

C.D. 22. Sbd. 8. Household 73.

Simpson	Wilbert	Head.	M.Cl.	48	St.El.	Col.	Ang.	X	farmer
Ebanks	Zemna	wife	F.Cl.	37	"	"	"	X	homemaker
Simpson	Evelyn	dau	F.S.	6	"	"	"	-	
"	Glanville	son	M.S.	3	"	"	"	-	
"	Dobsie	dau	F.S.	1	"	"	"	-	

His farm in 1942.

8 acres p 7

Operates this farmland as tenant for 10 years.  
 Total acreage 4 and 1/2 ac. in 2 parcels:  
 2 and 2 and 1/2 ac. resp.

Rents from his mother Simpson Sarah, pays in kind. Lease 12 months.

No labour employed.

1 and 1/2 ac. in cultivation. 1/2 ac. cultivable but not cultivated. 1 and 1/2 pasture / guinea grass / 1/2 ac. woodlands. 1/2 ac. other land.

Total value of farm £ 60, buildings £15.

No mortgage.

1 catchment.

Cultivations: 0.1 ac. cabbages = 300 heads.  
 0.3 ac. tomatoes = 3710 lbs.

1 ackee = ? 30 avocados = not fruiting.  
 2 limes / 1 fruiting / = 126 doz. 17 mangoes / 6 fruiting / = 870 doz. 2 naseberries / 1 fruiting / = 6 doz. 3 cashew nuts / 1 fruiting / = 3 Quart  
 1/4 ac. congo peas = 2 bush. 3/4 ac. cassava = 2400 lbs. annatto = 12 lbs. 1/4 ac. tobacco = 150 lbs. 2x

- 1 donkey
- 2 sheep
- 2 goats
- 3 swine
- 4 hens = 20 doz. eggs.

Inform. Dudley Simpson.  
19.4.48.  
J.O.

Simpson Wilbert,  
his parentage.

He is son of Sarah Simpson and brother of James Simpson /see Family Records 155 and 156/.

His girl-friends  
and his outside  
children.

Before he ~~married~~ started to live with Zemna ~~Ebanks~~ Ebanks he was in frienship with other girls and had children with them.

"He got about 2 children before. He got one child by Teresa Holness. And another by Birdie Dyer, a girl from Chocolate Hole. Both children living now with the father."

His wife Zemna Ebanks  
and separation from  
her.

He was along with Zemna Ebanks for a number of years. Zemna Ebanks is from Tad Town. Her father is Arthur Ebanks, her mother - Margaret Smith married to Arthur Ebanks.

Wilbert Simpson "is not living now with Zemna Ebanks. They part - just recently. The girl is not so cute in life. Him find some fault in the girl - she is not the homemaker. She go to her father back - is now in Arthur Ebanks home."

They had four children together. "They come - the children - quite recently. Around Four children living with the father."

Clarice Simpson,  
Birdie Dyer's dau-  
ghter, and substi-  
tute mother to other  
children.

"The first child that the father had by Birdie Dyer is big girl now, so she can take care of the other children in the father home." This is why Wilbert Simpson could dismiss his good-for-nothing wife and do without her. The name of his first born daughter is Clarice Simpson. She has no children - "a young girl, but up to the pitch to have a baby."

Wilbert Simpson, cul-  
tivator, traveller and  
drunkard.

Wilbert Simpson is a cultivator only - has no other occupation. He is quite prosperous. "Him travelled to Republic, he brought some money and fixed up himself quite nicely."

He is a drunkard and ~~maxx~~ enjoys rather a bad reputation amon the people of the district.

"He is a man that takes liquor - highly engaged. He can cut himself when he takes his liquor. Everybody can be fret of him - non compass mentos."

"Once old John Rochester wife die~~d~~ - and you know the practice we keep up: set up. Wilbert Simpson was there and he was highly engaged in liquor. And we have him just before us - shaking, snubbing - nobody troubl-  
ed him as we know the condition of him."

/or James?/

"When him come down near the daylight, his brother want us to get him home - his brother Crafton. And he drew a knife after his brother Crafton to take his belly but him brother escape."

"And James Powell, Jehovah Witness, he was a district constable at the time. He get some statement of it what happens and he went over to Bottom, and when he went he find found Wilbert Simpson asleep. But James Powell knew him of him disposition - him handcuff and stuff him up when asleep. He realize now what really happen to him - God bless him. And James Powell march him from Bottom right over the hill to the factory. Major Moxsy was there. He report to Major Moxsy what really happen and Major Moxsy ordered unsound man to arrest and take him to Malvern." ~~xxxxxxx~~

"Him carried the man to Malvern and locked him up. After the man go to Malvern, sleep out the rum, he realize himself and come up to be a new man. There was no action against the man, nothing could be proved that the man did that you arrest him for."

"The man - Simpson - he took further pursue with Powell - for he was erong to arrest him in sleeping, when he does nothing. But all the high officials in Malvern was with James Powell. So Simpson could make no further pursue."

Wilbert Simpson is "still drinking. Any time he go to a set-up, he gets drunk." People refuse to drink with him and dont offer him drinks, but "he buys his own rum. If the man refuses, he goes to another rum-shop." He gets drunken easily: "cannot govern rum."

Pecple just avoid him. "We know the man, so we keep keep him at a distance. When he c ming down the road, everybody take himself away. Everybody scared of him. I always go away when I see him: all Simpsons try to keep neutral. But you Doctor, you must know the man. When you meet him, just grab the man first, lick him to the dust, before he hit you. He is a very foolish man. As it is said: when the rum is in the wit is out."

Visit at home. Interv. Wilbert Simpson. Later  
2.7.48. Harvey Simpson  
T.O.

I knew from constable Holness from Junction and other people about the violent character of Wilbert Simpson, about his recent dispute with brother Crafton about the land and also that he chased away from his home his wife - the mother of his children. Mrs. Hilda Simpson - his sister in law - took me to his home and I was glad for her company.

His house is above the road which leads through Bottom to Chocolate Hole from Tad Town. All the other Simpsons are below this road. His homestead strikes by the amount and variety of economic trees: behind the house there is a banana and plantain grove, round the house mangoes and naseberries, a few coconut palms. The two-room house is not big but very neat. Between it and the kitchen a big place shaded by mangoes and encircled by a stone wall. It is a tobacco nursery.

Mr. Wilbert Simpson came just home from work he is doing on parochial road from Junction. The yard was full of children. He pointed to me the ones who "belong" to him and said: "Seven children by three women and no mother." The eldest girl who assumes the materfamilias responsibilities wrote in my notebook the names and ages of the members of the household:

				born in:		
Simpson	Wilbert	head	40#	Bottom		cultivator
"	Deloris	dau	15	Choc.Hole		homemaker
"	Harvey	son	13	Shad.Hill		3 book school
"	Evelyn	dau	12	Tad.Town		" "
"	Glanville	son	8	"		A st. school
"	Bobsey	dau	6	Bottom		
"	Diyan	dau	5	"		
"	Delma	dau	3	"		

\*(Wilbert gave his age as 40 and I didn't want to contradict him. He said however he went for the first time to Cuba in 1916 as a "young fellow" he certainly could not be 12 at that time; I think the ages of the children are rather accurate. Wilbert is likely to be over 50; his elder brother is 37 and Wilbert "follow him".

Wilbert Simpson is the son of Sarah Simpson and her late husband Richard. (For his parentage etc. see F.R. 155 of Sarah Simpson his mother) His father died when Wilbert was a young man (but already not a child - this is the nearest description he could give. I know it occurred 36 years ago because the youngest son of Sarah was at that time a baby she was nursing) He stayed "for a while" with the widowed mother helping the ol-

der brother to ~~work~~ cultivate. In 1916 "or so" he went to Cuba. Many people from Bull-Savannah at that time went there. He was working "cutting the cane and falling the mountain". He came to B.Sav for a visit and returned to Cuba in 1920. "things were good for a time," but after a few years (probably in 1924) "things very low". His savings started to dwindle. ~~Most~~ Most of the Jamaicans went back to Bull-Savannah but "ilbert wanted to wait for "the things to improve". However in 1928 he decided there was no use waiting and he decided to go back home.

Building his house. He brought a little money with him "very simple" it was, owing to the depression during the last few years of his stay in Cuba: "the Republic". The mother allotted to him a piece of land of the patrimony and he built his house. He also planted all the trees. "There wasn't a tree here not even as big as my finger". He set on his own.

His children. Wilbert is undoubtedly very fond of his children. The small girls climbed on his knees and he was patting them affectionately. "Wilbert repeated: "Seven children by three women and no mother." I asked ~~me~~ whether the mother was dead feigning I didn't know. "We couldn't agree so I tell her we must make partition. She left when this little one (pointing to the youngest Delma) didn't wean yet. Stay in the father's home." The mother - Zemina Ebanks - comes sometimes for a short visit and children run to her, but it is the oldest girl who takes care of all of them. "She cooks and washes and takes care big task: to feed them and to keep their skin clean". Later on I asked Harvey - the oldest son who accompanied me home carrying plantains and musk mellow which I got as a present from Wilbert - a few questions about his life & father. The boy told me that his mother Teresa Holness lives in May Pen. He never went to May Pen but the mother comes sometimes to Bull Savannah and on those occasions he sees her. Harvey and his brother Glanville & sister Evelyn all three go to school. They have their lunches at school. Father gives them every day 3d. each for the lunch. I asked what happens if the father is not home. "He is always home and if he is not he gives before." Usually the father gives them money in the morning before they leave for school. Harvey wrote his name in my note book. He is "in the third book". When I asked him to write the names of other children he passed the notebook to the sister Deloris and she wrote them very neatly. She doesn't go to school any more as "her time is up." Deloris is a very serious young person, and poised. Children were following her most of the time.

When I asked before going to Wilbert the neighbours who is taking care of Wilbert's children they (Hilda Simpson, Caroline Powell, Olga daughter of Izan) each told me "The eldest daughter she is quite a big Miss." Each one referred to her as "Miss" which is rather unusual here.

Wilbert has really 8 children by 4 women. Out of those 8 children 7 stay with him.

Deloris is by Berdie Dyer who lives now in Dunder Hill Harvey is by Theresa Holness who lives in May Pen. (xi (sister of Claston Holness).

Evelyn, Glanville, Bobsey, Diyan & Delma are by Zemina Banks who returned to her father's home in Tad Town. Evelyn and Glanville were born at Zemina's home. After that she came to live with Wilbert and the three last were born in his house. The two eldest were born in their mother's homes.

It was Hilda who brought into conversation that Wilbert had still another child. Wilbert remembered now he had a daughter by Lydia Davidson. He is not certain where this child is now, he thinks she is in Kingston. I asked whether Zemina didn't want any of her children to stay with her. Wilbert said "Everyone is mine and will stay with me." He is certainly one of the ~~xxxxxx~~ fathers who wants his children and is far more interested in them than in their mothers.

His land Wilbert says he works alone on his land. He has altogether 8 acres: "4 round the home, 1 at mother and 3 in woodlands. All this land comes from his father "If you don't find me here I am working in the woods." He plants a lot of things in the woods where the soil is good "Cassava and yams, coconuts, corn and peas and tomatoes - everything." He plants also round his house. He has about 1 acre of cassava, over 200 holes of yams, one acre of gungoo peas and some sweet potatoes. He has one donkey, 2 sheep and 2 pigs.

Working on the road. The work on the road he is doing now is not paid. They want to have a road to Junction. The government "give a little grant for the road on the hill" (the bit joining Chocolate Hole with Bottom) but the road through Bottom they have to work it themselves free. At the beginning - Wilbert says - all the people from Bottom worked on the road, but "now it is only 10 of us who work". The road will be for the convenience of everybody especially in Bottom and Tad Town.

His expenditure. He really can't tell how much he spends for the home and children. All the food he produces goes for the home use. He complained he spent a lot - about £ 20 he said - on hospital and doctors. Everybody in Bottom said they had a big expenditure on that item. Especially last year there was an epidemic of typhoid fever and a lot of people and children were taken to the Black River Hospital. The hospital is free but the transportation to Black River costs over £ 2 and all the little extras make a big sum.

Information from Leo Johnson.  
Interv. Wilbert Simpson. 17.6.48.  
J.O. 19.8.48.

Present household.

- Simpson Wilbert, 40.
- Simpson Deloris, daughter, 15.
- Simpson Harvey, son, 13.
- Simpson Evelyn, daughter, 12.
- Simpson Granville, son, 7.
- Simpson Bobsie, daughter, 6.
- Simpson Dean, daughter, 5.
- Simpson Rose, daughter, 3.

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Simpson Wilbert: son of Sarah Simpson in Bottom /see Fam.Rec. 155/.

Children: Wilbert has 8 children by 4 women. One of them lives in Kingston with the mother, Lydia Davidson. The remainder with him. Deloris's mother is Berdie Dyer in Chocolate Hole; Harvey's mother is Theressa Holness /in Shaddock Hill/. ~~That~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ Zemina Ebanks is the mother for the rest of his children. Deloris was born in mother's home ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ and brought by her mother as a child. Harvey was also born in his mother's home. And so two first children of Zemina Ebanks. 3 next were born in Bottom, in father's home. Zemina lived with him sharing his house with him. Only recently she left and went ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ back to her parental home.

Wilbert Simpson went to Cuba twice, 1918-1920- 1928.

House, land, farming.

House: 2 rooms, Kitchen. Furniture: 2 beds, 2 chairs. ~~xxx~~ No tank, water taken from the neighbour.

Land: 8 acres, 5 at home, 3 in the woodland, all land inherited from the father. 3 acres cultivated, 3 in g.grass.

Trees: 14 mangoes/2 robins, 4 green skin, 2 of other varieties, rest - common. 2 coconuts, 10 pears, quite a number of bananas. 1 naseberry.

Cultivations: yams 200, cassava 1 acre, congo 1 acre, /15 bags/ sw.pot., red peas. All food for home use.

Stock: 1 donkey, 2 sheep, 2 pigs.

Health: L20 spent last year on hospital and doctors.

Scool: Harvey and Evelyn in 3rd stand., Granville in A st.

Informant Dudley Simpson.  
24.4.48.  
J.O.

Wilbert Simpson parted recently from his c.l.wife Zemina Ebanks. Or rather he sent his wife back to her father's home. It was his wish that they parted, not her's. "He leave Zemina Ebanks, separate. She have around 4 children for him. They never marry. She really couldnt stand him, she ~~really~~ didnt really want to leave Wilbert, but it happen that Wilbert leave her out."

"He was along with one girl over Top Bull Savannah, but the girl just feel she cannot stay with him. One May Lee, William Lee daughter. The girl afraid of him - so laborious that she just scare him."

Cf. for Wilbert Simpson family history File 3 No:2.