

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 50.

Sinclair Allan	Head	M.M. 55.	St. El.	Col.	Angl.	W. 1.	Farmer
,, Rebecca	Wife	F.M. 33.5.4.	,,	,,	,,	Ill.	Homemaker
,, Emla	Dau	F.S. 2/12	,,	,,	,,		
Lee Merline	Stdau	F.S. 15.	,,	Ch. Col.	,,	W. 3.	None/yes/
,, Myrtle	Stdau	F.S. 15.	,,	,,	,,	W. 3.	,,
,, Etta	Stdau	F.S. 12.	,,	,,	,,	W. 1. 2E.	

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In the same household, but in a separate building:

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Simpson William	Head	M.M. 73.	St. El.	Col.	Angl.	Ill.	Retired
,, Ucella	Dau	F.S. 40.2.0.	,,	,,	,,	,,	Family work.

See Fam. Rec. 243

NB! William Simpson and Ucella, his daughter, never lived in the same household with Allan Senior. Should be listed as a separate household.

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Sinclair v. Senior Allan's farm in 1942.

This farm is in Sch. 3 & under 1 acre.
 Stock: 2 swines, 2 goats.
 Value of garden produce: £12.
 Avocado 1 - 7 doz. Coconuts 3 - 150 nuts.
 Mangoes 10 - 400 doz.

For William Simpson's farm see Fam. Rec. 243.

2 acres
pp 8

Inform. Dudley Simpson
13.3.48.
48.

Allan Sinclair
or Senior?
His wife, ~~and~~ have
land and her pa-
rents

Senior

Dudley is not certain of Allan's family name. It is either Sinclair or Senior. He thinks that it is Senior, but the man is called Sinclair by his wife's name, who is Sinclair and to whom belongs the place. "Allan Sinclair wife father was Thomas Sinclair. Allan Sinclair wife is Mottan Sinclair. Mottan got her land from her father Thomas Sinclair. Allan Sinclair had no land. He marry to Modan Sinclair and live in ~~wife~~ his wife home."

Old Thomas Sinclair is brother to old James Sinclair, described as the "old Patriarch" /the oldest man in Ribbit Town/. There was ~~was~~ still another brother: Hammon. Hammon and Thomas Sinclair died, only James Sinclair is still alive.

Inform. Dudley Simpson and Bradley Rochester.
13.4.48.
J.O. + T.O.

Allan Senior.
His ancestry.

There is no doubt about Allan - he is Allan Senior, not Sinclair. His wife is Sinclair. She is known under nickname "Moddan" Sinclair. The land belongs to her and probably owing to this Allan Senior is sometimes described as Sinclair. But he is Senior.

Allan's father was James Senior. His mother is Florence Rochester, "she was Mr. Laban's bastard sister". Florence's mother was Eliza Salmon, her father was old Thomas Rochester.

Florence Rochester is still alive, though she is ~~old~~ over 70. She is living with her next son, David Powell, son of "Boggy" Powell, ~~brother~~ late brother of Michael Powell. So Allan Senior is brother of David Powell, but only by mother.

Florence Rochester had no other children. Only those two sons.

Allan's mother "she is living with David Powell. She is mother of David Powell. Allan Senior and David Powell them is two brother: one mother but different father."

Some time ago ~~Florence Rochester~~ Allan Senior lived with his mother. But since he married he stays with his wife and his mother lives in David Powell's home.

Cf. Family Record 125.

Moddan Sinclair's
children.

"Moddan Sinclair marry now to Allan Senior,
so she is Mrs. Senior now."

They got one child only - a girl about 5 years
old. "Allan Senior, wife and child living together"-
there is ~~nobody~~ nobody else living with them.

Before Moddan Sinclair married Allan Senior,
she had 3 children, 3 girls "by a Chinamen": Merline,
Myrtle, Etta. "They are in Kingston now."

William Simpson and ~~Wza~~
his daughter Ucelle.

William Simpson and his daughter Ucelle, who
in the Census Schedule figure as living in another
building but belonging to the same household, never
lived together in common household with Allan Senior
and his wife.

See for them separate Family Record 243.

Tuesday .
6. 7. 48 .
D. B.

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Interviewed Rebecca Sinclair .

Present Household.

Allan Sinclair	Head (does not know age, bet. 44 - 50)
Rebecca Sinclair	Wife (says she is 35, looks 40 - 44)
Emblem Sinclair	Dau. 5

The House .

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It is one roomed building made of spanish wall and a thatched roof and concreted floor. Inside there are about ~~four~~ four chairs , two tables with glass wares and photographs of Rebecca's children, xx and grand children. There are also photographs of some of her children's friends . On a barrel at one side of the room there is a box covered with a towel . On the box is a suit case, and another box upon the suit case . A stick is stretched across the top of the room , and over the stick there are some clothes hanging .

The beds were outside "airing with all the bed clothes ". Rebecca told me "you caan come in because the place dont tidy up yet. When it tidy now you find in a the house cool ". The whole room was k clean and the floor very shine , the chairs too were shine . On the walls there are one or two pictures . The house is the home of her old parents . It was smaller , but she has made it a little bigger . "hen she can she will put on another room to it , "but me no have the money yet " .

The kitchen .

The walls are of wattle made from sticks and not bamboo , with coconut leaves covering the x walls . The roof is thatched .

Source of living.

Rebecca does not work for any one now, "me only help me husband cultivate" . When she was much younger she used to do domestic's work "up and down " . Later on she traded on/ banny . She has stopped her trading now ~~for~~ "for after we caan get the cassava as before " . She plant escallion too , and is able to sell sometimes 1/2 or 1/4 cwt of it . The price someti mss is 8/- or 10/- per cwt . He does not cultivate a large portion of escallion . Her husband is a cultivator , cultivating at home and in the woods .

In the woods he works on partnership with Septy Holness . At home he plants corn and peas and tomato . Her husband has a very large field of peas at home , and also corn , but she does not k think the corn will give a good crop again because " them want more rain" . Her husband plants cassava , yams and potato in the woods, but she could not tell the exact amount of what he plants

Land .

The land she is living on was left by her parents for her . The x parents left seven acres to be divided among the children all . From the seven acres she got two acres . It was measured off by Norman Holness . Her husband cultivates on her land .

Family History .

Emma Sinclair her mother(dead)
Thomas Sinclair her father(dead)

Her mother's children alive are :-

Alice

Naith Sinclair - living with Hubert Powell , and is very sick , "more fe dead'an fe live " .

Naith Sinclair - living with John Powell .

May Powell (nee Sinclair) married to Joshua Powell

Ida Kneale (nee Sinclair) married and living at Dundar Hill

Herself

Her children for Thompson Lee :-

Myrtle Lee
Merlyn Lee
Etta Lee

For her husband :-

Emblem Sinclair

Rebecca

She grew with her mother and father . She started to work when she was very young . He did not go to school . "That time parents no did bother 'bout school as now , even if you did wantge , them never bother fe sen' you" . She went to Mandeville to seek work . She got a job to do domestic's work with Thompson Lee at £ 16/- per month . After working £ for three months she became friend with Thompson and got ~~is~~ pregnant for him . She had to come home .

Her parents were most displeased with her and quarrelled with her saying "kax that me no did have any right fe make that happen to me " . Her parents did not trun her out , but allow her to stay in the house . The time for delivery came and she had twins for the first . The father cared them well , "and them never in want a any thing . Him come to visit me to " . When her parents saw how x well Thompson cared the babies x their wrath

was changed to peace . They said "out a all the sister & them ~~she~~ do the best , for ~~she~~ look fe some body wey good , and can mine me and the pickney them . Rebeccas was so well cared for that she could help her sisters , her mother and her father .

She and Thompson were not living together for any long time , visits were paid by both of them to each other . She again became pregnant for Thompson and then she had Etta . The twins ~~are~~ are Myrtle and Merlyn . She had another one for Thompson , but that child is dead .

She worked next with one Mrs Hylton who was in America . Mrs Hylton had a baby , and took the baby out to leave with her mother Alice Beans who was living at Brownsville . She had to do nursing and domestic's work at 17/- per month . She worked for 6 months with them then she went to work with Mrs Campbell at ~~Ridge~~ Ridge who was living/~~with~~ Mr Thomas Roach' home at the same 17/- per month .

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After working for five months she went home . She stayed at home for a while and then went out again to work with Belle Miller at St. Marys District , at 15/- per month staying ~~there~~ there for one year and six month . The last place she worked was with Mr Leggard at Mandeville at 5/- per week . Her lodging was not "to suit " so she did not stay more than a week there.

have been /

She and Allan became friends and then Allan came to live at her house . They/~~never~~ living together for 16 years , and were married six years ~~ago~~ ago .

Her children .

They grew with her until the father took them and sent them to school at Salmon Town . Etta stayed with her the longest , ~~she~~ went to school at Bull Savannah and after ~~she~~ went to her father . "The father board them with a lady at Salmon Town and make them go to school." After they left school they were selling "in a shop a Kingston and Mandeville " . Myrtle has married "a man by the name of Morgan who have a restaurant and bar at Spanish Town" . Myrtle has a baby .

Merlyn and Etta are living in Mandeville by themselves . They are not working at present . Merlyn has a baby , but Rebeccas did not say who is the father . "me only wish all a them could a make haste married and settl down , then me wey feel contented" . Sometimes her children come to look for her , and sometimes they send "any littl thing for her , but me caan look to them too much , for them dey have fe them children " .

Rebecca is proud of her children . Sometimes she ~~go~~ goes to visit them staying weeks with them . She was with Myrtle last year , and she is expecting ~~Myrtle~~ Myrtle to come and visit her in August .

Her husband .

He has one outside child by Mariel Robinson from Broughton . The child is Arnold Sinclair . Arnold was adopted by his aunt "Pigeon" Rochester . Pigeon died and the child is left with his grand mother Florence Rochest. Pigeon was sister to Allan . Allan's mother is Florence . David Powell, Allan's brother help to support Arnold . Rebecca does not know Allan's ~~xxxxx~~ father . "We hear that them did call him "Master Senior " , but a no did him right name . "Master Senior grow with him grand - father who did name Senior and them call him after him grand father " , His right name is Sinclair, but she does not remember his christian name .

Family Record 136Interview with Allan Sinclair

Thursday,

July 8, 1948. Allan Sinclair does not know what is his age. He appears beyond 40.

Ed. F.

Present Household:

He shares a one apartment house with his wife Mrs. Rebecca Sinclair, and daughter Embla Sinclair. Both wife and Embla 5, were seen.

Mrs. Sinclair was eating in the kitchen when called upon. She directed me to her husband who was in his garden "wraping yam stick," i.e. training and entwining the vines of the yam plants to the stick put to support them.

The land

The land was inherited by his wife from her father Thomas Sinclair who is now dead. It consists of 2 acres and is at present fully cultivated save for a space of about $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, which has been left for the cultivation of tomatoes during the coming season. Crops in cultivation are: yams, corn, cassava, and congo peas.

Family History

His mother Florence Rochester lives in Green Olive, but his father James Sinclair died about 3 years ago. Allin is the only child to his father and mother.

His mother had one child by another union; this child is David Powell; she is sharing house with David.

His father had by 4 other unions 5 children; they are:

1. Cecil Sinclair, a tailor; he lives "Over the Rd"
2. Jim Sinclair; he lives in Manchester.
3. Mrs. Shelabelle Rochester wife to James Rochester of Over the road. big
4. Mrs. Derry Rochester - "Sh' marry a brown man up the top there."

The other of the five children is dead.

His own children

By his wife he has Embla Sinclair, 5.

By Muriel Robinson of Manchester he had Arnold Sinclair who is now about 14, and lives with his mother.

Family Record 136Childhood

He shared house with his mother and father till he was 10. For reasons he does not know because he was then too small, his mother set up house apart from his father after he had reached 10; he continued to share house with his mother.

Childhood instructions: His mother used to tell him he should not tell lies "or trouble anything not belong' to them!" They warned him that if he did that he would be flogged. He was also warned "not to interfere with anybody business."

CareerSchool

He began attending the Bull Savannah school when he was 7, but did not remain in school for the entire number of his school years because -"Time get hard. Mi read till mi reach 2nd book, an sh' (his mother) have to tek mi away an' sen' mi to work." He was about 10 when he began to work: -"Sh' sen' mi away to Manchester to employ with a gentleman name' Alec Martin. Sh' saw that gent at Alligator Pond. Sh' usual' to carry vegetables like 'skellion to the sea beach, to sell. The gentleman ask her to get somebody to work with him." She told Martin she had one son, which she would let have. Martin agree to take him.

With Mr. Martin in Manchester

Allan was not very upset about having to leave home. He journeyed to Manchester on a mule drawn cart. In Manchester Mr. M. treated him well ---"Feed an' clothes mi, an' give mi money"-pocket money.

His duties with Mr. M's.

"I was a shepherd boy." Mr. M had about 100 sheep. He had to drive the sheep from their pens in the mornings, into the grazing grounds, and in the evenings, drive them back into their pens. He liked to do that.

"A was there a good limit o' year, but a can't exactly tell y'u how long." Mr. Martin did live some years, an' then him took sick die, an' after that I leave." He does not know how old he was then. While with Mr. Martin, he had been allowed to come here on occasional visits to his mother.

In Bull Savannah -returns from Manchester

Mr. Martin's in

On leaving/Manchester, he returned to Bull Savannah. His mother at that time was sharing house with her sister Amanda Rochester. He want to share house with them.

Begins to work: "A started to work cultivate cassava potatoes (sweet potatoes) corn and so forth. He is still doing that.

Conjugal relationsMeeting his first girl:

Muriel Robinson, mother to his first child Arnold, was his first girl friend. He met her in Manchester, where Arnold was born.

The meeting: "A usual' go to the post office y'u know an' wi have wi little talk. She was then sharing house with her aunt. He had used to visit her at her aunt's. Her aunt had never objected to these visits.

Attitude to his first child: "The child come here when he was a baby; a took her away as a was leaving Manchester. It would be hard for me to send something so far, so I have to take away the baby with me so I can get to support him."

ON the child's arrival, it was taken over by his mother. She was aided in its care by his aunt -one of his mother's sisters.

His present wife: the meeting:

"A meet her right in the home here." Her mother was alive then. "A never need to write her because the 2 of us did live close to each other.

"A married in 1941." He had met his wife -"A good while before." He does not remember how long before. They shared house before the married and had one child -Embla. (Embla is 5; Allan must therefore have married after 1941)

Religion: "My church is the church of England.

Plans:ambitions

"A would like to see if we could make a betterment of our life; the time is hard now." For such betterment he wants rain; -"that will make the time better, because if we have rain we will have more food, and everything at our command."

Family Record 136

Tomatoes

Ed. F. He planted somatoes last⁷/₈ season -2000 holes. He made
In vestment:-"rough calculation -£14. A buy a pig out a it for 17/-.
He has bought ~~xxxxxxx~~ some clothes (he did not say
how much) and is using the remaining portion ofthe money
to buy food.

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