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Linton	Arthur	Head	M.M.	65	St. Eliz.	Black	Moravian	X	farmer
"	Emma	wife	F.M.	56	10.9.	"	Colour	"	W.3. homemaker
"	Violet	dau	F.S.	27	"	"	"	"	W.3. dress maker
"	Arthur Jnr.	son	M.S.	22	"	"	"	"	W.3. painter
"	Charles	son	M.S.	22	"	"	"	"	W.3. labourer
"	Ethline	dau	F.S.	19.1.	⊕	"	"	"	W.3. none

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Owns 47 acres in two parcels: 42 and 5 acres each. No labor employed. In cultivation 4 acres, Cultivable but not used 40, "other" 3.

Value of farm and houses £ 150, no mortgage.

Escallions 0,1 Tomatoes $\frac{3}{4}$ acre = 6500lbs. 6 breadfruits
4 coconuts, 12 mangoes, 1 naseberry, 6 pimento, $\frac{1}{8}$ corn,
 $\frac{1}{2}$ congo, 1 cassava, $\frac{1}{2}$ sweet potatoes, 0,1 yams, $\frac{1}{4}$ tobacco=
= 900 lbs.

1 donkey 1 beef cow, 2 sheep, 6 goats, 6 swine.

Family history, and ramifications.

The father's father was a "white poor man from England". He married a black woman in Kingston patented some land here and settled. He had two sons. He gave - or left in trust to one of the sons (Arthur's uncle) and this son gave all the land to his son, thus Arthur did not get anything. His father (Arthur's) was born here but went to Balaclava where he was coachman. In Balacalava was born Arthur and as a baby was brought here to live with his grand-mother. His father left Balaclava and join the police in St. Mary, married (which means that Arthur's mother was either the first wife or the illegal one) settled down and died in St. Mary. Arthur Linton did not see his "mother" until he was married himself and had children.

Arthur Linton says he had 3 brothers: two half-brothers and one full brother. One of the half-brothers lives in the U.S.A. and the other in Kingston. His own brother Charles was a very succesful man - he died recently. He was in Spanish Town he was a "big businessman" had a dairy pen. Bull-Lodge property was his. He sent one of his sons to study to the university in England. His son now is a doctor in Kingston. So Arthur's brother did well. He did not get anything from his father. Started to cultivate since could work (does not specify on whose land nor how he accumulated the money to buy land). At a certain time "the Government" made a survey and people got only this land for which they paid taxes. At that time the government sold a lot of land and Arthur bought 3 pieces: $10\frac{1}{4}$, $13\frac{3}{4}$ & 16 acres Later on he bought $3\frac{1}{2}$ at Junction adn later 5 (or $1\frac{1}{2}$ = altogether 5 at Junction). His cousin (uncle's son) lives near him, he has less land thought he inherited the grand-father's land. Arthur and this cousin were raised by the same grand-mother and were often considered as brothers.

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Emma Linton is from the Elliott family. Thomas Elliott from Scotland who settled in Ballard's Valley is considered the protoplast of the family. It is not known quite well, whether he was the grand father or the great-grand father of Emma. Story goes however that he was a very strong man and could knock down a two years old mule. He had also a wonderful brain "could kill you with his brain". "The right descendants of Elliott from Scotland are found in Ballard's Valley. A lot of family is scattered in America." ~~Allythex~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ They pass there for whites. But all the Elliotts whether white, brown or black are from the same family. Mrs. Emma's father died only recently "He was over seventy or eighty - an old gentleman. His nose was so long (shows on her finger) he looked so beautiful with his white hair and white moustache". (According to Dalbert Elliot, the old man was 96 when he died).

Emma's mother was from Rochesters. She was darker than her husband. The Rochesters were already brown, while her father was almost white. The mother died when the youngest son Dalbert was 4 years and 2 months. Emma raised him and he calls his sister "mamma" Altogether there were 9 children (or 9 boys and still some more daughters).

~~Mrsyxxxxxxx~~ Emma Linton had 9 children: 2 boys and 7 daughters. The boys were twins, one came one day after another. The doctor had to be called to the younger twin who was ~~wasknaked~~ named "Doctor", and "accordingly the other twin was nicknamed Teacher." It is not their profession - just nicknames". Arthur lives in Junction near the post-office. "He can paint nicely", but I dont know whether he makes a living by painting. The other twin lives with the parents. There are also two daughters. One married daughter died recently leaving 8 children. One was taken by Mrs. Jud. Rochester, some are with the father who lives near the Lintons and ~~Mrsyxxxxxxx~~ brings every day the children to Mrs. Emma who cares for them. The eldest daughter went long ago to America and died there. Ever since no other member of this family wanted to go to America.

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Went to see the family on "under Hill. A nice yard surrounded by buildings looking comfortable and ample. The house overlooks Junction, with typical ~~establisment~~ tank and catchment running straight from the house. In the house (spanish wall frshly white-washed because of Christmas coming) four rooms: two bigger ones from verandah and two smaller under lower roof the side of the catchment. In this household live now: Mr. and Mrs Arthur Linton, Charles Linton Ethline Linton and her $5\frac{1}{2}$ years old illegitimate son, and little Joyce Lynch, Joyce Lynch is $1\frac{1}{2}$ yrs old. She is the daughter of Mirrah Lynch who died a year ago. Mirra Lynch was another daughter of Mrs. Emma Linton. Ethline adopted the little girl who calls her ~~mamma~~.

Mrs. Emma Linton children.

Mrs. Emma Linton had 10 children: 6 girls and 4 boys.:

Girls: 1) Lorraine, went as a school girl to the U S A ~~with~~ in 1920 with friends Mrs Estella Neil and her husband. They stayed in the U.S.A. "for a while" but as there was nobody to take care of their land here they came back. ~~however~~ ~~did not~~ Lorraine however did not come back with them. She stayed in the USA, married and had one daughter. She used to write often and send pictures of her family. "One day it was Monday we got a letter from her and her picture, and on Thursday came cable she is dead". It seems it was "food poisoning" but Mrs. Linton does not really know exactly what was the cause of such a sudden death. Lorraine's daughter was adopted by "two good people". Mrs. Linton showed me their pictures. They are two elderly persons obviously negroid by "fair". Lorraine's husband looks a very smart man. Lately he bought a house for his daughter. There is the picture of the daughter and father in front of the house.

2) Mirra ~~xxxx~~ She married Mr. Lynch and lived next door to her parents. She had 7 sons and the last child the 8th one was a daughter. Mirra died when her last child was but 2 month - it was one year ago. "She was such a good child (Mirra)". She is burried in the field half way between her house and her parents'.
 "The thomb is not yet made" but there are beautiful glowers growing in profusion on her grave. Old Mrs. Linton says she can't see the grave without crying. She cried now too. Mr. Lynch married again. His new wife looks a "belle". In the yard there is a structure. This will be a room for the boys. Now that the new Mrs. Lynch expects a child some more room is needed for the family.

3) Judith married Laban Rochester and has 7 children. She adopted also the 3yrs old son of her deceased sister Mirra (see Fam. Rec 1.) She is the most energetic and enterprising of all the daughters and even perhaps all children.

4) Elmy married Mr. Bent. I haven't met her. She lives in ~~Top-Hill~~ ~~xxxx~~ has 5 children "but the husband sickly". She is so fat that she scarcely can go through the door.
 5) Violet (haven't met her yet) is not married. It seems she stays with her brother Charles. She does pretty basket work: slippers, bags etc.

6) Ethline stays with her parents. She is a very beautiful girl, quiet, friendly and charming smile. She had "bad luck" according to her mamma and has an illegitimate son about 3 1/2 yrs old. I don't know whether the bad luck is considered because he is an illegitimate son or because he is dark - much darker than his mother and his mother's people. He is a very bright and nice boy and obviously much loved and well cared of by his mother.

Top-Hill

"Aunt Elmy as big as a cow".

Bustamente-Santa Claus.

Both Ethline and Mrs. Linton told how the little boy came with a story that Bustamente was giving sweets and that he came in a big car and with a bicycle on his face. (He saw a car in Junction with the spare-wheel and this he took for B's car and the wheel for a bicycle) The two ladies related it as a proof of the intelligence of the little boy and said "What he can know about Bustamente".

Ethline adopted little Joyce Lynch. The mother of the baby was very sick, and Joyce when she was 2 months old had sores all over her body and threw everything she ate. Ethline took her and nursed her after the mother's death. She loves the child and the child calls her mamma.

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Arthur's son

- 1) Charles Lewis. This was the "first son" of Mrs. Linton, i.e. before she married Mr. Linton. Charles Lewis lives in Top Bull Savannah where he has a shop and bakery. He is also the co-owner of a truck, ~~representative of the growers association of his district~~ and altogether doing "well".
- 2) Ezrah lives lower down towards B. Sav. near the par. road. He has 5 children. Violet lives with him.
- 3) Arhtur Linton Jn. lives in Junction. He has a house next to post office. This is on the land which the old Linton bought in Junction. Arthur is a painter. He is employed in this capacity in the whole parish. He worked recently at Hampton school, ~~xxxx~~ worked often in "alvern which he knows very well. He is the president of the ~~xxxx~~ Growrs Ass. for Junction. An intelligent man (see general interivews). He loves horse racing and is known betting a lot. To-day he was ~~xxxxxxx~~ giving a coat of paint to his uncle's (johnny Linton) house. On M dnday he will be doing ~~ame~~ work at the factory. His nickname is Teacher. He is married.
- 4) Charles is not married and lives with his parents. I haven't met him yet. His nick-name is doctor.

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Going to USA

Mr. Charles Linton announced that they are going with his brother Arthur to the USA. I was rather astonished as I spoke to Mr. Arhtur (Fam rec17) only 12 days ago and he didnt say anything about it. He even said he will never go to Florida and now they are going again to Florida. Mr. Charles explained that he got two "tickets" one ~~last~~ Monday and the othe last Wednesday. ~~Thxvwyx~~ He gave one to his brother and Monday on 29th they went to Porus to be examined and they both passed the health test and will be fying this Sunday or Tuesday to Florida. There were only 3 tickets distributed in BullSavannah. I couldnt wuite grasp the mechnism of the distribution. It seems teacher Millard signed the name of Mr. Linton for the Labour Department and they send it to the Junction P.O. for Mr. Linton to sign. 4 men (though there were only 3 tickets ?) went from BullSavannah but only the two Lintons passed the test, one was rejected on account of bad tooth and the other "beacause he went too late - the had enough men. I went 9.30 and by 9.45 went through - was out - we

Family in
USA.

passed". He doesnt think he will feel homesick this time. He said he did feel homesick for the first time, but because it was in Florida. "The white people in the South are not good, but in the north - New York it is fine." He hasnt been in the North but he knows it from his friends who went there and from family. He has a niece and brother in law in America (His sister died) The brother in law is not a Jamaican - he is an American. Again the two sisters of Mr. Laban Rochester are in New York. And he has many cousins there. His brothers (half brother) Lewis' son is going to USA. He is going "on his own" an aunt wrote for him. (To go to the States one has to go either "on contract" but cant stay in any other capacity, or a family might sent for the person.)

Plans for future.
Dont want to
cultivate - to
toil."

Mr. Charles would like to stay in the States for ever "if I get to the North". However he will try to stay there long "As much as five years and bring plenty of money". I asked him what he would do with the money. "Try to go into business - set up a shop, or buy a taxi, Dont want to cultivate - to toil."

Division of
land.

The brother Arthur got from old Linton the piece in Junction "but him dont give papers as yet". Mr. Charles expects it will be in the will. He himself - ~~Charles~~ Charles- will get "the old home".

Pierces list:

- Linton Arthur
- " Ewia
- " Charles
- " Eshiline
- Lynch Joyce

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