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Hubert

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Elliott Moses H.	Head	M.M.	55	St.Elizab.	Colour.	Jehov.Wit.	W.2.	farmer
Judith	wife	F.M.	58	9.8.	"	"	X	homemak.
Milward	son	M.S.	25	"	"	"	X	farmer
Isaac	son	M.S.	23	"	"	anglican	W.3.	farmer
Stanley	son	M.S.	20	"	"	anglican	W.3.	tailor
Joel	son	M.S.	18	"	"	"	W.3.	none
Vincent	son	M.S.	16	"	"	"	W.3.	none

Owns 10³/₄ acres in 2 parcels: 2¹/₂ and 8¹/₄ (the last probably in Manchester) census data only re 2¹/₂ farm.

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0.2 cabbages, 0.1 escallion, 0.2 tomatoes=1510lbs.
1 avocado, 5 mangoes, 1 naseberry, 2 pawpaw, 1 cashew,
1/2 ac. peas, 1 cassava, 0.1 yam, 0.2 tobacco=112 lbs.
1 donkey 5 goats, 4 swine. 5 hens.

Moses Elliott is a brother of Mrs. Emma Linton and Calbert Elliott.

"I am the butcher" he said. "e bought a cow "for the blind man" who keeps the shop. Elliott will butcher the cow on Tuesday for Christmas.

Racism.

He was very eager to tell that he is from the white Elliotts, but "my blood was turned down". The Elliotts married black women. "It is a bad principle" (to turn the blood down) He has two sons in America. They went 4 years ago on contract. "One of them passes for white". He wants to stay in USA. He wrote his father that the only way he could stay in America permanently would be if he married an american girl. He wrote Moses lately that he is to marry soon. He doesnt say who his fiancée is, but old Moses thinks that she must be an american girl because his son mentions her famioy. Moses thinks that if she were a jamaican she would have a family in the states. Moses is pleased with the prospect. That son passes for white.

Moses' father Thomas died only a last year. He was 100 years old. He had white hair and a long nose (an indication of "whitness")

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Informant Vincent Elliott.

Hubert Moses has 10 children: the first son (outside) with Francella Lewis) Ferdinand Elliott, went on contract to USA and married there, probably will settle in America. with his wife Judith (Rochester):

- Thomas married and lives in B.Sav.
- Hubert the carpenter. Married, lives in B.Sav.
- Isabelle, married and died in Kingston
- Ida married Ezra Linton, Lives in B.Sav.
- Stanley the tailor, married, lives in "under Hill
- Joel is at present on contract in USA
- Milord, Isaac and Vicent live at the "old home" with parents.

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Inf. Vincent Elliott, and Moses Elliott.

Stages of
independency.

*Father cultivate his self
we go & help our
father!*

Vincent lives with his father and mother. His two older brothers Milford and Isaac live also at their parents home. They dont have own land and work on their fathers fields. But Vincent - and the others - cultivate "on their own". A few years ago father told Vincent "Help yourself - anywhere" (meaning take some of my land and work it) "Take this land and cultivate". Vincent cant answer readily how much land he cultivates as his own. "Lots of ground: I cultivate $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. cassava, $\frac{1}{4}$ gungoo peas, $\frac{1}{4}$ yams well not fully $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of yam, about 80 bunks of yams, $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. tomatoes - about 6000 holes." Does he sell everything he reaps and keeps the money for himself?

"Cassava must go in the home, supply the home, gungoo peas for the home, yam is for the home too. Very seldom I sell. We are three brothers in the home. When we have plenty - we can sell - not much: a little cassava. We can get 10/- per hundredweight. - 112 lbs. There is no controlled price for cassava, you fix the price."

Only tomatoes are sold "Tomatoes to sell to the factory." and Vincent gets cash only from this source. He keeps the cash in bank to buy land in future - says he. Father gives them land to cultivate but not the title. And if they marry will father help them to settle?

"Before they marry they settle up, build a house and then go and marry. You dont marry before you have a ~~house~~ house - nowhere to put the wife." Brother Thomas (35 at present) settled around 10 years ago. He got from father $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Brother Hubert (28) settled by himself around 6 years ago. He got 1 acre. Moses bought 1 acre of land in Dunder Hill for his son Joel who is since 4 years in America. He thought his son will settle in Dunder Hill. But now it appears that Joel will stay in America and wont have any use for that land.

Does father help with the house?

"Father give whatsoever he can. He will give you a little labour. He is a carpenter, but he dont give work on the trade, only for own purpose, - he cultivates"

trades

"Stanley learn me tailoring. I work with him sometimes in Christmas season, it is the moreset part going thing here. This cap - I build these caps." He gets orders from his friends to "build caps" for them. He ~~int~~ introduces special shapes. But he hasnt got time to make all these caps, he first makes for his good friends.

Stanley learned tailoring in St. James. A Cricket club came from St. James and a member "fell in love" with Stanley and took him to teach the trade. Stanley stayed there 5 years. Hubert is a carpenter. I asked Vincent which profession he thinks is better? "The tailor is more better, is more finer work than the mason, but mason still a good profession. The tailors have most busy time in December and easter season. Mr. Calvert Elliot (Vincent's uncle) is a carpenter. He works in the factory. He take his apprentice. He only works when

Cost of house.

wants, but ~~sex~~ he sees over his apprentice. Uncle Calbert builds also houses for people. "The house owner finds all the material and pay the mason Mr. Elliot find the labour and builds the house, for £ 40. The house costs £60 - beside the sink, (tank). It takes about 1 months and around 6 people - to build a house. It can be quickly build if you have all the material, but people usually dont provide all the material at one time. Material for building a house is extra dear. Boards - cedar boards around 50/- ... 1/- a foot of cedar. Mahogany is number one board, it costs 1/6 a foot.

Vincent hasnt been abroad. "They (parents) would like me to go, but I dont get a possibility as yet. Mr. Coke (repr. of St. Eliz. in Kingston) he has got a lot of cards, he sends to teacher and he distribute them. I went to him but he say the cards are all finished." "Would he like to live in America?" "I just dont feel like live anywhere else, only I would go to see America. I wouldnt like to leave my parents. I just feel when I go to these places - there is no other as my father and my mother. I have a great interest in them (parents). Without them - emptiness.

Seasons

"The busiest ~~ix~~ month is October, then April, ready to plant yam and in January plant cassava a reaping, tomatoes. In the dry season we build the lime scale to build houses, we can mulch fields and when we get rain we go and plant tobacco. Masons during the dry season dont have much work on account of shortage of water."

games

The most popular game is domino, cards and checkers. "Two kind of donkey (card-game) you can play at card spelling. There are 51 games on the cards you can play. Lots of girls can play checkers"

Moses Elliott:

Emigration

He brought the picture of his two sons who are in USA. The eldest Ferdy ~~am~~ (who passes for white) and Joel. The two young man have smart suits and look very pleased on the picture. So is their father. He told that the eldest married at "8 o'clock ~~xxxxxx~~ Christmas night" "The easiest way to go to America is to marry a wife". His daughter in law is a Grenadian, Odelle Carter was her name. He has a feeling the other son will also marry in America. He got even a girl, and that girl wrote to Moses. Her name is Struman - or perhaps it is Truman. So Moses thinks Joel wont live ~~on~~ the land Moses bought for him in Dunder Hill. He is glad his sons are settling in America. It seems to him quite obvious they marry there as "it is the easiest way to go to America."

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He showed the pictures round. "Boy look d assy" commented old Neil.

Moses went only once abroad to port Limon (in Costa Rica) "I spent 5 months in hospital - got fever." ~~After~~ He went there with a party of neighbour-friends: William and Samuel Roy, Jacob Sinclair, William Rochester, Hubert Elliot and himself.

How did they learn about the possibilities of work in Costa Rica? "It was reported in the paper - in the Gleaner - yes it was already a Gleaner that time." He started his work in Costa Rica scrapping and painting a big bridge together with William Rochester. But he got the fever, went to the hospital, and after he left the hospital he went back to Jamaica. "It is (Costa Rica) a big banana country.) He came back ~~by~~ calling only at Colon. But going to port Limon, they called at two ports: Savanilla and Cartagena. Could I tell him where they are? I took the atlas and found the two ports in Columbia. Moses Elliott was very glad - he never knew where these two ports were. He took a piece of paper and a pencil, moistened it in his mouth and wrote the name of the country: Columbia. He also asked me from what country I was and wrote it too. He said when he first met us, his wife asked him from what country we were, and he couldn't tell her, so he wrote it down now. He admired my knowledge, that I knew every place in the world. And Ethline - Cornelius Elliott daughter - married and went to Gibraltar, could I show him on the map where it is? Her sister Vicky went to England to be married there, but she doesn't like the country and intends to come back. She doesn't like to stay in England.

He has a lot of family abroad. His two sons - they will stay in America. "We can't stay in one place, it is no sin to move from one place to another." His eldest son pass as white - he can go anywhere he likes (enter public places). His brothers Wilbert (from Ballard's Valley) two sons Morel and Hurby went to America long ago. "They pass as white, they went long ago and stay." "Lindon Elliott married there and is an American citizen". Moses doesn't know what are the names of these places in USA where his relatives live.

His two sons work with two farmers who plant tobacco. These farmers have a warehouse "and keep working through the winter. In summer they work in the field and in winter in the warehouse. - Keep constant work. The two (sons) work with two farmers that are so close that they (the sons) can telephone to each other every day."

What will happen to Ferdy's house and land here in Bull Savannah? Ferdy's mother died when he was small and he was brought up by his aunt Rose Lewis. "His home here will take the same lady that raise him." She lives in that home now.

it is no sin to
move

Local
patriotism

Vincent Elliott (p.3 - emigration possibilities)
"The way people in Bull Savannah live is quite different from the way they live in Bull Savannah, they are quite courtious. They have interest in each other."

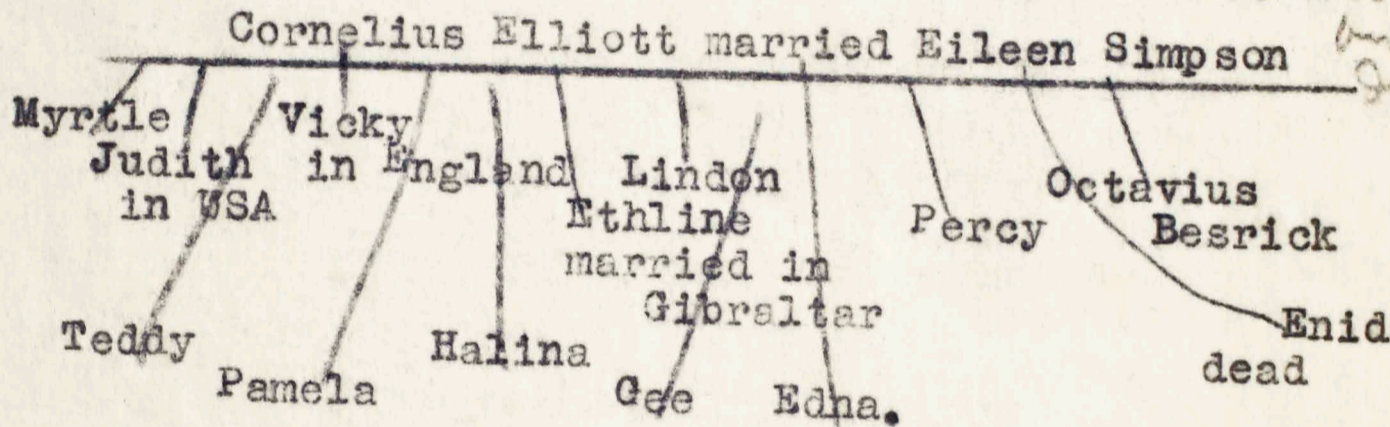
Moses Elliott offered to tell me all about the family
He gave the names and parentage of paternal and maternal grandparents (see Fam. Rec. 45.)

His brother Calbert married Estella Dyer

Alvin Moral is Daniel Ricardo Fredrico Ruben Kennworth Graham Delphy Minelli

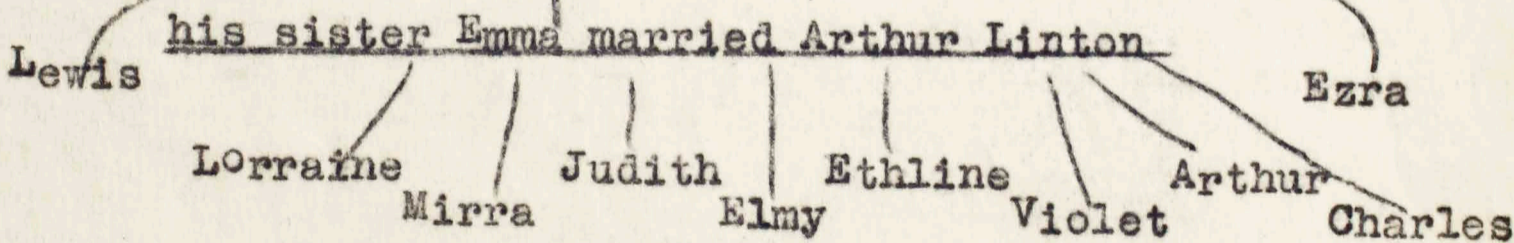
May (bastard)

she had 18 children but she died



His sister Manol Elliott married William Roy

Charles Claston Isaac Hubert in USA



Here some other guests came and we didnt have time to discuss all the marriages and children of his sisters and brothers.

"People was going to America all the tie. Luckily they are able to go now as farm labourers and on their own too. America done a lot of good to the Jamaican people.

Bull Savannah is an independent place. - nobody pays rent - people are on their own."

Interview with Vincent Elliott.
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Paternal Household. Paternal household consists now of 7 persons. Father and Mother Elliott, 3 brothers Elliott: Milward, Isaac and Vincent, and 2 "grannies": 8 years old Mazel and 4 yeras old Kitty.

Mazel is Ida's and Ezra's Linton daughter. Her presence in the grandparents home is dictated by no necessity. It is the matter of pure love: "she like the grandparents and as she take to the grandfather, she just come over and live with the grandfather." "A littly girl, just ~~kikkixix~~ going to the school."

Kitty is Isaac's daughter, born to him by Vera Ward. Vera Ward is not more with Isaac. "She live at Edmond Francis - Edmond Francis is Sarah Francis son. She lives now with Ernest Powell, the tailor."

Homestead.

Their homestead consists of two living houses, one kitchen and one water tank /incl. catchment/. One house is about 40 years old. Another - new one - was ~~built~~ built in 1932. The new house is just one room house; it is ~~occupied~~ occupied by parents and grannies. Three grown up sons live in the old house. The house has three compartments: a room, a kitchen and a battery. Water tank with the catchment has ~~been~~ been built "around 8 years" ago. Previously they got no water tank: "sometime we buy water or - friends around - we get water from them."

Family land.

All the family land, owned and disposed of by Hubert Elliott, ~~consists~~ consists of 3 parcels: /1/ 2 acres around the house; 2. 2,5 acre in the Woodland; 3. 8 acres in the woodland. Together they have 12,5 acres of land. Only 5 acres are under cultivations. The remainder "is in grass and some woodland". A portion is uncultivable entirely: "about 3 acres in rocks".

Cultivations.

Tomato gardens worked out this year extend over 2 acres of land. According to the "rough estimate", there is about 13.000 "trees" planted over this area. Tomato gardens are in "4 different plots." Milward and Vincent cultivate together 2 plots with ab. 8.000 plants on them. Isaac cultivates separately one plot with 3000 plants. Old father /hubert Moses/ has garden of 2.000 plants. Beside Isaac has ~~xxxxxxx~~ another garden of 2.000 plants, which he cultivated not on his father's land, but "on his girl friend land".

All family members do their tomato work by themselves. They "no sharers" on their land. They do not employ any labour, but manage with their cultivations by "day for day" work. /with other people/.

The land they cultivate is their father's land.

But they are not share-croppers with their father. The money they will earn will belong to them. They will only give a part of it to their fathers. If Milward and Vincent will get £100 from their cultivations, £25 will be passed to the old father. Isaac will contribute in the same proportion from his return. "He will help father a little, but he is not a sharer."

The remainder of the money will be retained by them and used according to their wishes. Vincent will probably "rear stock for it: he will "buy cow and rear it". "Isaac might build a house. He wants to settle down. Milward just the same."

Food crops.

The remainder of 3 acres are cultivated "most for the home purpose." 1,5 acre is under cassava. 1 acre is under gungoo peas. 0,5 acre is under "yam and potato". They have about 150 yam hills on their field: White yam, China yam, Mosella and "Taa" yam. Only part of 0,5 acre plot is under yams: "the balance is in potatoes". Red peas are planted as the first crop "after the tomato taken out." Corn is planted in gungoo peas.

They have also a vegetable garden - "small one - around 100 holes of vegetables". There is also "a little escallion" - "about chain square". No tobacco is planted now.

Fruit garden.

Their fruit garden consists of : 1 jackfruit; 6 mangoes; bananas - "around 50 holes"; 5 coconuts in the Woodland; 2 cashew trees; a young breadfruit tree - "dont start bearing yet"; 2 naseberries / one of them in Woodland

Stock.

They keep two cows. Both are beef-cows. One is owned by Hubert Moses and Milward, another by Hubert Moses and Vincent. There is one donkey on the farm - the donkey is father's property. One pig is shared ~~xxxxxxx~~ by father and mother. They have no goats and no sheep. Also no hens: "they try to destroy the cultivations".

Both cows, which are shared by the father and ~~xxx~~ each of his two sons, were bought by the father. "My father bought it, but he cant raise it. Brother take it over. The same me." ~~xxxxxxx~~ Rearing of the cow is boys' business. "When the profit, we share it. Suppose you buy the cow for £10 and it sell for £20. Then we share the other £10 in two: he /the father/ get £10 on his two cow and I get £5 only on my."

Isaac shares no stock with the father. "I dont know why, he dont try it."

Selling food produce. They dont sell the food they produce. It is just for home consumption. Neither cabbage. "You can sell a little escallion."

Cost of tomato cultivations.

There are no labour expences on their tomato cultivations. "We dont employ people, we give day for day on our tomatoes."

The costs are reduced to the expences on grass, see and mould. They havent grass enough for all their cultivations. So they must buy some grass from the Company. The cost of one truckload is - according to Vincent - £1. 5/- for the grass and 15/- for the truck. His father bought this year one truckload of grass for ~~his~~ their cultivations and one truckload was bought by Isaac. ~~Thxxxxxx~~ It was too much for Isaac's own garden, so part of his grass was used by the family. The mould costs 1Guinea per 1 cwt. Milward and Vincent used 6 cwt for their gardens, wheras their father and Isaac ~~had~~ used 5 cwt together. So the cost of mould was for all their cultivations 11Guineas. They spent together some £2/2/9 d for seeds. "I buy 4 oz. and Father and Isaac buy 3 oz. - 3/3d per 1 oz."

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A Visit to Uncle Moses.
Moses Elliott. F.R. 21/.

During one of his visits to us uncle Moses insisted that we should visit his home. This was fixed 10 days ahead for Sunday, May 2nd. Uncle Moses came a few days before that date to make sure we were coming and to decide the hour. The hour was fixed at about 1 p.m. - soon after lunch.

On Sunday at 1. p.m. his youngest son Vincent came to escort us to their home. He E.F., Obrebski and myself went in his company. Miss Barrett came a little later escorted by Dudley Simpson and Miss Dale came much later.

We found uncle Moses sitting under the shed and surrounded by his wife Judith, daughter Ida /married to Ezra Linton/ two sons and 9 small grandchildren, playing around.

It was pleasant under the thatched roof of the shed, a fresh breeze blowing from the sea. The shed looks a "busy" place: there was some wood stored there, a big bouquet of tobacco seeds still in pods hanging from the beam, a wooden mortar made of a hudge trunk of tree, calabashes of all sizes used for taking water when people go to work to the "woodlands", some tolls, and tucked behind a post many dozens of the ~~xvaxx~~ Jehovah Witness magazine "Watch Tower", many of them ~~xxxx~~ still in their banderole. We sat on a low bench and chairs brought from the house for the occasion.

Behind the shed is a big attachment and tank. To the right a spacious building with a thatch roof: this is the old house built by Uncle Moses at the time he married. It consists of three rooms: the butte-ry, the kitchen and a bed room. In front of us is the new home connected with the old one with a catch-ment. The new house was built 18 years ago. It consists of one large room only.

In the space between these buildings there are some trees. From the calabash a cow's tail is hanging with a heavy stone attached to its end. When it dries it will serve as a ~~xxx~~ kind of whip. Uncle Moses explains that if you put a wire through it - it makes an excellent walking stick.

To the left of the shed there is the vegetable garden: a little plot of peas and cabbages which are very poor owing to the drought. Behind the "pergola" with beautiful grapes ~~Behind the shed~~ is in showing the peculiar naseberry tree which grows behind the new house. It bears three different in shape and taste kinds of naseberries. When the tree was small he ~~planted~~ tied to it a cow which almost broke it. He tied the tree to a strong stick. It grew into **Three** thick branches

The yard and buildings

The peculiar nase-
berry tree.

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Village VVVV
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a foot above the ground - from the main trunk. Uncle Moses picks the fruits himself. There is a ladder ~~skand~~ against the tree on which uncle Moses climbs and then higher up among the branches. The naseberries have to be picked carefully and ripened before they are really fit to be eaten. Uncle Moses is very proud of his tree and recounts with pleasure and love all the details of its life history and qualities. The next subject of his interest and pride which he wants to present us is the achievement of his eldest /outside/ son, who went to America and married there a girl who is an american citizen. So the young man - Ferdinand Elliott - can stay in U.S.A. and eventually achieve USA citizenship. ~~Max~~ Uncle Moses shows us a big picture of the young couple who married last Christmas. The bride, in a long white dress is of generous dimensions and the background - ~~xxxxv~~ ~~ofxxxxx~~ a corner of ~~xxxxxxx~~ an american middle-class room complete with a gramophone. Uncle Moses says she is a Mexican but American citizen. The bridegroom looks smart and noble.

But Uncle Moses doesn't forget the "spiritual". He urges me to read an article in "Watch Tower" It deals with the intricate problem of Trinity, which the Jehovah Witnesses consider as an anathema - a remnant of the babylonian etc. religions and therefore a work of Satan. They deplore that the catholic church and many protestant keep this dogma. I take my time to read this article so as not to be engaged in discussion of this perplexing problem the importance of which I fail to understand.

Happily the meal is prepared for us and we are asked to go to the new house where a table is laid. Only the four of us /Miss Dale didn't come yet/ are invited to sit at the table. Uncle Moses and his wife and their son Vincent sit in the room, but do not take part at the meal. Other people are not invited to come in. The repast consists of fried fish and tin fish, rice, yams, tomatoes in salad and rum is served. For desert we get the lovely naseberries in their three varieties from Uncle Moses' tree. The pointed ones are the sweetest and the best. Also grapes from his garden are served.

This room is evidently the bed room of Uncle Moses and his wife as well as the "best room" or "hall" as it is called here. There is a large bed, one small and one big table. The walls are decorated with three pictures: there are advertisements of a toothpaste firm which advertises "Romance" resulting from using its products with a young man and a young woman looking ravishingly into each other mouth; the other is an advertisement of cigarettes called "Gypsy" with the picture of a young girl which probably was meant to represent a gypsy and the third one a calendar a few years old of an canadian insurance company. The windows have shutters but not glass. Above the windows are little shelves. On one of them

Good fortune of the eldest son.

Classes of visitors.

The meal.

The room.

Uncle Moses'
Library.

about two dozens of books - with the few exceptions of old school books - all pertaining to Jehovah Witness doctrine.

In the wall, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ built in in the window is a small cupboard which Uncle Moses opens with a key. There are neatly tied in a packet air-mail envelopes - probably letters from the sons in America, and some other papers.

After the table is cleared we asked Uncle Moses to show us his books.

Uncle Moses takes the books from the shelf and dusts them by means of knocking one against the other. He comments:

"Knowledge will increase and the truth will shining so the books are coming out."

The titles of the books are as following:
1. Daily Heavenly Manna for the Household of Faith. A Collection of Scripture Texts with Appropriate Quotations from the Watch Tower. For every Day in the Year. Interleave for Autographs. A Birthday Record. /Signed:Hubert Elliott/.

2. "Let God be True". Dedicated to the Most High "God of Truth", and in behalf of the "other sheep" of His Good Shepherd.

Publ. Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, Inc. International Bible Student Association, Brooklyn, N.Y. U.S.A. 1946.

The titles of of Chapters in this book were:
1. "Let God be True". 2. "Who is Jehovah?"
3. What Say Ye Respecting the "Messiah?" 4. Satan the Devil. 5. What is Man?" 6. "Hell, a Place of Rest in Hope. 7. Is there a Trinity?. 8. A Ransom for Many. 9. The Church of God. 10. The Kingdom of Heaven 11. Use of Images in Worship. 12. The Way to God Through Prayer. 13. The Sabbath: in Shadow and Reality. 14. Not under the Law but under Grace. 15. The Lord's Return. 16. Gathering the Jews - Past and Present. 17. Who are Jehovah's Witnesses? 18. Salutes and Politics. 19. The End of the World. 20. The "New Earth". 21. Resurrection. 22. The Judgement Day. 23. Consecration - the Wy to Life. 24 "Serving the True God.

3. "The Truth Shall Make You Free."

"Open Ye the Gates, that the Righteous nation ~~knst~~ which keepeth the Truth may enter" - Issiah 26:2
Dedicated to "Jehovah "A God of Truth and without iniquity, just and right is He" - Dent, 32:4

Jesus Christ "I am the way and the truth and the life" John 14:6

Publ. Watch Tower Bible and Tract Soc. Inc. 1943.

~~This was the last~~

~~This book bears the inscription: "Lovingly presented to Isaac Elliott brother, 1946 B.S.D district with kindest wishes for a life of usefulness."~~

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- 4. "Christ Our Saviour". For ^{you} unto/is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" By Mrs. E.G. White /Adapted/ 587 Thousand. Review and Herald Pub. Ass. Washington Cop. 1896 Cop. 1909. /Reprint/ This book bears the inscription: "Lovingly presented to Isaac Elliott brother, 1946 B.S.D district with kindest wishes for a life of usefulness."
- 5. The "Commander to the Peoples" After 1944 - against Pope, Politics, for the Christ ^{Commander}. /Pamphlet/.
- 6. Hymns of the Millennial. Dawn with Music. A choice collection of Psalms and Hymns and ^{spiritual} Songs. Inter. B.St. Ass. 1919.
- 7. Kingdom Service Song Book. W.B. and T.S. N.Y. 1944.
- 8. End of Axis Powers. Comfort All That Mourn. W.B. and T.S. N.Y. 1941. /Leaflet./
- 9. Salvation Disclosing God's provision for man's protection from disaster and salvation to life everlasting in complete happiness. A text book for the Jonadabs. By J.F. Rutherford, Author of Enemies - Riches - Creation Prophecy - Government and other books. W.B. and T.S., N.Y. 1939. "To Jehoyah belongeth Salvation" "Christ Jesus is ~~ix~~ made 'The Author of Eternal Salvation to All who obey Him.'"
- 10. To the King od the Kings and Lord of Lords. Watchtower, U.S.A. 1889.
- 11. Studies in the Scriptures. The finished Mystery. Int. B.S. Ass. 1917, U.S.A. etc.
- 12. Thy Kingdom Come.
- 13. The Harp of God. Proof conclusive that Millions now Living will never Die. Watchtower. N.Y. 1921.
- 14. The Way to Paradise. A brief history of the 7000 years of sin etc. 1924. I.B.S. London.
- 15. 1937 Year Book of Jeh.Wit. Watchtower 1936
- 16. The Day of Vengeance. Watcht. N.Y. 1914.
- 17. Vindication. by Rutherford. W.T. U.S.A. 1931.
- 18. Riches. by Rutherford. W.T. Wx N.Y. 1936.
- 19. Millenium Dawn. Vol.VV. "The Attonement between God and Man."

Uncle Moses' Diary of important events.

In the book "Daily Heavenly Manna for the Household of Faith" there xxxv is facing each page of printed text a page for adnotations etc. Uncle Moses made many notes. We borrowed this book along with a few others and Uncle Moses was very glad to lend them to us. The notes are of varied character but the majority of them refers to births and deaths in the family and deaths of neighbours, as well as to the facts that goats or sheep have kids, also some pious sentences.

Here are some typical:

"Amount made out of tobacco in fastapence/?/ for the year 1937

Tobacco and tomato accounts.

L	S	d		tomato	
2	5		L	S	d
	12			4	3
	3				
1	15				

on the 2 of june I return the first card back to kingston to get the Second one I was advise by the post mistres_

"gack drap have backs on drack drap bumb long lond on the flat salt rever foot/ hatch rock have gruz grunt bottom bump in the hallow under the windad long bump the hoin of rock have hip house bump in the hollow under the wind ad yam hill bocham foot in the outer hallow of salt river" /?/

Medecines

"July 31 1930 keep in memory of thomas sickness what we did use was bastard seader pingwin root young coca nut sage butter wead dead an wake devle gut vur wine alam."

obit

/The same date as above/ "Rhoda Ranero died on the 2 of january 1927."

church affairs

"Hubert Elliott took chage of his work 19 of September 1930 20 of September and 29."

Births

"HubertElliott Born November 20.1913 Ida Elliott Born february 17.1918 Milward Elliott Born March 12.1917 Isack Elliott Born January 31.1919."

death

"Ruthford depart this life January 8:1942."

foreign address

"George Younge 1046 Topaz ovo /Ave?/ Victoria Rb Canada."

sheep and lamb

/temporal/

"The Sheep have lam the 15 of january 1934."
"Joel Sheep have lam 18 of February 1942
Joel goat have kid the 24 of May 1942."

Title of a book.

"Praise ye the Lord!" Charles J.Russell 1852 Alleghany."

~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ work

"It was on the 27 of february 1924 that Bell take charge of her work at Kendal."

address in Kingston

"Hilda Henny 196 Orange St. Kingston"

"David S. Miller 29 A Bray St. Kingston."

visitation

"10th 1932 . It was on the 10 of march that our dear brother young made his second visit to the Class at Bull Savanna I was 10 years between his two visit." /I=it/

marriage of daughter.

" It was on the 16 of march 1933 that Ida was married she married at the age of 16 years and one mont."

Buying the cow.

"It was in the month of March 1927 I baught the cow for 11 pounds."

Marriages of neighbours.

"Claris was Married on the 24 march 1937."

"Laban Rochester was marry on the 28 of march 1928."

a sickness

"It was on the 19 of july 1922 I took Sick I went to the doctor on the 24."

Drought and rain

"We had a dry in 1929 we got the rain july 17."

Teology

"The Same way Satan Did transformed him Self into an angel of light the Same way the minister erantar /?/ his Self into a preacher of reghteous."

a visit

"Mr Marten Edward pay us a visit on the 3 of August 1930."

cloud burst

"It was on the 16 1933 they got the cloud burst in Kingston." /the page is in the month of August/.

A "wonderful" drought.

"September 14: 1922 we had a wanderfull dry weather we got the rain on the 14: 1922 it lasted for 9 mon."

taking part in rganisation outside the village.

"October 15 was the con-venchion at plouden 1921."

hard storm

"it was the ear 1925 It was on the 27 of September we had a very hard storm."

child leaves the home.

"Stanley leave home to St. james on the 12 of October 1935 at the age of 12 years of age."

the centenary father

"Our beloved Charles Elliott Depart this life October 14. 1947 Age 100 years old."

/Charles Elliott was the father of uncle Moses/

Note of own marriage.

"October 1 1917 I Hubert Elliott got Marry I at the age of 30 and my wife at the age of 33 . P.J.P."

great storm

"October 28:1933 we had the great storm."

sheep"takes service"

"1937 It was on the first weak of october the sheep took service."

Mysterious refusal

"Smit Refuse on the 19 of November 1925."

Own birthday

"Hubert Elliott was born November 20 1887
Hubert Elliott born November 20 1913."

There are a few dozens more entries ~~nikvabov~~ most of them noting people's deaths, some birth and marriages. Also a few more addresses and birth of "Lam".

This book was published in 1907. Uncle Moses made also entries of events which took place earlier.

Uncle Moses official name is Moses Hubert, but when introducing himself he uses the name Hubert. He is known to everybody as Uncle Moses.

Notes in the book "New Creation"

There are a few free pages before the title page. On them Uncle Moses wrote in blue pencil:

The vow of a christian

"A Vow Unto the Lord our Father which art in heaven hallowed be thy name may thy rule come into my heart .../?/ and more and thy will be done in my mortal body relying on the assistance of thy promised grace to help in every time of need through Jesus ~~Christ~~ Christ our Lord I register this vow.

2. Daily will I remember at the throne of heavenly grace the general interest of the harvest work and particularly the share which I myself am privileged to enjoy in that work and the dear colaborers at the watch tower office and everywhere.

3. I vow to still more barefully if possible scruti- nize my thoughts and words and doings to the intent that I may be the better enabled to serve thee and thy dear flock.

4. I vow to thee that I will be on the alert to resist everything akin to spiritism and occultism and that remembering that there are but the two master I shall resist these snares in all reasonable way as being of the Adversary.

5. I further vow that with the exceptions below I will at all times and in all places conduct myself toward those of the opposits sex in private exactly as I would do with them in public in the present of a comgregation of the Lords people bund so far as reasonable possible

kin and relatives
in law.

I will avoid being in the same room with any of the opposite sex alone unless the door to the room stand wide open. The exceptions in the Case of brother wife Children mother and natural sister in the case of sister husband children Father and natural Brothers."

Besides the book which were enumerated above Uncle Moses gave us a little one: "The Harp of God" - Proof Conclusive that Millions now Living will never Die. / Publ. Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society and International Bible Students Association, Brooklyn New York, U.S.A. Copyrighted 1921 by Peoples Pulpit Association, Brooklyn N.Y. U.S.A. /

He kept this book separately in the little cupboard with letters, which he opened with his key. Uncle Moses said it was a "little nice book" said it contained "everything" explained clearly and simply. Next day Vincent Powell / one of the leaders of Jehovah Witnessess / expressed also a high opinion on this particular book and said his father had it too. The book is deliciously illustrated by pictures representing scences from Bible etc. ~~inxax~~ by lithographies / or similar technique / very naive and pseudo classical-victorian.

Uncle Moses' time perspective.

Time marks by births

and

storms

We selected a few books which Uncle Moses was lending us to take home and sat for a while to talk. I asked him how long ago the house was built. Uncle Moses couldnt remember the year. He helped aloud his memory by recalling which of the children were born at the time. He also remembered that this new house has a second thatch. The first was made of small thatch - the second of the "big thatch" which is more durable.

There are in the yard some decorative trees which ~~blowxxx~~ have blue blossoms. In answer to my question Uncle Moses said he planted them but couldnt remember when. After a while he said that after the storm in 1933, when after the rain he first opened the door of his house he saw the little then trees bent to the earth by the wind. He went out and the first thing he did after this memorable event was to take care of the little trees - "its the first thing I did."

The other guests.

Only we four were invited to sit at the table and ~~fsaxx~~ a meal was served to us. Miss Dale came when we were at the dessert and was asked to join us. After we finished the daughter of Uncle Moses called other people "Mr. Dudley and other friends come" and they came into the room and were offered drinks.

We stayed over 3 hours.

Visit Saturday 12.6.48.

Present Mrs. Judith Elliott and her two granddaughters
T.O. Kitty and Mazel.

I came about noon thinking I shall find uncle Moses at home. I passed through the home of his son Hubert and his three small daughters accompanied me to uncle Moses house. The house was empty, but a pot was boiling on the kitchen fire. After a while the brother of Mrs. Elliott Aaron Rochester came to take something from the buttery. The doors to both buildings were wide open. Mazel offered me a chair and ~~xxxx~~ set to find grandma'.

Mrs. Elliott came soon carrying a little flour for which she went to the shop. We went into the kitchen, which is spacious well equipped and orderly. Mrs. Elliott was attending to an enourmus pot. She was coking sweet potatoes. The brother Aaron, who lives nearby excused himself saying "Missis I have a little work to do". Five little girls (three daughters of Hubert and the two grdau. staying at the home) were playing around with little kit-tens.

I asked who is living now in the home? She said, doi ing much reckoning when the age was concerned:

xxx	Elliott Moses	head	about 60
Present household.	" Judith	wife	one year older than her husband.
	" Milward	son	about 30
	" Isaac	son	two years younger than Milward.
	" Vincent	son	the youngest 22.
	Linton Mazel	gr.dau.	8 first year in the school
	Elliott "Kitty Puss"	gr.dau.	4 years.

Mazel is the daughter of Ida who married Ezra Linton "Kitty" is the daughter of ~~ka~~ Izaac. (see p.21) Mrs. Elliott and the little girls laughed at the name "Kitty" "We call him Kitty Puss" and everybody laughed including the little Kitty.

Activities of the "menfolk"

Mrs. Elliott said that uncle Moses went to work on his field in Brednutwood. He went in the morning and took lunch with him. He will come back when the sun will be over that hill (sunset).

Milward went to help at a housebuilding his brother Hubert the carpenter. Isaac went to Duff-Haouse where he is building his new home. Vincent went with him to help him.

Mrs. Elliott said she had a lot of work with ~~caeki~~ cooking etc. for the family. The little granddaughter Mazel helps her a little, she sweeps the yard and the kitchen.

An always ready family pot.

Mrs. Elliott cooks not only for the members of the household. "Must have pot always ready - them grandpickenny come - and sons too." he says they all drop in at any time and she must always be prepared to have some food ready.

The further interview was interrupted by an old wo man who came and insisted on paying me compliments. As she wouldnt go, I gave up and said I shall come the next day to see uncle Moses and the rest of the family.

Visit Sunday, June 13th., 1948.

Present: Moses and Judith Elliott, Milward Elliott, later adopted nephew of Judith Leslie Alexander Thompson and granddaughters.

T.O.

I came soon after 10 a.m. Uncle Moses was sitting under the shed. There is a new table there. He was reading the Watch Tower publication and his son Milward was sitting on the bench beside him.

After short preliminary greetings and mutual inquires about health etc. I told uncle Moses that I wanted to have the story of the land in his family, how the original family land was divided and what new additions were made by the members of the family. He was very glad especially when I showed him my notes of his family tree which I brought with me to guides us. "Shall I see al that printed in a bokk?" he asked me. I told him it will be certainly used to descibe one of the biggest families in Bull-Savannah and he was very eager to start the work. He asked me to give him a copy of the story for him to keep. "My memory is not so good Missis as yours and it will be for the children." The son Milward sat also with us and was supplying information when asked by his father. Mrs. Judith went to her kitchen, but from time to time uncle Moses called to her asking for names of relatives and grandchildren.

He insisted in repeating the whole family history and he was supplying the missing data especially concerning land In case of doubt he verified asking his son and wife. ~~xxx~~

After we have finished the story of family land and dis persion Mrs. Judith joined us, having finished her work in the kitchen. I wanted to ask about the relations with the children and the problems of bringing up children. At that moment Mr. Leslie Alexander Thompson joined us. I did not get much as Mrs. Judith was rather shy in ~~juvixugx~~ expressing her opinions in front of the men, uncle Moses dominating the ~~suxstetxxx~~ company. I also realised that dinner was ready and did not want to stay too long.

Husband & wife.

I asked half jockingly whether uncle Moses made his wife Judith happy? "We never quarrelled, we never curse each other, we never had a fight, we lived a poor but honest life" said uncle Moses, and Miss Jude smilingly approved.

On the question of bringing up children Mr. Thompson was eager to express his opinion:

Bringing up children.

"Children got more heady now. When you scold they put up a fight. When I was a small boy I asked the privilege to come here (to visit his aunt's home) I was afraid of uncle Moses as I was afraid of my own father." And now -he said- children just run into your home without asking permission and you cant say them anything.

Uncle Moses pointed to beautiful corn growing near the shed. He said that with the children it is the same: you take care of them and try to do your best, but one storm may came and spoil the whole harvest. You never know what will become of the child - what kind of person he will be wh when he grows, you have to take your chance.

The Story of Elliott's family of Bull-Savannah and their land

The protoplast, his parents, brothers and sisters.

The first Elliott to settle in Bull-Savannah was Charles Elliott. He came from Ballard Valley. His parents were Walter and Fanny Elliott, who had 10 children. Only Charles emigrated to Bull-Savannah. The other children were: Adela, Michael, Thomas, Sophie, Bamoral, Henrietta, Walter, Gene and Joseph. All of them are dead now except Thomas who still lives in Ballard's Valley.

Charles Elliott died in Bull Savannah October 14th., 1947 aged 100 years.

His wife and her family.

Charles Elliott sold his land in Ballard's Valley. He had there one son Wilbert Elliot, who stayed in Ballard's Valley and is still alive.

Charles married Judith the daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Sinclair. (Before Dorothy married she was Miss Elliott) Thomas and Dorothy had 5 children: Judith, who married Charles Elliott; Mary who married a Dyer, Jane who married Francis and Rhoda who married Simpson; they had one son Charles who did not marry and died quite young.

Thomas and Dorothy Sinclair lived in the spot where Cornelius Elliott lives now. It was called "Rockland".

Charles Elliot and his wife Judith got from the old Thomas Sinclair 20 acres of land. The other daughters of Thomas got each a portion of land too.

These 20 acres were all in one piece on the southern part of Green Olive round the old Rockland home.

Children of Charles and Judith Elliott and division of land.

Charles had with Judith 7 children: Maud; Emma; Hubert Moses, Lucinda; Henry Colder and Calbert. With his second wife Rhoda (Dyer) he had two children, one died and the second is Junny.

During his life Charles bought some land in Duff-House and in another place, but he sold it back, so only the family land was divided. The 20 acres were divided in eight equal part 2 1/2 acres each: everyone of the 7 children got such a part and one part went to the old home where Charles lived with his second wife Rhoda till his death. This house with the 2 1/2 acre parcel got the youngest son Calbert in addition to the 2 1/2 acres which he got as equal share with other children.

1. Maud married William Roye, who went to Port Limon about 35 years ago and never returned. She had for him four sons: Charles, Claston, Isaac and Harbert; and one son (for Charles Powell) Equie.

On the 2 1/2 acres Maud got from her father, her son Charles Roye lives now. Claston married the daughter of Horatio Powell and lives on Horatio's claim. Isaac lives on his father's William claim. Harbert went to America and lives there. Equie lives in a house he rents from his brother Ernest Powell.

Theviandx
The original
family land.

2 1/2

Milward is living still with his parents Moses and Judith Elliott. He is not married. He has in possession (but does not own as yet) the land which Moses has in Duff House. Milward is building a house there. Milward has a son Alvin, who lives in his grandmother's home in Inderella Rochester.

Isaac bought land for himself. He has 2 1/2 acres in Brednutwood and 1 acre in Ribbit Town which he bought from Sinclair. He also works some of Moses' land in Duff-House.

Isaac has a little daughter Kitty who stays in the grand parents home. He stays in his father home.

Stanley married the daughter of Neil, Ety. He lives in Dunder Hill on his father-in-law claim for which he got sale papers. They have 2 daughters: Fay and "Pretty" and Stanley has still another daughter Rose who stays with him. Stanley has about 2 acres, he did not get any land from his father Moses.

Joel is in U.S.A. It is quite possible that he will marry there and live in America. Moses bought 1 acre of land for him for £20 from the money Joel sent. Moses bought also some lumber to build a house for Joel. But since it is not yet decided whether Joel will come back to Bull-Savannah or not, the house is not being built.

Vincent - the youngest stays with his parents. He works the land of his father. Being the youngest he will probably inherit the father's home as it is the custom in Bull-Savannah. Vincent has a child who lives in Green Olive

Ferdinand used to live with his aunt Rosy Lewis. This aunt raised him; he had 1/2 acre on which the house is built. He bought also 2 1/2 acres from Horatio Powell claim. Ferdinand married in America last Christmas and decided to live in U.S.A. His land is at present under the care of his aunt. A boy works a part of it, on shares.

2 1/2

4. Cornelius Elliott lives in the house in which his grand parents Thomas and Dorothy Sinclair used to live. He got from his father 2 1/2 acres, and bought 2 1/2 of the family land from his sister Emma Linton. He bought about 4 acres in Duff-House and 2 acres in Brednutwood.

Cornelius married Eileen Simpson and they have 12 children alive: Myrtle; Judith in U.S.A.; Teddy; Vicky who is in England; Pamela; Halina; Etheline who married in Gibraltar (Europe); Lindon; Gee; Edna; Percy; & Octavius.

2 1/2

5. Lucinda married Francis (Sonson). The 2 1/2 acres she got from her father, she sold to Robert Rochester and Robert sold it to Claston Rochester. So this portion is not ~~in~~ in family any more. She has 5 children: "Dagger" who lives in Portland; Edith lives in Kingston; Merton, Percy and Neville live in Bull-Savannah.

2 1/2

6. Henry Colder Elliott lives in Kingston where he is a fisherman. He has one daughter. The 2 1/2 acres from father he sold to his brother Cornelius and Cornelius sold it again to James Roy.

2 1/2 + 2 1/2

7. Calbert Elliott got 2 1/2 acres as his share and 2 1/2 acres with the paternal house. He bought also 10 acres at Duff-House. Calbert married Estella Dyer and they have

10 children: Alvin; Moralis; Daniel; Ricardo; Frederico; Ruben; Kennworth; Graham; Delphy and Minelli. Calbert is a carpenter.

The present division of the family land.

Thus the 20 acres which constituted the family land are at present divided as follows:

- 2½ acres Moses Hubert and on a part of it his son Hubert.
- 5 " Cornelius (his share and 2½ bought from Emma)
- 5 " Calbert (his share and the old home share)
- 2½ " Charles Roy from his mother Maud.
- 2½ " James Roy bought from Cornelius who bought from his brother Henry Colder share.
- 2½ " Claston Rochester who bought from Robert Rochester who bought from Lucinda's share.

On the land which was the Elliott's family land live still 3 sons of Charles Elliott, 2 grandsons and two strans not belonging to the family.

Of the 20 acres of family land 5 acres passed into the hands of people not belonging to the family. The sons of Charles Elliott have altogether 42½ acres, the additional land bought mostly in Duff-House and Brodnutwood.

Of Hubert Moses children: 2 - Ferdinand and Joel live in America, 1 Isabelle lived and died in Kingston; 2 - Ida and Stanley live in Dunder Hill; 1 - Mildward builds his house in Duff-House; 1 - Isaac intends to build his home in Ribbit Town; 1 - Hubert - lives in a separate house near his father on his family share land; 1 - Thomas lives nearby on his ~~paternal~~ maternal grandfather claim; and 1 - Vincent - stays with his father.

I asked uncle Moses according to what principle he gives land to his sons, why he gave to some of them and did not give to the others. He explained to me that ~~maxx~~ he wants every one of his child settled. Hubert did not have a place to settle so uncle Moses gave him a piece on his home-land to build the house. He told his wife Judith to give her portion to Thomas. Ferdinand got the land from his aunt. Isaac bought some land for himself. His 2½ acres in Brenutwood adjoin the piece belonging to uncle Moses so he intends later on to pass that piece to him so he could reap some benefit out of it. His intention is to give the youngest Vincent the old home. He told Mildward to settle in Duff-House and do as he like now, but later on these 8 acres will have to be divided. Uncle Moses also intends to give some land to Ida - she is the head, he loves her so much she becomes a favourite. Joel has also one acre bought for him - if he comes back to Bull-Savannah. Uncle Moses lives land for himself and his wife as he does not know how long he will have to live. In case he will be in need he expects his sons to help him so he will not have to sell land but will be able to pass all of it in time to his children.

*Land
division*

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Uncle Moses came in the evening to return the visit I paid him this morning and to see J.O. I asked him to stay after the others who came for the Sunday visit left. I asked him why the daughter Ida is his favourite child?

Parents & children.

"From he was a little child him just hold after me. Some evenings (I come home) I can't be too weary, too tiered, I have to see him."

I asked him whether he had also a favourite son, or whether he loved Ida just because she was the only daughter

"When sickness come, the girl will help me. The boys them all right, but when the sickness come the girls gives me bush tea."

I pressed again the question whether he has a favourite son?

"To tell you exactly, we love all of them, and we love Thomas, we love him."

Uncle Moses was rather pleased with his children.

"Not one of the big men never call me a fool to my face. No one say 'Pappa you fool' yet."

Uncle Moses thinks it is because of the good example he set himself and his wife.

"We started with Judith first (to live without quarrel) and they inherit it."

"Teach children (to behave) and set an example. Isabelle was the first to get into a mess. She come to a point I had to give her some instruction and I didnt know how to start. I consider from Saturday morning. At that time I was keeping Martha Rochester. So I come to myself and Saturday night I tell Martha I finish with her for the life. And afterward I tell me daughter. Poor Bella, poor Bella."

Uncle Moses did not specify what was the "point" to which his daughter Isabella came. ~~xxxxxx~~ It seems however that it was her decision to marry somebody (her future husband) of whom uncle Moses did not approve. It was not a question of having a baby out of wedlock, because I found out later that she had her first baby long after she was married. He simply did not approve of her choice. Bella was working in Kingston where she met and married Morton. He proved a very bad husband. When she was ill in the hospital with "some baby business" and her "belly was swollen" uncle Moses went to see her. (It was probably uremia)

"She said 'Pappa if I ever come out of the hospital take me straight to your home. I wont go to my husband". That was one Sunday. Next Saturday "I get a telegram that she was poorly in the hospital and get a next telegram that she is dead. Colder (the brother in Kingston) took me there (to the hospital). The husband was not at home." Later on uncle Moses went to the house where his daughter used to live in Kingston. It was near a forest. The landlady told him: "He (Isabelle) was sitting on a box in the yard. And a big wild bird ~~xxxx~~ come from the ~~xxxx~~ wood and come straight under her arm . From that day she never recover." Uncle Moses was very grieved when telling about the death and the sad life of his daughter Isabelle.

"Not one person (bears) the same yoke; some in marriage, some in business - all different ways."

He feels however that she was wrong not listening to his advice about the marriage.

"If there is no blessing - no matter how bad the parents are - there is no happiness" (in marriage).

Nevertheless Isabella was very much against her sister's Ida marriage with Ezra Linton.

"When Ida got into friendship with Ezra Isabelle didn't like Ida's partner - Ezra. I tell her I give my consent - live her alone."

I asked uncle Moses whether his sons asked him his consent for their marriage?

"I try not to pick up on them. They would blame me I am in the way. You get blame till in your grave. Young people to-day don't live as they should, but they would blame me (if he tried to interfere.). When hardship come they come to Pappa."

Here Miss Jude Rochester joined us. As the talk was about choosing partners and marriage she referred to the marriage of her daughter Daphne.

"She married into a nice family, a cultured family. Some people have no ambition, they won't improve. The same thing happen to-day, to-morrow, every-day, they don't try to improve, have no plan no understanding. I would never marry without my parents consent. No, no not me. I could have married somebody in Kingston, but I would never without parents consent."

Miss Jude was very proud of the wedding she gave to her daughter.:

"I alone was responsible for all. There wasn't a pin I borrowed (for the wedding) And nobody was short of anything. The Kingston people said it was the best country wedding they have ever seen. Mr... (?) said 'I will never be tired to come to your house.'"

Uncle Moses said that the wedding was "quite satisfactory".

During the afternoon Ezra Linton dropped here for a few minutes. He was escorting his little daughter Mazel, who went to-day to pay a visit to her parent's home in Dunder Hill and was returning to her grandparents home (uncle Moses') where she lives. We asked the girl which home she prefers, but the child of course wouldnt answer. Uncle Moses said he was sure Mazel wouldn't like to return to her parents home. She lived with her grandparents since she was a baby. "I am sure she wouldnt go back." Miss Jude commented that the grandparents usually spoil the grannies much more than the parents would.

Re interview with Judith Elliott 12.6.48. : When I was speaking about her children I said : one of your sons is in America. I meant Joel. Uncle Moses always makes a point that Ferdinand is his outside son. But Mrs. Elliott said "Two of my sons are in America, two of them."

Uncle Moses said he was worried he didn't have for a long time any news from his son Joel from America. I asked when he did ~~the last~~ get the last letter from him. "About two months ago" Joel used to write often - at least every fortnight. The last news uncle Moses had about Joel was in a letter from Ferdinand. This letter uncle Moses got 4 weeks ago and Ferdinand was saying in it that Joel was with him at the time of writing. Both sons write frequently - at least every few weeks.

Family Record 21INTERVIEW WITH VINCENT ELLIOTT.

Monday,

June 28, 1948. Met Vincent returning home accompanied by one of the sons of Calbert Elliott who said he is a cousin to Vincent. It was night. Vincent said they were returning from "out the road."

Ed. F.

There was some talk about Calvin Elliott who married a few months ago and who is a brother to the cousin accompanying Vincent. This cousin when asked if he also intended getting married soon, said he does not have a girl friend, but that Vincent ~~has~~ has. Vincent was at first reluctant to admit he had a girl friend, but finally admitted that Hazel who is at present working with Miss Jude (Mrs. Judith Rochester) is his girl friend. He added: -"is my picknie to"; i.e. the baby Hazel has is his. ~~NAME~~ Asked who are his other girl friends he said he has no other girl friends. He has been making advances to a girl other than Hazel but he has not been successfull. He has written to this girl, but she has not replied to his letter.

He stressed that Hazel is his only girl friend, that he does not have and does intend to have a number of girl friends. He does not like to "run-run, run-run about" because he is rather afraid of catching diseases.

Family Record 21.

Interview with Vincent Elliott.
25.7.48.
J.O.

Vincent stopped at our place ~~xxxxxxx~~ - he came to see his girl-friend and his child at Miss Judith. We chatted for ~~xx~~ a while ~~xxxxxxx~~ - he told me about his ~~xxxx~~ friendships with the girls.

Hazel is his third girl friend. There was another girl before he went with Hazel. She was Myrtle Stephenson from Top Hill. He met this girl here in Bul Savannah where she came to work int the factory ~~xxxxxxx~~ during tomato season. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Myrtle Stephenson is related to Elliotts in Ballard's Valley - her mother is Elliott, and so she ~~is~~ belongs to the Elliott family.

The girl had a child for him. But the child died 6 months ago when it was 6 months old. ~~xxxxxxx~~ It caught cold and died. ~~xxxxxxx~~ They parted after the death of the child. The girl was from a poor family and could get no help from her people so that all the burden was on Vincent - he had to "response" for everything; child and mother as well. He paid the expences of the child birth and was supporting both Myrtle and ~~her~~ the child fully. ~~xxxx~~ He rented ~~xxxx~~ an one room house in Top Bull Savannah from Jane Perkins /the same house in which Ida Brooks is living now/ and ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ the girl lived in this room. He paid her clothes and ~~xxxxxxx~~ supplied his girl friend with food and money. After the death of the child the girl returned to her family in Top Hill.

Myrtle Stephenson was his second girl friend. His first girl friend was Ruby Price from Ballard's Valley. He met her when he was 16. Together with other boys he went to a picnic in Ballard's Valley. He met Ruby at the picnic, danced with her and they "fall". He used to visit Ruby at Ballard's Valley from time to time. She was also coming from time to time to Bull Savannah. When she was coming to Bull Savannah she used to stay at Ricardo Elliott's place, the boy friend of her girl friend or even a relative from Ballard's Valley. Both girls used to stop at Ricardo's place and Vincent ~~xxxx~~ had meetings with his girl friend at this place.

The friendship continued until Ruby went to Kingston. ~~xxxxxxx~~ They sent letter to each other but after six months Ruby stopped writing to him. And so their friendship came to an end. ~~xxxx~~ He had no child with Ruby.

~~xxxxxxx~~ Vincent thinks Hazel is the girl he loves the best of all three of them. Myrtle and Ruby were nice girls and he loved them, but they were not like Hazel. They wanted to have their own ways. If they wanted to go to a dance they went inspite of his dissatisfaction. They never quarrelled but he disliked their independence. Hazel is not like ~~xxxx~~ two other girls. She is ~~xxxxxxx~~ obedient, always willing to do what he ~~xxxxxxx~~ wants her to do. He has no difficulties with Hazel. That's why he loves her the best.

Visit at Uncle Moses.
 Interviewed Hubert Moses Elliott,
 and his two sons: Milward and Vincent.
 Also Mrs. Judith Elliott, Hubert's wife.

Family Record 21.

12.7.48.
 J.O. /typed 27.7.48/.

I went to Uncle Moses to visit the family and ask some explanations concerning his homestead. Uncle Moses knew of my forthcoming visit. He and his sons were present and also Miss Judith who was preparing the breakfast.

They showed me their homestead: buildings, trees and garden around the house, giving all the explanations.

Homestead.

two

Buildings: There are ~~two~~, or rather three buildings in the yard. One is the dwelling house: it is one room house, neatly painted, and with ~~xxxxxxxx~~ and exquisite thatch roof. This is the new house; it occupied by Uncle Moses and his wife and their grannies. A barbecue neatly white ~~washed~~ washed extends ~~xxxxxxxx~~ from the front wall of this house to the side wall of the old house. The old house has three compartments. One serves as the living room of the sons /two brds inside/; another is the kitchen; the third ~~has~~ one - serves as the buttery. Further down in the yard: a shed, with lumber, benches, baskets and calabashes etc. - the meeting place for all the family in the day time. Behind the shed: big tank with a huge catchment. Yard: the yard is ~~not~~ neatly swept. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ There is a number of fruit trees around the house. Some of them shade the yard and the house. Others are at a distance. Fruit trees: 2 or 3 naseberries, 3 bombay mangoes, 1 beef mangoe, 3 greenskins. 1 cashew. 3 jackfruits. A few sweet ~~saps~~ saps.

Lumber. A considerable amount of lumber is ~~xxxx~~ stored heaped around two mango trees ~~xxxx~~ in the yard.

Cattle. ~~xxxx~~ Only one steer is kept now by Uncle Moses. He keeps it near the house, pen flying with its manure the field near the house which is to be used for tomatoes in future. Also 3 pigs are kept near ~~xxxx~~ yard: tied up to mango trees they live their droppings on the same field.

Garden in front of the house. Near the house ~~xxxxxxxx~~ there is a number of useful and decorative flower and ~~xxxx~~ trees. Trees: pomegranates, a guinea tree, calabash tree with growing calabashes; 3 or 4 castor oil trees; 2 species of crotton tree /breadfruit crotton and another/.

Flowers and herbs. In front of the house and at its back side too. ~~xxxx~~ Some of them ~~planted~~ purely decorative, some useful. Decorative flowers and bushes: Morning Glory - blossoms at every morning, ~~wana~~ withers in a couple of hour - before the noon; each morning new flowers appear. ~~Red~~ Dragon's blood. A decorative bush. Lady's slippers - a decorative plant with flowers resembling Middle Age slippers. Breadfruit Crotton - a decorative bush with red leaves. Ranger. Peppermint - used for making tea. ~~The bush was~~

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Leaves are cut for making tea, they grow again. The bush is covered with a lot of tiny young leaves. Red ~~pepper~~ peppers - used to season the food and also as a decorative bush. ~~xxxx~~ Sweet rose - a only decorative. Lily. - same. It is a variety of "Jasmin". Blossoms all the year round. Four o'clock. A bush with flowers that start to bulge regularly the 3.30 p.m. and open at about 4. They can always say ~~xxxx~~ an exact hour in the afternoon by this flower. Grasses - they are decorative, but serve also some useful pupposes. Fever grass: tea is made of it, it may be used also for a bath. It "smell sweet." When making the bath other grasses and h herbs are added. They are: 1. Fever grass. 2. Bamboo leaves. 3. Seaside ~~tyne~~ - a herb that grows near the sea. ~~xxxx~~ 4. "Pull me back." A bush. 5. Black joint. 6. Balsam - white balsam. 7. Bonella - it has sweet smell, grows in the rocks. 8. Black mint - it ~~grows~~ grows as a weed in the garden. Has ~~smell~~ smell similar to peppermint. The effect of this bath: "it strengthen the body - very good for malaria fever." Other fruit trees in the yard and near to it. Lime tree. ~~xxxx~~ They grow also paw-paws, but at themoment ther is none in their garden. They had also 5 ackee trees previously. but having learned that they are poisonous, Uncle oses cut them down.

Use of the fruit trees, herbs and plants. Fruits are eaten by them and part of it is sold. Uncle Moses never bothers his self with picking and selling the fruits. He leaves it to his sons and wife. Some cash can be always got in this wa. Pomegranates which are valued for its decorative qualities and are used to adorn the table at a wedding are liked by children and they can be sold at 6d per dozen. Castor oil is valued highly also. "it's wonderful purge," it can be used also to rub the hair and is used also by women in travail." They have a lot of castor oil in the woods. They can sell it 3 - 4d per quart ~~and~~ or 1/6d per pint of oil. Miss Judith knows how to boil the oil of castor. But to ~~pkd~~ to make oil of castor they usually employ Floury Stephenson of Thatch Walk who knows everything about this business and ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ is called for ~~xxxx~~ by Miss Judith to do this work for them.

Vegetable garden. ~~xxxx~~ Attaching to the fruit and flower garden there is a vegetable garden - between the homestead and the food fields. ~~xxxx~~ The following vegetables are grown here: ochra: in small quantities, just for their own use. Arrow root - it produces "beautiful starch all the year round. January starch /once produced/ can put for year; in a se of sickness very good: you use for pore ridge." The starch can be sold "2/- a quart after you prepare it." Pumpkins. Calalou. Susumba - it is a medicinal herb. "For bath, can be eaten: boiled and drunk clear the ~~stomach~~ stomach; very good for billousness."

Food garden. Around the place: food fields. Cassava. Congo. Cassava varieties: sweet cassava; catch thief; Esta; John Morton. Yams: yellow, tawya, white, japanese, pum-pum. In congo: nutmeg bushes. Csaava, another variety: bunch and kéys. Beans: white french beans; sangyel; boundred; Miss Kelly."

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