

C.D. 22 Sbd. 8 Household 24. (p7.123.)

Sangster John	Head	M.M.	30	St. Eliz.	Col.	Angl.	X. Farmer
" Pearl	wife	F.M.	24 2.2.	"	"	"	W.3. Homemaker
" Berant	son	M.S.	2	"	"	"	
" Danold	son	M.S.	10/12	"	"	"	

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His farm in 1942.

Operates this farm as owner or part owner for 4 years.

The farm consists of 2½ acres, out of which Sangster owns 1½ acres and rents 1 acre from Martha Rochester. He pays the rent in kind and the duration of the lease is of 3 years.

The farm land own and rented is in 3 parcels: ½, 1, 1 ac. resp.

No labour employed. He works 46 weeks, 6 days per week, 8 hours p.d.

1¼ acres in cultivation, ½ cultivable but not used, ½ ac. in guinea grass, ¼ other.

Total value of farm £40, of buildings £10. 1 catchment.

Cultivations:

one row 6 yards long of ~~broccoli~~ cabbages = 14 heads.

0.2 ac. tomatoes = 1600 lbs.

2 avocados (1 fruiting) = 5 doz.

1 coconut = ?

4 mangoes = 913 doz.

¼ ac. congo peas = 1¼ bushels.

¾ ac cassava = 1700 lbs

0,1 sweet cassava = 269

0,1 tobacco = 109 lbs.

1 sheep, 2 goats, 1 pig, 2 swine.

2 acres
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22.3.48.

D.B.

Interview with Pearl Sangster.

Pearl is the daughter of Rebecca Powell and Laban Rochester. Her parents were living together for a time. They had two children - then separated. Her mother was living at Bull-Savannah at Mrs Zala Rochester's ~~house~~ home after she parted with Laban. Later on Rebecca Powell married Wilfred Powell and they went to live at Quick Step. Pearl's father Laban Rochester married Miss Jude Linton.

Pearl went to stay with her father and his wife when she was 4. She is now 26. She went to school and read to the 5th standard. "Me leave school before me age up. They say they was going to send me to sewing. They start to send me, but stop me fe help to do domestic work."

Pearl married in 1942 John Sangster who is from Bull Savannah. She has 4 children. After they were married, they lived at her ~~grand~~ grand parents home until her husband built a home.

This is the first year Pearl is working at the factory. Mr. Ernest Powell got the job for her. She works in the shed, earns 2/- per day.

Her husband is a tanner, but he is not working on his trade at present. It is not paying him so well.

INTERVIEW WITH PEARL SANGSTER
D.B.
22.3.48.

In formants: Nicolas Rochester and Dudley Simpson.

9.4.48
T.O

John Sangster is the son of Adelle Rochester and Johnny Sangster the lawyer's Donald Sangster uncle.

the father

Johnny Sangster is a big landowner in this Parish and ~~was~~ was member of the Parochial Board. "Him forget him have a son. Dont give nothing."

the mother.

Adelle Rochester had also a daughter with Michael Powell. The name of this daughter is Violet Powell.

"Adelle went to Cuba - live a long time - marry a man but the man dies. She come back and stay in Kingston with a man - Burnel Facey from Junction."

His land and work

John Sangster was brought up in his/^{maternal}grandparents home. He got ~~a~~ very little land, only what was his mother's portion given to her by the old Simian Rochester.

"John Sangster get a little land - his mother portion. He married to Mr. Laban's (Rochester) bastard daughter. Mr. Laban give her a little land. John Sangster is a hard cultivator."

Johns Sangster cultivates some land on shares, which belongs to Martha Rochester. Martha has only daughters and is not able to cultivate her own land. Sangster has the piece which is next to Martha's home.

Visit at home. Interv. John and Pearl Sangster.
13.7.48.
T.O.

Both Sangsters and all of their four children were at home. Pearl was busy in the yard, John was lying on a ~~wxxx~~ wide wooden bench in the kitchen. The children were having their breakfast in the yard between the house and the kitchen, some standing, some sitting on stones. They were eating from plates a kind of porridge.

The one-room house is thatched. The kitchen all-thatch. John Sangster started to build two years ago a new house. There are no walls yet. Only the skeleton and the thatch and the outlines of two rooms. He might finish it this season, but isn't too sure about it. "We poor people have to wait till the money comes. Perhaps next season" (he will finish the house)

Present household.

Sangster	John	head.	34
"	Pearl	wife	28
"	Berrant	son	8
"	Donald	son	6
"	Laurraine	dau.	4
"	Bevin	son	1

⁶ Sangster John is ~~is the son of~~ is the son of Adelle Rochester (sister of Joshua, Nicolas, Charles etc) and John Sangster a "society" man in the parish. "Him don't bother about me, I don't bother about him." said John when asked whether he knew he father etc. John's mother Adelle lives at present in Kingston, where also lives John's half sister on the mother side Violette. (Dau of Adelle rochester and Michael Powell). The child of Violette (illegitimate) stays with the grandfather Michael Powell. John sees from time to time mother & sister.

Pearl is the illeg. daughter of Laban Rochester and the sister of Joseph Powell Rebecca Powell. During the season she works in the factory. Her left eyelid is dropping but she says the eye is good.

The homestead and both Sangsters look "poor but honest and trying very hard" this is the opinion about them among the neighbours.

The land. The own together two acres of land: one acre Sangster got as his mother's "claim" of her heritage. One acre was given to Pear by her father Laban Rochester. John Sangster culti vates on shares a part of Martha Rochester's land (see F.R. 57).

Their children look all healthy. The eldest had a clean pants ans shirt on. He came from school for his breakfast. The youngest one started to cry frightened a donkey and was promptly taken by the father

John Sangster learned to tann leather working with Robert Rochester. This trade doesn't pay any more owing to some Government regulations and taxes.

They grow their "food." For shop Pearl says she spends about 1/- per day. Sangster got for his tomatoes £15. For one third of this sum he bought lumber to finish the house. He keeps the balance for further building and "necessity".

When I met John Sangster on a previous occasion at Charles Rochester it was said he was a Seven Day Adventist. He accepted however the cigarette I offered him and lit it. Pearl accepted also but didn't light it. (Very often women don't light the cigarettes saying they will smoke it when going to bed. Some say they will keep for their husband or son)

In front of the house there is a small flower garden with a few decorative trees in it.

Typed John Sangster 6.
Int. John Sangster.
14.6.48. L.V.P.
Information from Leo Johnson

Present household:

Sangster	John	Head.	M.M.	34.	4L.	B.S.P.	Advent.	Ill.	cultivator.
"	Pearl	wife	F.M.	28	4L.	"	"	W.5.	Housewife
"	Berant	son	M.S.	8	"	"	"	B.St.	School
"	Donald	son	M.S.	6	"	"	"		
"	Lorraine	dau	F.S.	4	"	"	"		
"	Bevin	son	M.S.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"		

Family History

John Sangster. John Sangster is the illegitimate child of Adelle Rochester daughter of Simeon and Jonny Sangster of Morning Side. He was brought up in Bull Savannah in his maternal grandmother's home. His only sibling is his half-sister by the same mother: Violette Powell daughter of Adelle Rochester and Michael Powell. This half-sister is alive. Relations with the mother's family are maintained. (wife and children see below)

Pearl Rochester is the outside daughter of Haban Rochester and Susan Powell. Pearl's ~~siblings~~ half-siblings by the same father: Bradley, Eric, Valerie, Delores, Daphne, Vivian, Pauline and Clinton Rochesters. Her half-siblings by the same mother: Midge Lewis, Willel Powell, Eudlen Powell and also some ~~more~~ brothers, whose names John Sangster does not remember. Family relations are maintained with them but mostly with Eudlen Powell. Pearl has no outside children. For her 4 children with husband John see above.

Emigration Nobody in this family emigrated nor travelled.

Housing One room house. 2 beds, 2 tables, 2 chairs. All live in the same house and kitchen. Water is taken from neighbours.

Land. 2 acres in 2 lots round the house. 1 acre bought (mother lot) from Simeon Rochester the grandfather of John Sangster. 1 acre bought from Claston Rochester first cousin. Sangster also cultivates on share crops ~~xxxx~~ Martha Rochester's land, the parcel round her house. He cultivates 2 acres. Has 3/4 under guinea grass.

Economic Trees. 2 common mangoes, 1 Robin mango, 1 Bombay. 1 coconut. 1 pear. some bananas.

Cultivations. Tomatoes: 1480 - £ 16. Yams: Mozella 80 hills Tawya 25, Japanese 50, White 25. Cassava 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, Congo peas - $\frac{1}{2}$ acr. which gave yield 8 bags. Corn $\frac{1}{2}$ acr. Small amount of red peas. All used for home consumption.

Animals: 2 pigs.

Expenditure on clothes average yearly £ 7 for adults and £ 2 for children. Entertainment on Christmass £ 3. Savings £16 kept at home and £ 5 in lumber.

Religion All belong to the 7 day Adventists.