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C.D. 22. Sbd.13. Household 21.

Dyer Algonan	Head	M.M.39.	St.El.	Col.	Angl.	W.3.	Farmer
,, Edna	Wife	F.M.27.4.4.	,,	,,	,,	W.3.	Homemaker
,, Riando	Son	M.S.6.	,,	,,	,,		
,, Olivier	Son	M.S.4.	,,	,,	,,		
,, Orville	Son	M.S.2.	,,	,,	,,		
,, Manuel Nieton	Son	M.S.8/12	,,	,,	,,		
Powell Viola	Serv.	F.S.9.	,,	,,	,,		Ill. Srvant Pr.hous

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His farm 1942

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 10 years.

Owns 12 1/2 acres in 3 parcels: 6 1/2, 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 resp.

Main income from tomatoes.

Employs 2 labourers for 25 weeks during the year. Works 50 weeks, 6 days p.w. 9 hours p.d.

3 acres under cultivation, 2 acres cultivable but used, 3 ac. under guinea grass. 3 1/2 woodlands, 1 ac. others.

Total value of farm = £ 230, of buildings = £ 30.

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Cultivations:

15 rows of cabbages 22 yards each = 30 heads. 6 rows okras 22 yards each = 15 doz. 0.2 acr. escallion = 200 bundles. 0.4 acres tomatoes = 2000 lbs.

1 avocado not fruiting. 2 breadfruits = 1 doz. 5 coconuts (4 fruiting) = 180 nuts. 13 mangoes = 98 doz. 2 naseberries = 9 doz. 5 papwpaws = 50 no. 1 cashew nuts = 1 quart.

1/20 ac. beans = 1/4 bushel. 1/2 ac. congo = 1/2 bushel. 1 ac. cassava = 1000 lbs. 1/4 ac. sweer cassava = 400 lbs. 1/4 ac. mosella yams = 400 lbs. 1/20 ac. coffee = 8 lbs. 1/4 ac. tobacco = 100 lbs.

1 mix donkey. 3 sheep, 2 goats, 1 swine, 3 hens, 3 hens = 4 doz. eggs. 8 beehives = 280 lbs honey and 8 lbs wax.

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Zabers
12 1/2 acres

Inform. Dudley Simpson
13.3.48.
J.O.

Algonan and Annas
Dyer. Two brothers.

Algonan and Annas Dyer are two brothers. They ~~it~~ live in two separate houses ~~xxx~~ in close vicinity to each other. These are two last houses in the ~~six~~ Census sbd. "Overroad". The place is ~~an~~ called Ridge and is usually described so if ~~xxxx~~ Algonan's or Annas' homes are located.

Their land.

"Algonan and Annas got their land from their ~~father~~ father."

Their ancestry.

"Their father was George Dyer, the same who was father of Charles Dyer and Linden Dyer and one James Dyer - he is a corporal now in Highgate." "This George Dyer was again son of old George Dyer."

George Dyer, junior, had also some daughters. "Sister of Charles Dyer /Gorge Dyer, junior's, son/, Annie Rochester married to James Rochester. And Alicia Dyer she did marry to James Powell over Bottom first. She die and James Powell now marry to Caroline Powell - she was Caroline ~~xxxxxx~~ Francis before she marry. One of the sisters of Charles Dyer is knowne under the nickname "Cece" /or "Sis"/ - but I ~~xxxxxx~~ dont know which one of them.

There are /or were/ also ^{other} daughters of George Dyer junior. "Him - George Dyer - have one daughter in Cuba right now. Advira Dyer. She marry in Cuba. And him have another daughter - Liapa Dyer. She Harry in Content one Mr. Kramer. She die."

Inform: Ezra Linto, Dudley Simpson, Leban Rochester.
18.4.48.
T.O. and J.O.

"Algonan Dyer is the brother of Annas Dyer. His wife Edna daughter of Hubert Witter and Lydia Witter. Hubert Witter from Sheapside, Lydia from Lowlands. She (Lydia Witter) was ~~wife~~ James before. Hubert Witter and Lydia Witter living in Shaddock Hill. Algonan and Edna met in Shaddock Hill!"

"They have around 6 children. The oldest
Riando - Cuban name - Algonan went to Cuba. Schoolboy
Olivier - small boy
Orville - " "
Manuel - " " what
and two children more, but I don't know ~~the~~ sex."

"Powell Viola - Joshua Powell daughter, living there just now. She doing domestics. Joshua Powell living in Shaddock Hill beside Robert Simpson."

Their land.

"them get some from their father - what they live on. And they bought from Duff House. Algonan is a cultivator. He keeps an apiary - a few box fifty or so. Big cast ahoney when he extract"

Another man who keeps bees is Phillip Thompson. He has about 40 boxes of bees.

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(with D.B.)

21.6.48

Interview with Mrs Edna Dyer.Household.

Algernon Dyer.	40 years.	Head.
Edna Dyer.	32 years	Wife
Reando Dyer	12 years	Son
Oliver "	10 years	"
Orville "	8 years	"
Estevan "	6 years	"
Vicente "	4 years	"
Lorinne "	8 months	Daughter.
Viola Powell	14 years	Adopted daughter.

Mrs Dyer was out in the garden when I called. She led us both inside the house into a little sitting room. Her house stands on the far side of the main road, at Ridge. It is well constructed, with roofing, not thatching. It has a verandah, and goes back a long way, with additional buildings at the back, made in the ordinary thatched style. There is a well kept tank in the front of the house, a nice flower garden that is now covered in flowers, and at the back an apiary could be seen. The whole impression was one of prosperity, and comfort. Edna herself is pleasant and self confident, with very little apologies for her appearance, or for the inside of the house, which was actually very neat and clean.

She was ready to talk when I had explained the object of the survey, in which she seemed very interested.

Parentage.

Father was called Hubert Witter,
Her mother was called Lydia Witter.

There were eleven children, 7 brothers and 4 sisters. These were all the children of both parents, as there were no outside children.

Marriage. She has been married 12½ years to Algernon Dyer and they have lived in this house most of this time. She got married from her parent's home.

Her children.

For all her confinements she has had Miss Francella Simpson to look after her, and she has found her very good. She comes in the early stages of labour but goes away again as occasion arises. Sometimes there are two confinements at the same time, and she is forced to go from one to another. She helps

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considerably with the pains, and gives the mother strengthening foods, and after the baby is born the mother is given some drink such as rum.

She has never had much trouble at the actual birth, nor has she ever felt in the least sick during the period of pregnancy, apart from the ordinary early "morning sickness". However after the baby has been born she usually gets something wrong with her. With the first baby she got very bad abscesses on her breasts and she had great difficulty in feeding the baby. She then gave it up for the ~~st~~ first six months. It was the same after each of her other children, although she never had the same breast trouble again, sometimes it was her kidneys, or something similar, but there has always been an illness of some kind.

She weaned her first child then at 1 year old. She uses the method of having some warm cows milk, or tinned milk, which she gives the baby at night, and if he should wake up in the night, she keeps some handy to give him straight away.

She weaned them all at different ages.

The second one was weaned at 13 months

The third one was weaned at 8 months

the next at 5 months, (she explained that this was because her breasts started to hurt again, so in order to avoid the same trouble reoccurring the doctor advised her to stop nursing the baby.)

The present baby, 8 months old has not yet been weaned.

The fact that she has had five boys in succession has made it very difficult for her to manage. Boys cannot help in the house, nor can they help with the baby. In order to get some help, she has been forced to adopt a little girl, called Viola Powell, who has now been living with her for 6 years. Viola is fourteen.

Her parents are:- Joshua Powell

Mehella Powell.

Viola now very rarely goes to see her parents, although she still goes occasionally. Mrs Dyer regards her as one of her own.

Training. Children cannot be expected to use the chimney properly until at least 14 months. They are not able to wash themselves and keep clean until they are around six years old.

Upbringing. She tries to bring them properly, but it is not too easy. The children around here are wild and "fasty". They curse and swear, and their parents do nothing about it, they are as bad themselves. Her boys pick this up when they go and play with them. Luckily as there are ~~xxx~~ a good number of them, (her sons) they are able to play amongst themselves a lot of the time. She tries to keep them entirely in their own yard, and she doesn't allow the other children to come in and play with them. Whenever she hears them swearing she gives them a good

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flogging, and she makes sure it is a good one. Their father does not flog them, she has to do it all herself. She cannot always keep them away from the other local children, but she can only do her best in the matter.

The older children go to school every day, they never miss except when they are ~~ix~~ ill. They do not buy the school dinners because they come home ~~from their~~ for their dinner. It is quite a long way, she knows, but a whole gang of them come together, and it becomes really a party with them, and they like to get away from school, and the school surroundings. They come by the main road.

The baby came into the middle of the interview. She is already crawling and seemed very happy and well looked after. She had been in the charge of Viola.

22.6.48

I called in today for a few minutes to take a photograph of Mrs Dyer and the Baby. She was dressed in her dirty working clothes and looked generally more untidy than the day before. Nevertheless she did not hesitate, or make the slightest attempt to excuse herself and change, but quite happily stood outside the house, holding the baby, who was equally dirty, and wasted no time at all.

Information from Lillian Powell.
 Interv. Algonan Dyer. 19.6.48.
 J.O. 25.8.48.

Present household.

Dyer Algonan, 40.
 ,, Edna, wife, 32.
 ,, Ruyando, son, 12.
 ,, Oliver, son, 10.
 ,, Ariël, son, 8.
 ,, Estephan, son, 6.
 ,, Visenty, son, 4.
 ,, Lorraine, dau., 8 months.
 Powell Viola, serv., 14.

Dyer Algonan: for his parentage see F.R.153.

Dyer Edna nee Witter. Father Hubert Witter, mother Lydia Witter, Shaddock Hill. For her brothers and sisters see F.R.47 /she has 7 brothers and 2 sisters; staying outside of the home: Glanville, in Portland, Windsor - in South Hill, Meryl in Kingston and Deloris in South Hill; 1 half brother, Westley Witter in Christiana, one half sister ~~Doris Witter~~ Alice Wither in Lowwood/. Basil, Ruel, Vivian, Eric, Laurel, all in Shaddock Hill. They have 6 children, all alive.

Viola Powell: daughter of Joshua and Mehala Powell in Ridge. Her full siblings: Sonny, Ken, Willy Powell in Ridge; Regina, Cynthia, Helen Powell in Ridge; 1 half brother Cleon Powell in Ridge; 1 halfsister Ukeline Dyer in Dunder Hill.

Algonan went to Cuba 1923-1931. Repaired house from his savings.

House, land, farming etc.

House: 4 rooms, Zinc roof. Buttery. Kitchen. Latrine.
 Bath house. 3 rooms used as sleeping rooms, 1 as drawing room. Furniture: 4 beds, 5 chairs, 3 tables, 1 cabinet, 1 sewing machine.

Land: 8 acres owned by Algonan. in 3 plots. 3 acres in Duff House, bought in 1940 from L. Sett. 2 acres in Ruinat and 2 acres homeland inherited from ~~father's~~ parents.

Trees: 8 mangoes, 1 breadfruit, 12 s. sapd. 3 coconuts. 1 bee apary.

Toamtoes: 2000 holes, L.10. 60 yam hills. 1/4 acre c 1/2 acre congo.

1 donkey, 1 goat, 1 sheep, 1 cat, 1 dog, 4 hens,

Weekly spendings: 20/-. Last year on clothes: £20.- on medical treatment ~~for~~ for Algonan and Ruyando. 12/- on books etc. for schoolchildren.

In school: Ruyando & 5th stand., Oliver 3rd,

Religion: Algonan and Edna belong to the *African church*