

C.D. 22. Sbd. 8. Household 30.

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| Stephenson Philip | Head | M.Cl. | 40 | | St.El. | Col. | Ang. | X Farmer |
| Neil Miriam | wife | F.Cl. | 35 | 3.3. | " | " | " | X homemaker |
| Stephenson Maud | dau | F.S. | 13 | | " | " | " | X OE |
| " Martha | dau | F.S. | 11 | | " | " | " | W.2. 3.E. |
| " Charles | son | M.S. | 10 | | " | " | " | W.1. 3.E. |
| " Gabriel | son | M.S. | 8 | | " | " | " | X 3.E. |
| Rochester Mavis | ad. dau | F.S. | 3 | | " | " | " | |
| Lewis Lametta | mother | F.S. | 70 | 3.3. | " | " | " | X retired |

His farm in 1942.

*12,5 acres
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Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 20 years.

Owns 1 1/2 ac. and rents 10 acres from

his mother Lewis Lametta. Pays in kind, lease 12 months

The whole farmland in 4 parcels: /-

1 1/2- 6 and 1 ac. resp.

Main income from tomatoes and tobacco

No labour employed.

Works 47 weeks p.a.

2 1/2 ac. in cultivation, 2 1/2 ac. cvable but not used, 2 ac. in guinea grass, 1 ac. common grass, 1 ac. woodland used as pasture, 2 ac. woodland not used as pasture, 1/2 ac. of other land.

Total value of farm £120, buildings £ 20.

1 catchment.

1/2 ac. tomatoes = 6000 lbs, 2 avocados = 3 doz, ?banans = 20 bunc, 1 guinep not fruiting, 2 limes = 25 doz, 7 mangoes = 256 doz, 1 plantain not fruiting, 2 pimento = 9 lbs.

1/2 ac. congo peas = 3 bush, 1 ac cassava = 2800 lbs, 1/8 ac. sweet pot. = 140 lbs.

1/8 ac. yams = 500 lbs, 1/4 ac. tobacco = 260 lbs

1 donkey, 3 sheep, 7 goats, 1 swine, 1 pig
5 hens = 40 doz, eggs.

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Interviewed Miriam Neil.

Present Household

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| Philip Stephenson. | Head |
| Miriam Neil | Wife cl. |
| Gabriel Stephenson | Son 13 |
| Charles do | do 15 |
| Martha do | Dau. 16 |
| Maud do | do 18 |

Mavis Rochester daughter of Albert Rochester. - Miriam's brother and Eunice Perkins, daughter of Eli Perkins.

Family History

Mother Agnes Dyer. Father Charles Neil from Junction. Mother's mother "Don" 'member what she name. She dead long time, the very tree grow 'pon him. Mother's father Hubert Dyer of Ribbit Town.

Miriam was not at all willing to talk, she said I should wait until Philip arrived. She was born at Ribbit Town. Asked how she settled at T.B.S. "I was along with the man, that is why I come here."

She begged her son Gabriel to sing for me. "Show her how you can sing Ga." He was a little shy, and would not make a start. She then said he was having fever and he did not feel so well. He eventually sang an Easter chorus which the children of the school sang at a concert. Miriam said if he did not have the fever, he would have sung better.

Little Elsie Simpson, daughter of Judith Roy also gave a song.:

"It's nice to be a mother,
 It's nice to be a father,
 It's nice to be a parent
 And don't you wish me joy.
 This baby boy is a beauty, and isn't he a size
 Some say he has his father's nose, and darling mother's
 eyes,
 Come set your bells a ringing, and fire at your guns
 We have some of the nicest spices and lots of sugar
 plums.
 If any one should ask you what's the cause of all this
 joy,
 Just tell them I am the mother of a bouncing baby boy."

Elsie heard this song at a concert held at Thelma Roy's home. She did not take part.

Asked Miriam what she wanted Gabriel to do when he left school "Either give him tailor, or give him the cutlass."

About 5 children came in the kitchen when they heard the singing. Elsie wanted me to stay and continue the concert but Philip had just arrived and I went out in the yard to talk with him.

talk with him

Interviewed Philip Stephenson

Land

10
15
115
125

He has 4 acres around the house. "Me papers show 4, but I don' have that. You know old people claim, them never fix it good. Them pay for 3 and say is 4. Place is not for me alone, but I response for it." The land is for Philip and his brother James Roy, and his sister Jane Senior - wife of Eustace Senior. James is a fisherman. He is now living in Kingston. ~~He~~ Philip has 6 acres in the woods which he bought from Charlie Ebanks for £16. He has 1½ acres "by the road side" which was given to him by his father before his death. He bought 1 acre in Tadd Town from Horace McDonald. for 22/- "Buy it when things was cheap. Couldn' buy it now at all."

Tomatoo crop

"This year I go out for about 1½ acre. Only one year I didn' plant. That was the first begining of it. Didn' try it out. Every year I try to plant a little more." Asked if he had a good crop. "Can' complain. We didn' reap all the crop, we have failure through the drought."

Family History.

Mother Lumata Lewis. Father Gabriel Stephenson. Mother's mother Mary Burton. Mother's father Philip Lewis. Philip and Charles Lewis are cousins. "Don' know if we is first or second, but we is coudin." Father's mother "Gramma Dan Dan, don' remember right name. Father's father? "Never hear 'bout him. Mother did live out here. Father never live here, him live at Top Hill, but I born same place here."

Housing.

"This place was given to me mother by my father." The house was blown down in the storm, and the present one was built by Philip. "When I buill' house it wasn' in dear time." Asked cost of house "To tell the truth I didn' keep any average of it. I believe at that time £40 would build it. I don' know if you could buy board that use in it with £40 now."

Childhood

"Use to move goat, look after donkey, look after cow and all them thing. Present time children not like we, what them know we didn' know it." After Philip left school he strted to cultivate.

Fishing

Owing to ill health he had to give up fishing. Asked if he made plenty money. "Not say plenty, but a earn a bread. Thomas Heathe and my father fishing together."

Interviewed Philip Stephenson.

Philip said he did not have anything else to tell me. His own people came to him and he did not tell them anything. "So you see, you still lucky. If I did know what I know now, when you come I wouldn't tell you nothing at all. It is just like signing something, you don't know nothing about. If I tell you anything about my people them is just like signing me name, for you write down me name to whatever me tell you." I asked if he had heard anything concerning the Survey. He replied. "Nobody don't tell me nothing, only me own discretion." He said there were other people who thought as he did.

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He feels we did not tell him the truth about the work. "There must be something else that we don't know about. If a man have a property, his son is the heir to that property. Well when him dead that son get it." Philip said he may be charged for something which his grand parents did long ago. "if is anything to tie me up, me tie up already. So me naa tell you anything else, fe me tie up meself more. Me caan tell you about something me don't understand meself."
