

C.D. 22, Sbd. 8, Household 75.

Dyer James	head	M.M.	38	St. El.	Col.	Ang. X.	farmer
" Gwendolyn	wife	F.M.	23 3.3.	"	"	W.2.	homemaker
" Agatha	dau	F.S.	15	"	"	W.2.	none
" Delcianna	dau	F.S.	2	"	"	"	"
" Vivian B.	son	M.S.	1/12	"	"	"	"

His farm in 1942

Under one acre.

- 1 swine. 2 goats. 1 sheep.
- 4 hens = 21 doz. eggs.
- 1 avocado = -
- 2 coconuts = -
- 5 mangoes = -

Inform. Dudley Simpson.  
13.3.48.  
J.O.

8/74

Dyer Ellen.  
Mother of Dyer  
James.

Dyer Ellen is Simpson by her maiden name.  
"She live on separate land, She is Sarah Simpson daughter, but she did marry to one Dyer from Chocolate Hole . She is widow."

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25.4.48.  
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Dyer James -  
his parentage.

Dyer James is known in the disbriect under his nickname "Merredy".

He is son of late Willy /Wilbert/ Dyer and Ellen Dyer. His mother is alive and ~~xxxxxxx~~ is living in the old home besides James Dyer.

His house.

He has a separate home. "He is living on the same father land. I just dont know if this land share as yet."

His wife - ~~xxxxx~~  
Gwendolyn.

"His wife Gwendolyn Dyer is Mrs. Sarah Simpson who raise ~~the~~ this girl. She is her adopted daughter. ~~It~~ Is not the ~~xxxxx~~ daughter, is not the son ~~of~~ of Sarah Simpson / i.e. ~~xxxxxxparents~~ Gwendolyn is not their daughter/. I just dont know how Sarah Simpson adopted this girl. But just she raise her and she /i.e. the girl/ marry from her home to Merredy Dyer."

Her first love  
affair.

"It happen that when she was young girl and she went to Junction, to a shop. One fellow was keeping the shop. It was Bromfields shop - he was a clerk in the shop. Hr was from Russels. I dont remember his name, but he was James."

"The girl ~~want~~ go to buy some things in the shop. She was good-looking girl. And the boy fell in love and introduced her to the back part of the shop. In a back room. As man and woman - things is happening. But a next person was along with the girl. He stay outside but he see what happening. He was Philip Dyer, from Bottom. So Philip Dyer ask her what she go there and do. She just get afraid and she explained what the man do with him / = her/."

"Philip Dyer come home and report to Sarah Simpson who raise the girl. And Wilbert Simpson, the son of Sarah Simpson, he took the active part. Questioned the girl a lots and she explained what really ~~happend~~ happen."

"And them took the girl to the doctor. Well, the doctor report that him is quite damaged with the man. So they come down on the boy."

"Well, the boy proved guilty and offered £20 to compromise the case - that not going further. But Wilbert Simpson who always been a foolish man, a mimic, he pursued it in court. And them tried circuit court. And the poor boy - he was really fretful. And he come to the parents, the adopted parent of the girl, and he beg him to remain it as it is and he give him £20. But Willy Simpson - he pursued it. Say: it must go in court."

"Them take the boy to court - to circuit court in Black River. The judge ask the girl: did you know what really ~~is~~ going to happen to you when going in the shop-room? She said: yes. And now, that word set the boy free."

"The girl statement was like this to the judge. The boy ~~is~~ lie her on a back in the bed and went towards her belly. Then the judge ask the girl: when doing that you realise what is going to happen? And the girl said: yes. And that was the case."

"Afterward Miss Sarah and Willy Simpson they become sorry that they did not take money that he offer. It was foolish. And at the end - it cost him less. All that cost him - it was car fare. It cost a lots of money, but it didnt cost him £20 that he wouldnt pay to the parents."

"The girl was around 18. But it was first damage. But the judge says: if you know what really is to happen to you? And if you know - why you squeal? why squeal?"

"In Jamaica here, a young girl you ~~must~~ have to be careful with girl when the young girl and it is first damage. They take you to court and they try you - it is vagrancy. There are nasty girls in Jamaica. Not so girls, but their parents when they learn what happen they pursue you. You have to be careful. Jamaica law is never good - them trying to kill them the poor young man."

Gwendolyn's first child for Ambrose Holness and marriage to James Dyer.

Gwendolyn and James Dyer - "they married after that final - around 8 years now since they married. The girl did have before she marry one child by Ambrose Holness, Jane Holness son. The child is with Ambrose. Ambrose Holness took the child since the girl marry to Dyer. After the girl had this child she did go and marry to James Dyer."

Gwendolyn commits adultery.

"Since that time, when she was living for 5 ~~years~~ years with Merredy Dyer, the girl - she put herself with another boy and it happen that Merredy Dyer catch the boy on the fact."

"Well, you know women have brain - you know. The girl leave him husband in the kitchen and give him the baby to hold and tell him: I soon come. Well, the man remain with the baby believing that she going to private with herself. In the other way - what he believe was really private, but it was not looking that way."

"He remained for a period of time; when he believed that she should come and she never come - he just reckon. He went then to look for the girl - for his wife then. He just go beyond the back of the house, found her and the man - quite in harmony."

"He run towards the man and he grab him. And he screamed out for help. Somebody run towards rescue them and found the man on the spot and he explained what really happen. So the poor man proved guilty. And he offered a little sum then just to keep ~~normal~~ it normal."

"Well, the man was not so foolish as the past ~~days~~ days that happen with his wife. So he took the money from the boy and asked him not to be seen in his yard back again."

"And he ~~never~~ never come back. And the husband - he took money and put up his teeth."

"That's life. The boy was James Ebanks, son of Arthur Ebanks in Tad Town. So the girl always love James. The first man was James, and the husband was James, and the boy was James. Always developping in James."

How this accident was made known to other people in the district? "Him squeal put for help /the culprit/, so everybody come and see what really happen."

Merredy's and Gwendolyn's children.

"They have around 3 children. Small children. I dont know their names."

Merredy's outside child: Agatha.

"Dyer James - he have one girl before he marry. He have one child by May Sinclair in Ribbit. A girl. And the girl now marry to Angus Dyer in Dunder Hill. She was living with father all the time, till after a period of time she show a little unruly and go to live with mother. Father speak to her and she leave and marry out of her mother home."

Information from Leo Johnson.  
 Interv. James Dyer. 17.6.48.  
 J.O. 20.8.48.

Present household.

Dyer James, 38.  
 ,, Gwendolin, wife, 28.  
 ,, Delsiana daughter, 8.  
 ,, Vivian, son, 6.  
 ,, Melton, ,, 4.  
 ,, Nelburgh ,, 1.

James Dyer 6 son of Ellen Dyer and William Dyer/d/. See F.R.238.  
 Gwendolin Dyer - daughter of Wilfred Solomon and "Addie" /nick  
 name/ in Ballard's Valley. Outside child. Raised by Sarah Sim-  
 pson, who is aunt to Dyer James.

Marriage, children. They married in 1939. Have 4 children,  
 all living with them.

Outside children of James and Gwendolin. James has one outside  
 child - she is Agatha Dyer /22/ - her mother is Mehala Sinclair  
 in Ribbit Town. Gwendolyn has one outside child: Cislina  
 Holness, 10 years old. Cislina is with her father.

House, land, farming.

House: 1 single room. Kitchen. Furn.: 1 bed, 2 chairs, 2 tables.  
 Tank.

Land: 1 acre at home, inherited from the father. James works  
 on share ~~with~~ for his mother and for Charles Lewis in T.B.S.  
 Tress: 2 mangoes, 1 pear, 1 coconut.

Cultivations: tomato failed this year. 80 yma hills. 1 acre  
 cassava. Corn. Only for home use.

Occupations: Gwendolyn works at the factory.

Religion: Anglicans.

James is illiterate. Gwendolyn left in 4th stand. Delsiana is  
 B st.