

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 15.

Holness	Cydrick	Heda	M.M.35.	St.El.	Col.	Angl.	W.3.	Farmer
"	Marion	Wife	F.M.33.5.4.	"	"	"	W.3.	Homemaker
"	Kenneth	Son	M.S. 8.	"	"	"	W.1.4E	
"	Delva	Dau	F.S. 5.	"	"	"		
"	Veron	Son	M.S. 3.	"	"	"		
"	Ervil	Son	M.S. 1.	"	"	"		

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His farm in 1942.

(2 forms, this is
extract from one
for this Parish)

Operates this farm as owner or part ow. 14 yrs
Owns 14 acres in 3 parcels (12 in this Parish.)

3 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ resp.

main source of income - mixed farm.

no labour employed.

works 51 weeks p.a. 6 days p.w. 9 hours p.d.

6 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres in cultivation

$\frac{1}{2}$ cultivable but not used

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pasture (2 guinea grass)

$\frac{3}{4}$ woodland used as pasture

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ - other

total value of farm £ 58, of buildings £ 15.

1 catchment

2 avocados = 5 doz.

3 coconuts = 130 nuts

2 grapes (1 fruiting) = 100 lbs

7 mangoes = 150 doz.

0.3 ac. corn = 3 bushels

3 acres congo peas = 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels

$\frac{1}{2}$ ac. cassava = 5000 lbs

$\frac{1}{2}$ ac. sweet cassava = 700 lbs

0.2 ac. yams = 500 lbs

$\frac{1}{2}$ ac. tobacco = 300 lbs

1 donkey

8 goats

2 swine

owns 11 acres
see F.R. 110 p 5
the rest fly
land on
mother's
Wh. F.R. 110

Inform. Didley Simpson.
14.3.48.
J.O.

Marion Sinclair,
wife of Cydrick
Holness.

Cydrick and Marion are married. Marion Holness' maiden name was Sinclair. Her mother was Martha Bromfield, her father - Maurice Sinclair; they did not marry.

Martha Bromfield is still alive. She is living in Thatch Walk "just over the road, near to Benjamin Heath."

Maurice Sinclair died long ago. He had a brother - Jacob Sinclair, who died also. They were sons of late ~~Maurice~~ Daniel Sinclair.

Inform. Dudley Simpson and Bradley Rochester.
26.3.48.
J.O.

Cydrick Holness,
his wife and children.
His land.

They have 5 children. "Them marry ~~ixang~~ long ago now. The first pickney they had before they ~~marry~~ married long ago."

Cydrick Holness - "him never know another ~~girl~~ girl - not so good looking. I never hear of no other woman. Miss Marion was who pick him and marry."

"They have plenty of land. Home land and ~~woodland~~ woodland. They have land Brennutt Wood, they have land Duff House. They have "Dyer ruinate" - the old land of George Dyer, he had this ruinate, not in Duff House, just line to Duff House."

Tuesday.
11. 5. 48.
D. B.

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Family Record 111.

Interviewed Marion Holness.

Present House-hold.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Ages</u>
Cydrick Holness	41
Marion "	39
Kenneth "	14
Delva "	11
Veron "	8
Deryck "	5
Elorene "	2mths2wks.

The children are all children of Marion and Cydrick. All are legitimate except Kenneth who was born before his parents were married. Kenneth was born at Marion's grandmother Dorothy Sinclair.

Marion and Cydrick are lawfully married. They were married at the Moravian Church at Littiz by the Rev. Walter O'Meally eleven years ago. Marion got married when she was expecting Delva. Neither Marion nor Cydrick was previously married, and neither of them has any outside children. They have not adopted any children.

Land.

Cydrick has $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land that his father left for him. He has one acre that he bought from his uncle Charley Holness for £2. 15. 0. He has land at Duff House, but Marion does not know what portion of land he has at Duff House. Cydrick's father left a portion of land for all the children at Brennot Wood. The land at Brennot Wood is not divided, all the children work together. Cydrick cultivates on his own land at Duff House.

House.

Cydrick builds his house himself. The house has two rooms, one side is used as a living room and the other side as the kitchen. Marion does not know when the house was built, nor how much it cost to build it.

There is no latrine. Cydrick has one donkey, one cow that he bought for £11. 0. 0. He has three sheep four goats, three with kids and one pig. None of the land has been sold. Cydrick got a table from his grandfather Duncan Holness, and Marion got a press from her grandmother Dorothy Sinclair.

Her grandmother promised the press to her father Maurice Sinclair, but her father died and then the grandmother promised to give it to her ~~husband~~, as Marion's

*23 1/2 acres left by father
1 1/2 acres bought from father
1 a. bought from uncle
4 a. in D. House
6 1/2 acres together*

father loved Marion so much . After the death of the grandmother Eli Sinclair did not want to give the press to Marion his sister . "Foolish people tell him not to give it to me , through bad mind . Eli say it shouldnt leave the family , but me a the family all the same . No will didnt make , but every body did know 'bout it so him couldnt do better ~~am~~ than give me " .

Cost of Living.

"The living is the thing that is killing we out . Every minute of the day you have to run to the shop , for we have to buy every thing , from food to fish , and salt and sugar . I caan even tell you the exact amount that I have to spend , because me no set them down , only as we want we go buy . Sometime you spend a 7/- and sometime more and sometime less" .

Marion and her husband contribute to the house hold . No one outside the house hold contributes to the home . Neither is any one maintained outside the house hold , The children are all maintained by their mother and father .

Source of Income.

Marion and her husband who contribute to the house - hold derive their income from ~~their~~ their cultivation. Marion has a garden of escallion and her husband cultivate tomato , gungo peas and "a little of every thing " . Her husband Cydrick has $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of tomato and a $\frac{1}{4}$ acre ~~of gungo~~ of gungo . "The corn , yam , and potato that him plant is this in little square , and him dont sell all those , only the tomato" .

" So all the income come from that and what ever little me get from 'scallion garden . Sometime me sell up to one cwt. a 'scallion from me garden . You can get 12/- or 16/- a cwt sometime . First time we use to sel by the bundle , but now a by the ~~ex~~ lb. It use to be 3d or 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d ~~per~~ a ~~xxx~~

bundle/

When the time is dry escallion can be sold at a better price , as at that time the escallion is scarce . In May and October the price is very low . "You can pull the 'scallion every month , sometime you get 20 lbs and sometime 30 lbs , but you no get that portion so often . For a year me can make about a pound or two out ~~x~~ of it . Sometime less " .

Her husband's yearly income "is nothing much . Him should tell you that himself , for me hardly know how much fe tell you , because sometime him may get £30. 0. 0. off the tomato and sometime less thean that . This year now the crop was bad through the dry , so him no get any thing to speak of off the crop." Both Marion and her husband cultivate on their own land .

Marion used to do dress making , but she has stopped

now for "me too busy with home work". She has a machine and dees sewing for her family . It was getting late and Marion asked to be excused ,as she had to go and look about her dinner .

~~xx~~
Thursday.
13. 5. 48.
D. B.

I paid another visit to Marion . Asked about her spending on clothes and schooling for the ~~x~~ children especially at this time when things are so expensive . "To buy clothes now is one ~~a~~ the hardest thing , for to buy a dress now it wi' cost you all pound for a simple one . To find the money is the other thing ".

"Like fe three month so me may have to spend £2.10. for clothes . Sometime me caan even buy fe all the children one time for that would a cost a w hole lot . So when one or two a them get the balance dont get , till when me buy another time ".

It is not all the time she has to spend a lot of money on ~~sickness~~ sickness , but "sometime when sickness come it take a lot for to get car to go from here to Mandeville or Black River you have to pay £2. 10. 0. or £3. 0. 0. fe the car ~~xxx~~ alone and then the amount fe the Doctor fee".

" Last year me little son Evril take sick one night , the next morning we get car and carr' him to the Doctor a Mandeville , but him never live , him did have dysentry , and though we try him dead and then all the expense we have fe face ".

Marion has three children going to school , but the schooling is not costing so much at present as the children are not so far advanced as yet . The most she has to spend on schooling is 16/- for the year. The children go to school right through the year , stopping one or two days in the week, and at holidays .

Neither Marion nor her husband is indebted to anyone , "fraid fe owe debt , me no like it ".

"Saving is simple , when you have children you caan save , for when this one no want this the other is in need of it . For the year the most me can say we save is £7.0.0. or sometime £6. 0. 0.

"We never lend any money for we no have as much to lend , we have too much pickney ".

Now and then Marion and her husband receive a present

from her husband's relatives in America . Her has three sisters in America , they are Fredricka Seymour who is married , but Marion does not remember her "married name". The other two are Mrs Birdie Roy and Regina Holness . Sometimes they send a parcel and sometimes money . In the parcels they get shoes and dresses and "other little things". A parcel may come two or three times for the year .

"All the present me give is to offer any one a portion of me dinner or any other meal when them come to me yard , whether friends or neighbours or relatives . Some time we send what we offer go to one another yard ".

Meals.

with some kind of fish /

For a day they have ~~two~~ three meals . Bammies and ~~gungo~~ gungo peas go to the making of each meal . There are other things , such as potato , sweet cassava , and yam . Occasionally there may be a little bread fruit , or banana . / On Sundays the meal is changed , there is always rice and peas , with beef . All the members of the family have their meals at home , no one dine outside , and no outsider dines in the home .

Division of Work.

The work of the home is divided among the children . The father tells the boys what to do , while the mother tells the girl . The work is divided according to the size age of the children . The bigger boy helps the father to look after the animals , moving them and giving them water and the smaller one helps to look feeding for them .

The girl washes the dishes , cleans the house , "sweep and tidy the house". The mother takes care of the home , looks after the meals , and see that the children perform their duties . When it is time for planting tomato she helps her husband , and now and then " me plant a little tomato for meself ".

She takes care of the children , look after baby , and train the children . She prepares them for school , and washes for the home .

Information from Lillian Powell.
Interv. Cedrick and Marion Holness.
19.6.48.
J.O. 25.8.48.

Present household.

Holness Cedrick, 46.
~~Holness~~ Marion, 36, wife.
Holness Kenneth, 15, son.
Holness Delva, 10, ~~son~~ dau.
Holness Ceron, 8, son.
Holness Derrick, 5 son.
Holness Ellorine, dau., 4 months.

Holness Cedrick: father late Uriah Holness, mother Jane Holness /see Fam. Rec. 110/. His two full brothers: Winston Holness and Septy Honess. 4 full sisters: Burdie Roye, U.S.A.; Regina Holness, U.S.A., Violet Stevenson, Top Hill; Ada Powell, B. Savannah. 1 half sister: Fedrica Wellington, U.S.A.

Marion Holness, nee Sinclair. Father: Morris Sinclair /d/; mother Martha Bromfield, Bull Savannah. 1 half brother: Eli Sinclair; 1 half sister: Adelaide Sinclair, both in Bull Savannah.

They had 7 children, only 5 alive.

~~Holness~~ House, land, farming.

House: 1 room, 1 kitchen, 1 shed. Furniture: 1 table, 1 bench, 1 chair, 1 press, 1 bed, 1 crib, 1 sewing machine. No tank.

Land: owned by Cedrick Holness 6 acres in 3 plots: 4 acres in Duff House, bought fro the Land Settl.; 1 acre Breadnut Wood, and 1 acre homeland, inherited from father.

Trees: 7 coconuts, 1 grape, 2 cashews, 4 sweet saps, 4 ~~pomegranates~~ pomegranates.

Cult. Tomatoes - crop failed. 100 yam hills. Congo, corn, esallion - for home use.

Stock: 1 cow/steer/, 1 donkey, 3 sheep, 11 goats, 2 dogs, 1 cat.

Weekly spendings: 20/-. Clothes for the hpusehold last year: L16. 12/- was spent last year ~~for~~ on children's education.

In school: Kenneth 5th stand., Delva 3rd, Veron 1st. No religion.