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Powell	Clifford	Head	M.M.	28		St. Eliz.	Col.	Ang. X	Farmer (mason)
"	Vera M.	wife	F.M.	25	2.2.	"	"	" W.3.	homemaker
"	Winston	son	M.S.	1		"	"	"	-

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8.5 acres in 2 wh.

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Interview with Clifford Powell.

Clifford is the son of John Powell and Josephine Powell . His parents had three children . His father did not marry his mother . His mother is dead . She died when he was very small , so he was left with his father . He cannot read, "me father never send me ~~xx~~ to school, him use to mek me help him with the cultivaxion~~tion~~tion".

His wife is Vera Powell (nee Francis) from Bull Savannah . They are married 6 years , and have 3 children. She is the daughter of Ida Francis , he does not remember his father -in -law's name .

His wife is a dress maker . She sews a simple dress for 1/6 and an up-to-date one for 2/- or 3/- " but sometimes she can' even get that ~~far~~ price fa the people won' pay the price".

When he was a boy he went ~~x~~ four times to the sea with his father , but he could not go back because , "fever lay hol' pon me , me couldnt stan' the sea". He plants a little tomato every year , but has to rent land to plant it . He has no land, he lives on his ~~father's~~ father's land. He is a mason , but he is not getting a lot of jobs , "me work mostly fe meself ". He is 30.

Monday.  
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Interview with Clifford Powell.

His Living.

Clifford is a mason but he does not work on his trade all the time, because jobs are very scarce. He cannot depend on his trade alone for a living. Last year he built a little house for Ethlyn Brooks at Thatch Walk. He worked about ~~four~~ four days at 5/- per day.

He worked at the factory too building sheds and bins. Sometimes he worked ~~at~~ for a week and ~~at~~ sometime for a day or two. There were other carpenters, and all could not be employed all the time. Then he had to stop to look after his cultivations. He was paid 5/- per day.

He rears a pig now and then. As one is sold he buy another. To work on his trade here it is very cheap. At other places the price is better. Up in the Manchester Mountains carpenters and masons charge 10/- per day, "but as we all poor, we can charge more than 5/- for me no like to crush the others".

He plants about  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre of tomato on his father's land. He does it on partnership. He works on partnership with one man by the name of Coley. "Him a one contingent man dey clear to hell a "Bonny Cleber" (Balaclava). Coley was a Contingent in the War and the Government has given him the land. Clifford has been cultivating the land for him all the time, about 10 years now.

One year he planted tomato, but since then he has only planted cassava. He does not plant as much to sell but if a neighbour of his has no food and ~~ask~~ ask him for a shilling worth of food he will try to spare the ~~person~~ person either one shilling or two shillings worth, just to help the person. He has about  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre of cassava. He is not so sure it is  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre because, he does not cultivate all in one. It is just a little patch here and there.

He does not rent land from any one else, and he has never worked on partnership with any ~~one~~ one besides his father and Coley.

Discussion about a pig.

During the conversation with Clifford a man by the name of Hubert Stephenson came into the yard. Hubert is from Top Hill. He trades on pigs and other things in Kingston. He goes on Burton's truck to Kingston. He

had /

came to buy a pig from Clifford . Hubert offered Clifford £2. 12. for the pig , Clifford refused to take that amount when he refused £3. 10. on Saturday to a ~~man~~ man who came to buy the pig . Clifford wants ~~£4~~ £4. 0. 0. "and me must get £4.0.0. , for me know ~~the~~ the kind of feeding me gi' him . Me no feed hog a night time , me feed them a morning make them full up . When you feed them a night , a morning when them wake up them flat . But when you feed them a morning i can keep them through the day " .

Hubert would buy the pig if he was going to rear it for £4. 0. 0. , but he cannot pay £4. and then take ~~it~~ it to Kingston to sell because he will not make "any ~~thing~~ thing on it" . Clifford does not take the £2. 12. 0. that Hubert offered for the pig for money . It is not even "tuppy" (1½d ) to me" . That caan even buy me pickney them a good meal nor a shirt fe meself . Me no call that money!"

Hubert gathered up his pocket and held it up to Clifford showing him that he has money , and all that he has in his pocket was pound notes , so he can afford to pay for the pig . But the pig doesnot worth £4. Clifford did not mind what money Hubert has he was not going to sell the pig for less than £4. Hubert not succeeding in getting the pig left the yard .

#### His House.

He built his house himself out of his own money. His father did not help him to build it . He had a little money from the cassava and tobacco that he cultivated and with that money he made his house . It was built after the storm in 1933. After it was finished he went to live in it , but he was still attached to his father's house hold . They provided there for him with what help he could give .

He got married six years ago and after that he began to live independently from his father .

#### His ~~Trade~~ Trade.

He got his trade from Calbert Elliott , both mason and carpent@r . He used to go out with Calbert to his work . Calbert showed him how every little thing should be done . Little by little he learned the trade . Calbert did not charge Clifford for what he showed him . It was Calbert who worked on Clifford's house .

Interviewed Vera Powell

Present house hold

Clifford			
<del>Hubert</del> Powell	Head	30	
Vera Powell	Wife	27	
Winston Powell	Son	7	
Warren Powell	"	5	
Earl Powell	"	3	
Lodrick Simpson			(does not know age)

The house & other buildings

*The house*  
~~It~~ is made of spanish wall and has a thatched ~~it~~ roof. There are two rooms in the house . In the Bed room the bed was neatly made , having on a clean spread . There is also a table with a few books and one or two pictures . In the hall there are two tables , one with glass ~~walls~~ <sup>plates</sup> , and the other with a machine . There are about three chairs and on the wall there are a few pictures .

Clifford  
The house was built by ~~Hubert~~ about 15 years ago. It is built on his father's land . He does not pay rent to his father for the land . The house looks very strong and new . All the members of the house hold sleep in the house, except Lodrick Simpson, who sleeps at ~~his own~~ <sup>a</sup> house , *that he rents from Jacob Brooks.*

The kitchen is also a spanish wallized building , with roof of thatch , The kitchen was closed and nothing of the interior could not be seen . The kitchen was also built by ~~Hubert~~ Clifford.

Clifford  
~~Hubert~~ has a catchment that he made for himself , but Vera does not know how much ~~it~~ he spent to make it .

Source of living

Clifford  
~~Hubert~~ is a Carpenter and Mason . He is also a cultivator . He plants tomato on his father's land , working on partnership with his father , ~~Mr~~ John Powell. His father gets a half of the crop when it is reaped . In the woods <sup>he</sup> plants cassava , peas , corn , and yams. He sells his tomato , but not the cassava and other things .

At present he is working on his trade . He is getting a few jobs to make houses . He works at 6/- per day . His wife is a dress maker . She sews a simple dress for 1/-6 or 2/- and a silk dress for 3/- or four shillings . Sometimes she gets a few pieces of work , and sometimes scarcely any

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thing to do . When the crop is on she gets more work , than when the crop is off .

Land and possession

Clifford has eight acres of land in the woods that he bought from the Government . He has not finished paying for it , and Vera does not know how he pays for the land . He has that land about six years now . The land is at Duff House , and that is the land he cultivates on. Clifford rears a pig all the time , he does not have any other ~~skunkx~~ animalsx .

Sunday .  
18. 7. 48.  
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Interviewed Vera Powell

Her Family History

Ida Plummer (nee Francis ) her mother alive

Oscar Francis her father . She does not know if her father is alive or dead . Her father and her mother are distant relatives . He went away to Cuba and she has never heard from him since .

Her grand parents

Her father's mother - Henrietta Francis alive

Her father's father - Stephen Francis dead

Her mother's mother - Ada Francis dead

Her mother's father - ~~James~~ Immanuel Francis dead

Her mother's children alive :-

Herself

For Connie Kate :-

Sydney Pate who is in America . He went on the Contract three years ago . Sydney cannot read . He went to school but did not learn . She has never heard from Sydney since he left Jamaica.

Vincent the other child for her mother is dead .

Vera

She grew with her mother in Junction . ~~After her mother~~

She went to school , and read to the 4th standard . After school , she went to learn sewing at her aunt Doris Francis , her mother's sister . She went to sewing for a year , then stopped . On finishing sewing she went to seek work at Mandeville .

Working out

She got a job at Isabell Clarke to do domestic's work at 5/-6 per week . She worked ~~xxx~~ for one year . Before she got the job there , her mother got married , and went to live in Mandeville , and she went to live in Mandeville with her mother . While she was there she got the job . Her mother's husband is Wilfred Plummer .

Her husband - Clifford Powell

She met Clifford in Mandeville , and they became friends . "Him ask me mother fe me and me mother give consent ! She stopped working after she met Clifford , and returned to Junction to live . Coming back to Junction she stayed with her ~~xx~~ grand mother Henrietta Francis . Her reason for returning to Junction was to be nearer to Clifford , so that they would be able to see each other more often .

She got pregnant for Clifford , but neither her mother nor her grand mother did not quarrel , "because him did ask fe me , and promise fe marry me". Plans were made for the marriage , and they were married before the baby was born . ~~After~~ After her marriage she came to Bull Savannah to live . Her mother gave her a machine fro her wedding present . Clifford was her first boy friend.

Her children

She has three children for her husband . They are all at home , Winston the eldest is just seven years old, and will be starting out to school after the holidays . The training of the children is left chiefly to the mother . The father does not help very much . When the children are naughty the mother ~~chastises~~ chastises , "the father wi' most so spoil them " .

At an early age the children are taught to use the chimney , and to wash themselves up . With the washing up mother has to help , as even a four year old cannot do it very well without mother . The children do not hear so easily when they are spoken to . The command has to be repeated before they will obey , and chiefly when it is shouted to them .

Lodrick Simpson

On visiting Vera's yard , Lodrick , who is called

"Goban" WAS was not there , but he came in the yard during the Interview . Vera said " See Goban dey you caan talk to himself". Calling out to Lodrick , he replied, "me tired fe see people dey walk up and down every day dey ask this heap a question , question . Every God day them come say them ~~my~~ dey ask question , and no body na get a God thing out a hit . Me no ha' no time fe sit down fe answer nothing". With that he was gone .

Vera/  
live/

Lodrick Simpson has his meals at Vera Powell's house, but he does not sleep there . He resides in a house that he rents from Jacob Brooks at Thatch Walk . Lodrick is no relative to neither/, nor her husband . He and Clifford Powell , Vera's husband are very good friends . "Them/like brother, the two a them grow together a one house ". Clifford grew with his father John Powell , who is living with Edith Sinclair . Edith Sinclair is Lodrick Simpson's aunt , and Edith took Lodrick when he was a little boy from his mother Alice Sinclair , who is Edith's sister .

Lodrick left his aunt Edith's house not very long ago . "Me no know wha' make him left i' no mus'e convenient fe stay dey ". After he left his aunt's house he asked Vera to prepare his meals for him . Vera consented , so he gives her an ~~amou~~ amount weekly to provide for him . He does not pay her for doing it . She has been providing for him for eight months .

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He lives alone at ~~his~~ house/at Thatch Walk . He is paying 5/- per month for the house . He has four children , three-by Edith Brooks and one by Sylvina Perkins . ~~For~~ For Edith , they are , Lenord , Orrett , and Lebert . Vera does not remember what is the name of Sylvina's child .

Lodrick ~~works~~ and Clifford work on partnership on Clifford's land at Duff House . The crop is divided in ~~xxxx~~ two when it is reaped . Now and then Lodrick gets a little work on the road .

Just as I ~~was~~ had finished the interview with Vera, on Sunday , and preparing to leave , Lodrick came in the yard again . This time his attitude was quite different , more friendly , but yet at the sametime he would not tell any thign about himself . He is not living at a certain place , he is living every where . " No bother me tell you nothing 'bout meself fa you hear everything a' ready , ~~we~~ wey you fe hear ." All this setting down and setting down na help . We caan depend 'pon Government fe help , i' better we depend 'pon the season ya , and pray fe rain , that the things caan grow . That wi' help we better 'an any thing else " .



Information from Lilian Powell.  
 Interv. Clifford Powell.  
 16.6.48.  
 J.O. 25.8.48.

Present household.

Powell Clifford, 30.  
 Powell Vera, wife, 27.  
 Powell Winston, son, 7.  
 Powell Warren, son, 4.  
 Powell Earl, son, 2.

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 Simpson*

Powell Clifford: father John Powell, mother Josephine Dyer /d/. Has one ~~brother~~ mat. half brother: Percival Dyer in Tad Town, 3 pat. halfbrothers living in B.S. James, Edgar and Philip Powell. 1 half sister through mother: Amy Dyer in U.S.A., and 5 half sisters through father: Reta Dyer, Tad Town; Mavis, Ina, Curdel and Pet Powell in Bull Savannah.

Vera Powell, nee Francis. Parents: Osacr Francis, U.S.A., mother Ida Plummer, Kendal. 1 half brother /through mother Sydney Myers in Port Sea.

House, land, farming etc.

House: 2 rooms, Kitchen, Buttery, Laterine. Tank.  
 Furniture: 2 beds, 3 chairs, 2 tables, 1 sewing machine.  
 Land: 8,5 acres owned by Clifford in two lots. 8 acres in Duff House bought from Land Settl. in 1936. 1/2 acre homeland inherited from Henry Powell, the grandfather.  
 Trees: 3 mangoes, 2 pears, 2 pawpaws, 4 cashews, 7 pomegran 1 naseberry.  
 Tomatoes: 3000 holes, L17. 100 yam hills. 1/2 acre cassava. 1/4 acre congo.  
 2 pigs, 1 cat.  
 Occup.: Clifford is carpenter, earned L20 from carpentry and masonry in the past year. Vera is dressmaker.  
 Weekly spendings: 20/-. L16 spent on clothes last year. L2 on medical treatment for Vera Powell.  
 No savings, condition poor.  
 No religion.