23rd pril ednesday.

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P.D. 27.S.D.22. Household 32.

Codling. John. Head. M.Cl. 34. Farmer. Isabelle. Wife. F. Cl. 28. 6.5. Homemaker.

Cooling. Pearl. Dau. F.S. 7. Winston Son. M.S. 5.

venetia Dau. F.S. 4.

Tinette Dau. F.S. 3. Son. M.S. 1/3 vivian

This is a thatched nouse, grass sides, on the right hand si d of the Parochial road leading from New Road to Mount Tappy. There were three children playing in the yard outside the house when I passed. One, who gave her name as Pearl , was friendly and intelligent. According to the Census figures she was 7 years in 1942 and should therefore be 12. She does not look anything like that. She is undersized. All thx. three children were very dirty. The little boys had only shrts and were maked below the waist. The smallest, ran away when I appeared. Tharl laughed and said he was "very frightened of people". I coaxed him back and he was friendly at the end.

Pearl said her mother was at the ground with her father. Her mother's name was Edith Codling. (N.B. What has happened to Isabelle Hyman? When did Hyman marry Fdith

Whatever-her-name?)

Pearl said the two other children present were winston a n Venetia. It is difficult to believe that inston (the frightened one" is anything like 10.yrs. Could it be Vivian?

She said she had two other sisters (Jeanette and vivian)

and another brother Linford.

1947.

There has been an addition to the family since the Census: Lenford, boy, is now 2 years old. In addition John's brother, James Codling also lives in the home. I met and talked with both the brothers and with Mrs C. The older brother, James, was working in the field when went on to the land. After a few minutes we were joined by John who was in clean clothes and not dressed for working. is wife followed him.

Land. The land round the house, which is now 2 stretches, belongs to John. It is part of the family land left to them by their father. The father bought this land about 1922 (They thought) from Joe Frater "who went far away and died at sea". He paid £7 for the acre. It was "bare ruinate" then. He put up the house. I (John) was about 35 then and living with him.
At the father's death the land was left (1 acre still) to James, John, Jocelyn Jones (the sister, Esther's son, she lives in Kingston). 2 bits were sold out by ohn "to strangers"

Jamesrents a piece -- 1 acrex -- at Allsides forwhich 6/- or 12/- per quarter. (N.B. This is doubtful. All land at

A. is rented at 32/- per acre).

Crops: The land round the house is in coffee, yams, pot toes and there are economic trees. This belongs to John.

Labo r. John said he was a "regular jobber". Cant get any

Permanent crops round house: Coffee, bananas; corn; pine; trumpet (bark) Pear, Breaffruit.

land to work. He works for Mr B. at 2/6 per day. I asked if that was the usual price. He said "o, but dem is few to emp oy and so dem giv' you what dem like."

The corn (which I saw in the ground about a foot high) was "poor' because the land was exhausted. He would give it to the child-ren to eathif it came to anything.

There was an empty spot between the house and the cultivation. John said that was kept f r grazing the donket. It was not really his donkey. He kept it for a friend. He used it for carrying sugar (cane). He cut cane for it. (The leaves usually).

Has a few Bananas "but de whole t'ing tek up wid Panana. Couldn't sell even a six hand yeaterday (yesterday was Banana day) -- not even to give the children.

Family history: John was born in Warsop. His parents were William and Ada Codling. His mother's maid n name was Lewis and she was born in Myersville in St Elizabeth. She came here with her mother, Eliza Green. Both parents are dead. He has no brothers and sisters living (except James presumably). His father was on rent land on Allsides and then they had to pay taxes on the grass huts they put up there -- 6/4 a year.

He and his wife were married on Christmas Day 1946. It was a matter of pride over which they exchanged glances. (She was sabelle Hyman on the Census.) Her father's name was Thomas hyman and he lived at Troy. Her mother, Edith McLeish is dead and she was raised by her grandmother Eliza McLeish at Troy. Asked where she and her husband met, she said at Troy and he added "she love me more so she marry me".

That was only stopped about 5 years ago.

Water supply. That is a difficulty. There is a little spring cut at Church yard but it is not good to drink.

Children: In addition to the 5 children enumerated at the top of this history, and to Lenford born since, Mr Codling says he had two other children by Florence Vassell, Alvin aged 17 and Kensil aged 15. Alvin is at Allsides but Aensil is with his mother in Mandeville.

Budget and Cost of Living.

I tried to get an idea of what was bought in the shop as against what is eaten out of their cultivations. Mrs C. says she goes to the shop everyday -- not one particular shop but any -- "if they don't have it in one you go to the next till you go all round."

Weekly she buys: Cornmeal at 5d and $5\frac{1}{4}$ per 1b Flour @ $5\frac{1}{2}$ Fish (salt) @ 1/- or Herrings @ $8\frac{1}{2}$ or

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 I then tried out day by day: Monday etc. to Wednedday (today)
So far as her information went it appeared that she bought
2 lbs of cornmeal every day kaxxxxxxx and turned it in a
1 little water and salt and made pap for the children as they
could not afford to buy any fish. This morning the three chil dren had gone to school "on Bush tea". They had no thing more
in the house. They bought 42 Bread "last week". She never
buys milk -- they cannot afford it.

The Corn is poor because of the drought. It was planted in February. It should reap next month but it is small.

Clothes. Men's: Get the material from the shop and a Tailor charges 6/- to make a pants; 1/6 to make shirts and 7/ for a khaki pants. I asked why, because it was for

best, so them say.

Women's. Dresses cost 7/- -- no. 9/- and 10/- She

has 2 dresses. could/
Childrens. She/makes the children's dresses if she
had a machine. The children present were in rags,
the littlest boy with only a torn merino twisted
and knotted round his shoulders. For what reason it
was worn was difficult to say. It must have been
very uncomfortable. "I have to stop dem often from
school -- only sometimes dem can go. (Mrs C.) Mr C.
added, often dem have little t'ing and you would
tek dem to doctor but you cant pick dem up and carry
dem go because you cant tek dem like them (i.e. naked)

Shops and purchases. Shortages in supplies are often regarded here as the direct fault and perversity of the shopkeeper, who has the goods often but keeps them for himself or for fave oured customers or people who buy largely in the shop. (I have noticed that although noone else can presumably get soap to buy here none of our party, nor the Ashmans have ever been completely without though all I got this week was half a bar).

Mrs C. They wont sell soap unless you have money to buy plenty things. They have cornmeal but if you want pork and you dont buy flour or something else you cant get fish or soap.

As we were going out, Mr C. leading, me next and Mrs C with the babies at the back of the file, she touched me timidly on the shoulder and when I turned asked me very softly if I could let her have an old dress.

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