

C.D. 22. Sbd. 13. Household 17. 4.2.

Sinclair	Eli	Head+	M.M.	35	St. Eliz.	Black.	Angl.	W.3.	Farmer
"	Neris	Wife	F.M.	29	4.4.	"	"	W.3.	Homemaker
Holness	Dasmie	st.dau	F.S.	10	"	"	"	W.2.	4.E.
Sinclair	Fay	dau.	F.S.	4	"	"	"	-	
"	Yvonne	dau	F.S.	2	"	"	"	-	
"	Ivor	son	M.S.	9/12	"	"	"	-	
"	Sydney	son	M.S.	15	"	"	"	W.2.	farm labourer
"	Neville	son	M.S.	13	"	"	"	W.1.	O.E.

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His farm in 1942.

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30 acres

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 12 years.

Owens 22 and 1/2 acres in 4 parcels: 9, 3, 3 and 7 and 1/2 resp.

Main income from mixed farming.

Employs 6 labourers for 46 weeks p.a.

Works 52 weeks p.a., 6 days p.w. 9 hours p.d.

10 acres in cultivation, 6 acres cultivable but not used, 4 ac. in guinea grass 1 ac. woodlands and 1 and 1/2 ac. other.

Total value of farm £ 377, of buildings £ 188. 1 catchment.

Cultivations: 10 rows of cabbages = 70 heads,  
 3 rows okras = 8 doz. 20 pumpkins, 0.1 ac. escallion = 20 bund. 3/4 ac. tomatoes = 4000 lbs,  
 0.2 ac. watermelons = 8 doz.  
 1 avocado = 24 doz. 1 breadfruit = 10/12 doz.  
 8 coconuts / 6 fruiting/ = 180 nuts, ~~20~~ 4 cashew nut  
 2 naseberries = 117 doz. 1 pawpaw = 8, 4 cashew nut  
 nuts / 2 fruiting/ = 32 quarts.  
 Beans = 1/2 bush., 2 ac. corn = 18 bush. 1 ac.  
 congo peas = 9 bush. 3 and 1/2 ac. cassava =  
 4480 lbs, 0.1 ac. cocoes = 112 lbs, 1/2 ac. sweet  
 potatoes = 1344 lbs. 3/4 ac. yams = 30L6 lbs.  
 3/4 ac. tobacco = 672 lbs.  
 1 donkey, 5 goats, 4 swine, 1 pig boar for breeding.  
 1 hen = 4 doz. eggs. 2 pigeons. 4 rabbits.

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Interviewed Eli Sinclair & Neris Sinclair

Present House-hold

Eli Sinclair	Head
Neris "	Wife
Sydney "	Son to Eli
Dasmie Holness	Dau. " Neris
Vashti Sinclair	Dau.
Fay "	"
Yvonne "	"
Ivor "	Son
Roy "	"
Audrey "	Dau.

Eli Sinclair

Eli is the son of Uriah Sinclair and Ada Ellington of Bull Savannah . His father did not marry his mother. He does not know his mother . She died abroad he heard. He grew with his grand mother ~~and~~ Dorothy Sinclair, ~~that~~ his father's mother . His father died in 1919.

School

At school he read to the 4th standard , and did not go any further . "Me head did hard and the teacher those days not like the teacher these days. Them use to make the children rule them". Asked what he meant by that , he said "them use to go home too soon in the week . The teacher did come from Lowland and some time him close school half day Thursday ". "Him no did strict 'pon them like like the teacher now.

At that time the teacher's cottage was very small , and could not accommodate the teacher and his family . The teacher at that time came from Lowland , and on Thursdays he closed early to go to his family at Lowland.

Early boyhood

After leaving school he helped his father at home with the horses , taking care of them and helping with the cultivation . He helped at home until "me take up me machette and start out to see wha' me could do fe meself". He started to plant a little tobacco , little cassava , yam and a few other things . "Me was just a little boy trying to make a start , so me didnt have much to start with ." He began his small cultivation on half acre of land , planting every thing together .

He sold the tobacco, and a little of the yam and cassava. The balance was used in the home. Gradually his crop grew bigger until he was able to plant an acre and a half in tobacco, and half acre each of the other things - yam, potato, cassava and peas.

He ~~has~~ has 13 acres of land at home, 11 acres at New Forest, and 5 at Brennot Wood. He uses the land at home to cultivate, he has one acre in tomato. Major Moxsy rents a portion of the land he has at home to plant tobacco. He gets 30/- a year for what he rents. Last year Major Moxsy got him to supervise the planting of the tobacco but this year he has not planted any seeing that the drought is so severe. In supervising the planting of the tobacco he is not paid weekly. After the crop was reaped last year Major gave him a bonus of £5. 0. 0.

#### Tomato Industry

He is not planting tobacco any more for him-self. He has changed to tomato, because it pays better. He was among the 20 people to whom Teacher Blythe spoke when he was trying to introduce the tomato industry to Bull Savannah. At that time he was not interested in it for he did ~~not~~ not believe it would grow here. When Teacher Blythe gave him the seeds he would not take it, so he sent ~~it~~ the parcel to him by school children.

After getting the seeds he tried them to see what ~~would~~ would happen, "today I don't regret it, because it is the one thing that can help me to earn a little money. The world knows about it now, for them ship it all to foreign!" He has to employ labours to help him in his fields. He pays them sometimes 2/- per day, and sometimes 2/6.

When he has a good crop it can pay him well, sometimes after clearing expense he can make £60. 0. 0. off his field at home. His land at Brennot Wood is being worked by Morris Sinclair on partnership, and sometimes he can get £15. 0. 0. from that crop after it is being divided.

He has an acre in peas, 6 quarts to an acre. At New Forest he rears animals. He has two goats, two pigs, and two cows. The pigs are not at New Forest, they are at home. He plants corn at New Forest, and it bears well according to the weather. This is the second year he has planted corn at New Forest.

#### His House

The house he lives in was his father's own. When his father died it was not completed. There is another house in the yard, and Eli and his grand mother used to live

in that house . After the death of his father he worked hard to be able to finish the house . It was shingled , and he took off the shingle and put zinc on it . He bought ~~shing~~ shingle at 3/6 per sheet , at that time things were not so dear , so it cost him £20. 0. 0. to complete it.

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After it was completed Miss Blythe ~~xxx~~/school teacher came to live here as a boarder . She lived here for five years , paying 10/- per month .

paying /

After Miss Blythe left Miss Sybil Mc Farlane ~~xx~~ came to live here . She stayed for one year and a half , / 12/- per month . Then she left and he and his family went to live in it.

It is a fairly large house with two rooms of the same size and a verandah running right in front. It is made of spanish wall . It is decently furnished with chairs and tables and pictures . Both rooms appeared very tidy. Passing by the bed room to look at one of the catchments , one could discern that the beds were well made, and every~~thi~~ thing was in order .

His son Sydney lives ~~xx~~ in the other house , where he lived as a boy. Sydney is a member of the house hold , but lives by himself in that house.

His Catchments

He has two catchments ; one very close to his house, and the other a few chains away from the house. Both ~~of~~ ~~these~~ ~~are~~ catchments are dry. "We have to carry water 'pon we head from the spring . We getting a little ~~out~~ from the factory now."

gutter/

His gutter or pipe leading the water to the catchment that is near to the house is neatly arranged around the edge of the roof of the house . "Is one of the best/you can find in the district."

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His Wife

Holness/

His wife is Neris Sinclair(nee Nemhard). She is the daughter of John Nemhard and Jane Nemhard of Junction. Her mother was/~~Sinclair~~ before she was married to Nemhard. Neris had a child for Newton Holness of Junction before she was married to Eli. The child is Dasmie. Dasmie's father supported her a little when she was very small. He is not supporting her any more.

After Neris left school she went to sewing . She finished her sewing , and after a time she went to Mandeville to work as a Bar -maid. She worked first at Ivor Moo Peng for two years . She was paid 14/- per week , with meals , but had to find her own lodging , paying 10/- per month for her lodging to Mr Ennevor.

~~She went to work~~

She went to work with Mary Ling Kee-Chung after she left Moo Peng . She got 18/- per week at Kee-chung then went to work next at Johnny Chae for 12/- per week with board and lodging .

She came home after working 9 months with Johnny Lee . She became friends with Eli and later on they were married . She was married in 1938 at Mandeville, and then she came to live here; at Bull Savannah.

She is a dress-maker , and sews a simple dress for 3/- and an up-to-date one for 4/- and upward. She has a machine of her own . She gets work well , but " domestic work takes a lot of her time .

Eli's Son

Eli has another son who is in Kingston . He is Neville , he and Sydney are brothers by mother and by father side . He is in Kingston one year and a half now . " He dont like the red dirt, say he cannot work in it . Him is a sport." Neville was working on Mr Walker's truck form here to Kingston . The last time he went up on the truck he never came back . He has never written to his people since he has left home. Some of the people from this end have seen him in Kingston , and he told them he is working at a soap factory. That is all the news his father has heard of him. He used to be very lazy when he was at home.

Religion

When Eli saw the visitor coming into his yard he thought it was an Adventist Messenger , so he was preparing for me to meet me with his weapons he said later on - his weapons are his Bible and his Church books . He is a Jehovah Witness believer or the Truth as he calls it .

"Me have more education now because me never leave out me book. Me still study at home Bull Savannah Jehovah Witness help me very much for me study me Bible at church!"

There is no heaven , he said, when Jesus told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for you He meant He was going to prepare a place for His disciple and not for the other people or believers in the world . There is no heaven , every body is going to remain on earth ~~where~~ . Eli and his wife were members of the Anglican Church , but he does not believe them at the church any more , because they are not telling the truth . The preachers hide the truth from the people .

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There is only one way to go to Christ -that is the true way . That is to let God be true - How ~~are~~ to let God be true ? By studying the Bible . The scripture must be in a course of fulfilment to understand because when Daniel wrote the book that God told him to write , Daniel wanted to know the people will understand

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the book . Jehovah God said" Seal the book Daniel until the time of the end". Jehovah Witness preaches the Gospel of the Kingdom . Christ told His disciples when He sent them out to preach that as they go they should preach that the"Kingdom of Heaven is at hand".

Seventh Day Adventists say that Jesus is coming back in the flesh, but the scripturesays no man will see me and live, and again no man can see me, and no man can go to heaven ."

Eli and his wife regret that I am not a ~~Wit~~ member of ~~the~~ Jehovah Witness , "you wouldnt have any error in your life . Not hard after you become one " The way of Christ is not hard as some people think . It is very easy if Christ leads the way . Some ~~xxx~~ people will not believe what Jehovah Witness preaches , but the/cannot lie , for it says all people arenot ~~going~~ going to see the Truth.

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Sydney Sinclair : Informant - Eli Sinclair

father/

Sydney is the son of Eli Sinclair and Julie Sinclair. He is a member of his father's house hold , living in the house that his/lived in as a boy. Sydney's g father took him from his mother when he was a baby . Sydney's grandmother Dorothy Sinclair cared him until she died . His father did not marry his mother. His mother is alive.

Sydney read to the 3rd standard at school . After he left school he started to help with ~~the~~ his father's cultivation . In 1945 he went to America on the ~~Contract~~ Farm Labourers Contract. He spent 9 months and came back.

He was not so successful in his trip to America , because he did not make a lot of money . He went to Florida , and the work in Florida was very hard so he ~~was~~ was unable to make the money that the other boys made at some of the other states .

He came back and still continues the cultivation . He helps his father still, and he has a garden of tomatoes for himself . The money he made in America he has invest-  
-ed it in tomato, along with what help his father has given him.

He does not rent land to cultivate . He cultivates on his father's land . He does not pay his father rent for the land he cultivates . He helps his mother now and then when he can with money or food.

He would like to go back to America , but not to Florida.

Information supplied by Lillian Powell  
who interv. Eli Sinclair on 12.6.48.  
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Present household.

Sinclair Eli, head,	40.
Sinclair Nerris, wife,	38. <sup>36</sup>
Sinclair Sydney, son to Eli,	21.
Holness Dasmie, dau. to Nerris,	16.
Sinclair Fay, dau. to Eli and Nerris,	10.
Sinclair Vashti, ,, ,, ,, ,,	8.
Sinclair Yvonne, ,, ,, ,, ,,	7.
Sinclair Ivor, son to Eli and Nerris,	5.
Sinclair Roy, ,, ,, ,, ,,	4.
Sinclair Elaine, dau. ,, ,, ,,	2.

Family History.

Eli's father was Uriah Sinclair, mother - Afa Ellington from Thatch Walk. He has one "outside" sister Marrison Holness - married. full

Nerris' parents: John and Jane Nemhard, Junction. Her siblings: John Nemhard /Junction/, Ivy Simpson /Junction/, Gertrude Oins ~~Nerris~~ /Bron's Hill/, Laurine Nemhard /Junction/, Amy Nemhard /Junction/, Aldith Nemhard /junction/.

Children: Sydney and Neville /in Kingston/ - by Junie Sinclair /now c.l. wife of Egbert Simpson/.

Dasmie Holness - Nerris' daughter for Neton Holness in Junction. Other children - see in the list of the members of the household

House, land, farming. 2 buildings, 1 one room, another 2 rooms Sydney is living in the one room house /old house of Eli Sinclair/. 3 rooms together: 4 beds, 4 chairs, 1 cabinet, 3 tables, 1 washstand, 1 sewing machine. 3 persons in each room. House: zinc roof, verandah. 1 kitchen, 1 bathroom, 1 buttery. 2 latrines, 2 tanks.

Land. 30 acres owned by Eli Sinclair. 4 plots: 4 acres homeland 11 - Duff House, 4 acres Long Acre. All the land bought: Duff House - from Land Settlement. Homeland bought from Dorothy Sinclair, his grandmother in 1927.

Cultivations: 10 acres cultivated, ~~xxxxx~~ the remainder in grass and woods. Trees: 26 mangos, 4 coconuts, 2 naseberries, 1 pear, 17 big thatch, 20 small thatch. Cultivations: tomatoes 3000 hol, L20. Yams - 40 hills, ~~ca~~ cocoes - 40 hills, 1/2 acre cassava. Animals: 1 milch cow and 1 calg, 1 pig, 2 goats.

Expend., savings. Weekly spendings - 40/-. Clothing: past year: Eli - L20, Nerris - L10, children - L12. Helath - L2. School - L4. Books from Jeh.Witn. - 15/-. L4 was spent by Eli on travelling to Jeh.Witn. conventions. Savings - L20 - kept at home. Fay, Vashti, Yvonne - going to school. All the family - Jehovah witness.