

G.D. 22. Sbd. 14. Household 32.

Lewis Charles	Head	M.M.	51	St. Eliz.	Colour.	Angl.	W.3.	Farmer
" Violet	wife	F.M.	49	1.1.	"	"	W.3.	homemaker
" Dorothy	mother	F.W.	88	8.1.	"	"	X	retired
" Hubert	son	M.S.	13	"	"	"	X	no
Witter Ethline	niece	F.S.	12	"	"	"	W.2.	3.E.

His farm in 1942.

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 22 years.

Owens 56 acres in 8 parcels: 3, 18, 10, 3, 4, 5, 2, and 11 resp.

Main income from mixed vegetables.

No labour employed.

Works 48 weeks p.a. 6 days p.w. 7 hours p.d.

8 acres under cultivations, 4 ac. cultivable but not used. 17 ac. under grass, 17 ac. woodland, 10 ac. other.

Total value of farm £ 1200, of buildings £ 700.

cabbages= 400 heads, lettuce =51 doz.

1 ac, toatoes= 4800 lbs. water melons = 20 doz.

4 ackees (2 fruiting) 50 heaps, 5 avocados (4 fruiting)= 75 doz. 4 coconuts (1 fruit)= 24 nuts, 48 mangoes= 2005 doz. 2 naseberries=80 dpoz. 4 pawpaws. 2 cashew nuts= 4 quarts.

2 ac. congo peas= 12 bush. $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. red peas= 4 bush. 4 ac. cassava= 20000 lbs. $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. sweet pot= 1500 lbs. $\frac{1}{2}$ yams = 3000 lbs.

1 donkey, 4 beef cows, 3 sheep, 6 goats, 3 pigs, 2 swine, 7 hens =50 doz. eggs.

*son + 3 other
share holders
cultivate it
in addition to Charles*

Inform. Dudley Simpson.
19.4.48.
J.O.

Charles Lewis -
"bad man."

For the personal introduction to this interview
see Dudley Simpson's Fam.Rec.4, p.

"C.B. Lewis - Charles Lewis - he is just the same as me. Him marry to a girl from Ridge - Richard Edwards' sister, Violet Edwards. And he told me that him have no nature for him wife and any woman out is better for him."

"He is a bad man - him climb the fence."

"Ha put himself with a woman that below his wife notice - lower grade. ~~Everyking~~ This is so: my wife and Lewis wife - she may ~~has~~ have ~~has~~ higher ~~possession~~ possession / = position / than the woman we like. Not up to the standard, not up to the principle. And still we like him. Everything by likeness - simple lot."

His girl-friends
and outside children.
Adonijah Lewis
by Rosetta Elliott.

In his youth Charles Lewis was in friendship with Rosetta Elliott, known under the nickname of Lecinda. ~~Maxxxxxx~~ She had one boy ~~xxxxxx~~ for him - Adonijah Lewis. Adonijah Lewis stayed with his father. He emigrated to St. Thomas and died. Cf. Family Record 105, p.2.

David Lewis and her
mother "Tiptip."

~~David~~ David Lewis who died recently was also his outside son. ~~Maxxxxxx~~ "He was by a woman from Alligator Pond - we call her Tiptip."

A woman in Kingston.
Another outside child.

He has also an outside daughter "one girl in Kingston. He was a policeman in Kingston and was in friendship with a woman." He stayed in Kingston for several years. Came back to Bull Savannah and married his present wife Violet Edwards. "After leave the force him marry to Violet Edwards."

His friendships with
women after the marriage.
Doris Banton/Rowe/.

"He climbed a fence. He climbed a fence - get a boy by Dorris Rowe in Top Bull Savannah, Lucy Rowe daughter." /Her name is really Dorris Banton - see also Family Record 184/.

"It was a hell of a ~~was~~ humbug with that wife and the girl, but what to do? She /the wife/ didnt please that he go out. She want him to be with her alone."

Dorris Banton's child, Herbert Lewis, is staying with the father.

Birdie Rochester.

"It happened that Lewis went again and he put himself with Birdie Rochester and got two children ~~and~~ one birth: a boy and a girl. He took the girl and the boy remain with the mother."

Clarice Rochester.

Later on "he was along with Clarice Rochester, daughter of Jane Brown and Hubert Rochester." And

Adelaide Sinclair.

again with another girl: "Adelaide Sinclair, daughter of Edith Sinclair up Shadock Hill."

Marion Thompson,
his daughter-in-law.

"^HHe is a bad man."

"Now he is along with Marion Thompson - she is Lewis by his son, his daughter-in-law."

"^His son David Lewis marry Marion Thompson. She is good-looking girl. It happened that David Lewis died. After death of David Lewis, Charles Lewis went as the grandfather and as father-in-law. He try to help them the best to his ability. By the way with helping the children and the girl he fell the pursue to the girl and the girl accept it. And them both went together and now he just rather the girl more than his wife."

"And the girl could marry to the next man and Lewis offer ~~the girl~~ to the girl L75 not to marry the man and to be along with him."

"What love can do?"

Charles Lewis and
Dudley Simpson -
two men alike.

"Charles Lewis - he is cousin of mine. We are sister and brother children. My father and Charles mother is brother and sister. We is first cousin. We are the same family and we are alike. ~~xxxxx~~ People just say about be: He just as Lewis - he cant better Charles Lewis."

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Saturday,
July, 24, 1948.

Interview with Charles Lewis

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Mr. Charles is 53. He appears younger. He was born here.

Household: -at present consists of:

/Dorothy

1. Charles Lewis (himself) 57, head.
2. Violet Lewis, 55, wife.
3. Mrs. ~~Violet~~/Lewis, mother, about 90.
4. ~~Mrs~~ Herbert Lewis, 19, son, child with Doris Rowe.
Doris lives in Top B.S.
5. Sylvia Lewis, ~~19~~ 6, dau. to Sarah Rowe now dead.
She used to live in Thatch Walk.
6. Myrtle Ebanks, about 13, "school-girl;" her ~~mother~~
parents are Doris Banton of T. B.S.,
and Panton Smith of Tadd Town.

(Information about Doris and Sarah Rowe, the mothers of Herbert and Sarah Lewis, was given by Cecil ~~Rochester~~ Rochester.)

Family History

His mother Dorothy Lewis, a member of his household has been confined to bed for the last 3 years. His father Charles Lewis Snr. died ~~12~~ years ago. Mr. Charles Snr. And Miss Dorothy had 8 children, 4 of which died in infancy. Three of the remaining 4 died adults. Mr. Charles Jnr. is the only child alive to the union of his father with his mother.

In order of age, the ^{re}adult children to Charles and Dorothy were:

1. Daniel Lewis. Daniel died in California after he was there for a year only. He had 4 children all alive. ~~They~~
2. Levi Lewis; "He died leaving no children."
3. Mrs. Lydian Dyer; "she died leaving quite a lot of children."

Snr.

Mr. Charles/had 3 other children; 2 of these are alive They are:

1. Mrs. Maud Ann Johnson of Bottom Bull Savannah.
2. Mrs. Sarah Holness of Commer Pen.

(Mrs. Dorothy Lewis had no other children.)

Issac Lewis the third child for Mr. Charles Snr. by another union, was the only other child surviving his father.

Apportioning of Family-land

Mr. Charles Snr. died leaving a will. In it he apportioned the land he left on his death to his

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children then alive, ~~to the children~~ and to the children alive to his other children then dead.

This will has been deposited with Mr. Ivan Delapenha, a solicitor of mandeville. Mr. Charles is one of the executots of the will.

Family History-resumed:

Mr. Charles: -"undeerstandx that the original decendant (to the Lewis') were English people, but my grand father, who was fair, marry a black woman."

He does not remember what is the name of his mother's mother. His mother's father was Lionel Simpson.

Children alive to his mother's mother and his grand father Lionel, are:

1. Mrs. Ellen Bent of Ballards Valley.
2. Mrs. Annie Dyer of B.S.

His father's mother was Elizabeth Honnighan.
His father's father John Lewis.

Mrs. Jane Dyer of the Arthur Roye household in Ridge, is the only child remainig to Elizabeth and John.

(Note: Mrs. Dyer's age has been given by John as being about 80, but Mr. Charles was emphatic Mrs. Dyer is about 95. She is older than his father who died 12 years ago at 80.)

Family History: Apportioned land:

The allotments of land to the inheritants in his father will, have been made to these inheritants, but final ownership will not pass into their hands till after ~~xxxx~~ his mothers death. Taxes for these lands is now paid in Miss Dorothis name. She gets "a liberal help from the returns from use of these lands;" the inheritants are occupying and using the lands.

Daniels children:

Children alive to Daniel are:

1. Levi Lewis; Levi lives on premises Mr. Charles'. He has married Geraldine Gordon of Ballard's Valley. Levi has no children ~~by~~ with Geraldine. He lives on 5 acres of land inherited from Mr. Charles snr
2. Hanna Lewis; she lives in Kingsto. She has no children, and has not inherited any of her grand father's land.
3. Phillip Lewis; he lives on the side of the street opposite Mr. Charles shop, and premises. He inherited about 4 acres.

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4. Louise Lewis; she lives in Kingston.
She has not inherited
any of her grand father's
land.

~~Children of Mrs. Lydian~~

Levi Lewis' children: There were no children to Levi.
Their share of land:

Mr. Lydian Dyer's children: Mrs. Lydian Dyer married
Allan Dyer; both are now dead. With
Allan she had 8 children. ~~the names of~~
~~whom~~ Mr. Charles does not remember
what are their names. 3 of them in-
herited lands; they are:
1. Zillahvine Dyer whom he thinks is
about 25. (Zillah gives
her age -32.) Zillah has in-
herited a piece of land $1\frac{1}{2}$
acres in extent, and adjoining
Mr. Charles.

2. Edmund Dyer now dead. He inherited
about 3 acres. This piece of
land has passed since his death
to his children. The eldest
of these children is a boy who
is still quite young. Mr.
Charles is "looking after" the
land for the boy. This piece of
land has been leased to Dudley
Senior.

3. Lucille Dyer: she lives in Kingston
she has inherited $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres
adjoining Mr. Charles.

Other Inheritants of Mr. Charles snr. Land:

1. Mrs. Maud Ann Johnson -her husband is dead, has in-
herited 4 acres in Bre'nut Woods.
She has given out this land to be
worked on shares.
2. Mrs. Sarah Holness inherited 4 acres. Her husband
Joseph Holness uses the land for
growing grass.
3. Isaac Lewis inherited $6\frac{1}{2}$ acres. He married Elnova
Edwards of Ridge. She ~~died before him~~
predeceased him. They had children;
he has left the lands for his children.
Viris and Isaac Lewis of Shaddock Hill
share ownership of the land at present.
Viris and Isaac are also sharing house
in Shaddock Hill.

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Own lands: house: Mr. Charles house of 4 apartments and his shop run by his wife called Miss Vie, are built on ~~1~~ "14 or 15," acres of land. In Bre'nut Woods, he also has 24 acres: in Old Top 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres kept in grass and bamboo. There are also 3 acres, situated between Wintward Elliott's and Levi Lewis' lands.

Mr. Charles inherited the home site lands, and 5 acres of the land from Bre'nut Woods from his father. The Old Top holding of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres was also inherited from his father. All the other portions of land have been bought by himself.

The lands around the home site, as well as ~~these~~ piece between Wintward's and Levi's, are worked by himself mostly; he allows his son Herbert to work a portion of the holding on share.

Other workers of his land on share:

He gives out all the land in Bre'nut Woods "to work on the half," as follows:

To Thomas Smith of Tadd Town -2 acres.

To Harvey Lee of Top Bull Savannah 2 or 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

To James Dyer of Tadd Town 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Thomas Smith has been working Mr. Charles land on the half for about 5 years. This fact was recalled with some show of satisfaction; Mr. Charles added that Thomas has been able to earn enough from working this piece of land on the half, to enable him to buy a piece of land of his own.

his 2 acre bit of land
Harvey Lee has been working/~~the~~ land for about 3 years.

James Dyer has been working his plot for about 1 year.

Childhood:

Mr. Charles grew up with his parents, his brothers Daniel and Levi, and his sister Lydian, in the house in which he now lives. He was the youngest child to his parents, and as is customary in these parts, he inherited the homesite.

School: He attended the Bull Savannah Elementary school from he was 6 till he was 14. When he was a child children used to begin attending school at 6 and leave off going to school at 14, instead of beginning at 7 and leaving off at 15

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as is at present the practice.

Childhood Ambition : He had a "liking for carpentry."

After school he was apprenticed to a carpenter named Edmund Myers. Mr. Myers lived in Exton; he is still living there. Charles used to go to Mr. Myers every day. It is 5 miles from this district to Exton.

CAREER:

Charles remained at Earning with Mr. Myers for 1 year. He was about 19 when he left. His father, Charles snr, had made the arrangements for his going to learn with Mr.

In the Police Force:

Two years after leaving off learning carpentry (he did not say why he left off) Charles joined the police force. He joined up in Kingston. He liked the policing duties and the police force at first, but later began to tire of it: pay was too small.

He remained in the force for "5 years 9 months and 15 days," after which he was passed out physically unfit. He really was not unfit; he engineered the condition of his dismissal. He hit himself with a brick on his shin-bone, but reported this as having been done by a prisoner he had been chasing. He went to the hospital 3 times, and was finally passed from the hospital as unfit for duties, police duties.

After the force:

He returned here after his dismissal from the force, to cultivate tobacco, and some food crops. This did not pay well, and so:

He Went to Cuba: - "to look some money. Cuba was bright then, but work was very tough, conditions of living hard; the pay was good however." He returned here after spending one year only, because the conditions of living were too rough. He left the police force in 1918, went to Cuba in 1919, and returned here in 1920.

Cattle and other stock rearing in Jamaica.

He saved "a little money while in Cuba. He invested these monies in the purchase of lands and animals. Animals were horses and mules. These he resold at a profit always. He kept a mare for breeding purposes.

He ceased doing this kind of business because - "the motor car came in, and horse flesh did not value much

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didn't value much again." ~~xxxxxxxshiftxfrom~~

Bakes up dealing in horned stock:

The horse flesh market having declined, began to deal in "horned stock." He bought 4 heads of horned stock -steers. He has always kept 4 heads of steers since. He ~~xxxxxxx~~ "improves them -fattens them for killing. This business has always afforded him a "fair profit."

His shop and store:

In 1936 Mr. Charles "errected a store." It has always been run by Mrs. Lewis. Transactions relating to the shops and cloth store are satisfactory.

His Marriage:

He married Miss Vie Edwards in 1920¹ the year he returned from Cuba. He had not courted her previous to his going to Cuba. "It was, a short courtship; I met her in April, and marry her in November." He first met her in the stock market which used to be at Junction. He made his "own introduction," courted her after.

Mr. Charles was visited twice on the same day; -in the morning and then in the afternoon. It was difficult particularly during the morning to talk to him for any length of time as he kept going to relieve his wife from the shop so she could go into the kitchen where it appears she was preparing meals. This happened in the morning as well as in the afternoon.

In the afternoon he took me into the drawing room of his four roomed house. This house like almost every other house in Bull Savannah, is rather low. There were 3 or 4 chshinned chairs in the drawing room. All were chairs of American manufacture. One was a rocking chair. There were 2 mahogany tables of stylish pattern in the ~~hsm~~ apartment, one a centre table on which was a shaded kerosene lamp, and the other a table with turned legs on which were some photographs of members of the family. The floor was newly cleaned, and everything appeared to be in dust-free trim.

Sounds as if from someone in pain came from one of the rooms. He said the sounds were made ~~from~~ by his mother who has been suffering from flatulence for many years. She "belches frequently"-will be missed for that when she dies."