

C.D. 22 Bd. 12. Household 73.

Rochester	Panton	Head	M.M.	51.		St. Eliz.	Col.	Angl.	X Farmer
"	Alma	wife	F.M.	40	8.8.	"	"	"	W.2. Homemaker
"	Isaac	son	M.S.	23		"	"	"	W.3. Shoemaker
"	Lucille	dau	F.S.	19		"	"	"	W.3. None
"	Dexter	son	M.S.	16		"	"	"	W.2. None
"	George	son	M.S.	10		"	"	"	W.1. 4.E.
"	Eral	son	M.S.	8		"	"	"	W.1. 4.E.
"	Cleyline	dau	F.S.	6		"	"	"	
"	Ueen	son	M.S.	4		"	"	"	
"	Bobsie	dau	F.S.	1		"	"	"	
Neil	Delsie	gr. dau	F.S.	2		"	"	"	

Farm of Isaac Rochester
in 1942.

Under one acre.
Garden crop value £13

Panton see F.R.

Isaac

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Inform. Dudley Simpson.
13.3.48.
J.O.

Panton Rochester's
Land. His father.

Panton Rochester's land around his house is composed of two parts. The lower one, descending towards Green Olive, was passed to him from his father's estate. The upper one, in Shadock Hill, was bought from Ellis Simpson, Ethel Simpson's brother.

"Some of Panton Rochester land come ~~is~~ of the same Simpson land /Archibald Simpson's property/ Ethel Simpson brother, Ellis Simpson, sell him a piece. The balance come after Tommy Rochester estate. Tommy Rochester was his father and Mr. Laban father too."

Inform.: Ezra Linton, Dudley Simpson, Laban Rochester
18.4.48.
T.O. and J.O.

"Panton Rochester is the son of Simeon Rochester and Margaret Rochester nee Sinclair from Comma Pen. Uriah Sinclair was her brother and also "Joe -boubou". The wife of Panton is Alma nee Powell daughter of old George Powell and his wife Frederica.

Panton and Alma had 11 children of whom 9 are alive:

Panton and Alma's
children.

1. "Esline Rochester is Mr. Cecil Rochester wife They have 3 children -with him."
2. "Isaac Rochester - a boy in America now; went in 1946. Stays in America. ~~Went~~ Gone on the contract; still on the contract.
3. "Lucille Rochester - in America. She have relative over there, aount Nicola Powell took her over there. /Nicola - sister of Alma/.
4. "Dexter Rochester - around 18, 20. stays with father, cultivating with the father."
5. "George R. - around 14 - leave school. Working with the father. Learning a little carpenter trade with Cecil Rochester."
6. "Erroll - small boy - school boy."
7. "Ciceline - going to school- little girl".
8. "Pang" - going to school - school boy."
9. "Bobsie" - " " " - school girl."

" Them have 2 children that died - one girl and one girl. /All/ one mother children."

Grandchildren.

"Izaac Rochester /was/ along with Ida Rochester, Martha Rochester daughter. /They have/ one child staying with mother."

"Esline and Cecil Rochester have 3 children."

"Lucille Rochester has 2 children: for Louis Neil from Dunder Hill. His father is Loelan Neil. The child with Panton Rochester in Dunder Hill /Delsie Neil/. Before marriage Panton had one child who died." "Dead one - no count."

The Land.

"Panton has 2,5 acres. Bought from Ethel Simpson. Him have some outside land in the wood-bring a little money. 3 acres in the wood."

"/Panton" works at home. Children in America help him?"

T.O. 18.6.48.

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Panton Rochester 11.

L.V.P. 15.6.48.

Interv: Panton Rochester.

Present household:

					B.S.P.	No rel.	Illit.	Cultivator
Rochester	Panton	head.	M.M.	55				
"	Alma	wife	F.M.	11.9.	"	"	"	housewife
"	Dexter	son	M.S.	22	"	"	W4	cultivator
"	George	son	M.S.	15	"	"	W5	app. carpent
"	Errol	son	M.S.	12	"	"	W3	at school
"	Cisline	dau	F.S.	10	"	"	W4	" "
"	Ewin	son	M.S.	9	"	"	W1	" "
"	Bobsie	dau	F.S.	7	"	"	B.Stand.	"
"	Norman	gr. son	M.S.	6	"	-	- - - -	- - - -
Niel	Delis	gr. dau	F.S.	8	"	"	B.Stand.	school
Simpson	Enid	ad. dau	F.S.	16	"	"	W6	at home

Niel Simpson

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Panton Rochester is the son of Simeon rochester and his lawful wife Margaret nee Sinclair. Panton had 3 sisters: Berdie, livin An Bull Sav; Addie in Kingston; and Miriam dead; and 4 brothers: James, Charles Nicolas and Joshua. His brothers all live in Bull-Sav. He married in 1932 but lived previously with his future wife who is Alma daughter of George Powell and his wife Frederica Rose nee Dyer. Alma had 3 brothers: David, Joseph and Ellis. The last one is dead. her sisters: Rosa, Annie, Sarah Griffiths, Edith Elliott, Francella Rochester, Rebecca, Grace, Nichola Samuda. All the siblings both of Panton and Alma are full brothers and sisters.

Children: Panton and Alma have 9 living children: Erseline Rochester lives in Green Olive, she is 27; James Isaac 28, is in U.S.A. on contract, ~~Isabelle~~ Plummer in U.S.A. and 6 more enumerated above. Lucille/

Other children living in the household: Norman Rochester is the son of Isaac who is now in America and Ida Rochester the daughter of Martha Rochester. this child is adopted by the grandparents and supported by his father Isaac. Delis Niel is the daughter of ~~Isabelle~~ who went to America a few years ago. She married there a Mr. Plummer and has a baby with him. The father of Delis is Louis Neil, who supports her. Enid Simpson is the daughter of Egbert Simpson and Ethel Simpson. She is supported by her adopted parents Panton Rochester.

Emigration and travels. Panton Rochester went to Cuba in 1918. His son Isaac is in U.S.A. on contract now. His daughter Lucille Isabelle went to America a few years ago and married there. Sister of Mrs. Rochester went many years ago to Panama.

#Lucille Isabelle

Housing. They live in two houses, one has two rooms the other has one room. Kitchen in separate building. One tank-sufficient water supply. Furniture - no data given.

5 1/2

Land. Panton owns: 5 1/2 ac. homeland and 2 1/2 in the woodlands. He inherited one acre, bought the rest. The land in the wood-

lands was bought from Henry Sailsman and Ethel Simpson.
Economics Trees: 2 common mangoes, 2 pears, 5 sweet sap.
No information about expenditure and animals.
Religion: Panton believes in christ but does not belong to any denomination.

Visit at home. Inter. Panton and Alma Rochester.
18.6.48.
T.O.

I met Mr. Panton in his garden which is well kept. He invited me to the bigger tworoom house. We entered the "hall" which is conventionally and well furnished. Photographs on the smaller table. In the adjoining room I could hear women's voices and somebody sewing on a machine. Mr. Panton went there and asked his wife to come and meet me. Mrs. Alma was well dressed- for a week day - . She complained of a pain in her side and leg. It seemed by her description a sciatic pain. She said she went to the doctor in "andeville "He is not really a doctor but he can help people". Her sister Francella Rochester went to him and he helped her." The "doctor" said It was a kidney trouble and gave Mrs. Rochester some medicine but it did not help her. She rather enjoyed taking of her bad health and pain but after a while I managed to switch the conversation on other subjects.

Family overseas. Mrs. Alma's sister Rebecca Grace went to Panama many years ago. Neither Panton nor Alma remember how long ago it was. She was an "average woman" 30 years old when she went there. She left Bull-Savannah because she wanted "to go and work for her living". In Panama she married a Jamaican His job was "to write in books when ships come". they had one child - a son. This sister died about 5 years ago, Mr. & Mrs. Rochester showed me with price a photograph of the sister in a coffin with husband son and friends round it. I spotted the husband and son on this rather macabre picture by the grieved expression of their face. This sister used to write "all the time during her life time and she helped the family a lot". Since her death the husband does not write to the family, whom he never met, neither does the son. I asked Mrs. Alma whether her sister seemed happy in her life abroad. Mrs. Alma said that judging by the letters she was satisfied with her life in Panama. "She did well". (Was prosperous there). They showed me also the picture of their daughter Lucille-sabelle who went to America a few years ago. She went there to Alma's sister Nicola. Lucille married in America not long ago. She has a baby. Does not intend to return to ~~xxxx~~Bull-Savannah and Mrs. Alma does not expect her to come on a visit soon. Her husband is a Jamaican but American citizen. The daughter writes to her parents often - about once in a month. Next they showed me the picture of the son Isaac, who went on contract to U.S.A. He works in Connecticut, not far from where his sister lives and they see each other quite often. The son writes also often and sends presents. He wrote lately that he sent some medicine for his mother's leg "to rub in". On the whole both Panton and Alma are rather satisfied that two of their children are abroad. "Have better living there". They expect the son to return ~~xxx~~ as he is on contract "It is the law (that he should return) unless he marry there". I asked whether he did not intend to marry the mother of his ~~xxxx~~

Ida Rochester, but they refrained from giving any opinion on the subject. I had the feeling they would rather see him marry and settle in the U.S.A.

They were not so interested to speak about their other children who are with them at home and switched all the time the conversation to the two who are in America. They told me that Isaac was very popular in Bull-Savannah he was the captain of the cricket club and also took part in other organizations. "He is very popular here".

The garden, the house (at least what I have seen of it) and the way those two were clad gave an air of prosperity and good management. Panton is rather suspicious and avoided the slightest hints about his economic affairs. I did not press the point. Very often at the second visit are much easier. They invited me to come again.

Information from ~~Ruak~~ Leo Johnson.
 Interv. Panton Rochester.
 15.6.48.
 J.O. 30.8.48.

Rochester Panton, 55.
 ,, Alma, wife,
 ,, Dexter, son, 22.
 ,, George, son, 15.
 ,, Errol, son, 12.
 ,, Cislina, dau., 10.
 ,, Ervin, son, 9.
 ,, Bobsie, dau., 7.
 ,, Norman, grson, 6.
 Neil Delis, grdaughter, 8.
 Simpson Enid, ad. daughter, 16.

Panton Rochester son of Sinean and Margaret Rochester nee Sinclair/.

Alma Rochester, daughter of George and Rose Powell.

They lived together for ~~xxxxxtimxxxxxxx~~ a long time before they married in 1932.

They had 11 children, 9 alive. 6 in the home, 3 staying away: Erseline Rochester /Green Olive/, James /Isaac/ Rochester, U.S.A., Isabelle Plummer, 25, U.S.A. Erseline is 27, Isaac 28.

Norman is outside son of Isaac Rochester and Ida Rochester, ~~xxxxxxx~~ Martha's Rochester daughter /Green Olive/. Adopted and supported by father.

Neil Delis is daughter of Louis Neil and Lucille Plummer. Lucille Plummer is daughter of Panton Rochester.

Enid Simpson - is daughter of Egbert Simpson and Ethel Simpson in Shadock Hill. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Adopted and supported by adopt. parents.

~~xxxxxxx~~ Panton went to Cuba in 1918. ~~xxxxxxx~~
 2 houses: 1 - 2 rooms, 2nd - 1 room. Kitchen 1 tank.
 Land: 5,5 ac. at home, 2,5 ac. ~~xxxxxxx~~, woodland - 2 ac. 1 ac. at home. 1 acre inherited from the father. Rest bought from Henry Sailsman and Ethel Simpson.
 2 c. mangoes, 2 pears, 5 sweepsaps.
 Spent on health £20 last year.
 Children in school: Errol, Cislina, Ervin and Bobsie.
 Religion: "believe in Christ", but do not follow any particular religion.