he ix "drinks too much." He always used to kikm drink, but is doing that more heavily now.

Support of his Children:

His support of his children is poor -almost non-exixtx existent. "e is unable to do better she believes because of the uncertain returns afrom his tailoring.

Her employment at the factory:

Asked about her work at the tomato factory, she laughed pleasanty and said with what seemed a little show of pride: -"From the first plant they plant the tomato I was working there. he firs' 2 years a pack, an' after that a supervise the work with the girls them. She is still a supervisor at the factory -that is she worked last crop and expects to work during the coming crop as a supervisor. When she worked for a full week she used to get 45/- for the week. She got pay otherwise for the number of days she worked worked packing is being done. Last crop started on January 15 or 16, and ended sometime in April. She worked during all the packing days during the crop.

Savings and investments:

From her earnings she saved "about £17: -maybe a little more." From these savings she has bought one sheep

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for 30/-, and one pig for 18/-. he is keeping the remaining portion of her savings kikk -"to serve mithrough the year," she added.

Gorty brought out a roasted mango from the kitchen. It was obviously hot because the boy had to rest it on the grass quickly. He proceeded to remove the charred skin from the fruit there.

Asked if it is customary to roast mangoes here, and whether she prefers it roasted, Sillah said that she prefers eating mangoes as ripe unroasted fruit because they taste better thatxwx like that. She believes the children have taken up the habbit of roasting after watching observing pregnant women doing it. Pregnant women sometimes roast mangoes, because they develop strange tastes and fancies.

Zillah was wearing a pair of shows in good condition. her sister Zemina previously interviewed, was wearing a/xix of old shoes the counters of which had been removed to make it into a pair of slippers. Zillah was wearing a clean cotton dress of floral material. She appears modest and generally quietdispositioned.

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Present household.

Dyer Zemina, 39.

Dyer Zellah, sister, 30.

Dyer Gerald, 28, brother.

Roye Burnett, Zemina's son, 18.

Roye Gauty,

Powell Rondcliff, Zemina's nephew, 10.

Powell Willis, Zilla's son, 7.

Powell Beverley, daughter, 5.

Powell Wiskey, son, 3.

Family history: their father Allan Dyer, mother - Lydia yer, nee Lewis.

Other brothers and sisters: Dudley - in Kingston; Bradley - in B.S. Gerald has also his separate house and analysish where he sleeps. Analysish See his F.R. 98. Eva Dyer - died. Naomi Dyer - in America. Lucille Jones - in Kingston. These are full siblings. Half siblings: Percival Dyer - in B. Savannah; Amy Neil - in Dunder Hill.

Zemina Dyer's children: Burnett and Gauty are for John / Arthur/ Roye in Ridge.

Zilla's children: their father is knext Ernest Powell of Tad Town. They never married "couldnt agree."

Roncliff Powell, the nephew, is son of Eva Dyer, who died. His father is James Powell of Bull Savnnah /son of Ellis Powell.

Gerald Dyer - went to U.S. in 1945. He built his house from the American money.

House: 2 rooms. Kitchen. Buttery. Latrine. Tank. In each room 4 persons. Furniture: 1 table, 1 cabinet, 4 chairs, 1 washstand, 3 beds.

Land: 8 acres owned by "all household", inherited from parents. All in 1 lot. /homeland/.

Trees: 5 magoes, 1 coconut, 1 ackee, 1 breadfruit, 40 thatch G.grass - 1 acre.

Cultivations: 5000 holes tomatoes, L30, 30 yam hills,

O,5 acre cassava.
Stcok: 1 steer, 2 pigs, 5 goats, 2 sheep, 4 hens.
Occupations: Gerald and Burnett cultivate the land.
Expend.: 30/- per week for meat, fish, groceries.
Clthing last year: Zemina and Sauty - L12. Zilla for herself and children: L15. Gerald spent L10 for 1 suit.
Burnett Roye - L20 - suit and shoes. Roncliff /supported by his father James Powell and the household/ spent L2.
They spent L4 in the past year on "health". L3 - on education.

School: Zemina read till 4th stand, Zilla - 5th, Gerald - 4th, Burnett - 5th, In the school: Gauty - 3rd, Roncliff - 1st, Willis - A stand.

Réligion - kilx none. Savings kept at home 140.

This is only