Lynch, its two parties.

I visited this part of Lynch Town where William Lynch's house, of Fam. Rec. is situated. I found Mrs. Setira Lynch at her house. Lynch Alfred was absent, but his family was represented by Christina Lynch. The chief person was Miss Margaret Dwyer, née Lynch. Men: William Lynch, Dwyer.

In this part of Lynch Town three houses are close to each other. A board-house, in which Miss Margaret Dwyer lives with her husband, is the best house and it occupies central position. Close to it is the grass-hum house of William Lynch; a little down - half-destroyed or built in half only, structure of the grass-house of Alfred Lynch and now his wife. Further down and up on the slope of the hill houses of Joseph Lynch and Johny Lynch are situated. They are xxk at a distance from the three first houses.

The chief person in the compound of three first Lynch families is Margaret Dwyer. She lives in the best house - it is at the same time the house in which their mother lived before her death and where she died some years ago. It was Margaret Dwyer who led all the time the conversation. Other members of the compound did not try to add much to it - they usually confirmed what Margaret said.

All Lynches trace their ancestry to William Lynch, who came to Warsop from St. Elizabeth years ago. He came here when he was married and all his children, who stay today in Warsop, were born still in St. Elizabeth. Both of the ancestors: William Lynch and his wife, were born in St. Elizabeth. "Both of them born St. Elizabeth. They married there and have all their children in St. Elizabeth and came here to make a living."

Old William Lynch bought land "form old man Rutty." He bought from old mother and Rutty. He built his house a little below, between Alfred Lynch's and Joseph Lynch's house.

He had 3 children. The eldest was Dudley, who is married to Charles Bailey - his house is in Lynch "Lynch Town", next to the local Meeting House. Next was Joseph - he he the eldest son. Next one was James - lives on the other side of the Baptist Church. James was followed by Robert - he lives on the main road. Next was Hilda Lynch - "she doesn't marry", she still lives single life and still have a little of Lynch because she doesn't marry. She lives in
Manchester. Hilda Lynch was followed by Alfred, then Johny, and Margaret, who was the youngest and the last child.

William's death.

William died in 1929. Not all the members of the family stayed at that time with old man James. Johny was separated at that time - lived in the same house over hill in which he lives now. Johny was living also in his own house in the same house in which he is living now. Robert and Albert were in Cuba at that time. Margaret was "abroad" - in St. Elizabeth. "Joseph was here - living in his own house" /the same house in which he lives now/. Only his old wife, mother of all Lynches, was living at that time with old man and their grandchild, William, bastard-son of James Lynch. Alice Lynch, the eldest daughter, who married Charles Bailey in vicinity, was coming here. "And the old wife could attend him."

Family land at William's death.

Margaret Dwyer and other members of the family denied that William's property was 5 acres at his death. Previously it was bigger. They didn't know how much William bought from the old Rutty. Before his death William was paying taxes for 1 and 1/2 acres. In the meantime he probably sold some parts of the land. Margaret Dwyer ascribed to him the sale of land. But William Lynch, who stayed all the time with his grandfather and grandmother, told me, when we were alone, that it was his grandmother who after the death of her husband sold land to other people.

All of them maintained that at father death only 1 and 1/2 acre was left. "Joseph live the same place. James - on his own possession. Before father died, he went away. His wife was Florence Plummer - one family with Frederica Plummer. Johny bought land from the same old Rutty and was living on his own "possession". Robert bought land of his own. He was living on Main Road with a foreign woman from St. Martin. Bought a little piece of land by the road. Alfred bought "a little place" in Crowland. He similarly as Robert, was ex-soldier and got 6 acres of land. Only Alfred and Joe "lived on the father's premises".

Successors to paternal property.

After William's death Robert Lynch became "responsible for the place". He pays taxes: "takes the father's position", "has an active part". He is described as "Headman Lynch."

Robert Lynch is not the eldest son of old Lynch, the eldest is Joseph. Still it was Robert who became "the headman". Joseph Lynch was not capable to take this position - he is "sickly".

Out of the old paternal property William, the grand-son, received 1 stretch of land or so. Then Joe got some of the father's land previously. Now 1 and 1/2 acre which was left after old William's death is inhabited and used by 3 families: Margaret Dwyer, Alfred Lynch and William Lynch. Robert pays taxes for all the property and the land remains undivided. Still there is some subdivision of the family land agreed upon by three successor-families.
"Everybody knows his little boundary. We don't bother—we just live and work the same place. We live good—all of us live good."

Family harmony does not extend probably to other Lynches living in the vicinity. Margaret Dwyer advised not to go to Joseph Lynch, of whom I learned everything from her. "You mustn't go to Joseph. We told you everything.

According to William Lynch the paternal property was 5 acres after the death of old William Lynch. It was partly sold by miss the widow and so reduced to the present size of 1 and 1/2 acres. A part was sold to Lester Blake; another part to Charles McIlhine, who came to live in Warsop from Rose Valley, St. Elizabeth.

Three families who occupy old paternal property are small. Margaret Dwyer and her husband have no children. They adopted a girl from Thomas Barnes in Wilmerth Town. The girl is not relative of theirs. She calls howvere Margaret Dwyer "aunt". Alfred Lynch and his wife have no children staying with them. They are alone. William Lynch introduced a correction to his previous statement. Only 4 people are in his house. Kenneth, his youngest son, stays with his mother at St. Elizabeth.

Their nearest neighbours are Griffiths. They came from Rockspring and bought land from Stewart Carter. Stewart Carter belonged to Trey family. He sold to Griffiths his own land, met the land of Trey property. Stewart had his own property here." There are today several Griffiths families living in vicinity: Eric, and Daniel Griffiths, sons of Benjamin Griffiths. And Cyril and James Griffiths, two brothers living in separate houses. Cyril and James Griffiths are brothers of Setira Griffiths, who is wife of William Griffiths.

Another family, which was living previously near by, just over them near to the Coeie Robine's hut, was Retchie/Lucille/ Simpson. She died and the house does not exist any more.