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Powell	Thomas	head	M.Cl.	29	St. Eliz.	Col.	Angl.	X	Farmer
Holness	Isabel	wife	F.Cl.	35 5.4.	"	"	"	X	homemaker
Powell	Elaine	dau	F.S.	11	"	"	"	W.3. 4.E.	
Powell	Rupert	son	M.S.	2	"	"	"	-	
"	Herbert	son	M.S.	4/12	"	"	"	-	

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for tenant

Tuesday.
30. 3. 48.
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Interview with Isabell Holness & Thomas Powell

Present House-hold.

Thomas Powell	Father	47	c.l.
Isabell Holness	Mother	40	
Eileen Powell	Dau.	16	
Rupert "	Son	7	
Herbert "	Son	5	

Isabell's parents are dead . They were Ann Wellington and Lewis Holness of Bull Savannah . Her father did not marry her ~~father~~ mother . Her parents are dead, her father died 20 years ago and her mother 4 years ago.

School

She went to school for a short time , but did not stay long enough to learn to read . "Me mother could not manage to keep me in school , a did plenty of us , an i! did hard for her after me father dead".

When she stopped from school she had to go and work for her self. "I' did hard me had to weed grass, 6d a day , and sometime trade 'pon cassava , or pedlar fish sometime". She did her trading for three years . It is 11 years since she had stopped ~~trading~~ trading .

She is 30 years old . She has 5 children , one died and 4 are alive . One of her sons is in America. That son helps her very much , he is there for three years . "a good son to me ".

She has been living with Thomas for 20 years . They are going to be married in April this year. She is working at the Manager's house as a gardner . She gets 9/- per week for the ~~gardner~~ gardening . She cleans the Office too , getting 3/- for doing it .

She has been working at the factory from the work began. When she is not doing the gardening , she works in the house , running errands or doing little odd jobs. It was Major Moxsy who gave her ~~that job~~ the job she is now doing . "They never find a fault with me ".

~~Thomas is the son of Hubert Powell and Adinah Neil.~~
Thomas is the son of Hubert Powell and Adinah Neil. He is 31 . He cannot read . He was not sent to school . "Never know reading did have any use" ..He has 6

*if its
grandmother
adopted
by Sarah
see F.R. 162*

children , five with Isabell and one with Elsie
Holness from Bull Savannah . Elsie's child is Kenrick,
Kenrick / *stays* ~~satys~~ with his mother , but he visits his ~~m~~
father sometimes.

Thomas was once a fisherman, but he has stopped
fishing now . He is not so strong as ~~he~~ he used to
be. His partner in fishing was Charles Rochester . He
worked as a hand with Charles, . Once he had his own ~~his~~
boat and went by himself.

He is now cultivating in the woods . He lives on ~~at~~
his father's land.

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Interviewed Thomas Powell.

His Early Life.

He grew with his father until he was 12 years old, then he ran away from home. His parents did not want him to leave home, so one night he ran away. He went to stay with one Alty Martin from Breeze Hole in Manchester. He stayed with Alty for a few weeks and then he left. He did not like the place. It was tooo bushy.

After he left Breeze Hole he went to Warsop, in Trelawny. He was not going to any one specially. He met on his way in Warsop one Mr Hezikiah McLish. Mr McLish asked him a few questions - where he is from and where he was going to. He told McLish he ran away from home and was looking some one to stay with.

McLish asked him if he would like to go home with him he said yes, and he went with McLish. He stayed with McLish for twelve years. He worked in McLish's cultivation and helped to do every thing at home. McLish cared him like a son.

He got home sick after a while and came home, though McLish did not want him to come. He came straight to his father's home and every one was glad to see him.

His House.

his/ He stayed in father's house until his father built another house and moved into the new house. His father gave him the old house after his father had moved out. He does not know when it was built or the cost of it. His father did every thing. The house is made of spanish wall. It has one room.

There was not a chance of seeing the inside of the room. The house was locked and Thomas' ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ was at Adolphus' yard where the interview was done. He has a kitchen almost as big as the house. He built the kitchen five years ago. He spent £4. 15. 0. to build it.

His Cultivations.

He plants a few hills of yam on his father's land. He does not pay rent for the land he uses, neither in cash nor kind. He and his father cultivate $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land for Miss Waby at New Forest. They work on partnership. When the crop is reaped each person gets $\frac{1}{3}$ of it.

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The chief things they plant are cassava and tomato. He is not compelled to help his father with the father's little cultivation at home, if he feels like helping - he ~~and~~

does so . His father does not demand his help . He is not dependent on his father . "Me no say if me in a trouble him won' help me , but away from that me try help me self".

His Living .

All he does for a living is to plant the tomato , and he does not get so much from it . The small portion has to be divided between three people . He does not work for any one.

Son in America.

Granville the son in America helps his mother and ~~his~~ step-father very well . He sends " a little raise for them now and then", about two or three times for the year .

Stock.

Thomas has one little pig that he got not so long ago, that is all the stock he has .

Saturday .
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Interviewed Thomas Powell & Isabel Powell

Their children.

Isabel had four children for Thomas, one is dead and three are alive. The children are :-

Elaine Powell - 16
Rupert Powell - 7
Herbert Powell - 5

Lindel the other daughter is dead. Elaine goes to school, she is taking the 3rd. Year Examination. She has passed it once. The father and mother are trying hard with Elaine "to see if she can come out to something good, and able to help herself". She is taking Music Lessons from Miss Blythe, one of the school teachers, of the Bull Savannah School. When she does not go to school, she helps with the work of the house.

Rupert

He goes to school too, but Herbert has not reached the school age as yet.

Isabel's son Granville

was / Granville's father was William Powell. William is dead now. When Isabel became pregnant with Granville she was living at her grand mother's house, Sarah Powell. Sarah Powell is her mother's mother. Sarah Dyer, Isabel's first cousin was also living at Sarah Powell's house. After Isabel's baby was born Sarah Dyer took the child, or adopted the child.

The child grew with Sarah until he left for America. Sarah sent Granville to school, and he read to the 5th standard. It is three years since Granville is in America. He sends presents for his mother all the time. He sent 12/- for his mother's wedding present.

Why they marry.

Thomas and Isabel are now married. They were married on the 23rd of May, at the Anglican Church, by the Revd. Immanuel. "We couldn't married before, because we no did have any thing to take do it. No did have money. We just work it out. We married this to change we life, and make we feel good, we this feel to do it. Make a tell you the whole truth ya, we married for we children sake. We trying with Elaine and we doubt that, that will turn her down, and we don't want to see her turn down".

Thomas and Isabel fear that if they are not married

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for /

/ respectable way they will prevent Elaine achieving to a higher standard of life in every way , so for her sake, and/~~for~~ the boys as well they decided to get marry !

"Some children would a married some time , but through them parents no married it keep back the children / If a any blot ~~in~~ dey pon the parents the children suffer . Me know one man up a Malvern this because him no did play fear, and make him name write down in a Government book , him have money, and yet him children them caan get in a not a thing . As poor as we be we have fe try fe live good , so that, that won' keep them down " .