

C.D. 22. Sbd. 14. Household 17.

Powell Elizabeth	Head	F.S.72.12.9.	St.El.	Black	Angl.	Ill.	Farm lat
Sinclair Laura	Dau	F.S.23.	"	"	"	W.3.	Houeskee
Francis Vincent	Gson	M.S. 8.	"	"	"		

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Their farm 1942.

Figure in Sch.3 - under 1 acre.

Stock: 1 goat.

Value of garden produce: 10/-.

2 coconuts. 1 mangoe ~~1~~ /50 doz. /, 2 naseberries

/108 doz./.



Interviewed Eliza Powell and Laura Sinclair.

History.

Monday.  
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Eliza lives with her daughter Laura Sinclair and her grand son Vincent Francis. Vincent's mother is Rosella Brooks Lewis (nee Brooks), Eliza's daughter. Rosella is living in Mandeville.

H Eliza

Eliza's mother, Martha Powell, is dead. She was living on the same land which Martha now occupies. The land belongs to her brother Andrew Brooks. Her father is Jerrie Powell ~~is also dead~~ and her grand father William Powell. All Eliza's father's people are in Top Bull Savannah, but she does not visit them. "She poor and as them can handle themself, them don' notice her and she do the same."

Laura Sinclair describes the relationship between her mother and her people in the following way:

Laura's father David Sinclair "dead long time, I only see the tomb over Ribit Town. Me Mother is me back."

Blakes Pen Balm and Laura's illness.

Laura has been ill for over a year. "I take malaria fever here and when I reach the hospital at Black River it develop into typhoid. The injection that them give me drive out the fever but it give me pain." Laura remained at the hospital for 6 months. When she left the hospital she could not walk. Dr. Johnson told her she should boil bush and drink when she got home. "As him tell me that, we see through it and go to balm." "The balm helpfull to poor people. The rich go there to see man from Kingston drive him car all the way and come to Blake's Pen balm, say him wife a blind. When him come Miss Reta said: "Sir, you have come with your wife, because she is going to be blind." And the man left him wife there and go back to Kingston. Miss Reta get the wife better and send telegram for the husband and him come and take her home."

"The place not hard to find. You see all kind of flag but you not to touch the flag." Laura did not know why the flags should not be touched. "All Bible text, the Our Father and the cross write on it. If you can read, you read you belly full".

Laura paid Miss Reta 2/9. After paying that money she is supposed to get free attention for the rest of the year. If she needs treatment another year she pays the same amount again. When she went to Miss Reta first she had the pains all over her body. She could not even lift her feet when she came from the hospital "me have to lay down all the time." Use healing oil first when pain was in the back. Now use coconut oil, guinea pepper and rum."

While there one Holness from Little Pedro called on Laura. He was just coming from the balm and he wanted Laura go buy something for him in either Mandeville or







during the ~~conversations~~ interview. Another time she said "Me no go that side often. Only if me have occasion to go there." B. then said that her fowl wanted to lay one evening and she did not know. "The fowl go up in a the tree with the egg and just drop it. Me big quattie." B. saw the broken egg on the ground the following morning.

Laura's childhood.

Laura attended the Bull Savannah School. She left in the 5th standsrd. She did domestic work for James Roye. Afterward she went to St. Ann and worked with Merle Miller. She believes Merle and I resemble. "Look how long Sister Merle dead and I still remember her future." Then Laura went on to Trelawny where she stayed with a friend for a short time. After leaving Trelawny she came home.

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When she was still young she had a lame foot. That was the time she started to smoke. "When pain jam me, it is the only comfort." Laura was not able to say how old she was when she had the lame foot. B. said "She never even budge titty (breast) yet."

Community Spirit.

When Laura came home from the hospital her mother ~~begged~~ got help .from the people in the district. She collected over £2 and was able to get a car ~~and~~ to take Laura from the hospital. The car dropped her at Ann Johnson's shop "just out the road where they had the first shop." Some of the people from Thatch Walk carried her home - Jane Ellington, & Margaret Raache, were among those who helped to lift her. "Whe Soon as this one hand tired some one else take it. Vincent help hold foot." "You know when any body dead, a no you one bury them. Well is just like sickness. Good people help."

Laura said sometimes people passed and heard her singing in her room and they say she ~~is~~ is happy "but a no happy, me a sing off the pain." While B. and I were talking Laura sighed and said "Poor a crime ya."

/ woman's sex organ.

I asked Laura if she had any land of her own. She did not reply. B. said "Laura don' have a thing, not even her punu/ a fe her!" Asked her why she said that "After him can' walk to move it up and down." Laura smiled when B. said this.



Thatch Walk.

Interviewed Elizabeth Powell.

Present Household.

Elizabeth Powell	Head.	about	77.
Laura Sinclair	Dau.	about	30 (Not seen.)
Vincent Francis	G.Son.	do	14.

Elizabeth does not know her age "All me know, me a look fe me ~~me know~~ grave now."

Elizabeth was under the naisberry tree. Vincent saw me coming up the path, and he ran towards his grand mother. Before I reached the tree, she said she was tired of all this writing. "Me set down fe me name a'ready." Beatrice Brooks who was also under the tree, said Lilly Powell called one day "to hold dog. Up to now me don' hold no dog yet, for me did hungry." Her son Canute said if I visited them instead of Lilly, they would have held the dog. Beatrice said "Even though me love you; but if a you did come that day, me wouldn' hold the dog, for me en hungry." She saw Lilly with a note book and pencil.

/She went off to her room.

When Beatrice started to give the information needed, Elizabeth was still vexed./ About 15 minutes after, she returned. We talked for a while, then she asked calmly. "Every day is a diffenent thing, What all this writing for. What anybody going to get by it?"

Family History.

Elizabeth's mother : Martha Powell.  
                            Father     Jerrie Powell. Her parents were not married.

Martha's children by ~~Andrew~~ Brooks. Robert.

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- 1. Andrew./ (Family Record 76.)
- 2. Charlie.

Her/children/by/Joseph/Powell. (See Family Record 76. for Martha's children.)

Elizabeth's children by Joseph Sinclair.

- 1. Laura (living wt the same house with Elizabeth.)
- 2. Jimmima (Spaldings.)

Her children by David Brooks.

- 1. Merelda - living at Portsea.
- 2. Calbert           do       Thatch Walk.
- 3. daCosta           do       Trelawny.
- 4. Adelaid           do       Thatch Walk.
- 5. Rodella           do       Mandeville.

Vincent Francis, a member of the household, is Rodella's son. Elizabeth does not know ~~the name of~~ ~~his father's~~ ~~name.~~ the name of Vincent's father.

Elizabeth's children do not help her. "Them need help. Them don' have it to give me."