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Powell Frank (does not figure in census)

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Neighbour's
children

Powell's house is one of the first in Thompson Town coming from AllSides. He built this house in February 1946. He lived previously in another place in Thompson Town further towards Wait-a-Bit. He rents here 3 acres and some land (?) in the old place. The house and kitchen seem to be well provided in household use. There is a quite large plantation round the house of escallion. It is sold by bundles (1/6 -2/-) to higglers who take it to towns. Mr. Powell bought this year a house and half-an-acre on the road from (in Warsop) from Gay gor. He paid for it £75. Gay gor had it from Zaki Smith who was eager to sell it as there was some contention about the place between the Smith and Carter family. Powell does not live there. He rents it to Stanford Carter (Shake) who used to live there for years. "I will stay in All Sides till my hair is grey" said Powell. He lives with a youngish woman from Manchester Dempster (?). They do not have children, but I believe Miss Dempster is expectant. She has had two children. One died and the son is "with his father in Manchester." Two school-age girls live with them. They are daughters of a neighbour Mrs. Edith Saunders (29/12/36) "Mrs. Saunders has 8 children, I don't have, so the two eat and sleep with us." The girls were at school. I asked whether Mrs. Saunders was a relative "No a friend since we came here." There was also a young man (servant?) he did not join the conversation and sat in the kitchen. Seemed to be in an inferior position in the household. Miss Dempster was not too sure of herself either. She insisted on calling "the head of the house" - who was not on the spot at the beginning, and when she told her name and I repeated Mrs. D, she corrected me "Miss..." She was rather reluctant * in her answers.

Mr. Powell complained about the prices etc. His complaint concentrated on the cost of labour. He evidently employs hired labour a lot. He has not been to America and got the money for the site in Warsop from his AllSides farm.