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Interviewed Maud Lewis & Edith Lewis

Present House-hold

Hamlin Lewis	Head	Ab.	28	} 5
Agatha Sinclair	Wife c. 1.	"	20	
Lloyd Lewis	Son	"	9	
Moxsy Lewis	"	"	7	
Bobsie Lewis	Dau.	"	4	
Maud Lewis	Sis. to Hamlin	"	38	
Edith Lewis	" " "	"	18	
Verna Lewis	" " "	"	13	
Yvonne Smith	niece "	"	5	
Kermit Lewis	Dau. " Kermit	"	24	
Leslie Lee	Bro. " "	"	14½	
Lindon Rochester	Bro. in-law to Hamlin (does not knowage)			
Pansy Rochester	Dau. to Lindon		2½	

Delory Lewis/

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The houses & Kitchen

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There are ~~three~~ houses in the yard, one was the home of the old parents of the children above, Hamlin, Maud etc. The other is for Kermit, it is a new house finished in December last year. He removed into it in December after it was finished. It has two rooms, and is made of spanish walls with roof of thatch. It is painted prettily on the outside. The interior could not be observed as the doors were shut.

The home of the old parents' is also spanish walled with thatched roof. It has two rooms, it does not look very strong. It is getting shabby. That house also was closed and nothing within could be seen.

To the kitchen is attached another room that is occupied by some of the members of the house hold. In the kitchen is a well built fire place, to one side of the kitchen there is a piece of board arranged quite low to the ground to serve as seat. The kitchen is spanish walled and thatched.

~~xxxxix Kermit's house~~
Sleeping arrangements

the/
by/
and Delory/

In Kermit's house, Kermit and his adopted son Leslie Lee sleep. In the house for the old parents two rooms are occupied / a different unit. In one room Maud, Edith, Verna and Yvonne reside. In the other, Hamlin, Agatha his wife, and his three children, Lloyd, Moxsy and Bobsie sleep. The room beside the kitchen is occupied by Lindon and his daughter Pansy.

Source of living.

Hamlin is a cultivator and a tailor. He plants on

his own land at home and in the woods . He does not work on shares with any one . The chief things he plants are tomato , cassava , gungo peas , corn and yam. Maud does not know the portion of what her brothers plant. Hamlin is not working on his trade again , because his "machine carrier did get bad and it couldn't work again ". He has sold the other parts of the machine . Of all his produce he sells the tomato , the other things are used in the home . Hamlin with his brother Kermit supply the sisters with food from their cultivations.

Kermit is a mason and a cultivator . He is also a shop-keeper . He plants on his own land . He is not working at present on his trade , he has stopped the trade off to do his cultivating . She does not know how he is paid when he is on his job . Like his brother Hamlin , Kermit plants tomato , x cassava , yam cron and peas .

Maud to make her living plait straw , plants escallion and during the crop she is employed at the factory . She gets 3/- per day working in the Grader Edith gets 2/-6 per day, during the crop, working in the Juicing House . She does no other work at present , except helping in the home .

Agatha the wife of Hamlin does not work out with any one . She plait straw sometimes and sell . She is supported by her husband (c.l.)

Meals

Agatha does her own cooking for herself and her family, which consists of Hamlin , and the three children Lloyd , Moxsy and Bobsie. Maud cooks for herself , Edith, Verna , Yvonne , Delory, Kermit , Leslie and Pansy . Lindon does not ~~eat~~ his regular meals at Maud's house . He dines at his mother's home - Annie Rochester. Hamlin and Kermit supply the house with food and contribute other wise . Lindon provides for his child , and the girls help in what way they can . Isaac one of the brothers - half brother x to Maud helps to the up-keep of the home . Isaac is living at his/home .

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own /

The land

Was left for all the children by the ~~parents~~ father Isaac Lewis . Maud does not know the portion of land that is left . The land is not sub-divided , all the children work in common . The children all join in paying the taxes , the money is paid in Isaac's and Kermit's name .

Hamlin and his wife

Hamlin is building a house, and will soon be leaving his old parents' home to go to live at his own home with his family , but there are still some work left to be done on the house. He will be moving

out as soon as every thing is ready. He and Agatha have been living together for a long time . Agatha and Hamlin's family all live in peace and unity . They share with each other what they have in the line of meals.

Hamlin's and Agatha's children.

Lloyd and Moxsy go to school , but are now on holidays . Bobsie does not reach the school as yet . Maud, aunt for the children helps to take care of them as well as the mother . She acts the part of a mother in home , as she is older than the others.

Maud Lewis

She grew with her adopted mother Elnora Lewis , who is now dead . Maud's mother Mehala Dyer died when she was very small . Her father did not marry her mother . Maud was sent to school , but sickness prevented her from reaching higher than the 2nd std. She did not start to work too soon for herself , she had to help to take care of her step-mother's children . Her step-mother used to do trade in Kingston with tomato , and when she went to town she (Maud) had to look after the children .

She has never worked with any outside except at the factory . She is partly supported by her brothers. Her escallion pays her well when it is scarce , at such times she cansell at 6d per lb.

Edith Lewis.

Her mother died when she was thirteen years old . Her mother is Elnora Lewis . Her sister Maud took care of her after the death of her mother . At school she read to the 4th standard . She is employed at the factory during the crop , working in the Juicing House at per day . Last year she got a job to do domestic's work in St. Andrews , Mrs Liddy Witter got the job for her . She went , but did not stay , because she did not like the job . She went next to work in a shop owned by Mopsy hinchoo who is a cousin of hers. She worked for a little while , and had to come home , because she took sick . Since then she has not returned to Kingston .

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Verna

Does not work , she helps in the home , and is supported by her brothers and her sisters .

Kermit Lewis

Has a daughter by Ethel Simpson , the child is Delory . Kermit went to America on the Contract , and when he returned his girl friend Ethel was expecting a baby for another man . He was displeased with her and with that their friendship was broken . He took his child Delory from her a few months ago , and his sister Maud is taking care of it .

Lindon Rochester

Is the husband of Esmay , the sister of Maud . Esmay is not at home . She has gone away to Kingston to seek for work . She and her husband do not get along so well and she is not beloved ~~by~~ by her husband's mother - Annie Rochester . "Some mother no like them son fe married , and them always want fe pick match fe them son , so perhaps she no mus'e did want Lindon fe married Esmay. When Esmay is at home she does not cook for her husband . The husband supports Esmay and the child Pansy , but he (the husband) eats at his mother's yard. Esmay went to Lindon's mother's yard once , they do not live in peace . They quarrel with each other . Maud does not know why they quarrel .

For details about Yvonne Smith , Delory Lewis , Leslie Lee , and Pansy Rochester see File 26 - ~~Child~~ Children .

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Lewis Hamlin Head M.Cl. 23 St.Eliz. Col. Ang. W.3. Tailor
Sinclair Agatha wife F.Cl.20. 2.2. " " " X homemaker.

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Inform. Dudley Simpson.
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J.O.

Hamelin Lewis and Agatha Sinclair, his cl. wife, are living to-day in Shaddock Hill, in old Isaac Lewis's, Hamelin late father's, home. They live together with other memebres of the family.

A few years ago - about 1942 - they were living in Bottom, in Max Linette Simpson's house. Linette Simpson, who is Hamelin's half-sister /by father/, was living at that time with her mother, Edith Dyer in Shaddock Hill. Her house, which she got from her late husband Morrel Simpson, was at that time unoccupied and Hamelin went to live there with his girl friend Agatha Sinclair.

For particulars of Hamelin's family history see Fam.Rec. 139, also 138, 145 and 121.

To-day Linette Simpson is living in this house with her children. See also Fam.Rec.121.