

C.D. 22.Sbd. 8. Household 3

Elliott	Thomas	Head	M.M.	29	St.Eliz.	Col.	Angl.	W.2.	Farmer
"	Isobell	wife	F.M.	27 5.5.	"	"	"	W.3.	homemaker
"	Hicklin	son	M.S.	8	"	"	"	W.1.	3.E.
"	Sonia	dau	F.S.	7	"	"	"	X	3.E.
"	Rupert	son	M.S.	5	"	"	"		
"	Patricka	dau	F.S.	3	"	"	"		
"	Jean	dau	F.S.	2	"	"	"		

His farm in L942.

8 acres p 5,

Operates ths farmland as owner or part owner for 6 years.

Owns 2 and 1/2 ac. in 1 parcel.

Main income from tomatoes and tobacco.

No labour employed.

Works 50 weeks. p.a.

2 and 1/4 ac. cultivated.

1/4 ac. other.

Total value of farm L 50, buildings L10  
1 catchment

12 rows of escallion = 300 bund.

o.2 ac. tomatoes = 1100 lbs. 12 doz. water melons.

1 ackee = 90 heaps. 1 coconut = 120 nuts.

1 lime = 20 doz. 2 pawpaws = 120 .

1 and 1/2 ac. congo peas = 15 bush. 1/2 ac.

cassava = 1520 lbs. 1/4 ac. sweet pot. = 2500

1/4 ac. yams = 1672 lbs. 1/4 ac. tobacco = 160 lbs.

2 sheep 5 goats. 2 swine 3 hens = 18  
doz. eggs. 2 rabbits.

Wednesday.  
14. 4. 48.  
I.D.

Interviewed May Elliott.

Family History

May's parents. Caroline and Charles Rochester. Mother's mother Rosie Dyer. Mother's father Charles Dyer. Father's parents. Margaret and Simeon Rochester.

May and Thomas' children: Hickline, Sonia, Rupert, Patricia, Jean, Beryl, Cecil and Shipley Waine. "Never even lose one. My mother only have 3 of us."

Land

4  
2  
2  
8

Thomas owns 4½ acres of land. Thomas' mother's father left 2½ acres for her. "She give it to Thomas, as he is the oldest son." He bought 1 acre from Euston Powell and 1 acre from Claston Rochester at Dunder Hill. Thomas works on Charles Rochester's land. How many acres? "Hard for me tell you, for me father have plenty land, and him work anywhere." May does not know how many tomatoes plants Thomas had. "That would be hard for me to tell you, for is thousands. The land in wood bring £50. One of the boys have a garden and me have one."

Religion.

"I am interested in the adventist, I am not a member." May was brought up in the anglican faith. "I could not get any teaching there. To my belief, the sabbath was to be kept, and they say it is not necessary." The Jehova's Witnesses say the sabbath was abolished. Asked how she became interested in the S.D.A. "By Claston's advice and teaching, I was interested little by little. Brother Green finish the job."

I said that the church taught the people about God and now they are all her. "One writer said to Daniel, shut the book until knowledge is increased. Suppose knowledge is increased now. Suppose you is a dressmaker but not a good one, you learn a little. When a very good one come you will know that it is good for the other one teach you. Well is just so with the church"

Which is the strongest church? S.D.A. has only been here for a short time. When I come to knowledge I see Jehovas Witness and the church, I don't know which one come here first. I would say that S.D.A. is doing better than the others. The Jehova's Witnesses say nobody going to heaven from the earth. But I know and my thought teach me, that wherever Christ is there will be a heaven, For he said I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself at that where I

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am there will you be also. We know that we coming back on the earth to dwell, for the earth will be cleansed. The J.W. say the grave is hell. When the wicked die, its just like how you would kill a hog. When you kill him, him gone. Dust thou art, to dust shalt thou return." Asked how she know so much about the J.W. "They used to keep study in my house. I did not run them. After I get interested in S.D.A. I tell them not to come back."

J.W. say the wicked wont come back to any judgement and they say there will be no fire. The wicked will be forgotten. Boysie tell me that the righteous is already caught up to meet the Lord in the air. So I want to know what him working for. Him say judgement going on now. " Who are the righteous. "Must be men of old like Abraham and Isaac, and Jacob. " Them say that no day is necessary to be kept. The sabbath is a burden. You work any day." May was silent for a while, then she said. "The only thing that Christ write with his own finger, could that be abolished? ~~Yes~~ Him say heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away. Him say I am the Lord I change not. Him say again. My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish in that what I say."

"If there is no law, there is no judgement. If the law - the 10 commandments, is abolished, then you can do anything because is it say thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not bear false witness and all that. If I do those things then, them can' take me to Malvern." May's husband is interested in the ~~J.W.~~ Jehova's Witnesses.

Courtship and marriage.

"Always see each other. We grow up as sister and brother." May did not like Thomas when she knew him first "I did hate him you see. Him and me use to talk about him girl friend and all that. " May fell in love with Thomas in 1928. "Is the first man I fall in love with." Him always write me, and I answer when it was convenient to me." Thomas and her 2 brothers were very good friends. He used to be at her home very often. Thomas and May did not go out alone together. "Was interested in me church. I only go to Missionery, and to Littiz and all so. Him never say come with me. We go in a group." Thomas and May were friends for 8 years before she had her first child. Her mother quarreled with her when she was pregnant. "We would marry and Thomas did not finish him house. My mother wanted we to live there, but we would not consent. I have my child this year, and we married next year."

"I going to give you a little joke. My friend that live beside me here - Mrs. Powell, she was May Rochester and I was May Rochester. We were very good friends. Her father was living where Claston living now, and I was

living just opposite. Thomas and me was friend and Euston and May was friend. Well, Thomas fall her, and through that me and her was not friends again and Thomas and I fall out for a long time. Thomas tell me that them was not friends so him don' know how it happen, it just happen. During this time Euston and me was still friend, just nice you know. It work out afterward that Euston marry May, and Thomas marry me. We living near to one another and we are the best of friends again! May's child by Thomas' is dead. Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Elliott are cousine and Euston and Thomas are cousins.

Children.

The children played happily both inside and out of the house. Beryl who is 4 years old took care of the 2 smaller ones. May asked her to wash Cecil's hair. He would not allow Beryl to do it. Cecil asked his mother if my name was Benson. May has a church sister who is Benson.

Beryl sat at the door with her baby brother in her arms. May told her to take him in the kitchen and see if he would go to sleep. She ~~went to the kitchen~~ did as instructed and returned about 5 minutes after with the baby fast asleep. Beryl could hardly lift the child.

This interview took place in the room. May was ironing the children's clothes. When it started to rain she stopped ironing, she said she did not want to take a cold.

May wanted to go to bed early tonight as she ~~was out~~ was out until 4:00 this morning. Why? "A woman daughter was labouring, and me go and keep her company."

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16.4.48.

J. O.

For Thomas Elliott's family history see Fam. Rec. 21 p. 1 and Fam. Rec. 84 p. 4.

Information from Leo Powell,  
who interv. Elliott Thomas and May  
on 15.6.48.  
20.7.48.  
J.O.

Present Household.

- Elliott Thomas, 38.
- Elliott May, wife, 37.
- Elliott ~~Wakak~~ Hicklin, son, 14.
- Elliott Sonia, dau., 12.
- Elliott Rupert, son, 10.
- Elliott Patricka, dau., 9.
- Elliott Jean, dau., 7.
- Elliott Beril, dau., 5.
- Elliott Cecil, son, 3.
- Elliott Wane, 1. son.

<sup>10</sup> For Thomas family history see Fam. Rec. 21 /Hubert Moses Elliott, who is Thomas' father/.

May Elliott is daughter of Charles Rochester and Caroline Rochester in Green Olive. She has one half sister by father /Icodel Simpson/ and two full brothers: Claston Rochester /Green Olive/ and Albert Rochester /New Forest/.

House, land, farming.

This is a large and well built house of 3 rooms: 1 "sitting hall" and 2 sleeping rooms. Furniture: 3 chairs, 2 tables, 2 beds, 1 wagon, 1 center table. Kitchen. A separate "wash house". 1 tank.

3,5  
1,5  
3.-

Land: 3,5 ac. homeland, 1:5 ac. in Dunder Hill, 3 ac. in Woodland. All inherited with the exception of 1/2 acre which was bought for L2 from Euston Powell. 4 acres cultivated, 1 acre in grass, the remainder - woodland.

Trees: 2 c.mangos, 1 cocnut.

Cultivations: Tomatoes - 4000 pl., L30. Yams: 30 mosella, 15 taway, 20 white, 15 yellow. 1 Acre cassava, 1/2 acre corn, 1/2 acre congo, /6 bags reaped last year/, 1/4 ac. red peas. Everything for home use.

8 - acres

Animals: 1 donkey, 3 goats, 1 sheep, 1 pig, 1 hen.

Spending: 10/- weekly, L15 clothing last year, L9 doctors, L4 - books, L6 - education of children. No investments. recently.

Religion: Thomas Elliott / together with his ~~brok~~ family/ is Jehovah Witness. His wife - sister of Claston Rochester, the leader of Seven Day Adventists - is 7 Day. Children are instructed in 7 Day Adv.

School. All children go to school: Hicklin is in 5th stand. Sonia in the 6th, Rupert in the 3rd and Patricka in the 2nd. Jean is also in the school - she started to attend recently. /1st year/.