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Rochester	Charles	Head	M.M.	58	St. Elizab.	Col.	Angl.	X	Fisherman
"	Caroline	wife	M.M.	50 3.3.	"	"	"	X	Homemaker
"	Albert	son	M.S.	32	"	"	"	W.3.	Farmer
Butter	Rosa	mother in law	F.S.	95 8.5.	"	"	"	X	Retired

Y

His farm in 1942.

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 40 years.

Owns 20 and 1/2 acres in three parcels:

5, 1/2, 5 and 10 resp.

*30 acre
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6 acres in cultivation

5 ac. cultivable but not used.

4 ac. in guinea grass

4, 1/2 woodland used as pasture

1 ac. other.

Main source of agr. income: tomatoes, tobacco, cassava.

Total value of farm L 190; Value of buildings L 25.

1' catchment.

Labour: Employs during 30 weeks per year 3 workers

~~Cultivations~~ weekly. Works himself 25 weeks p.a.

6 days p.w. 8 hours p.d.

Cultivations: 1/2 ac. tomatoes = 3700 lbs.

1 ackee = 21 heaps. 2 avocades = 9 doz. 2 breafruits

= 3 doz. 2 coconuts = 140 nuts. 2 grapes = 150 lbs.

3 limes = 300 doz. 8 mangoes = 987 doz. 1 naseberry =

17 doz.

1. 1/2 ac. congo peas = 14 bushels

3. 1/2 cassava = 25000 lbs

1/4 ac. sweet cassava = 270 lbs

1/4 ac. yellow yam = 915 lbs.

2 donkeys

3 goats

2 swine

2 hens and 12 chickens.

Visit at Charles Rochester home.
Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Rochester.
16.3.48.
T.O.

Location of
house.

The house is in Green Olive between the household of Laban Rochester and Joshua Rochester.

The house is on "family land" a part of which Mr. Charles got from his father Simian Rochester the fisherman, Charles's two brothers Nicolas and Joshua live next to him and his sister Birdie Rochester lives also in a next house which is the "old home. His two other brothers James and Panton live a little further - James in Green Olive., Panton on Shaddock Hill.

Mrs. Caroline Rochester came to the next house where I was talking with her sister-in-law and invited me to visit her home. "I see you all the time going across to my son's house to play with the baby and you never come see me". She is proud of her son Claston Rochester who is one of the leading younger men in the community and also one of the richest.

Their house is small but very neat, painted blue and white. ~~Adding~~ ^{Adding} to it a big catchment with a long gutter leading to the tank. There is another tank not far but this one is empty now. The donkey pen with plenty of grass in it. Everything round the house seems well cared of.

Ancestry.

For Charles Rochester ancestry see Fam. R^{ec}. 24 of Nicolas Charles' brother.

Mrs. Caroline is from Chocolate Hole. "Family to Simpson and Dyer." She was a Miss Dyer before she married. Her mother is very old and stays with her. But just now she went to Chocolate Hole to stay with a grandchild. In spite that she is old - "has some little pain" she can walk the distance over the hills.

The children.

Mrs. Caroline said she didnt have many children She had two daughters and two sons, but one daughter died. The eldest son is Claston Rochester, who lives in the big house just below. The younger son Albert settled in New Forest. He lives there. Her daughter married the eldest son of uncle Moses /Moses Hubert Elliott/ and lives "over the hill". She has plenty of children. Mrs. Caroline is proud that she has a lot of grandchildren although she didnt have many children.

Charles Rochester has one of its parcels of land round the house and two "in the woodlands" of which one nearer to Little Pedro and the other is adjoining Mr. Laban Rochester's possessions towards Alligator Pond. The land is good but it is tiresome for Mr. Charles to go so far.

Fishing

Mr. Charles used to fish, but he gave up this trade three years ago. "Its too fatiguing, I am too old, so many night sleep you miss." He says fishing pays better now than it used in his young days because the price of fish is higher.

Perplexing churches.

Speaking of Claston Rochester I mentionned he was a Seven Day adventist and asked Mrs. Caroline whether she also was one. "I am interested but not a member, it is so perplexing so many churches and which is the best?" After a talk we decided that the important thing is that the man should be good and then any church is good. "Thank you Missis"-said Mrs. Caroline- "thank you" she said emphatically and seemed greatly relieved in her religious doubts.

Ambulant pot mende.

A man was there - he was an ambulant pot mender. Mrs. Caroline paid him 7½ d. she showed me one big black pot in which he put three patches and one bigger pan patched in one place. It leaked but she was pleased with the work. The pot mender is from Ridge - the other side of Junction - not the Ridge in Bull Savannah.

Interview with Charles Rochester
Wednesday, 17.3.48.
T.O.

Donkey's toilette.

Mr. Charles Rochester was to-day in the donkey pen. He was busy cleaning the ears of the "lady donkey." I asked him how long a donkey can serve. He doesnt know. This one - he has had it for 7 years.

"Serves me good. I had it for 7 years. ~~Only~~ Put her ~~only twice~~ out only twice."

He uses his donkey only to ride to his grounds in the woodlands. Doesnt shoe her. The little baby donkey he will keep for his son, Albert.

Career of sons.

Mr. Charles is very proud of Claston. "Him always clever. This land (showing the house and land round it of Claston Rochester) he buy it from Robert (Rochester). Tannery help him (Claston) a lot. Its tannery really that help him. He learn it with Robert."

His second son Albert lives in New Forest. Albert bought land there and has a house. He lives alone.

"Albert - comes on Saturday and stays till Monday. He isnt married - yet. Children - not yet, I dont know (Mr. Charles doesnt know of any children of his son Albert). He stay there alone - cultivates, mostly tomatoes. Mrs. Brown takes care of him - cooks for him. He buy this land (in New Forest) himself - as well I help him. He is a shoemaker you know. He earn money by his trade. Doesnt do much shoemaking now, cultivates. He stays w th us Saturday and Sunday."

Daughter.

His daughter Mae married the eldest (lawful) son of Moses Elliott - Thomas. Mae Elliott came to-day to her parents home to do her washing. Her own tank is dry so she brought her washing to the "old home."

"Plenty of pickeny. 8 of them. She married long ago - 10 years (he wasnt quite sure). The other daughter - she died a little baby."

Mr. Charles didnt remember even the other daughter who died when she was still a little baby. When I asked about the other daughter who died (I knew it from Mrs. Caroline) he didnt seem to remember her at all. "Daughter - we have only one." Then he remembered the baby.

Son-in-law.

"My son-in-law - he is the only one to work for me, he help me with cultivation."

Mr. Charles said his son-in-law Thomas Elliott always helps him especially in the woodland grounds. Blaston is always busy with his numerous cultivations & business, Albert stays the whole week in New Forest. Thomas is the one who helps old Charles regularly.

The land in charge.

Mr. Charles disclosed to-day that there is a piece of land at Alligator Pond of which he is "in charge". I asked him what it meant.X

"That land my father Simian and uncle Thomas and old Elliot and others - six of them buy. To build ~~hous~~ fishing houses. We dont plant there - just coconuts. They all die (The six original proprietors). Now it belong to six of us - successors. But I pay taxes - all the papers are in my name. If they want to do smething they have to ask me. I am in charge of this land. Everyone has a house there - only when going fishing."

The land round the house.

He has round his house about 5 acres. He got under 2 acres from his father. The rest "All up the hill adjoining Laban's line" he bought from the government. Also from the government he bought the piece in the woodlands. Another parcel in the woodlands was bought from

MacDonald who acquired it from the Government.

Mr. Charles plants his tomatoes near the house. He reckons he has about 5000 "trees". Cassava is planted in the woodlands.

His boat.

Mr. Charles hasnt got a boat any more.

"But(?) Claston has two. He has people to fish for him. No he doesnt rent the boat - he employs people."

22.3.1948
T.O.

A day's ~~work~~
routine

This afternoon Mr. Charles Rochester was again busy with his donkeys. He was transferring them from under the mango tree where they are tied during the hot hours to the field below, which he is fly penning.

Charles was at his ground in the woodlands to-day. He drove there on his donkey. He doesnt use a saddle like his son Claston. He uses a pad and humpers to carry back from the grounds whatever he brings home. He started very early this morning:

"Start long before day-break. Come just at noon". He didnt pick tomatoes to-day. It is not the ground where he has his tomatoes. He was only:

"Picking a little grain, cut grass."

To-morrow he is going again, early morning to the woodlands to his other ground. There he will pick tomatoes, at it is there the tomato-day. They are collected on Tuesdays at this place called "Fibi".

Emancipation
of Albert.

His son Albert left this morning for the ~~work~~ usual week-stay at New Forest. He bought the land at New Forest 4 years ago. Two parcels: one 5 acres and another 4 acres and three quarters. At the beginning he ~~built~~ built a small house there, just to shelter in case of rain during the work, store a few things etc. He used to go there from the paternal home in Green Olive every day. But it was "too fatiguing". Last year he started to build new additions to the house. It is not yet finished. He hopes to finish it this year after the tomato season is over.

Claston's possessions
in New Forest.

Albert could stop also at the house Claston built there. Claston has 20 acres in New Forest. He built there a shop with a room to it, where Albert can also stay. The shop is not yet occupied, but Claston will rent it. Claston has grounds in many other places. He has to hire people but works hard himself too. He is never at home - always out working.

Visit at home. Interv. Albert Rochester
and Charles & Caroline Rochester.

10.7.48. Sunday
T.O.

I went to-day especially to interview Albert Rochester who lives in New Forest and visits his parents regularly on week-ends. I also wanted to find out whether the grannies live there. At the time of my previous visit no grannies were living there.

Charles and Caroline were sitting outside the kitchen with Charles' brother Nicolas who came to pay a visit. Charles was sitting on a low tabouret, Caroline on a stone (the little ~~garden~~ flower garden is lined with big stones) and Nicolas on the kitchen step. Albert was in the house resting and Caroline went to call him.

Present household.

Rochester	Charles	head over	60	cultivator	
"	Caroline	wife	55	housewife	
Elliott	Hicklin	gr. son	13	at school	
"	Rupert	gr. son	9	"	
"	Patricia	gr. dau	8	"	+ Albert = 16.

The mother of Caroline Rosa died in the meantime (since my first visit). She died in Chocolate Hole.

The three grannies are the children of the daughter Mae and her husband Thomas Elliott. They have 8 children. The children stay often, though not regularly with the grandparents. "Sometimes I have them all." said Caroline. Lately she had 5 of them but "I sent some home - too many can't manage them." The three living now were playing in the garden and eating mangoes. "Albert he didn't give me any. Claston and Mae, Mae give me plenty" (of grannies). Claston's children stay with him. After a while his eldest son ("bastard" Hector came to pay a visit to the grandparents. He brought a shoe-brush for Albert to polish his shoes.

Albert Rochester came from the house to meet me brought by his mother. He is a short man like his father and brother Claston. He was dressed in khaki and had a straw hat with a large brim like the one his brother wears. He has no teeth, looks "sickly" and walks very uncertainly on his legs. Even when he stands he quivers. The cause of this was told to me in great detail. "When he was a school boy he fell on a bottle which cut "right through" his knee. He was taken to the hospital and after a time recovered. A few years later when he still was a young boy he went up to Haddock Hill to bring some guinea grass. He fell on a stone which "chopped right off" a part of his other knee. He was taken again to the hospital and the leg was mended as well as it could be. After a few years a scorpion

bit him and he was taken to the hospital by his brother Claston. The doctor said: "Two days more and he wouldn't be much good." The doctor drew a lot of "bad matter" from his leg. I do not know whether ~~hisvthark~~ other parts of his body were affected by these accidents. He has no children.

A few years ago he bought $10\frac{1}{2}$ acres in New Forest in two parcels. On one parcel - near Mr. Brown house on the main road - he built his house to which he transferred two years ago. He plants tomatoes 4000 trees; cassava, corn, yams sweet potatoes, cabbage and melons, peas. ~~(New Forest)~~ In New Forest more vegetables are planted than in Bull-Savannah. Mrs. Brown "a cousin of mine, sister to Vincent Powell" cooks for him. He lives in his house alone. He comes regularly to visit his parents on Saturdays and leaves for New Forest on Monday morning. ~~xofvhtsviv~~

Of his $10\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land 2 acres are very stony. He keeps it "in wood" gets sticks for his tomatoes there.

He said that in New Forest the land is as "quick" as it is here. They don't get more rain. I told him that sometimes I can see clouds over New Forest and there is no rain in Bull-Savannah. "When you see them Missis we are looking for rain still". In New Forest there are no people who would go fishing to Alligator Pond, though it is much nearer than from Bull Savannah. There are fishermen in Rose Corner - place between New Forest and Alligator Pond."

Information from Leo Johnson.
 Interv. Caroline Rochester.
 14.6.48.
 J.O. 29.8.48.

Rochester Charles,
 ,, Caroline, 50-60, wife.
 ,, Albert, son,
 Elliott Hicclin, ~~grandson~~, 13, grson.
 ,, Rupert, grson, 9.
 ,, Patricia, gradau. 8.

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Rochester Charles: son of Simain and Margaret Rochester.
Caroline Rochester: daughter of Charles and Rosie Dyer, nee
 Sinclair. She was raised by Francella Burton in Chocolate
 Hole. She had two half sisters by her mother: Alice and
 Jane /d./ Simpson. 4 full brothers: Charles, William /d./,
 James /d./, Aaron /d./ Dyer. One sister: Susan Dyer.
 Charels lives in Bottom, Susan in Rose Corner, Alice in
 Richmond Park.
 They had 4 children, 3 alive: Claston Rochester, Green Oliv
 ve. May Elliott. married, Eva Rochester /d./, Albert Ro-
 chester, with the parents.

House: 2 rooms, Kitchen, Furn.: 2 beds, 3 tables, 1 sofa,
 2 chairs, 1 washstand. 1 tank.
 Land: owned by Charles: 15 ac., 1 ac. at home inherited,
 14 ac. - in 2 lots, bought from L. Settl. Cultivated 4 ac.,
 inb grass 9 ac.
 Trees: 6 mangoes c., 3 robins, 2 cocnuts, sweetsaps, 2 pear
 2 breadfruits.
 Tomatoes: "on share with son-in-law, amount not known, crop
 bright." Tobacco - own use. Cassava 2 ac. yams, Corn
 1,5 ac., congo 2 ac./3 bags/. 4 quarts of red peas plan-
 ted.
~~Animals~~ 2 donkeys, 4 ~~goats~~ goats, pigs.
 Exp.: 17/- weekly. Clothes: Charles ~~£~~ L10, Caroline
 L8, Albert L14. Children supported by parents. Albert
 spent on books: 15/-. All children in school.
 Religion: Albert J.W.. the rest of the family Sev. Day Adv.

+ 5 acres
 bought with
 brother
 (James Carl)

+ Albert

30 acres
 together