

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household ~~Lewis~~ 54.

Lewis Kermit	Head	M.S. 20.	St. El.	Col.	Angl.	W. 2.	Farmer
Lewis Maude	Sist.	F.S. 29.	"	"	"	Ill.	Homemaker
" Vinbs	"	F.S. 18.1.1.	"	"	"	W. 3.	None/yes/
" Edith	"	F.S. 12.	"	"	"	W. 2.4E	
" Verna	"	F.S. 8.	"	"	"	W. 1.4E.	

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His farm 1942.

Operates for 3,5 years as owner. 1 parcel - 5 acres.  
 Tomato. No labour empl. Worked 52 weeks last year.  
 Out of 5 acres: 2 in cultivation; 1 cultivable.  
 Pasture 1:5 ac. /1/2 ac. guinea grass/. Other land  
 1/2 ac.  
 Value £85. Build. £20. No mortg.  
 1 catchment.  
 Tomatoes 0,5 ac. - 2000 lbs.  
 2 avocados - 10 doz. 1 breadfruit - 9 doz. 1 co-  
 conut /2 not fruit./ - 30 nuts. 6 mangoes /140 doz/.  
 N 2 naseberries - 400 doz.  
 Corn 1/4 ac. - 5 bush. Cassava 1/2 ac. - 3000 lbs.  
 Congo 1/2 ac. - 6 bush. Yams 1/2 ac. - 1700 lbs.  
 Stock: 1 sheep. 1 hen /3 doz./.

*Jawe + Jawe (p. 10).*  
*(Bawwe)*  
*(see p. 8.)*

Inform. Dudley Simpson.  
13.3.48.  
J.O.

Three Lewis  
three  
brothers and their  
homes.

Kermit, Isaac and ~~Isaac~~ Hamelin are three brothers living in ~~two~~ homesteads. One, new one, is owned by Isaac Lewis - he lives here with his wife and children. The old paternal house is ~~now~~ shared by Lewis Hamelin and his sisters. Kermit Lewis built for himself recently a two room house behind the shop. The shop is owned ~~by~~ or at least run by Kermit Lewis.

Their father and his-  
tory of their patri-  
mony.

Their father is dead. His name was Isaac Lewis. "Them get their land from them father. Isaac Lewis get into possession of this land through his mother. She was Simpson, old Robert Simpson sister. Call her Fanny. ~~before she married~~ Old Isaac Lewis was son of old Robert Simpson sister. Son of Fanny, before she married. He have / = she has / that child by Charles Lewis father, old Charlie Lewis. Afterward him ~~marry~~ / = ~~she~~ / marry to one Dyer in Chocolate Hole. She got in friendship with ~~was~~ a man called Uncle Ruffy Dyer. And she had 2 children: one boy and a girl by that man. The man died and him passed his land to Fanny. The land which she got from Uncle Ruffy, she pass it to Uncle Ruffy children them. And the land from her father - him / = she / couldnt carry him / = it / ~~to~~ into Dyer home, so she ~~had~~ had to leave it to the bastard child "/i.e. to old Isaac Lewis/.

Inform. Dudley Simpson and Jude Rochester.  
14.4.48.  
J.O.

Lewis family is a large one. Old Isaac Lewis who died several yeras ago, had many children: 5 outside children by 3 different women and ~~5~~ 7 ~~children~~ ~~by~~ lawful children by his wife.

Outside children of  
old Isaac Lewis.

He had first of all 3 girls by a Mehala Simpson or Dyer from Ghocolate Hole. Their names were: Maud who was the oldest; the a girl that was known under the nickname "Contingent" and the last one Doris. Doris is now married to a man in Junction and living in Junction.

Linette Simpson.

Next outside child of old Isaac Lewis was Linette Simpson. Her mother was Edith Dyer, nee Dyer and married to Dorrel Dyer in Shaddock Hill. Linette ~~xxxxxxx~~ spent her childhood with mother. Later on she was married to Morrel Simpson from Bottom. Before she married she was ~~with~~ in friendship with John Roy, to whom she returned after her husband's death. She had two children for John Roy. One-before she married Morrel Simpson, but this child died. And another ~~e~~ after her husband died. This child is living with her.

Linette is living now in ~~her~~ the house on the land that ~~xxxxxxx~~ she inherited from her ~~late~~ husband. In 1942 or 1943 she was staying with her mother, Edith Dyer, and the house was inhabited by her half brother Hamelin Lewis and his girl Agatha Sinclair.

See Fam.Rec. 121 and 224.

Isaac Lewis.

Isaac Lewis was also one of the outside children of old Isaac Lewis. His mother was Irene Morgan from Comma Pen. Isaac Lewis stayed with his father. He had his own house on his father's land, in which he is living now with his family.

See Fam.Rec. 138.

Lawful children by Elenora Edwards.

Old Isaac Lewis' wife was Elenora Edwards. "She was sister to Violet Lewis, Charles Lewis' wife."

They had 7 children. Two sons: Hamelin and Kermit, and 5 daughters: Vioris; Esmay; Emla; ~~Edith~~ Edith; and Verha.

Vioris was "crazy". She died last year in a lunatic asylum. Esmay ~~married~~ "married to Lindon." Edith - "she is there, not married, a young girl." Emla - "given away to one Mrs.Chen in Christiana." Verha - "a little girl - when mother died she was a little girl."

Leonora Lewis, the mother of the children, died about, or slightly more than, 10 years ago. Old Isaac Lewis followed her 3 or 4 yaers later.

Descendants of old Isaac Lewis. Isaac Lewis and his family.

~~The~~ Old Isaac Lewis' family split into 3 separate households, located on the old "fatherland".

~~Isaac~~ One household is constituted by Isaac Lewis, son of old Isaac Lewis by Irene Morgan from Comma Pen. Isaac Lewis, with his wife Olga nee Simpson, Izan Simpson's daughter, and their two children, lives in a separate house built on "the old fatherland" about ~~family record 139~~ from the old paternal home.

Kermit Lewis.

Kermit Lewis, who still in 1943 was living in the old paternal home with his 4 sisters: Maud, Vinis, Edith and Verna, is living to-day in his own house built just besides the old home. He is the owner of the shop which was established by the old Isaac Lewis and was previously a family property

"He built a new house. He go to America during the war. Start to ~~had~~ build the house before he go to America. After he went to America, he sent some money and finish the house. America help the man to build it.."

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His new two rooms house is just behind the ~~shop~~ shop. The shop is run by him and if Kermit Lewis is not a full shopowner he is at least the shop-keeper.

"The shop - the stock is his. But the shop is the old father - the old father that made the shop."

"He is the owner of the shop. He succeeded the shop - ~~had~~ he is the youngest son. He is full owner of the shop." /This in answer to the question ~~that~~ whether he pays any rent for the shop to the remainder of the family/.

Kermit Lewis -  
his girl friends.  
His children.

"He is not married. He have a girl friend now - Birdie Rochester daughter. She is in friendship with him - her ~~name~~ name as we ~~call~~ call her is Pet."

"She passed 3rd year"/Tech.pup.examination/. "She have one child ~~for~~ but the child die. The child was for Ralph Roy, Charles Roy son."

"Kermit Lewis have also one child by Berrisford Simpson daughter, Ethel Simpson. The child is with the mother."

Old paternal home -  
its chief occupants.

Whereas Isaac and Kermit Lewis are already established in their own houses, the remainder of the family occupies the old paternal house. This ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ consists now of: Hamelin Lewis, his cl.wife Agatha Sinclair and their two children; Mauda Lewis, the eldest daughter of old Isaac Lewis and his younger daughters: Rose, Esmay and Verna.

Hamelin Lewis and  
Agatha Sinclair.

Hamelin Lewis / who is "son of old Isaac Lewis by the same mother as other brother, Kermit"/ is "still living in the old home". He is "making his home in the Leaseland, but dont finish as yet."

"Once he lived in Bottom. He was along with one girl Agatha Sinclair, Edith Sinclair daughter. The home that they lived in Bottom was Hamelin Lewis sister home, Linette Simpson. At the time Linette Simpson was living at mother home in Shaddock Hill." /Her mother was Edith Dyer, wife of ~~daughter~~ Dorrel Dyer/. "The home was unoccupied, so Hamelin Lewis took the house."

Hamelin Lewis is "still living with Agatha ~~Sinclair~~ Sinclair in the old home. Linette Simpson living in her home now." It is old Morel Simpson home - old Morre that die. Now Linette Simpson is living with John Roy. John Roy visit her - but not only her: many more else."  
 Cf, also Fam. Rec. 224 and 121.

Sisters Lewis in the old home. Maude, Rose, Esmay and Verna.

In the old house ~~xxx~~ sisters Lewis are living now as chief occupants of the ~~xxxxxx~~ place.

"Living in the old house: Esmay - she married to Lindon Rochester, but she live in the old house. Has one child. And Rose Lewis living in the old home. And Maud Lewis. And Verna Lewis - she is a girl going to school."

"But there is one Melva - she was living in the old home too. She is along with Edith Lewis. Edith Lewis - she was living in Dunder Hill, she have home in Dunder Hill, but she leave to Christiana and marry a Chinaman in Chudleigh. Edith Lewis - she and Isaac Lewis wife were friends. And after the death of Isaac Lewis wife, she took the little girl Melva. She /Melva/ now living in Chudleigh with Edith Lewis. Edith Lewis - she is sister of Claston Lewis from Dunder Hill that come the other night."

"Esmay Lewis had a child that die for Lindon Rochester. ~~xxx~~ Now she have another. They have children before they marry."

"Maud Lewis - she is one of the sister, the bastard one. Maud Lewis mother was Mehala Dyer from Chocolate Hole. Maud Lewis - the older daughter. So after the death of Isaac Lewis and Nola Lewis, she come up and took care of all the children. She become the mother."

NB. In 1942/43 Esmay Lewis was staying with Teacher Ruby Blythe as her servant. See Fam. Rec. 123.

Visit. Interv. Kermit Lewis.  
26.6.48.  
T.O.

Kermit Lewis lives now alone in his newly built house. This house is only a few yards behind the shop of which Kermit is the owner. It is a two-room house painted with a thatch roof.

Kermit returned from America where he was "on contract" last autumn. He used his savings to build a house for himself, and also ~~tax~~ he invested into his shop.

The building in which the shop is is a family possession. Kermit doesn't pay a fixed rent. "I help them when I can to give satisfaction". He can't tell how much it is. The food is cooked for him by his sisters and also his clothes washed.

He says the shop is a business "not bad at all", but he doesn't know what is the profit. I asked him whether he kept accounts. There is no use for accounts, he is alone to run the shop. The greatest difficulty now is to get goods. Kermit buys them sometimes in Kingston and some in Mandeville. Now everything is very scarce on the market.

Kermit says he has one child - a little girl - with Edith Simpson the daughter of Berrisford Simpson. The child "is up and down" which means comes often to her father's home. I asked him why he didn't marry Edith. He laughed and said "She goes her way". (She has a younger child with another man.) Kermit says he has enough company implying there are many girls who are glad to keep him company. He is a very good looking young man and knows it. To-day I met in his shop old Jane Simpson who is both an aunt of Kermit and the grandmother of Kermit's daughter's mother. I said that Kermit is like uncle David who did not want to marry. Jane laughed and said "David him didn't make a girlshappy and Kermit him make them unhappy". Kermit was very flattered.

When there is nobody in his shop Kermit reads a book. I looked the other day at the book. It was the History of the II World War by Milliner. This book Kermit bought in America for \$6. He said he bought some more books and promised to show them to me. I asked him who told him about the book. Kermit says he just saw it in a bookshop and bought it. He reads it behind the counter or on the steps of the shop. When somebody comes he puts it on the shelf. Kermit likes to speak about his experiences in America. He admires this country.

Kermit says he has a "few acres" of land. This is worked by other people whom he hires. He doesn't work on the land himself. The building of the house was started when Kermit was still in America. He was sending the money to his brother Isaac who looked after the building.

Visit at home. Interv. Maud Lewis.  
30.6.48.  
T.O.

I was introduced to the Lewis compound by Agatha Sinclair the C.I. wife of Hamlin Lewis. I met her at her mother's home and she said I passed the Lewis' yard yesterday "You never stop Missis & they want to meet you."

The old house in which the late Isaac lived looks like a barrack - three rooms in a row. The kitchen is a separate building in which there is also a living room. Three family units live there: Hamlin Lewis with his c.l. wife Agatha Sinclair and children; Esmay Lewis with ~~xxx~~ husband / & child; and the three Lewis sisters who also cook for Kermit Lewis. But Kermit sleeps in his new house.

/ Lindon Rochester

Hamlin Lewis will move soon with his family to the new house in Lease Land. (see F.R. ) They cook now in a separate kitchen.

The Lewis sisters cook together with the sister Esmay.

In the house are living now:

*1 Kermit Lewis*

2	Lewis Maud	head.	S. 32	<i>2 dau</i>	<i>Sacred</i>
3	" Edith	sister	S. 18	<i>2 au</i>	
4	" Verna	sister	S. 13	<i>2 au</i>	
5	Smith Evan	niece.	6	<i>2 au</i>	<i>br w/ the girl</i>

  

	Rochester Lindon	head.	M.	Bull. Sav. Jeh. W. cult.
	" Esmay	wife	20	"
	" Pansy Pie	dau	3	"

*in F.R. 18*

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The two above units cooking in one kitchen.

*F.R. 23*

	Lewis Hamlin	head	28
	Sinclair Agatha	wife	26
	Lewis Lloyd	son	9
	" Moxsy	son	7
	" Bud	dau	5

The above division is artificial. Maud, Edith and Verna Lewis are supported by their brothers; mostly by Kermit but also by the two married ones Isaac and Hamlin. On the other hand Lindon Rochester has his meals at his parental home and his wife Esmay cooks with her sisters and gets also support from her brothers.

The story of the family as related by Maud and Isaac Lewis was as follows:

Isaac Lewis (now dead) was the "bastard" son of old Charlie Lewis and Francella Simpson. This Francella had an aunt Fanny Dyer to whom the land on which Isaac settled belonged originally. He either bought it or got it from the great aunt Francella Dyer.

Isaac Lewis had 11 children by 4 women: with Edith Dyer (at present wife of Dorrell Dyer) he had Linette (married Simpson and is widow at present). Linette lives in Bottom is about 40.

with Mehalda Dyer (she is dead now married afterwards and lived in Chocolate Hole) he had Maud and Doris Doris married and lives in Chocolate Hole, Maud stays in the parental home.

with Irene Sinclair he had Isaac. Irene married Mr. Morgan, lives at present in Comma Pen and has "a lot of pickenies." Isaac built a house nearby the old home and lives there with his wife & children.

with his wedded wife Eleonora Edwards he had: Hammlin, Kermit, Viris, Esmay, Edith, Melva and Verna.

Viris died in the lunatic asylum in Kingston. Melva lives in Christiana with a lady who adopted her since elva was a child. Esmay married Lindon Rochester but stays still in the old home. Hammlin married c.l. and soon will be moving to his new house. Kermit, Maud, Edith (called Rose) and Verna live in a community in and round the old home.

Division of land. According to Maud old Isaac gave to all his daughters equally 2 acres of land each. He gave to his sons also equal shares, more than to the girls, but she says she doesnt know exactly how much.

Maud Sinclair used to live with her mother in Chocolate Hole. When she was a small girl - she doesn't remember how old she was - she came to live in the household of his father. Why she came at that particular moment she doesnt know. At that time the nearest neighbours were Robert (Joint) Simpson and Wilfred Holness and on the other side of the road Francella Simpson. She remembers the first shop opened by Edith Elliott, the next one was opened by Johnny Linton and the third was opened by her father Isaac Lewis right where it is now. Maud was the eldest



of the daughters at home. She came to live here before Verma was born. She introduced ~~XXXX~~ to me Verma a slim, freckeled girl, who just came from school. Maud said: "She is just like my baby I brought her up". (Verma is Maud's half-sister.)

Relations with full and half siblings. Maud's attitude towards Verma and vice versa was that of mother and child rather than sister to sister, but somehow gentler than usually mother-to daughter here. Introducing Verma she said "That's the little girl Verma" Perhaps it is due to the fact that Maud hasn't got any children of her own. Speaking of her numerous sisters & brothers Maud mixed up continually the full ones with the half ones and we had to disentangle the relationship with the help of Isaac and his wife Olga. However speaking of those who were children of the non-wedded wives of old Isaac Lewis and of herself Maud used always the word "bastard". She made the difference when defining the person in relation to the father. For instance she said "I am the bastard daughter". "Isaac is the bastard son". But referring to the same people in relation to herself she called them all sisters and brothers, never mentioning whether they were full or half. She assured me however that the old man gave to all the daughters equal shares of land and the same to all the sons, but more to the boys than to the girls. It seems also that the "bastard" Isaac with his prosperous homestead fared better than the legitimate Hamlin who is only now getting his house.

Maud adopted the child of her late half sister Viris who died in the lunatic asylum. I asked what was the cause of her illness. "She had plenty of worries and had a shock after the child was born, at childbirth." She didn't specify what the worries were. The child is the 6 yrs old girl Evan. Her father is Bradley Smith.

According to Maud and the others present, Maud "takes care of all of them." I asked her what would happen if she married. "I can't go away I have to stay with them". Whether it was the rationalized necessity or a genuine sincere conviction I don't know.

When I left the yard and was walking with a young man Ricardo Simpson I asked him why Maud didn't marry or have babies - she is good looking. He told me "She is along with my father". (Ricardo is the son of Eucal Simpson and Ellen Simpson F.R. 63)

Household arrangements. Although Maud and the two sisters who live with her have an "economic basis" consisting of two acres of land each, they are not economically emancipated. The brother Kermit is a kind of manager for their affairs and seems to be the chief supporter of the household. Also the two other brothers Isaac and Hamlin contribute to the upkeep of these girls. Esmy - the married sister gets support from her husband Lindon Rochester

*Subsidiary to the parents*

But "we have to help her all the same" said Maud. Esmay is cooking with her sisters. On the other hand Esmay's husband Lindon has his meals most of the time in his parental home, where he also spends the whole day. I do not know how the land of Verna and Edith-Rose is managed. Maud told me about her land. She has 2 acres in Chocolate Hole. She doesn't cultivate there. Asked why she wasn't clear about it. "It's difficult to get labour, I want to lease it to somebody." Asked whether she found somebody who will lease it, she said "Kermit is looking for me." The management of her property seems to be entirely in the hands of the brother. "Men can help themselves better." She seemed not to be much interested in her land. She described her status all the time as that of the person who "takes care of the home." She said she never travelled - always stayed in this home. She is a pleasant person, rather shy and very affectionate. The cooking and washing for the unmarried brother Kermit is done by her. Kermit sleeps in his new house.