

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 49.

Simpson Berrisford	Head	M.Cl.41.	St.El.	Col.	Angl.	Ill.	Farmer
Singlair Imogene	Wife	F.Cl.34.7.7.	,,	,,	,,	,,	Homemak
Simpson Ethel	Dau	F.S. 14.	,,	,,	,,	W.3.	None/y
,, Iaida	Dau	F.S. 9.	,,	,,	,,	W.1.4E	
,, Frederick	Son	M.S. 7.	,,	,,	,,	W.1.4E	
,, Clifford	Son	M.S. 5.	,,	,,	,,		
,, Glenrick	Son	M.S. 1.	,,	,,	,,		

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His farm 1942.

4,5 acres

Operates for 8 years this farm, 7 years as owner. 2 parcels: 3 and 1,5 ac. resp. Tomatoes and tobacco.

30 weeks per year worked. No labour employed. Total land 4,5 acres. Own - 3 acres. Rented from Simpson Robert 1,5 acres - 12 months.

Out of 4,5 acres - 3,5 in cultivation. Pasture 1/2 ac./all guinea grass/. Other land 1/2 acre. Value L50. Build. L20. No mortg.

1 catchment.

Tomatoes 0,5 ac. - 2300 lbs. Corn 1/4 ac. - 1,5 bush Congo 1/2 ac. - 4 bush. Cassava 1,5 ac. - 3800 lbs. Potatoes 1/4 ac. 600 lbs. ~~Yams~~ Yams 1/4 ac. - 900 lbs.

3 goats. 2 swines.

Inform.: Dudley Simpson and Bradley Rochester.
13.4.48.
R.O. & J.O.

Wife

"His wife is Sinclair Imogene daughter of Philip Sinclair from Ribbit and Rachel Dyer. Imogene is Philip's first child, before he married."

"She (Imogene) was living with her step-grand mama and grand father: old Hammon Sinclair and Jane Sinclair."

"They (Berrisford and Imogene) did having children in the old grandparents home. After a while the old grandparents squeal they can't afford to keep the mother and the children in their home so Berrisford took the mother and children to his home."

Children.
&
grandchildren.

"Imogene has one child by Percival Brooks. The child is Oswald Brooks - he moves from Winty Elliot place to Philip Sinclair (home). He work with Winty Elliott."

"Ethel Simpson - she still living with mother and father but she have one girl by Kermit Lewis and she have a next baby by Louie Powell (son of Michael Powell) - the race boy."

"Ida Simpson living with mother and father but have a child ~~Eustace Powell, vnixox~~ by Eustace Powell - also Michael Powell son."

"Icilda she is a young girl living with mother and father."

"Next boy Fred."

"Clifford - we call him 'Rummy' (Raumie?)

"Glenrisk and some more - still baby."

Berrisford Simpson is the eldest child of Robert Simpson and and Jane Simpson (nee Powell). See fam.rec. 39.

Visit at home; seen Ethel, Icilda, uncle David Simpson.
18.6.48.
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Occupations of members of the household.

I visited this home about noon. The present members of the household were all in the kitchen. ~~Max~~ They just have had their breakfast. (midday meal) There was the eldest daughter Ethel with her two children, her sister Ida (who lives with the grandparents, but was with her child there too) Icilda and some other children. Also uncle David Sinclair & cousin Glenrick

The head - Berrisford Simpson - was away working on his land in the woods. His two sons Frederick and Clifford went with him to help him. The mother Imogene Sinclair went also to the woods to carry lunch for them.

The midday meal was cooked by Ethel. She always cooks this meal for the family. She told me that about the time of this meal all children come to her, often not only those who belong to her parents' household but her first cousins too. She feeds all of them. To-day they had sweet potatoes.

I asked whether the two boys Frederick, whose age they gave as 12, and Clifford (10) could help much their father. In answer Ethel and Glenrick showed me a vegetable garden behind the house and another one on the other side of the kitchen. They were very proud to tell me that both these gardens were worked exclusively by Frederick. Glenrick Linton told me that Frederick got this year £12 for his own tomatoes. I asked whether he worked all alone of them? Ethel said "He dig the holes he weed them, he pick them." She said nobody helped him, he did everything by himself. I asked what use was made of the money he earned? The answer was supplied by Glenrick, who seemed more au courant of this matter than the boy's sister Ethel. Glenrick Linton told that Mr. Berrisford Simpson paid these £ 12 adding 10/- of his own on account of 2½ acres of land in the woods. This land is bought in Frederick's name. The whole lot of 2½ acres costs £25 and Berrisford will pay the remaining half from next year's tomato money which Frederick hopes to make again. This year it was the first time in his life Frederick planted tomatoes for himself. Before that he used to help his father.

There was in the kitchen a short old man. Ethel told it was her grand-uncle David Simpson. I asked whether he lived too in their household. ~~They said~~ Glenrick said in way of explanation why the old man lived with his nephew: "He never marry never have family. All Simpson family is his brother's Robert". David Simpson was moving very slowly and was not taking any part in the conversation. He was lighting his pipe from the kitchen fire. It took him at least 10 minutes to do so. Ethel said:

"He is not quite". The old man looked and behaved indeed as if his physical and mental powers were atrophied by senility. I asked whether he was much older than his brother Robert. The question was put to him by Glenrick Linton, who asked him slowly and rising his voice. David said he was 2 years older than Robert. Glenrick commented on it praising his grandfather and saying how strong he was in comparison with his brother in spite being only two years younger which is nothing at this age.

There was an atmosphere of happiness and easiness in the kitchen where 9 children of all ages 5 young people and one old man were sitting on low benches which were round the two walls. The eldest girl Ethel assumed in a way the role of the head of the household in the absence of her parents. She would say "we" or "I" speaking of the household as a whole.

I asked about her two grandmothers. She said her maternal grandmother lived in Spaldings and she has never seen her. "It's only the one I knew - Mrs. Simpson".

We made a list of the present members of the household:

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| Simpson | Berrisford | head | "must be near 50" |
| Sinclair | Imogene | wife | "about 40" |
| Simpson | Ethel | dau | 20 |
| " | Leilda | dau | 15 |
| " | Frederick | son | 12 |
| " | Clifford | son | 10 |
| " | Glenrick | son | 7 |
| " | - - | dau | 3 |
| ? | " my pickeny" | gr. dau | 3 this is the child of Ethel and
Eustace Powell |
| ? | " " | gr. son | 3/12 child of Ethel |
| 10 | Simpson | David | uncle "near 80" |

Ethel avoided the question who were the fathers of her children and what were their names. I did not want to press the point as there were two young boys her cousins. I have to return to this home to meet the head and the wife and will get then their names etc. Altogether I was questioning them for quite a long time and did not want to tire them too much.

Housing. There is the house and the kitchen in separate buildings. I have been only in the kitchen on this occasion. It is a big room with the fire place taking the whole length of the narrower wall. The fire place is divided into two sections: on one is the actual fire-place. More than a half has a wooden wall made of half-logs tied with "wisp. It is open from the side of the fire. This is a place to dry wood. On top of it is a kind of shelf-table made of board on which pans and plates are kept. Along the walls perpendicular to the fire place are low benches on which all the company sat. The kitchen was dark but looked tidy and very comfortable. One could see the family ~~spunkxx~~ is used to spend a good deal of time there. It is there living room. On the ~~xxxx~~ external side of the door some children's pictures were drawn with chalk. I asked who made them. Ethel said "Some rude children in the evening". The pictures represented a crowd of people drawn with lines like in the school reader; above them something like a turtle - it was explained to me it was a car and in the higher corner two men naked with very pronounced genitalia.