

C.D. 22. Sbd. 8 Household 8

Roye Charles	Head	M.M.	43	St. Eliz.	Col.	Ang.	W.2.	Farmer
" Ivy M.	Wife	F.M.	36	10.10	"	"	W.2.	Homemaker
" Ralph	son	M.S.	17	"	"	"	W.3.	none
" Maud	dau	F.S.	15	"	"	"	W.3.	none
" Cislyn	dau	F.S.	13	"	"	"	W.3.	3.E.
" Herbert	son	M.S.	10	"	"	"	W.2.	3.E.
" Eulah	dau	F.S.	9	"	"	"	X.	3.E.
" Astley	son	M.S.	8	"	"	"	X	3.E.
" Winton	son	M.S.	6	"	"	"		
" Rupert	son	M.S.	4	"	"	"		
" Elorine	dau	F.S.	2	"	"	"		
" David	son	M.S.	4/12	"	"	"		
Powell Mavis ad. dau		F.S.	15	"	"	"	X	none
" Cornelius brother		M.S.	29	"	"	"		Chur. of W.3. Fisherman God

His farm in 1942.

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Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 25 years.

Owns 14 and 3/4 acres in 3 parcels:

2 and 1/2, 3 and 1/4 and 9 resp.

Main income from tomatoes and tobacco.

No labour employed.

Works 50 weeks p.a.

7 and 1/4 ac. in cultivation. 5 ac. otvable not used. 2 and 1/4 in grass. 1/4 ac. other land.

Total farm value =£175, buildings =£50  
1 catchment

0.5 ac. tomatoes = 3100 lbs.

1 ackee = 20 heaps, 12 coconuts /7 fruiting/ = 160 nuts. 7 mangoes /3 fruiting/ = 121 doz. 1 naseberry not fruiting. 6 pawpaw = 70.

1/4 ac. corn = 1/2 bush. 2 and 1/4 ac. congo peas = 22 bush. 1/4 red peas = 1 buch. 3 and 1/4 ac. cassava = 16400 lbs. 1/4 ac. sweet pot. = 680 lbs. 1/4 ac. white yams = 1420 lbs. 1/4 ac. tobacco = 250 lbs.

1 donkey, 3 sheep, 1 pig, 1 swine. 12 rabbits.

Interviewed. Ivy Roy

Present Household.

Charles Roy.	Head.
Ivy do	Wife.
Ralph do	Son.
Maud. do	Dau.
Sisline do	Dau.
Herbert do	Son.
Mopsy do	Dau.
Astley do	Son.
Winston do	Son.
Rupert do	Son.
Elorene do	Dau.
David do	Son.

12 pers.

Education.

Asked if the children took exams at school "Them don' have no head for that." When the children leave school they help their father with the planting.

Family History.

Mother Jane Powell. Father Charles Powell. Mother's parents. Annie and Aaron Rochester. Asked if she knew her mother's mother's mother. "Granny Annie mother? My mother would have to tell you of that. Perhaps she don' even remember. Father's parents. Georgiana and Benjamin Powell.

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Ralph - Ivy's first child ~~and~~ a child by Vicky Thompson. The baby is 6 or 7 months old. Ivy does not remember the baby's name. Ralph is trying to get off to America. He has written his Uncle @ father's brother who is in America several times about it. "Sometime him promise to send for him, sometime him don' promise."

Land

Ivy does not know anything about it. She said I should return another day and ask Charles.

Water supply.

There are 2 tanks. One built by Charles and the other - a large one - built by his father. The water collected in ~~the~~ his own tank cannot be used for drinking purposes. It has too much white lime. It was washed the same day the rain fell. The toher tank dees not have a barbecue. The water in it is very dirty.

Charles has about 4 brothers and they have all sold out their portion of land to him. They will not, sell out their "portion of the tank. So him wont fix it."

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All the same, we have the water to use." This tank is uncovered. Ivy had to call her little boy David away from it.

This interview took place over the wash bowl. Ivy ~~was~~ was washing her husband's trousers. She bought the wash bowl years ago for 2/6. There are hardly any bowls for sale now as the wood to make them is very scarce.

INTERVIEW WITH CHARLES ROYE.

Saturday,  
May,  
1948.  
  
Ed. F.

Present household consists of:

1. Charles Roye 50, head. Born in Bull Savannah.
2. Ivy Roye about 38, wife.
3. Ralph Roye 22 son.
4. Maud Roye 20 dau.
5. Cisclyn Roye 18, dau.
6. Herbert Roye 16, son.
7. Mopsy Roye 14, dau.
8. Asley Roye 12, son.
9. Wenton Roye 10, son.
10. Rupert Roye 8, son.
11. Elrene Roye 6, dau.
12. David Roye 4, son.
13. Vernice Ebanks adopted dau.

*10 years 13 persons*

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Vernice was adopted 3 years ago/her father ~~Arthur~~ Arthur Ebanks died. Her mother Mrs. Isabel Ebanks has 7 children altogether. Mr. Charles said -"The mother have 7 of them, and for that reason a decide to adopt her even though I have 10 of mi own at that time. Miss Ivy she first agree' to adopt the child." This child is from Top Bull Savannah where Miss Ivy was born.

Family History

not His mother's mother was christian named Judith. He does not remember what was her surname on his father was Charles Elliott. He did not say whether Judith was ~~the~~ legal wife of Charles. Charles died last year at 90.

His father's nother was Esther Roye.  
His father's father David Roye. Judith, Charles, Esthe and David were all from Bull Savannah. M

children Parents: His father William Roye is in Costa Rica. His mother Maud Roye (Mrs) lives in Top Bull Savannah. (For details of the children of Wm. and Maud as well as of Wm. with other women see Interview with Isaac Roye F.R. 249.)

His Lands and cultivations

Mr. Charles generally called uncle C. has "2 different pieces" aside from the ~~xxx~~ land on which his house is built. This is 2 1/2 acres.

On the land around the house he plants tobacco, tomatoe, yams and congo peas. He did not plant any tomatoes on this land last year.--last crop. He sells his tobacco at from ~~1/2~~ 6d to 1/- per lb. The last time he sold tobacco was a week ago. He recieved 1/- per lb. ~~xxx~~

Interview with Charles Roye

He sold about 12/- worth then. He expects to sell about 100 lbs of tobacco by the end of the tobacco reaping if he gets "the season" i.e. -rains. The tobacco plot ~~is~~ covers about 2 square chains.

He has 9 acres in New Forrest and "4 acres just over the way there - just over the black people way; we call it Thatch walk over there.

His tomato crop of about 2 squares was planted there this year. Said he - "The crop never bright. We loose some of it because of drought. Howbeit, we get about £20." This amount is the sum he had in hand after he had taken out his planting expenses.

Labour: He employed a "black fellow name' Elliott Leonard, who with himself and his son Herbert, did the weeding. Leonard lives in Thatch Walk.

During the last tomato crop Uncle C. also got some money from Leonard to whom he had given a piece of land not measured, to plant tomatoes on the half. He is satisfied with Leonard's handling of the situation, and intends to allow Leonard to work the land again next year. From the Elliott ~~plot~~ Leonard plot he made a clear profit of £10. He had spent £3. 6/- for mould and seed, and had also given guinea grass.

Means of living

Uncle C's chief means of living is in fishing and planting. He does not do the fishing himself. He has 2 boats:

1. "Settler's Queen." This boat is captained by Westley Ebanks of Top Bull Savannah. Uncle C has his own fish pots, ~~which~~ Ebanks also "finds his own fish-pots.

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This interview given outside of the Cricket fields terminated because of the failing light. Uncle C. promised to see me again to give me the remainder of the story.

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Interview with Mr. Charles Roye re land

Wednesday,  
May 11, 1948.

Ed. F.

Mr. Charles was weeding in his tobacco plot of about 2 square chains and situated on the home site land. Some of his children were helping with the weeding. This plot of tobacco is the healthiest I have yet seen in this district. The leaves are broad and healthy.

On Land

"We around here usually share the land by will, for all the children, but generally leave the piece with the home on it for the ~~children~~ last son. Sometimes when there is not a will there is trouble because the heir probably not satisfy. If there is not a will the heir-the first lawful heir from the family can claim the land."

Handwritten notes:  
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15, 5

He has 4 acres in Thatch Walk, 9 acres in Manchester, New Forrest, and 2 1/2 acres at the home site. He also has a piece of land "in the woods." This is land left by Mrs. Esther Roye his father's mother, and David Roye his father's father, "for the family."

The land is in the process of being shared up now. There is no will. "They claim that there is a will, but a don't think that will is lawful, because Mi grandmother didn't administer on the estate."

To administer on an estate is to make oneself "lawful owner through some legal process and document. The land therefore belong to mi father who is the heir."

His father has been away in Costa Rica - "since I was a little kid." Uncle C feels that his father therefore has little interest in Jamaica any more and therefore that he Uncle C being his father's eldest son is therefore the heir to the land.

This piece of land consists of 46 acres and is to be shared ~~up~~ up among 9 people, as follows:

1. Charles Roye (informant) He is due his fathers share.
2. Mrs. Estelyn Senior, sister. She lives in Ballard's Valley.
3. Mrs. Coolie Miller a sister. She lives in Red Bank.
4. Isaac Roye, bro. He lives in T.B. Savannah.
5. David Roye now dead, bro. (father's brother)
6. Wilbert Roye/bro. He lives on the old home site.
7. Percival Roye ~~bro.~~ father's bro.
8. Ida May She is a mother's sister, now in Am.
9. Mrs. Miriam Hanson a father's sister. She is in Am.

/father's

A number of people are to go down today to decide how the land is to be shared up. Those to go are:

1. Charles Roye (Informant)
2. John Roye ~~bro.~~ father's brother.
3. Wilbert Roye father's brother.

9.7.48. Interv. with Charles Roye.  
T.O.

I met Charles Roye at Adolphous Francis' home. I had the interview with Francis and was taking notes concerning his family. Charles Roye wanted me to take down also his family. (I said previously that all Bull-Savannah people will be put in a book we are writing)

Charles Roye paternal grandfather was ~~Charles~~ <sup>David</sup> Roye. He died very long ago. The wife of David was Esta daughter of old Lionell Simpson - the grandfather of Enoch Simpson "living on opposite hill" (Shaddock Hill)

Esta (Simpson) Dyer died a few years ago already during this war, about 6 years ago. She was living in the old home occupied at present by Berty Roye (Charles' uncle).

Charles and Esta Roye had 12 children: Miriam - atxypresen she lives in U.S.A.; - Coolie - lives at Portsea; Tousy lives in Ballards Valley; Eva dead; Mimi dead; Isaac ~~xxxxxxv~~ ~~xxxxxxv~~ Isaac is called Teacher and is a teacher in Westmoreland; David dead; Berty lives in the old home; Love Roye lives in Top Bull Savannah; Percival - I don't know what happened to him; William - Charles' father is in Costa Rica. He used to write to the mother, but since she died there were no letters from him; Ida Mae lives in America.

He also gave me the names of his brothers and sister but these names are already recorded in E.F. interviews.