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Roach Margaret head	F.W.	50 0	St. Elizab.	colour.	Angl.	X homemak
Powell Clifton nephew	M.S.	24	"	"	"	W.3. farmer
Wright Frank ad/son	M.S.	13	Cuba	"	"	W.2. OE
McDonald Valrie ad/dau	F.S.	12	St. Elizab.	"	"	W.3. 3.E.
Wright Hector ad/son	M.S.	9	St. Elizab.	"	"	W.1. O.E.
McDonald Turnika niece	F.S.	4	"	"	"	

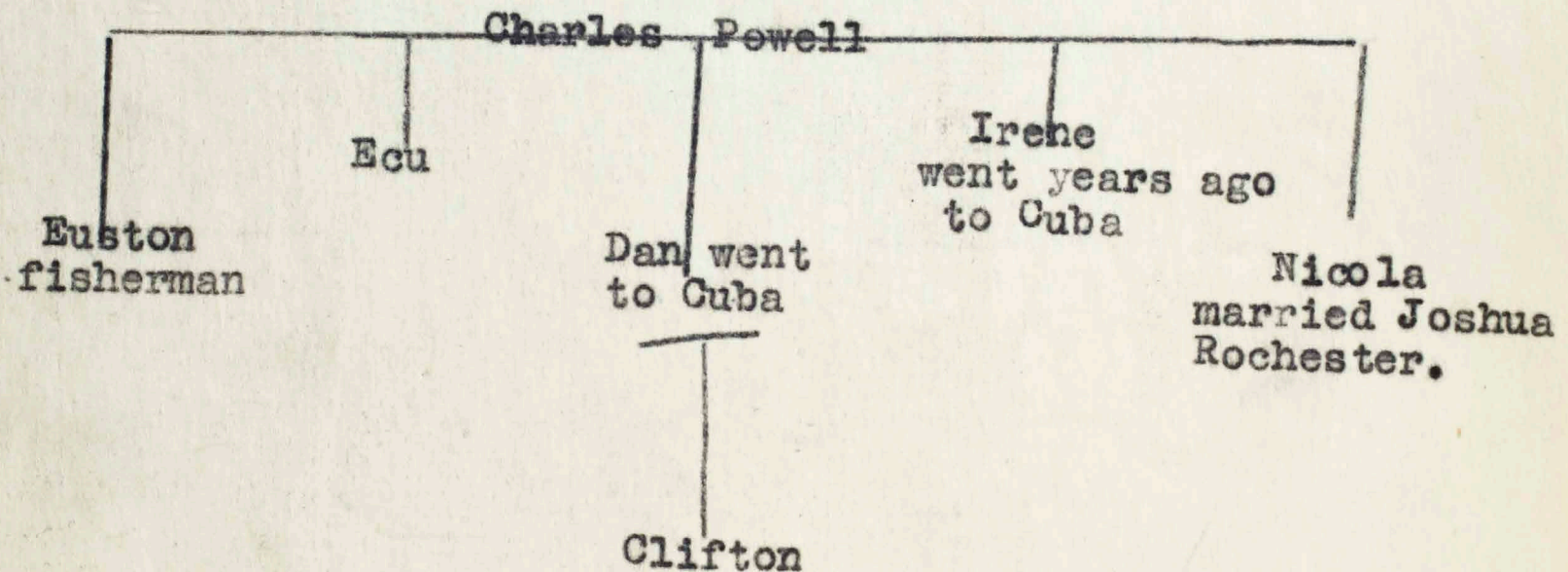
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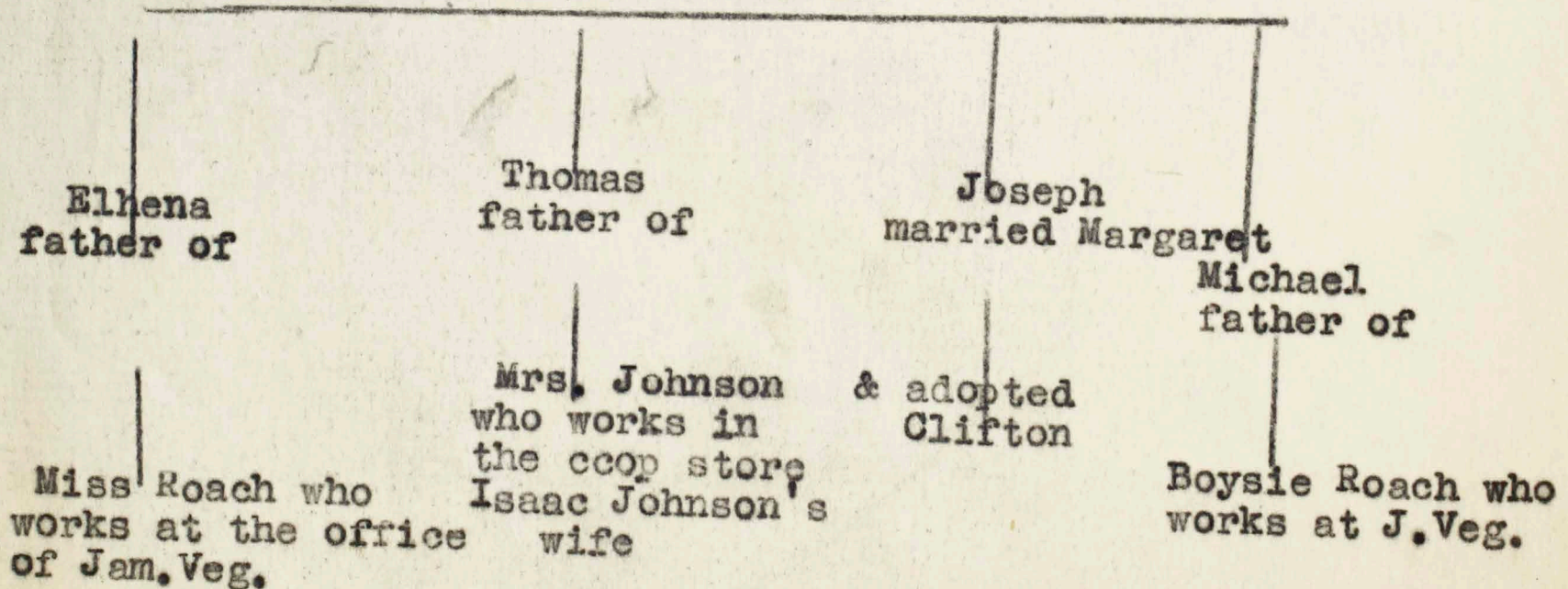
50 Acres
p.s.

Powell Clifton rents from Margaret Roach 24 acres in 5 parcels.
 9 ac. in cultivation, 5 not used, 6 1/2 grazing, 1/2 woodland, 3 others
 1/4 cabbage, some escallion, 1 ac. tomatoes = 7000 lbs,
 3 breadfruits, 3 coconuts, 1 grape, 1 naseberry,
 1/2 corn, 2 ac peas, & 2 ac. cassava, 1 1/2 sweet pot, 3/4 yams
 1/4 coffee = 130 lbs, 1/2 tobacco = 620 lbs.
 2 sheep, 3 goats, 4 hens.

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The ~~xxx~~ Roach brothers:



Informant: Powell Clifton and Powell Vincent.

When Clifton Powell was a very small boy his father left the numerous family, left the island and never came back. He never wrote to his wife. Clifton knows he went to Cuba as he wrote a few times to the grandfather asking for money for the passage to come back. The old man sent him the money a few times, but he never came back. Clifton was adopted by his aunt Margaret Roach who did not have any children of her own. When Joseph Roach (husband of Margaret) died he made a will and gave the land to Clifton as he was a "dutiful child" (which is not correct as in the census Clifton only rents the land from Margaret). His brothers and ~~and~~ sisters were not so lucky and dont have such a lot of land. He has round the house 3 acres: he always manures his land very well with natural manure. He cultivates a bit of everything, even of tobacco. This year he doesnt cultivate tobacco for market although the price is good - he was late with it.

In the yard there are three buildings and a shed. There is the living house, the kitchen and a buttery.

Clifton is happy and proud of his farm and position. He never traveled abroad - he stayed all the time in Bull Savannah. Sometimes on Sundays he goes to fish in the r ~~re~~ river ~~in~~ with the rod, and to swimm. There is a good place where the river goes into the sea. He used to go fishing, but there is ~~xxxxxxx~~ too much stealing, you set your pods and people steal them. He does not go fishing any more - has enough work on his farm. His land in three places is adjoining to Isaac Johnson's land.

Visit at home. Inf. Margaret Roach, & McDonald Valerie.
(Inf. also from Clifton Powell whom I met
on several occasions previously.)

8.7.48.

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When I was in this house some months ago Margaret was ill and lying on a wooden couch in the kitchen. Today she was in the kitchen eating her dinner (about 5 p.m.) Margaret was standing near the fire and was helping herself from the pot. Her niece Valerie and a older woman (introduced as "servant") were sitting on the couch and eating a peas soup. Just outside the kitchen the niece Turnika was washing the feet of the small girl Delva.

Present household:

#	Roach Margaret head (?)	W. 65	Jeh. Witn.	homemaker
	Powell Clifton nephew	S. 30	?	cultivator
	McDonald Valerie niece	S. 18		helps at home
	Wright Frank gr. nephew	S. 18		cultivator
	McDonald Turnika niece	S. 10		at school
	Powell Delva gr. niece	S. 2		

If the land belongs to Clifton Powell as he says, he should be considered the head of the household as on him rest all the productive activities in this "family".

Margaret Roach is an extremely bad informant. She is hard of hearing and to be on the safe side answers every question with "Yes Ma'am" even if asked for a name. I got the names and the persons living here from Valerie who was rather in an ungracious humour as she just quarrelled with her aunt over a bammy she got and didn't like.

I brought for Margaret greetings from her intelligent energetic sister Caroline Powell from Bottom (F.R. 241 to which Margaret replied "Yes Ma'am".

Margaret Roach is the daughter of Nathaniel and Jane Francis. She has two brothers Stanley and Charles Francis who live in B. Sav. Out of her 7 sisters 2 are only alive and live in B. Sav. Margaret married over 30 years ago Joseph Roach son of Elhena and Martha Roach. (For his brothers see p. 1. of this F.R.) Margaret didn't have children and adopted a few of her late sisters who weren't so lucky in life. (For the story of her sisters see F.R. 87 p. 4 and check with 241 p. 6)

After the death of Margaret's husband the nephew Clifton Powell took charge of the cultivations.

Margaret's /

Names of Margaret's sisters: Elsie, Caroline, Esteline, Dorothy, Annie, Florence, Hilda .

Clifton Powell is the son of Hilda Francis (dead) and Dan Powell who went to Cuba. Clifton was adopted from childhood by Roaches.

Valerie and Turnica McDonald are daughters of Hilda Francis and Horace McDonald from Tad Town. These girls are half-sisters of Clifton Powell on the mother side.

Frank Wright is the grand-son of Dorothy Francis. ~~The~~ Frank's mother was Annella ~~Tom McDonald's~~ daughter of Dorothy. His father was Fitz Wright.

Delva Powell is the daughter of Clifton Powell and Ida Dyer - Calbert Dyer's daughter. ~~(M. Dyer's daughter)~~

The land. According to Margaret they have 50 acres of land; 6 of home land, 20 in Thatch Walk and the rest in the woodlands. How this land was acquired and to whom it belongs legally I ~~couldn't~~ wasn't able to get.

V Powell

Present

Information from Leo Powell.
 Interv. Roach Margaret and Frank Wright.
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Present household.

Roach Margaret, 65, widow.
 Wright Frank, grandnephew, 18.
 Powell Clifton, nephew, 30.
 McDonald Valerie, niece, 17.
 McDonald Turnicca, *wife* 10.
 Powell Delva, *gr. niece* 2.

6 Nathaniel

Roach Margaret: daughter of Jane and Natty Francis in B.S. Her brothers and sisters: Charles Francis /green Olive/, Stanley Francis /Green Olive/, Caroline Powell /Bottom/, Josephine Rochester /Choc.Hole/. Her husband /d/ was Joseph Roach, son of Alkonina and Martha Roach. They married in 1908, had no children. Frank Wright is son of Berry /Annelle/Powell in Green Olive. /see F.R. 124/.

Other members of the house - Margaret's adopted children. Valerie and Turnicca are from Tad Town. Delva Powell - from Thatch Walk. She is probably Clifton Powell's outside daughter.

House: 1 room, zinc roof. 1 "outhouse" . 1 kitchen. Tank.
 Furn.: 2 beds, 1 table, 6 chairs / "poor" /
 Land: 50 acres in 3 lots. 6 ac. homeland, 20 ac. Thatch Walk, 24 ac. Woodland. Bought for L50 /by Margaret's husband?/. 30 ac. in grass, 7 ac. cultivated, 13 ac. woodla land.

Trees: 9 c.mahgoes, 4 robins, 9 coconuts, 2 nasberries.
 4000 tomatoes, L20. 130 yam hills. 3 ac. cassava. 1/2 ac. corn. 3 ac. congo /18 bags/. 1,5bac. red peas.
 1 steer, 2 sheep, 1 pig.

Frank Wright is a tailor. Earned L6 last year from his trade.

Spending: weekly 6/- . L20 on clothes. L3 on dentist last year.

Savings L20 in Govern. Saving Bank.

M. rgaret Roach is Jeh. Witn. Other members of the family follow Bible Church of God.