

12/26/63

Simpson Dudley Head M.S. 34 St. Eliz. Colour. Angl. W.3. Farmer

Owns 3 acres in one parcel, no lab. employed.  
2 acres under cultivation, 1/2 grazing, 1/2 "other".  
Tomatoes 0,3 = 1000 lbs, congo 1/2, cassava 3/4, yams 1/4  
tobacco 1/4 = 300 lbs.  
2 avocados, 3 coconuts, 4 mangoes.  
2 goats, 1 swine,

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His house is in Shaddock Hill, which is higher up the hill  
behind Green Olive.

The family,

Mr. Simpson has now 4 small children, one is going to  
school (probably at the time of census lived with relatives)  
and three were eating supper from big sardines tins outsi-  
de the kitchen. The mother was not in sight.

Mr. Simpson says this place round here is their fami-  
ly place: his mother Alma lives in the next house higher  
up, his brother in the next house to the left. He has married  
~~sister~~ sisters. Two of them live in other parishes.  
He has relatives in Chocolate Hole and in other districts in  
~~the~~ Bull Savannah.

Land division.

The father died without leaving a will. The chil-  
dren divided the land among themselves. These daughters who  
married and live in other parishes did not get anything. Tho-  
se who live nearby got some portion.

Kitchen

The kitchen - as preponderant in this district - was  
in a spanish wall building, thatched. The fire place is on a  
big stone "table" which occupies the whole width of the build-  
ing. Mr. Simpson was proud of the local masonry. He said  
every one has such a hearth in his kitchen. The fire howe-  
ver is open and the smoke goes through a hole in the thatch.

Cultivation.

He was satisfied with the income he has from his toma-  
toes. Before the tomatoes were introduced in the district  
tobacco was the main cash crop. He has some bananas, which do  
not suffer from any disease in this district. Bananas are for  
own use. It is not the export kind.

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Mr. ~~Simpson~~ Dudley Simpson together with his brother  
Enoch got 7 acres of land after their father died. This land  
is not surveyed yet, but they divided it into two halves and  
cultivate separately. "We share it, we don't survey. We have  
a road now: my plot is over here and his plot is over there.  
It is divided by the road. Out of these 7 acres ~~the~~  
~~the~~ of family land a support  
is due to the sister Elline, who still "stays in the home".

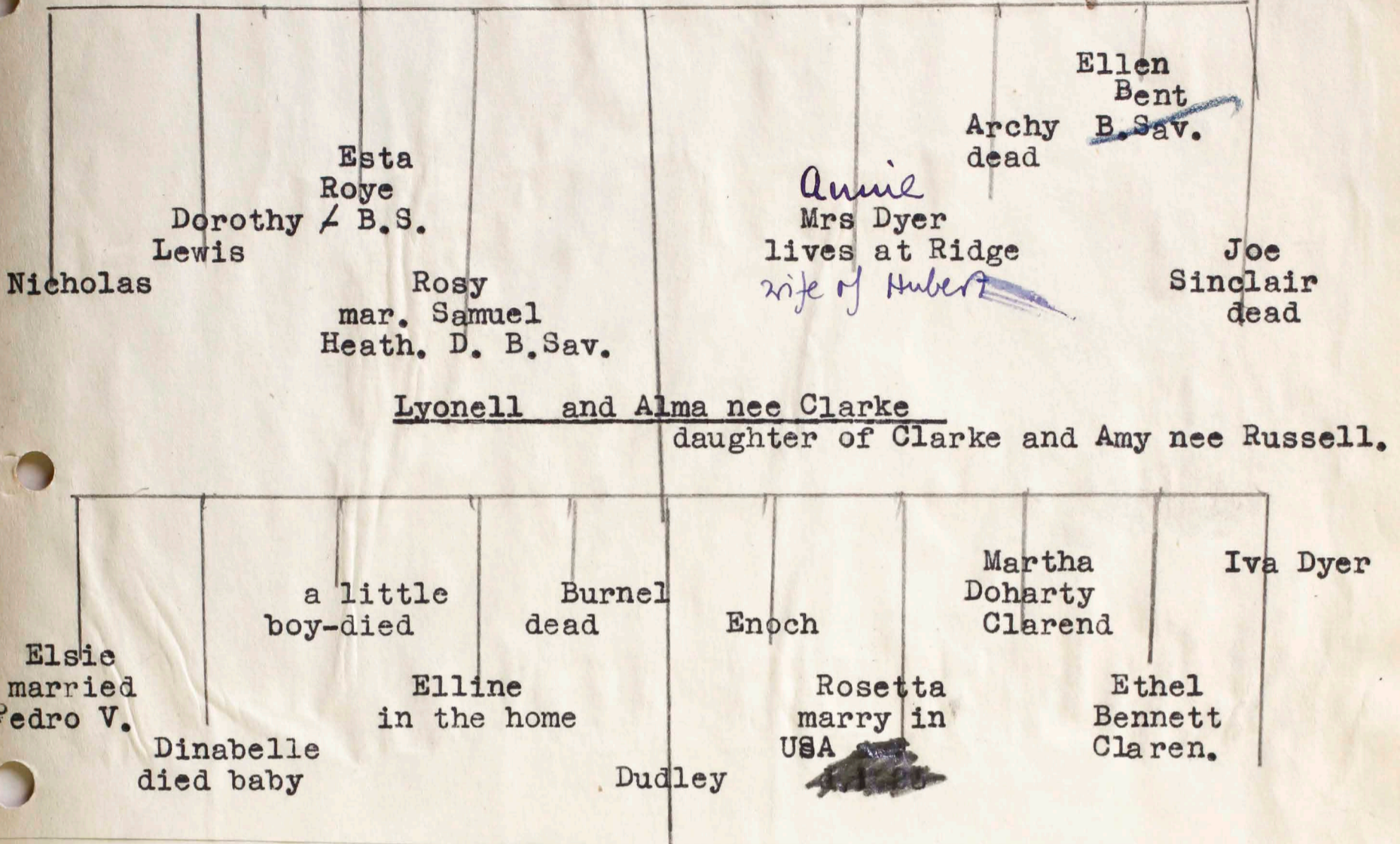
Edward Simpson  
& Annie Francis

Edward  
-2- & Dorothy Swaby

Helen nee Swaby

Fam. R. c. 4.

Sinclair and tertio Roe (or roye)  
Lyonell Simpson and Mrs. primo voto Simpson, secundo



Family history.

"I understand that the first men in Bull Savannah was Simpson, Brooks and Pantent. An old man - William Simpson he always told me that. He died 4 years ago."

The family tradition doesnt go however beyond his grandparents, whom he never knew. Dudley believes his paternal grandfather was born here. He knows his maternal grandmother was Russell. The Russells used to live in Bull Savannah but "they move and go to fruitful places. They move and buy land and settle. No more left here. There are Russells back in Christiana. ~~They move~~ One is in Coleville. One die in Chappeltown."

His ~~mother is vavvavvavv~~ paternal grandmother married three times: Simpson, Sinclair and Roye.

His mother was a Clarke. She is from Thatch Walk from a place called "Ankedy". It is the lower part of Thatch Walk "in the woods" before River Hill. It belongs now to Nicholas Rochester. "Brown peope live there and scattered."

His granfather had 22 acces of land. He gave 5 acres to the son Nicholas, who sold this land and went to live inn Clarendon. Lyonell (Dudleys father) "he get the home and the balance (of land)". Lyonell was the youngest son and it is why he got his fathers christian nam. Dudley says it is the custom, however couiant explain how one was to know that the boy wasthe last one.

The "balance" Lyonell got was 17 acres

acres. He sold 10 acres and left his sons only 7. Thus out of 22 acres of patrimony 5 acres were sold to William Rochester, 5 acres to Joe Powell and 5 acres to Charley Dyer. This land was sold by Dudley Simpson's father "before he die in 1923". Why did he sell this land? "He alone had to work for those 11 children and things were not so bright". Neither the grandfather nor the father gave any land to girls "He didnt give to girls - them go and marry"

Mr. Dudley Simpson bought some land "in the woods" (5 acres?) He also administers 5 (?) acres for his sister who lives in Amrica.

"Short life  
Story of family members"

Only uncle Nicholas left Bull Savannah to live in Clarendon, the others stayed in B. Sav.

Lynn (Dudley's father) died in B. Sav. 25 years ago. He was not prosperous and had to sell the land.

Joe Sinclair died. He was ~~not~~ really a half-brother of Lyonell. He was the son of old Simpson's widow and her second husband Sinclair.

Dorothy married in Bull Savannah - she is the mother of Mr. Charles Lewis - a rising man - dark.

Esta Roy married and died in Bull Sav.

Rosy married Samuel Heath and died in B. Sav.

Mrs. Dyer lives in Ridge.

Ellen Bent lives in B. Sav.

Archy died as a young boy

Dudley's generation is far more migratory minded. ~~Max~~ His sisters Martha and Ethel went to Clarendon. They first went to Mandeville to work and then went to Clarendon "They did have some family from Ridge (in Clarendon) Got settled down and marry) Martha married Mr. Doharty and Ethel Mr. Bennett, both cultivators.

Iva married Samuel Dyer and lives not far from here in Chocolate Hole.

Elline is still at home.

Rosetta went to the USA in 1923 "She went before father die. She marry in America. She is Mrs. Plummer. Her husband die, she lives in New York." Rosetta paid a visit to her family in 1931 but she never returned since. She writes letters - mostly to the sister who lives in Chocolate Hole.

Enoch lives about 50 yards from Dudley on the paternal land.

The beloved  
brother.

Bournel died in 1936. "He was a brother I really care for. We with Enoch we work, we with Bournel we roam." "Anything happen to him, happen to me. Fever take him. Doctor said ~~it was~~ he had turbal malaria intending (inpending?) bronchitis. Fever take him through women - in that way he was a bad boy. He was a bad boy in that lines. He was good looking, very good looking - even better than me. He was dark - girls like it - it suit them."

"He have 10 children before he die. From Bull Savannah to Comma Pen, to Tryall to Junction - he have girls. Him have 3 children ~~xxxxx~~ by one woman and the balance of it - 7 children with 7 women. Whenever I pass and see his child I give it something."

Dudley's professions and career.

1. After his fathers death Dudley went to work with his younger brother Burnel at the factory of Mr. Sharp in Frankfield. They worked 5 years there. "I was only a boy" It was a factory where "fig" was made out of bananas and grapefruits canned. The factory belonged to the old Mr. Sharp but the manager was his son who is now a director of the Jamaica Vegetables Ltd in Bul Savannah. He left this factory before 1930. "Me & my brother Burnel work there."

2. In 1931 he worked for 6 months in Christiana with Mr. J.E. Froman at his gas station. He left the place because the owner "him stop money. A car come and blow and I wasnt there." Dudley says he spilt some gas line in the garage and the owner came and stopped money for that too. They couldnt get along. Dudley would ~~run~~ go for a few minutes and a car would come and blow - the owner didnt like it.

3. "After I leave (the gas station in Christiana) I go to tannery" He worked with Robert Rochester, who was a big tanner.

4. "At the same time we selling fish" "Buy fish at Alligator Pond or Great Pedro and sell in Lacovia, Mountain Side, Maggoty, Appelton. Buy fish in Great Bay and sell in Mandeville, Aberdeen, Balaclava, Parish of Trealwny the same Troy mountain and Warsop, Spalding, Christiana."

Accident and justice.

"I get a percentage, we were trusted - we represnt him." Dudley and another man would drive in a truck and sell fish. Once an accident happened. It was just between Troy and Warsop. Dudley should have ~~known~~ given the signal just before a sharp curve. "Just carelessness - I didnt." A cartload of bananas was coming from the opposite side - from Warsop. They run into the cart and the mule jumped on the truck. ~~xxxxx~~ The car's head lamp and the mule's foreleg were broken. There were over a thousand pounds of ~~fish~~ fish in the truck. Fortunately they had also on the truck a policeman to whom they were giving a lift. He was in civilian clothes. "He was on behalf of we." They had to go back to Balaclava. There "the sergeant and the policeman was on behalf of Mr. Rochester - down here. Rochester had lawyer Williams and the Trelawny man had Sharp. We go to court. I was in evidence. We win. It cost him (the Trelawny man) 13 guineas. Judge say we win. The policeman say that the car blow before and when going to the curve." Thus the accident ended happily for Simpson and his boss Rochester. When they came back directly after the accident home, they were very nervous how to break the news to Rochester. Near Comma Pen "just when Tom's Roach house is below" the other lamp went out. Simpson was striking matches one after another and holding them in fear that they might run again into something or somebody. They drove like that till Johnsons shop.

When they broke the news to Rochester "He was a coward man - him fright, he didnt like a court." After they won the case - owing to the friendly attitude of the policemen - they drunk and were very happy.

The boss-friend  
-father.

"I get a percentage (selling fish) we were trusted - we represent him." Robert Rochester employed in his tannery- fish- cultivation business: James Rochester, Crafton Rochester, Cecil Powell, Thomas Elliott, Dudley and Enoch Simpson.

"We work with him - all of us young boys. Just like father - and we live together. No other man to me. Robert Rochester was the key of Bull Savannah to me. If I had a dollar it would be for me and for himself - believe me." Why Robert Rochester had to leave B Savannah?

and

"Rum and woman go a far way - go down, go down, down until he mortgage his home to the lawyer and take a certain amount of money and give him his title. After he fail in fail motorcar he buy a motorcycle and he fail in it too - and from that time everything fail."

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Did he have any outside children? XXXXX

"No plenty of women, but no children. His wife go away with him and two of his children: Doris and George. The married daughter stayed in B. Sav. He first go to Caymans first and then move to British Honduras. And now he is in Spanish Honduras. He keep a rum shop. He is successful - he is a lively man, doing fine. He is not living with his wife. She want come back (to Bull Sav.) but didnt. They had a piece of land in the woods. Them (the married daughter) sell for her to come but she didnt come."

"If two more men were like Robert Rochester in Bull Savannah it would be a better place."

When he was leaving B. Sav. "We shake hands and burst in tears and we feel." "He never writes to me but I always hear when he writes to his daughter."

"After Rochester leave I work with Mr. Claston."

"What I get living directly (from) is cultivate and tan-leather. I use pomekin(?) a big barrell. I tan cow skin and goat skin. - 2/6 a pound. Goat skin 6/- and calf skin 6/- a pound. I used to beat the bark off the tree-for tan. Mangro tree up the river."

A propos parochial water tanks (recently a cat drowned in Junction tank and the water was let out. Mr. Simpson thinks the waters should have been given to water tomatoes in this dry weather.)

"They dont consider people that much, - its Government all over."

"We have to buy (water in public tanks) 1d per 10 gallons."

"If I have a little money I keep it in my house it is the safest place. No Government can come upon it. No income tax - its my own."

"Our Jamaica governemnt is not good. He never good yet."

Interview with Dudley Simpson, assisted by Laband Rochester and Ezra Linton.  
February 1st 48.  
J.O.

Simpson's Sunday visit started this time early - at 8 a.m. Soon he was joined by Laban Rochester and Ezra Linton. They stayed till the lunch and only after lunch - ~~and~~ after 1 p.m. - left the place. The interview was concerned for more than two hours with Simpson's farm and family budget. Two other visitors assisted Simpson ~~by~~ until the subject was changed to make them more active in the interview.

Dudley ~~Simpson's~~  
Simpson's farm.

Dudley's farm land consists of 3 acres of land. This is half of the family land /over 7 acres/, 1 acre of which is ~~under~~ utilised by his mother, whereas ~~the~~ the remainder is divided in two equal portions of ~~each~~ 3 acres between Dudley and his brother. Dudley's family consists of 4 children ~~and~~ and their parents. His mother's home is composed of 5 persons: his mother and 4 children - one of them 16 or 17 years ~~old~~ old nephew of ~~Simpson~~ of Dudley - he helps him in his cultivations. His brother's family is more numerous - there are, besides parents, 9 children in it. The land is not surveyed - it was divided just by customary agreement so that each of the successors to the land keeps this portion to which - as he thinks - he is entitled.

3 acres around the house - Dudley's share in the family land - is described by him as his "homeland." Only half of this land - approximately 1,5 acre - is under cultivation this year. The remainder is under grass. This year he has two gardens of tomatoes on this land - each of about 2000 plants. He ~~has~~ has ab. 200 yam hills on his homeland - close to the house - /Mosella, Afco, White and Japanese/. Also some cassava and gungoo peas near the house. Sweet potatoes in yam field. ~~and~~

Fruit and economic trees at the house: 6 coconuts, 5 ackkees, a few roots of bananas, 4 pear trees /avocado/, lots of mangoe trees - about 20, 12 sweet saps and "plenty" - over 100 - thatch trees.

No cows are kept on his farm, only small stock; goat and hog. His brother is better equipped with the stock: has also a donkey, some sheep and a hog.

There are two tanks on the family land: one is his brother's, another his own. His brother's tank was built 5 years ago; his own - 4 years ago. Previously they had old tank built by their father. ~~and~~ The old tank was in Dudley possession, who rebuilt it ~~and~~ ~~his~~ his tank is not ~~and~~ a new one, but the old one rebuilt.

Land operated on other peoples farm land.

~~Simpson's~~ Simpson's farm land is however much larger than his own land. He would not be able to ~~keep~~ maintain his family from only 3 acres of land which he owns. His cassava and gungoo peas are planted in the Woodland, on the land which was given to him for this purpose from Laban Rochester. He cultivates there about 1/2 acre with cassava and another 1/2 acre is under gungoo peas. There is ~~an~~ abundance of grass in Woodlands ~~and~~ and he has full allowance to utilise this grass ~~for~~ to mulch his cassava and gungoo peas. 1/4 acre of grass is enough for his cultivations over there - cassava does not need much ~~grass~~ mulching and the grass in Woodland is long and thick. He takes just such an amount of grass "that can cover cassava and gungoo peas".

He does not lease this land from Laban Rochester, neither works this land as regular share-cropper. ~~The~~ The arrangement is described by him as "simple share - what I feel I give him he take."

His aunt's land operated by him.

Laban Rochester Woodland ~~is~~ is not all the land which he cultivates ~~has~~ outside of his homeland. He utilises also 3 acres of his aunt's farm. His aunt Aneita Endygo is about 90 years old. The land belongs not so much to her as to her adopted child, Rosetta Simpson, who is Dudley's sister. Rosetta stays in America and is not much interested in the land. Aunt Aneita ~~has~~ leased 2 acres of land to John Roy, who plants a lot of tomatoes on this land. The remainder - 3 acres - are worked by Dudley Simpson. He does not pay for this land, neither shares the crop with his aunt, but supports her fully. He has a tomato garden over there "2000 plants/", 1/4 acre under cassava and 1/4 acre under gungoo peas. There are some coconuts on her land /3 trees/, "lots of ~~many~~ mango, coffee trees, pimento and some thatch trees - "a benefit from it all the same". A few sweet saps. His aunt keeps no hog or goat, she ~~depends~~ depends fully on him in her life : "I keep it and support her".

There is not enough grass for all the cultivations on three parcels operated by Dudley Simpson. So he buys grass from the company. "I draw grass from Spring Pasture too. Grass on homeland - that is enough for my homeland. But that I work for my aunt I draw grass for that from the Company."

Cash crops and food.

Only tomatoes are planted here for sale. Previously also tobacco, but now only few people cultivate tobacco. Cassava, gungoo peas and other food is retained for home consumption. "Sometime sell - when it have plenty. The man that have no family him sell a little." ~~People of Bull Savannah~~ People of Bull Savannah ~~all~~ all the food they plant "keep for home consumption. If you have plenty, you sell some time a little." "WE fight to have food stuff."

Neither Simpson nor other informants were able to tell how much cassava do they need each year for their home consumption. "We never count it, we never estimate." After some deliberations they decided "around 30 to 40 cwt per family - according to the family." They use a lot of cassava: "we use it as bread".

According to their rough estimate /again "we never count it, never weigh it"/ 1 square chain of cassava will yield 2-3 cwt.

1 square chain of gungoo peas will yield a little more than 1 long bag of unthrashed peas. From 1/2 acre of gungoo peas a yield of 6 long bags is expected. 1 long bag after the peas are thrashed will bring 1/2 bushel of peas. 3 bushels of peas are expected from 1/2 acre of gungoo peas. Gungoo peas is kept in long bags - "keep it in the husk". Own reserves of gungoo peas are always counted in long bags - not in bushels: "we dont go by the weight". "last year - says Dudley - I never get much. The crop was small. I get 6 long bags. This year the crop is much better. It can double the amount."

They never make any estimate of sweet potatoes. "Sweet potatoes - they go with yam." As to the yam - "yam is very important to us." "For own use only." How much in weight is produced from one yam hill? "I never take the estimate, but it must have weight." After consultations with Linton and Rochester the following figures were given: One hill of Mosella and White yam can bring as much as 60lb. "Mosella and White yam - up to 60 lb. Japanese yam - bear a lot; never go to big size - up to 40lb. Afoo - it is not so wonderful. Around 30 lb to a hill."

All the food they cultivate is for their own use. Their intention is to provide for their family, to get food, not money. They know that other people - for instance in Hanover - "they get money from yams and bananas as we get it from tomatoes." Their money is always derived from the sale of cash crops such as tomatoes or tobacco, not from the sale of food stuff. They sell food stuff only occasionally, if there is a surplus of it, never as a regular procedure. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ They do not plant food for the market, but for themselves.

Simpson's ~~money~~ cash earnings last year.

Simpson's cash earnings last year were derived from the following sources: He got about L12 of net income /his labour not counted/ for his tomatoes. "My toamtoes were never brigh last year." That's why his money return from tomatoes was so small. He sold no cassava, nor gungoo peas. He got again L12.10.0 for his tobacco; sold 5 cwt of tobacco - yield from 1/2 acre of tobacco cultivations in two gardens. The price was not good, so he did not continue with tobacco cultivations next year. This year tobacco sells very well, but he did not plant any. He derived also about L7.10 from the sale of small stock: raised three pigs which were sold for L.3.15, L2.2. and L1.12 resp. He sold also 1000 thatch from his thatch ~~grass~~ wood for L5 together / 10/- to a hundred/. Then he produced as sold some leather.- "a little leather tanned". "I buy the skin from the butcher - 45/- per cwt for the raw skin. I think I get around L15." He has no doubts about a good return



from this business, though he does not remeber how much did he pay for the raw skin. "We dont know what we pay, but I know I dont loose. I buy it 45/- a hundred and sell it L.12.10 leather."

He did not work anywhere for wages or salary. Neither did he employ any laboureres on his farm. All the work on the farm was carried by himself or with the help of his neighbours on "day for day" basis. His wife worked for a period of time in the factory "wrapping tomatoes", but he did not ~~xxxxx~~ tell me how much did she earn. I understood that he did not count this money as fully disposed of by him.

Alltogether his cash earnings were a little over ~~fix~~ L.50 or L1 per week in average.

The same interview with the same informants - Dudley Simpson as the chief informant, Laban Rochester and Ezra Linton as assistant informants - continued.

Febr.1st 1948.  
T.O.

Simpson's spendings. We turned the conversation to the subject of Simpsons spendings. What use did he make of the money he made last year? Did he save any? Simpson laughed and two other men accompanied him. "Nothing saved - and I spent more than that." Did he borrow sny money from somebody and is in debt now? Simpson laughed again: "No, no debt. It's a puzzle - to tell you." When they have money they never watch or ~~xxxx~~ cacalculate their spendings - just spend it. When there is no money, they wait till another cash is coming. They dont count as long as they have money to spend. They know they have no money when it is over. "I just cant tell you how money go so - when it finish, it finish - you wait again."

Simpson's weekly spendings. We tried to get some idea of "how money go so" by studying Simpson's weekly family budget. What were his money expences last week. Simpson was not able to answer the question. But he was able to give a schedule of regular weekly expences which must met with week after week by his family or any other family of similar size. Each item was discussed ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ by him with two other informants before the final figure was given.

Salt - it is a regular weekly expence <del>ixixix</del> 1 lb	3d.
Coconut oil or butter. 1 pint per week in av.	1. 3d.
Soap - 1 bar per week per family	3. 6d.
Matches - 3 to 4 boxes are used.	4d.
Kerosine oil. 1 quart per week, sometimes less.	4d.
Meat, or salt fish or fresh fish. Every day about 1,5 lb of any kind of meat/incl.fish/ is bought. About 10 lb. per week. He calculates his weekly expences for this item as not less as	6. 0.
Rice. Not mach bought. Ab.2 lb per week. If there is no money, they can go without rice.	1. 8d.
Flour. This is rather extraordinary item. "Some time - we generally dont <del>xxx</del> buy it."	
Cassava serves them instead of flour.	
Sugar. About 3 lb. per week for his family.	10,5d.

We asked about the rum and Simpson agreed that this may be an important figure in money expences. But it can not be counted on a weekly basis. "Rum - we dont estimate rum. We may ~~spend~~ drink 4 shillings this night and then you dont spend for a month. You spend One Pound and then you dont spend at all." Cigarettes or cigars are not included into their table of weekly expences. This is "man's spending". They buy when they have money and dont buy if they are without pocket money.

They have no trouble with the fire wood. Supplied freely from their own land. "No wood bought - plenty, we have plenty of it."

**Yearly spendings.** We passed to the yearly expences. What do they spend on clothing in a period of one year? Max Dudley Simpson was not able to give any exact answer. Neither Linton nor Rochester could help him. There is no regular scheme of buying clothes. They buy when they need them and have money to buy them. "We spend very well - said Simpson - but we dont count. You only buy a pant when you need. It's only picknies that you send to school that you know what you spend." He has two children in school age. One is 11, another 7 years old. "Two picknies going to school I estimate L5 yearly - everything - the school set." "L5 for the two that going to school. The other two /one 4 another 2 years old/ - little ones wnot take as much for clothing." This is an expence which is caculated ahead and that's why they can estimate it. But other expences, arising according to the need and ~~expence~~ and satisfied according to the ability - "it's hard problem to solve".

**Meals.**

Three meals during the day is the regular pattern here. They start with the "morning tea" at 7 a.m. "Tea - we have it at 7 o'clock. It is light after 6 now." ~~xxx~~ "For tea in the morning you take ~~egg~~ coffee and bread - we take the bammy and make our bread. Some time we use another bread. Coffee we take with sugar and milk, if you have it. And with salt. Sugar - we buy it in the shop. You may buy 3lbs of sugar for week accordingly how you use it." "We chiefly make bammies. You can do it and have it for the week - keep it in reserve. Make it and dry it. You can keep it for a year. They send it to America /to relatives/. You can make it twice a week. When you have yam, potatoes, cocoe, you need cassava twice a week."

"Breakfast - ~~xxx~~ we generally try to have it at 12. From 11 till 1. For the breakfast you have sometime bammies or yam, sweet poatoes or ~~xx~~ sweet cassava or co-coes - what you have to hand ready." "Fish or meat - we cook it separately. You can mix it - with rice or vegetables - or put separately. A cup of milk - if you feel to have it. You use a little sugar and water - it is the easiest to get. Or coffee."

"Evening meal - we call it dinner. The most important. Sometime you boil gungoo peas, you have yam, potato, cocoe - any one. Use beef or pork. Sometime you use a little rice, a little gungoo scup and make as you wantbit, or mix rice and peas - what is possible."

Woman's work.

Preparing meals is woman's occupation. It takes woman all the day to do her home work. "All day work, all day work. They scarcely go to anything else." "And at the same time - adds Ezra Linton - she have to looking after tea - morning tea, she have to looking after breakfast, and after dinner, and she have to looking after children - send them to school the pickni that go to school, and at the same time she have to be little washing, and she have to sewing with machine for the babies. A woman is no idle all the time." There is however no strict division into husband's and wife's tasks, and mates help each other as necessity arises. Ezra Linton: "If him /~~=~~ wife/ pushing, me help him /~~=~~ her/, if me pushing, him /~~=~~ hhe/ help me. That's the way we work."

The purse.

Who keeps the money? who disposes of it? husband? or xif Husband's and wife? There was no straight-out answer tom our question. wife responsi- "Money - we keep in the home. In the home. She spend, me spend, bilities. try to buy what is necessary. If it ~~ix~~ finished, we know both: it finished." But "the husband generally stand responsibility of the money. The money is man's burden. The man is the burden bearer." Though ~~ix~~ the wife will help him nevertheless if she has her private resources. Ezra Linton: "In case of sickness, a truck must be hired or so, if the husband is out of the ~~purse~~ pocket, everybody say "poor John Brown", and the wife feel it all the same. Is the husband is out of pocket, the wife can help with her little income. But it is just betwixt the family."

Interview with Dudley Simpson  
17.2.48.  
J.O.

Simpson's family  
in Bull Savannah  
and other districts.  
"family place"

Simpson's family are grouped chiefly in Shaddock Hill, where his paternal land is and where his mother's and his brother's homes are. But he has also family in other districts.

"I have family in Ribbit Town - my uncle children. Uncle Joseph Sincliar - he die. My first cousins - they live in Ribbit Town."

"Out of a Ridge - I have my aunt. And her children. My first cousins. In Thatch Walk I have an uncle - Louis Roach. I dont ~~whax~~ know whether you met him. In Top Bull Savannah - I have two aunt. and all their children. Dorothy Lewis is one of my aunt and Esther Roy is one of my aunt. And Aneita Enygo is one of my aunt. The third aunt in Top Bull Savannah. And in Ballard's Valley I have one aunt too. Her name is Ellen Pent - she was Ellen Simpson first. Dunder Hill - we have relative - the Neil. More far relative - second cousins. Chocolate Hole - I have sister, Iva Dyer. She dont have no children. ~~Have~~ She have an adopted child. My brother have a child with Miss Dorris Sinclair - Violet Simpson her name. My sister raise it. No relative in Junction." But he has a ~~niece~~ niece - Brown Syl at the place "they call it Up-Ridge." This is another child of his late ~~brother~~ brother.

His late brother's  
paramours and their  
offspring.

He adds to his family also all his ~~brother's~~ late bro- paramours and their's children, born out of the wedlock. These children call him uncle and any time he visits them he brings them some gift. His brother died unmarried, but he left 10 children from different mothers.

~~Brother's~~ Besides Violet Simpson, born by Miss Dorris Sinclair and adopted by his sister Iva Dyer from Chocolate Hole and Brown Syle from Upper Ridge, there is also Irene Powell, "same brother child." He did not say where this ~~niece~~ niece of him is living. There is also another child of his brother - in Comma Pen. "My brother have a child in Comma Pen. I never know what is his name - my brother never own it, but it is his all the same." The girl's family - the name of his mother was Mrs. Lamarde - "they take him to court". "When the summon reach my brother, he took sick. Before it reach court my brother went to hospital and die." So his paternity was not established and now Dudley Simpson has some doubts whether the child is his nephew or not. He thinks that any how, since he knows well that his brother was the father of the child, he, Dudley Simpson ~~may~~ may regard the child as his relation.



Interview with Dudley Simpson /in company of Charlie Rochester/.

24.2.48.

J.O.

Illicit ~~xxxx~~ affair scandal.

made preparations

We ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ for a visit to the Church of God /Harvest Festival/ and Charlie Rochester, with whom we ~~just~~ just finished to discuss his love affairs, and Dudley ~~the~~ Simpson, who came to accompany us in our walk to Ribbit Town. Soon sounds of violent discussion mixed with laugh and exclamations /No, man! yes, man! right! that's so etc./ called me back to the room, where Charlie and Dudley were finishing their drinks. They were ~~xxx~~ pouring last ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ remnants of rum into their glasses - very animated and excited.

What's the matter, Dudley?- I asked. They gave me a seat and Dudley explained to me what happened. Just a small trouble in his family. And a bit outside of it.

"There is a girl here in Bull Savannah. She is making a baby for ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Duris Roy, son of James Roy. Ham young boy - ~~xxxx~~ 18 years. I met her at the water and asked her a question." What question? @ "Oh, well, I asked her question - you understand. ~~Shexxxx~~ went and said her boy. Had nothing else to do - ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ repeat to her boy what I said her. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Now the man came to my wife and said my wife. My wife - she ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ didn't know what to do - she went to my old lady - my mother. She tell the old lady, the old lady - me. Now, I dont ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ have it grow. I said the old lady - if the girl tell her boy, would she tell him if ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ I got what I asked for?"

Charlie was enchanted with this diplomatic ~~xxxxxx~~ answer. "Right, man. That's the answer. Would she tell him ~~xxxx~~ if she give you what you ask? That's the answer." "No, she wouldn't tell him a word if I got anything from her" - repeated Dudley again and again.

I did not understand fully his excitement. What is the matter? Is he troubled by the perspective of a quarre with his wife? "Oh, no, man. I am not like that. If you are easy man to a woman, the woman will top over you. But if you are not an easy man, you are over the woman." He is also over his wife. She did not even dare to ~~xxx~~ come to him with this matter - she went to his old lady, his mother. It is not his wife that troubles him. But "the boy will now come to me".

He was evidently much bothered by the problem how to convince "the boy" /Duris Roy/ of his innocence in making a baby for him by ~~x~~ his girl friend.

The girl is Elsa Lee /or Dee/, she is Zala Rochester's daughter. She has no father here - Zala had ~~xxx~~ this girl /by a man in Cuba". She was one of a few women emmigrants to Cuba years ago.

Duris is James Roy son. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ His mother was " a woman from Top Hill", whom James Roy married. ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ They had a number of children - Duris, Linda etc. When his wife died, James Roy"found he cant manage without a mother for his children - all were small children when the mother die - he ~~xxxxxx~~ marry Vera King. He had no children with Vera King.

Inf. Dudley Simpson.  
4.5.48.  
J.O.

Dudley Simpson's family in Shadock Hill, Ball Savannah and Thatch Walk. His relatives. His family traditions.

His relatives through the father.

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"Nicholas Rochester - quite intelligent old man - he is my aunt's husband. My mother's sister's husband."

"My mother was Clarke. He was a family living in Top Ball Savannah. Old Joshua Clarke was my mother's father. Only few Clarke live here in the district. I don't know where they did come from."

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Two aunts who were not Jamaicans. Relatives in Sweden. His grandmother on mother's side. His ancestors Russells.

"I have two aunts that is not even Jamaican. They came - at that time ships were coming to Alligator Pond p they come by ship."

"My grandmother - she went away with the Captain and them went to Sweden. And she had one daughter by the name of Lara. She stay in Sweden for a period of time, then she come back. The daughter come back too - mother carry the little baby with her."

"She speak of the country that she like it. We always ask why she come back then? She say it is her destiny."

"He / = she / was my grandmother on mother side. She was Russell - my grandmother - she never marry to Clarke."

"Lara - she was living down in Thatch Walk, where my grandmother was living. Lara - she die. She never mary, she never have a child."

"Her mother / my grandmother / she was Annie Russell. She live/d/ the place them call Ankedy. Is where Louis Roach living right now. Is tumbled down the home that she had and Louis Roach never made the home again. Louis Roach is my grandmother son, is my uncle."

"Lara father name was Lemannon. At that time ship come right in Alligator Pond harbour."

"Ann Russell - she born in Thatch Walk. Her mother and father living in Thatch Walk. They come from abroad. - I understand from my old lady. I dont think them was Jamaican. My grandmother always told me that them raise sheep. At that time the place was not so populated. Them raise lots of sheep, send sheep by boats to Kingston."

No Russells now live in the district, but there are some Russells ~~mix~~ living in other parts of the Island.

"My grandmother brother, Herbert Russell, living now in Clarendon, Coleyville. Him cultivate bananas and have a truck. When I was living in Christiana, I was always there. I know him because I been to him home. But him was a younger brother."

"My grandmother - him have the brother in Chapelton. But I never know him. My grandmother went and spent time with him. But him die."

Monday 15.3.48.  
T.O.

Fam. Rec. 4.

Mr. Dudley Simpson's wife.

Her ancestors.

Mrs. Dudley Simpson came Saturday evening to our cottage to pay her first visit. She was going from the factory - where she works every year during the season - home.

Her maiden name was Floret Powell. Her mother was Hilda Rochester and her father Edgar Powell. Edgar Powell left Bull-Savannah many years ago, when Floret was a little child. He went as a policeman to Ulster Spring. He is now a corporal in Waitabit in Trelawny.

Floret's mother Hilda married James Simpson the son of Sarah Simpson.

Her children.

Floret Powell was brought up by her maternal grandmother Martha Rochester. She lived with her grandmother even after she has had a ready 3 children with Dudley Simpson.

I accompanied to-day Mrs. Floret Simpson on her way to the factory in the afternoon.

She has at present 4 children: two girls and two boys. Two children go to school. Two are still under school age.

Work in the factory and home duties.

During the season she works almost every day in the factory. She is wrapping tomatoes, and has worked there for many years.

Sometimestimes she works only half a day, sometimes from 2 p.m. till 10 p.m. When she works the whole day she has to cook "tea" for the family in the morning and send off to school the two children. She has also to cook the mid-day meal. She comes from the factory cooks the meal and feeds the family. (Its what she says).

"Plenty of work, but I must do something to help the husband a little - not to look all the time for him."

Last week she earned 15/- for the week. There wasnt continuous work owing to drought and poor supply of first class tomatoes.

She buys whatever food ( apart from what is supplied from the farm) in shops. She doesnt send to the market.

~~111~~

Fam. Rec. 4.

She is paid weekly on Fridays. Spends all this money on current needs.

18.3.48.  
T.O.

Dudley brought the title for the family land. The title is kept now by his mother. It is in the name of his father Lionel ~~xxxx~~ Simpson.

The title is printed - particulars written in ink - on thick paper of fine quality with water marks: - on the page with text - a "coat of arms" probably of the paper maker representing a fleur de lys surmounted by a crown with two horns. On the page on which the diagram is drawn the water-mark is: T H SAUNDERS 1910.

On p. 19 is the copy of the first page of the title and on p.20 the diagram.

Story of this  
land and adjoining  
parcels.

"The paper is still for my old Lady" said Dudley ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ "it (the land) belonged to my grandfather. His name was Lionel too" (the same as Dudley's father).

This land belongs now in fact to: Dudley Simpson ( 3 acres) his brother Enoch Simpson (3 acres) and his mother Alma Simpson ( 1 acre). There was only 7 acres left by the father, as he sold some land before he died. ( see ~~p.~~ p.p. 1 & 2 of this record).

Daniel Simpson's parcel (Top of the diagram) belongs at present to Calvin Simpson, Daniel's grandson.

Eustace Simpson's parcel belongs now to William Rochester, who bought ~~this land~~ it (part or whole ?) apparently in 1908 (see Fam. Rec. 5 ~~will~~ p. 11.)

Racheal Simpson's parcel belongs now to : her successor ~~Ethel Simpson, xxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~Sinclair~~ Ethel Simpson, ~~xxxxxxx~~ (see fam. rec. 148) Edith Sinclair (see Fam. Rec. 143) and Panton Rochester (see Fam. R<sup>c</sup>. 149).

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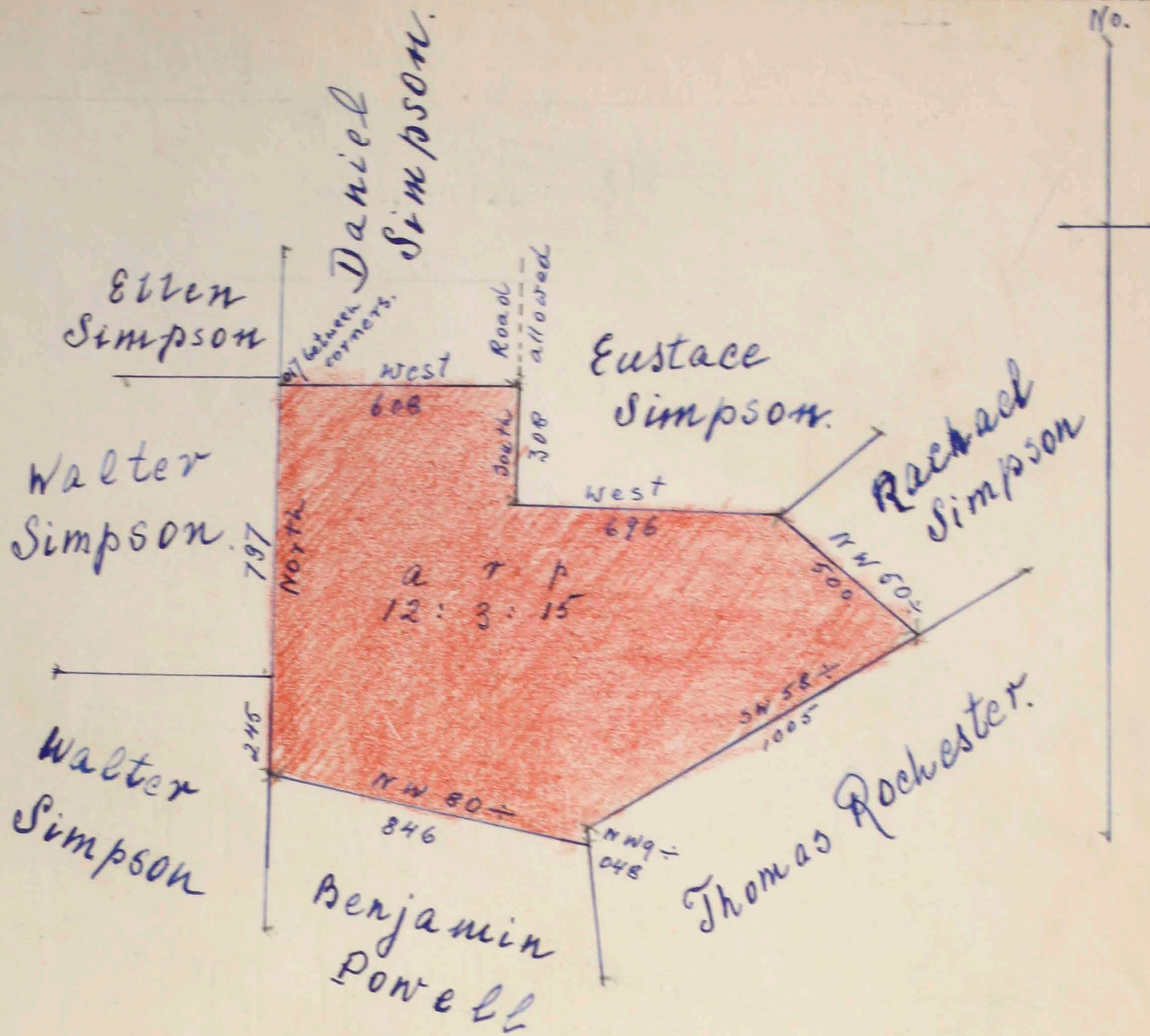
Lionel Simpson.

of the parish of Saint Elizabeth, Agriculturist, -----  
is now the proprietor of an estate in fee simple subject  
to the incumbrances notified hereunder in ALL THAT parcel  
of land part of Samuel Brooks Patent----- in the parish  
of Saint Elizabeth cobtaunung by survey twelve acres three  
roods and fifteen perches----- and being of the shape and  
butting and bounding as appears by the diagram thereof  
hereunto annexed - SUBJECT to the right of the Crown to  
make roads through the said land free of cost, and SAVE  
and EXCEPT nevertheless and reserved thereout, all mines,  
minerals and mineral oil whatsoever as are situate and  
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and labourers, to have free ingress egress and regress in  
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the purpose of using, occupying, enjoying, digging for,  
working and winning the hereinbefore excepted mines, mine-  
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compensation in respect thereof) any roads, water-courses  
or other works through, over or upon the said land or any  
part thereof for the purpose of raising, working, dig-  
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same through or over the said land or any part thereof, and  
for digging, cutting and getting stone, timber and other  
materials to be used in or about the said works or any of  
them without making any payment or compensation in respect  
thereof.

Dated the Twentieth July one thousand nine hundred and  
eleven ( Jamaica Official Seal)

(-) David Balfour  
Registrar of Titles

Incumbrances referred to: -



Scale 5 Chains to One Inch

The above figure shaded red represents the form of at 12 acres 3 rods  
 15 perches of land part of Samuel Brooks Patent in the parish of St.  
 Elizabeth. It is bounded and bounded as above described and this  
 is the plan referred to in the annexed certificate of Title  
 issued in the name of Lionel Simpson, a agriculturist.

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Thomas Rochester's parcel belongs now to his two sons Laban and William Rochester. They inherited it from their father. (Fam. Rec. 1 and 5.)

Benjamin Powell's parcel belongs now to Percival Powell from Tad Town. This is the place on which a new house has been erected sometime ago but has not been inhabited so far. " Benjamin Powell leave it for him son - Clinton Powell and Clinton Powell sold it to Joshua Rochester and Percival Powell in Tad Town. Percival Powell was son of old Benjamin Powell daughter and son of Hubert Powell's brother whose name was also Percival Powell "

Walter Simpson's two parcels (adjoining on the diagram) belong now to: Lennard Lewis, Richard Edward and the bottom to Walter Simpson's grandson David Simpson.

Ellen Simpson's parcel belongs at present to her grand-son Calvin Simpson.

6.4.48. Informant: Dudley Simpson.  
T.O.

XDudley's wife Floret was adopted by her grand mother Martha Rochester (from the Top)

"My wife's mother is Hilda ~~Rochester~~ Simpson living at Bottom. Daughter (Hilda) of Martha Rochester. Her father Hendry Rochester, and wife (Hilda is wife of) James Simpson, at Bottom. Hilda Rochester first, and married to James Simpson. James Simpson is son of Sarah Simpson. Sarah Simpson has three other sons: Crafton, Wilbert and James. One of the lives with her and the other two near her"

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Floret Simpson's family.

An "affectionate" great grandmother.

The eldest boy of Dudley - Rupert - spends the night with his great grand mother. In the morning he comes to his parent's home and from there goes to school.

"Grandmother - affectionate for him - so he is going with him grandmother. Days with father, nights with greatgrand mother. Come back in the morning."

Int: Dudley Simpson.  
13.4.48.  
T.O.

Regret to have missed  
the opportunity to  
go to America.

Dudley Simpson wanted to go to America on the contract scheme. He asked teacher Millard, who disposes of the "cards" when they are allotted, to reserve one for him. Teacher Millard promised to do so. Dudley says teacher gives the cards only to those whom he knows to be good workers and serious men. He doesn't give cards to boys who would "sport and drink away" the money they earned.

"I ask Mr. Millard to save a card for me. He said 'All right' Dudley. He got 50 cards. That day I went to work with Mr. Laban in Breadnut. Bradley went to the teacher and got a card. Next day teacher asked me where I was. I said I was doing my work in Breadnut. He could keep the card. I was sorry, sorry. After what Bradley wrote me from there: 'You should be with us Dudley.' I'm sorry I never went to America. According to what my friends tell me about America I feel I should be in America. I would be an American. Nice place."

The way of eating.

"The maxim in Jamaica is to leave something on your plate. That's hypocrisy - foolishness. If you clean your plate they say you are glutton. You want to eat and you still leave it. That's foolishness. When I want to eat I dry my plate. When I say 'not hungry' don't give me anything. That's the way with Dudley."

Dudley's  
"grandfatherhood".

During the evening Dudley speaking to his nephew Bradley said: "I am an old man". I told Dudley he can't call himself an old man. When he will have grandchildren - he will have a right to call himself so. Dudley laughed: "I am supposed to be a grandfather. I girl I have, have a baby - so I am a grandfather. But I don't acknowledge it. I was 14 - not responsible." We all laughed. J.O. said that since a child of 14 is a minor - is not responsible for his deeds. I said that a girl of 14 if she finds herself with a baby - minor or not she is still "responsible" and has all the trouble. Dudley laughed again "I am glad I am not a girl".

Interview with Dudley Simpson.  
19.4.48.  
J.O.

Dudley Simpson -  
"bon vivant".

Dudley Simpson announced yesterday evening that he is going to work all Monday. So we did not expect him during the day. Unexpectedly he called on us at about noon. He was in no mood to work this day having some drinks on the morning, so ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ we kept him at our place for several hours.

He went this morning to get his money from the Tomato Growers Association. Vincent Powell paid him the remainder due to him and ~~XXXXX~~ closed his account. His ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ net earnings this year - after the deduction of expenses for manure and grass - were £48. Dudley was pretty satisfied with this sum. Much better than ~~the~~ last year. Last year he made only £16. So it is 3 times more. The price was much better this year and he planted more than previously. He will get still a few pounds for his work at the tomato shed. And the earnings of his wife in the Packing House and of Ricardo in the ~~XXXXX~~ factory sheds will add also to the total sum earned by the household.

He brought all the bills of his deliveries - about 40, ranging from several shillings to as much as over ten pounds.

He carried also all the money he got from the office and counted it carefully. He estimated that he spent One Pound ~~in~~ "in the town" - it is at Early Bird and at Miss Edith's rum shop. immediately after having been paid. He met other growers and everybody was drinking and offering drinks to his friends and neighbours. He did the same. He had several drinks at Early Bird and Miss Daphne advised him to stop drinking and go home. So he left the place and finished his drinking at Miss Edith's. He did not stay long however. Went back and stopped at our place.

He was in no hurry to go home. Had ~~XXXXX~~ semi-lunch /with coffee/ and evidently was ~~XXXXX~~ rather purposefully postponing the meeting of his wife. A girl was passing with fish and Dudley bought ~~two~~ strings from her - for 2/- - and sent it home by one of his boys coming from the school.

It was only after the fish was sent that he decided to leave the place and to go home.

Reflecting the situation, all the time his mind was preoccupied with the matters concerning his marital life and marriage in general. I listened to his opinions on marriage and concubinage, marital infidelity and ~~XXXXX~~ so on. In the "family records" which we discussed the emphasis was laid again on the same topic.





Finale of courting  
Elsa Lee /see page  
14/.

I asked Dudley about his affair with Elsa Lee, making baby for Duris Roy. The affair has been brought to its finale las Saturday evening.

Dudley arranged for a meeting with Duris Roy and he met him in the rum-shop in presence of his two best friends: Cecil Miller and Calbert Dyer, both chauffeurs and both married men. They acted as the wise men and intermediaries in the dispute. ¶

They asked the boy to join them with a drink and then delivered a lesson to him. Their argument - according to Dudley - ~~xxx~~ ran more less like this:

"Listen, boy, it is just foolishness. You are a young boy, listen to married men. If he get anything from her, would the girl tell you? Never, never. If she tells you about Dudley, it is because he get nothing. Or may be, because she want to make confidence for another man. You are young - listen to us married men. Dont push the matter further. Let us remain friends. Let everything be as it was."

Duris blushed and said nothing. But he accepted the lesson. There is "no pretence more. We drank it over."

Dudley's marriage.

We talked other people's affairs - especially Eli Simpson's and Charles Lewis' /cf. Family Records 158 and 190/. Both were cases of unhappy marriages ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ resulting in subsequent marital infidelities and polygamous practices. This has brought Dudley Simpson to further confessions concerning his marital life.

"In those cases, sometime you marry a girl that is not just loved, but just according to promise from the parents. And after you come to the deal, you just regret it."

"The same is with me. I am not ashamed to put it to you. The girl that I marry is not the girl that I adore. But what really happen? Because I am a runner, because I am a man that climb fence, and I make a baby with her - it happen."

"I just could not do better - I took her for a wife. And through all this all the while I am fence climber. What to do?"

Pressure was exerted upon him by the girl's family to marry ~~his~~ her. "There was a big family and them ~~said~~ said them have no room for the girl. I marry her."

Had he been more experienced, he would just own the child and refuse to marry the girl. "It is a little difference - but at that time I didnt just realise, I had not got to these heights." A second child came in the meantime and finally he took the girl to his house and married her. ~~xxxxxx~~

"I felt I must response to her. And I marry and when I marry I just find that I loose."

"And that's is why I am fence climber. People count me foolish, but what to do? ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ It's only nature. Nature must heve his course."

Other men in similar situation.

"Not~~e~~ me alone is like that. That things happen. The same Eli Simpson - him is like me. Other people too. James Powell over there - he is Jehovah Witness now. I know him when he was a man like me. But since he went to Jehovah Witness he pretend that everything is O.K. But equally yoke."

"C.B.Lewis - Charles Lewis from Top Bull Savannah. He is just the same as me....Him is a bad man, him climb the fence. Him put himself with a woman that below his wife notice - lower grade. My wife and Lewis wife - she may ~~be~~ have higher possession / = position / than the woman we like. Not up to the standard, not up to the principle. But what to do? Everything by likeness - simple lot."

For further particulars concerning Charles Lewis and Eli Simpson see Family Records 190 and 158.

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Religious digression. Doctrine of predestination.

Commenting on his case and other people in Bull Savannah Dudley ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ suddenly plunged into religion.

"In all ages Jesus Christ leave this as a ~~fall~~ fallerror / ? - i.e "precaution" / to man that every prospect pleases. But what happen? - only man is vile. He only made man of his own image - what can you do? Jesus Christ never do nothing wrong. But after him made man, he was sorry. Man - every prospect pleases, but only man is vile. Never satisfactory to the Master. What can you do?"

Dudley Simpson on family matters.

Cf. also what Dudley Simpson says on family matters in S.F.13, fasc. 19 and 20.

Interview with Dudley Simpson. Present Miss Jude, Mr. Laban, Charlie Rochester.

J.O.

8.6.48.

Death of Dudley's mother. We met Dudley Simpson on our arrival to Bull Savannah sitting in front of Miss Jude's shop. He waved his hand to us, ~~that~~ then came to us rather ~~reluctantly~~ reluctantly, not as gay and cheerful as usually.

We shook hands exchanging just ordinary greetings and asking casual questions. Dudley was rather gloomy and ~~restrained~~ restrained in his answers. Then suddenly interrupted the conversation: "And my old lady died last Saturday and we burry her ~~last~~ Sunday evening."

She was ill for two weeks - dysentaria, as Miss Jude explained. For two weeks she stayed in bed, looked after by Dudley Simpson. "I did my best - he said - to the best of my abilities, but couldnt save her." His eyes were full of tears.

We came to our place and Dudley helped us to carry our luggage. Then he stayed with us for the evening. Mr. Laban was also with us.

Dudley was very anxious to talk of his mother. "We had very nice set-up Sunday night. We had rum and coffee" - 50 people ~~participated~~ participated in the set-up. Teacher Millard came to the funeral - he conducted the ceremony.

The coffin for the old lady was made by Cecil Rochester, Bradley Rochester /son of Miss Ann/ and another man whose name I have forgotten.

He burried his mother besides the tomb of his brother Burnell. His grandfather and father and other mebers of the family are burried up the house, on a hill over the old place. He loved his brother very much - he burried him just besides his own house. And his mother ~~asked~~ asked him to burry her "beside my son." It was still before she took ill, she always wanted to be burried besides her children. So Dudley ~~complied~~ complied to the wish of his mother.

All the time speking of her mother Dudley had tears in his eyes and his voice was broken. He tried to be gay, drank a lot and asked Charlie Rochester, who joined the company to play guitare and sing songs. We agreed to listen to three songs - we hadnt much time to spare.

Dudley wanted to have gay tunes - "some pepsy" songs. ~~The~~ He got them - but did not ~~find~~ find much consolation in them. The last song was of his own choice. About mother - "my mother think of me in death". Charlie did not know the words so the performance was far from being brilliant.

At the end Dudley wanted to convey to us ~~his~~ how glad he was that we came again to Bull Savannah. "I love my mother" - he said. "I love my mother. Every man suppose to love his mother." "Every man suppose to love his mother" - confirmed Charlie. The sentence was repeated again. And still - inspite of his love for his mother, he feels so much better, so relieved because of our arrival.

Family Record 4.Interview with Dudley Simpson

Friday,

May 14, 1948.

Ed. F.

Dudley has bought a bulkin of about 15 months in the Top Hill market, from Mr. Ronald Rochester of Green Olive. Previous to going to the market he had visited Ronald's premises where he had met Ronald's father Joshua Rochester. Joshua had told Dudley Ronald wanted £14 for the ~~bulkin~~ bulkin. Dudley had felt that £14 was too large a price to pay for the animal, and so - "we did not come to a bargain. ~~As~~ I don't pay no mind to that bulkin again; I just leave it out."

"I went to the market to get another one. While I was in the market I saw Ronald come in with that one, and we get in argument about it. He tell me that he want £14.10 for the calf. I told him I will give him £13. He refuse. I ask him for his last price. He told me £13.10. Well then, we close the bargain."

Dudley intends rearing the Bulkin for the but cher. He intends to castrate and "hand feed" the animal. To hand feed an animal is to dig fr ss from the fields and feed an animal with it then. Dudley will use other grass aside from guinea grass.

He has reared other ~~ani~~ large stock for killing: altogether 4 othr animals:

The first: In 19 33 he bought a steer for £5 .15/- .  
-"Cow was cheap that time," he said. He sold the animal for ~~about~~ £ 8 after he had kept it form about 5 months. Beef at that time was being sold at 4d per lb., in the country.

The second: "After a sell the first one a buy a next in 34. A paid £ 6 for that one. It was a steer also. A didn't keep that one for no time, because it did eat rope. He sold it soon after he had bought it for £6. 10/-

The third : This was another bulkin. -"A bought him at the grace Mack Market. A carry him down an' a castrate him; keep him about 4 months and then sell him to Mr. Winty Elliott for £6. 6/- . That was a long time ago -in about '35."

The fourth: This was another steer for which he paid ~~£7. 10/-~~ £7. 5/- . He bought this animal in about 1943. She gave it to his brother Enoch Simpson to rear on the half. He had caesed to do any rearing then because of the drought. Said he -"As you know a cow have to have lots of feed." Enoch was better able to feed the animal.

The arrangement with Enoch was that the monies made in excess of the purchase price should be shared between them. Enoch sold the animal for ~~about~~ £8. 15/ after keeping it for about 4 months. Said Dudley -"We didn't

Family Record 4.

make much profit, but what must we do we can't quarrel with each other; we jus' have to take as we get it."

Should the bulkin he has ~~new~~ bought be killed now, the beef from it would not give £13. 10/-. He "argues" on the growth, i.e. he is depending on the animals growth to yeild him a suitable profit. The animal has "good proportions," and will get fat quickly.

Dudley led the bulkin by a rope. The animal was quite tame. He thinks it is capable of giving "service" to cows because it is "shaping" i.e. inclined to begin giving "service."

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Interview with Dudley Simpson.

20.6.48.

J.O.

Dudley came to me on a short Sunday visit. We were alone, so I took opportunity to take the subject of his love affairs. He stayed for about 2 hours. ~~and xxxxxxxxxx~~ He confirmed that in spite of his 36 years he may regard himself ~~as~~ a grandfather. ~~His~~ His first and only outside child, Thelma Biggs, has already 2 children - a boy 4 years old and a girl 3 ~~may~~ years old. ~~xxxxxxx~~ But ~~his~~ he never recognised his paternity and never Thelma Biggs was treated by him as his child. He was too young to be able to undertake any paternal responsibilities at the time the child was born. The mother of the child was Edith - daughter of his ~~xxxx~~ aunt, and of Nicholas Rochester.

First girl.

Edith - called also Adelle - daughter of Nicholas Rochester was ~~his first girl friend~~ the first girl in his life with whom he had "connxion". He was 14 at that time, Edith about 16. ~~xxxxxx~~ As a nephew to Nicholas Rochester he was frequent visitor ~~to~~ the yard and ~~in~~ the house and his presence was in the house was natural. He used to put questions to Edith and she seemed to be willing to concede to his wish. Once when he ~~ex~~ visited the house she was alone and he took the opportunity. Edith was quite willing and everything went "O.K." Then they used to meet each other in the house - to which he had free access - or in the bush or in rocks over the house - in day or night time, according to opportunity. Edith had a suitor at that time. Mr. Septimus Biggs from ~~Ex~~ "over the hill" /Dunder Hill/ wanted to marry her and he used to pay visits to the house. ~~xxxxxxx~~ These were formal visits - to the girl and her parents. He never was alone with the girl and the girl never ~~had~~ had any connexion with Septimus Biggs until she went to share his house.

Dudley's relationship with Edith lasted for half a year or so and nobody suspected anything. Mr. Septimus Biggs married the girl. Or rather he took Edith to his house and then - i a few years time they married. The first child call Thelma was born and Septimus Biggs refused to recognise ~~ixx~~ his wife's daughter and to own her. The child showed no signs of his father - Septimus Biggs was dark and the child born was of light complexion, so he had no doubts about it. Thelma was brought up not in ~~his~~ mother's home, but in her ~~materna~~ father's, Nicholas Rochester, home.

*Grand*

Next 3 girl friends.

~~xxxxxxx~~ After Edith went to live with her husband for about two years he had no girl friends. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Then he fell in love with Nellion Rochester, James Rochester's, the fisherman, daughter. Nellion

was 16 at that time. He ~~was~~ was meeting her frequently as she lived in <sup>the</sup> neighbourhood - in Green Olive. He told her ~~xxxxxx~~ of his feelings and the girl seemed to respond favourably. She loved him as all other girl friends loved him. He could not go however to her house or visit her at her father's yard ~~xxxxxx Rochester did not visit him~~ as James Rochester disliked him. Once a "black rain" was coming to Bull Savannah and the girl was just leaving ~~xxxxxx~~ her ~~xxxxxx~~ uncle's place /it was either Nicholas or Joshua Rochester/ to go to her house. The cloud was already on the hill and Dudley ~~xxxxxx~~ stopped the girl from going home and advised her to seek ~~xxxxxx~~ shelter in old Robert Rochester's home. It happened that Robert Rochester was away and there was nobody in the house except one of his daughters ~~xxx~~ who was a good friend to him. So he "gave her a wink" to leave them alone ~~xxxxxx~~ and ~~xxxxxx~~ they were left alone in one of the rooms. This time it was not so easy as with his first girl friend, Edith. "It was terrific." The girl was afraid of having intercourse with him - she did not understand ~~xxxxxx~~ the "facts of life" and he had to ~~xxxxxx~~ be very lenient and act carefully to ~~xxxxxx~~ persuade her to take her dress off and ~~xxxxxx~~ and not to oppose him. At the end everything went all right. They did not stay long time together - only till the rain was over.

Their next meetings were in the girl's house. James Rochester was <sup>a</sup> fisherman and at that time used to go twice a week to Alligator Pond. Four of his daughters: Maisie /she was ~~12~~ about 19 at that time/, Nellion /16/, Olga and Gertrude /who were much younger - one was about 12 or so and another about 9/ slept ~~xxxxxx~~ not in the house but in a separate room attached to the kitchen. ~~Then~~ On the nights when James Rochester ~~was~~ away he used to come to the girls and to sleep with Nellion. Maisie did not object to it as ~~xxxxxx~~ at that time she was along with ~~his~~ friend Daniel Williams who paid her similar ~~xxxxxx~~ night visits at the same time. They slept all in the same room, but on separate beds. Young girls did not understand much what was going on as usually they went to bed earlier and were fast asleep ~~when~~ before the lovers arrived. The older one /it was if I am not mistaken Olga/ learned ~~xxxxxx~~ soon what was going on, but she did not object either. She was getting a big girl at that time, her breasts growing, ~~xxxxxx~~ and so she could not feel differently than her sisters.

Their relationship could not be kept all the time ~~in~~ secret and soon James Rochester, Nellion's father, learned about it. He could do nothing better as to reconcile with the fact. Dudley was really in love with the girl, he adored her and wanted her to marry. But he had no house of <sup>his</sup> ~~his~~ own at the time and James Rochester ~~did not visit~~ did not regard him as a suitable party. ~~xxxxxx~~ However, their relationship was recognised by girl's parents and she was regarded and regarded herself as his wife to be. Dudley's mother liked Nellion and Nellion paid frequent visits to the old lady.



~~When he was two years~~

He was along with Nellion for two years when he got involved into friendship with another girl. She was Ina Simpson, one of Ethel Simpson's daughters. As Ethel Simpson's house is almost next to his home and on the way to Shaddock Hill and Green Olive he used to drop frequently into their yard. He knew the girl well and once, when she found her alone in the house he "put a question" to her and she agreed. They had sexual intercourse and from that time on he had two girl-friends at a time: Nellion and Ina. Ina's mother knew of ~~his~~ Dudley's relationship with Ina and she did not object to it. He could visit Ina in the night and sleep with her - all in the same room, but he ~~had~~ and Ina on a separate bed.

It was known to everybody that he is in friendship with two girls. ~~but he managed to keep both~~ ~~and he wanted~~ Nellion loved him and ~~did not break~~ so she did not break with him. To Nellion he used to say that his connection with Ina is just nothing, that she ~~will~~ loves Nellion and will marry only her. ~~When he was~~ ~~the same~~ explanation was given or passed to Nellion's parents. ~~Again Ina and Ina's mother were kept~~ by him in conviction that he is no more in love with Nellion, ~~and that he will not marry her but Ina.~~ "You have to tell lies, you must to tell each ~~of them~~ that you will marry".

Nellion and Ina were not crossed with him, but they quarreled a lot. Any time Nellion was passing along Ina's house on her way to Dudley's mother's house where she was a frequent visitors, they used to shout at each other and quarrel aloud. ~~Sometimes~~ They would even fight with each other /Dudley was not ~~too~~ too explicit about ~~with~~ their fighting/ if not stopped by Ina's mother or Dudley.

In this period of his life he got also in friendship with another girl so that at a time he had 3 girl friends. This girl was ~~from Bull Savannah~~ Laura Powell in Comma Pen. ~~Laura's mother was not an easy person, so he could not visit the girl at her home. He~~ They used to have night meetings somewhere in the bush. ~~Frequently~~ Once or twice a week he used to slip from his two girl friends in Bull Savannah and to spend <sup>the</sup> night on a meeting with Laura. Laura did not know anything of his girl friends in Bull Savannah and he had no trouble with her. ~~As two other girls~~ ~~and as any girl friend~~ Laura expected also to be married. Eventually their relationship was ~~broken~~ discontinued. ~~It was too inconvenient and after several months the dates were stopped.~~

His friendship with Nellion lasted for about 6 ~~years~~ years or more. It was ~~broken~~ put to an end by Nellion who went to work in Mandeville, met another man and married him in Kingston. Nellion's parents were very much against ~~her~~ and they pressed her to marry another man. ~~His relationship with Ina was broken in similar way. Ina~~ ~~went to Kingston where she married. She lives now in Kingston but only a couple of weeks ago came on a visit to Bull Savannah.~~

He met the girl in the packing house - it was in Major Moxsy's times.

*V Dudley*

His ~~girl~~ old girl friends still love him - he knows this. But he is not to renew the relationship once they are married and have their husbands. ~~xxxx~~ As far as his feelings are concerned - "it's gone, it's over". With the exception probably of Nellion - when he speaks of his love for her he sighs ~~and~~ sometimes and explains that this was the girl that he really loved and adored.

Other girl friends.

He had also myny other girl friends ~~but~~ - not so much girl-friends as love affairs. When he used to work with Robert Rochester he was travelling a lot and visiting frequently Mandeville market. He had <sup>the</sup> opportunity of meeting girls and make ~~acquaintance~~ acquaintance with them. Some of these love affairs were just casual. Some of ~~mispassing~~ the girls he used to meet more frequently. The meetings were either in their houses if it was possible, or just in the bush. He remebers three girls as more permanent relationships in this period of his life. One was Isodel in Comma Pen, another - Adassa in Nain, another Gladys - in Cross-roads: all on ~~his~~ the way to Mandeville.

He was fortunate enough of not having any children with his girl-friends, otherwise he would be ruined.

Dark girl in Thatch Walk.

He had also one girl friend in Thatch Walk. She was not his girl friend however: ~~xxxxxxx~~ just a girl with whom he had several times "connexion". This was Gladys Rowe, daughter of Charles Rowe. She married a few ~~month~~ months ago Reggie Powell who lives now in her home with all the family.

He did not mention this girl because his relationship with her was not known to anybody. She is a dark girl and "with dark girls /in Thatch Walk/ we keep it dark." Charles Rowe's house is on the way to Woodland. ~~and~~ Once he met Gladys ~~xxxx~~ in the bush and he asked her a question. He did not bother with making love to her - just asked her and she agreed. The sexual intercourse took place in the bush and he never came to visit her at her home in the night. He met her several times and had "connection" with her. Gladys never expected him to marry her and there was no talk about marriage. "Sometimes a girl does the thing to you for something else" - for money. He gave Gladys once and again a shilling or two. Sometimes nothing at all.

His Wife, Florette Powell.

He met his present wife Flora Powell for the first time in the packing house in the factory. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Flora Powell was living in Top Bull Savannah at her grand mother's home - Martha Rochester. ~~xxxx~~ He asked Flora whether he ~~xxxx~~ may visit her at her place and started to visit her at her home. He started to live with Flora with consent and knowledge of her grandmother. ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ As usually he declared his love for the girl and said that he ~~want~~ intends to marry her. ~~xxxxxxx~~ So he was allowed to stay with Flora in the night and to sleep with her in her house.

Martha Rochester was not cross with him when Flora had her first child for him. The child was born in her house and ~~Flora~~ in her grandmother's home Flora gave ~~him~~ also birth to their second child. Now Martha Rochester started to be cross with him for not taking the girl to his house. As he was vague about their future marriage once Flora took both children and came with them to his house. She warned him that unless he will marry her she will leave the children at his home. It was hard to him. His old lady was sick and could not look after the children. He could not manage ~~without her~~ alone. His mother advised him to marry Flora and to have the wife to look after himself and children. So finally he married Flora, though ~~he~~ he never ~~loved~~ loved her and never wanted to marry her.

His present girl-friend.

In spite of being married he has a girl friend also now. She is James Rochester's granddaughter - she lives with her mother Lettice Francis. He is in friendship with this girl already for 3 years. Nobody knows of it and he keeps their ~~real~~ relationship secret. He never visits the girl at her home. But they meet near her home - "in bush." Never in day time, always in the night. ~~He~~ The girl is in friendship with another man - Uncle Peny's son. ~~This~~ is Her friendship with young Powell is known to everybody, ~~but~~ but nobody knows of Dudley's friendship with her. ~~Her~~ The name of the girl is Eveline ~~Elliot~~ Elliott. They meet frequently, sometimes twice a week. Last time he was with her on Sunday and then again on Tuesday. Before Sunday ~~he~~ - on Friday. ~~He~~ He is not afraid of young Powell in case he learned something about his affairs with ~~the~~ the girl friend. He is a man and Dudley is a man. They wouldn't fight because of the girl.

Relations with the wife.

Neither is he afraid of any trouble should his wife ~~learn~~ learn of her rival. His wife would not say a word about this. She is afraid of him. His principle is that the wife must obey and that he must be the master. "I will never allow a woman to roll me."

In fact his wife ~~suspects~~ suspects something. When he leaves house in the evening or comes in late in the night ~~she~~ ~~says~~ she says sometimes: you must have a woman that you ~~stay~~ stay so late. He does not try to excuse himself - just denies the fact.

Neither his wife can guess anything by frequency of ~~their~~ their sexual intercourses or by his strength. It is up to him to have sexual intercourse with his wife or to refuse it. Sometimes she wants to cohabit with him but he just refuses saying that he is sleepy or tired. Sometimes he does not cohabit with his wife for a week or even more. She must wait till he will be inclined to have intercourse with her. She can not draw any <sup>is the</sup> conclusions concerning his infidelity ~~from this~~ since this <sup>the</sup> (normal ~~course~~ ~~of~~ ~~relations~~ course of affairs. In sexual life woman must comply to the wish of ~~her~~

<sup>the</sup> of man - what she wishes does not matter.

Marital infidelity.

As far as he is concerned he is not afraid of any trouble with his wife because of his infidelity. ~~She will~~ He will be always able to control ~~the~~ situation and to keep his wife quiet. But it is not so with everybody. Charles Lewis who is really a bad man and has many connections with other women ~~has~~ regular fights with his wife. His wife is stronger and she beats him. Neighbours must ~~be~~ interfere to stop their fighting. ~~His relations with~~ Their relations are now especially strained as he got involved into friendship with his daughter-in-law, Marion Lewis, nee Thompson. Of course, Marion does not come to Charles Lewis' house. But he is regular visitor to her house and spends days and nights with her. Marion had a suitor, William Jacobs, a truck man who worked for the factory in the season. He wanted to marry Marrison but Charles Lewis offered her £75 to send her suitor away. Once they had a fight. Charles Lewis was sitting in the room with Marrison when Willy Jacob arrived. ~~When he~~ When he opened the door Charles "licked" the door into his face with such a violence that the man was turned down. He had a gun and ~~fixing~~ certainly shooting would follow if not for the presence of Charles Lewis' grandson who was in the yard. Charles ordered his grandson to beat the man and to turn him out of the yard. But his grandson took quietly the man away and persuaded him to leave the house without fighting.

Dudley spoke with disapproval of Charles Lewis conduct. He is really a bad man. He is so ~~sure~~ "reckless" - sometimes he ~~gets~~ goes <sup>with</sup> women who are of such a lower grade than his wife. That's the reason why his misconduct is so offensive to his wife. If he were along with a woman of a ~~higher~~ higher grade his misconduct - in Dudley's eyes - might be excused.

Women and their grades.

Women are "graded" by Dudley chiefly by their colour. Thatch Walk girls and women are of a low grade - they are all black. He, Dudley, is also a black man, but he is of light colour. The lighter the complexion of a man or of a woman the higher their grade. ~~Following his explanation~~ Following his explanation ~~as~~ I suggested that Charles Lewis is of a higher grade than his wife. He is ~~fairly~~ fair, whereas his wife is rather "on the black side." But Dudley denied this: they are really of the same grade, inspite of ~~the~~ being of a different colour. Charles Lewis' father was a black man whereas his mother Dorothy /she is Dudley's aunt/ was a "white" woman. Again Miss Violet's /i.e. Charles Lewis' wife/ father y Edwards was "white" and her mother black. So they are both of the same grade.

All girl-friends ~~and~~ of Dudley were of high grade - they were all of fair complexion. Also his wife. The only exception - Gladys Rowe, black girl in Thatch Walk. But he kept his connectoon with this black girl "in dark."

I asked Dudley about Merville Powell, daughter of Birdie Rochester and Ernest Powell /Uncle Peny/. Is she of higher or lower grade? The girl is of light colour, as her mother. But she is an outside child and her mother has many other children by 4 or 5 different fathers. Dudley did not contemplate Merville's colour. Oh, she is all right - he said. ~~Maxix~~ She is an outside child of Uncle Peny. But Uncle Peny is not ~~married~~ married ~~with~~ his c.l. wife, another Birdie Rochester. So his outside daughter, Merville, is "all right". It would be different if Uncle Peny would be married to his c.l. wife - Merville would not retain her present status being an outside child of a married man.

Girls' and women's reputation.

~~Disc~~ According to Dudley all girls or women who have connections with married man are of a low grade. All Charles Lewis' girl-friends are of low grade because they ~~live~~ cohabit with a married man. "We dont recognise them" he said. "We count them worthless." Why? "It is married man sin".-

A girl that is along with a married man looses her "reputation." Her reputation ~~is~~ remains however unaffected by her connections with ~~un~~ unmarried men or by having children with them. His wife, Flora, could easily ~~max~~ find another boy friend and marry after having born 2 children to him - had he left her. ~~Thaxsanna~~ Similarly as his other girl friends ~~whaxxhexxexyad~~ with whom he parted.

Paternity.

Discussing Dudley's love affairs we touched now and again <sup>upon</sup> the subject of paternity.

His first child by Edith, daughter of Nicolas Rochester, Thelma Biggs, was not owned by him. He was too young to ~~own~~ own the child and take any responsibilities. Edith's husband, Septimus Biggs refused ~~to own~~ too to own the child. He found - after the child was born - that it is not "for him." He is a black man and the child grew "white". But ~~wasnt~~ wasnt Edith "white"? Couldnt the child inherit her physical appearance. Dudley shook his head. No. The child has to show first the father. The father is life-giver and the child is of father's substance. /These are his ~~max~~ words almost verbatim/. So the child is supposed "to show the father."

One of the indices of paternity is "colour". So if the child is of a different colour than his father his paternity is doubtful. ~~Another~~

~~Edix~~ To substantiate this statement he gave me the recent case of Hazel Rochester. Hazel Rochester was lastly in friendship with Cecil Simpson, Robert Simpson's son. ~~Bradley~~ ~~It was an open friendship - not clandestine one. And Cecil used to visit Hazel at her home with her parents' knowledge. But Hazel was also in a secret liaison with Bradley Rochester, Miss Ann's son. He Bradley used also to visit the girl in the night. When the child was born Hazel declared that its father is not Cecil ~~Rack~~ Simpson, but Bradley ~~there is~~ ~~He~~ ~~Once~~ ~~the~~ girl declares that ~~his~~ her boy friend is not the father of her child ~~thaxxisomthingxx~~~~

no question of paternity arises as far as this man is concerned. Cecil Simpson cannot own the child - even if he would like to do so. But Bradley Rochester ~~xxxx~~ is doubtful about his paternity as the girl was simultaneously in friendship with ~~another man~~ Cecil. ~~xxxxxxx~~ He has seen the child but refused to own it. His argument is that the child's paternity cannot be proved "by time." Such a girl could be in the morning with Cecil and again ~~xxxxxxx~~ in the evening of the same day with Bradley. ~~xxxxxxx~~ So to prove its parentage the child must "show the father." ~~xxxxxxx~~ So far the child does not show any ~~signs~~ resemblance to Bradley - they differ by colour. Bradley will wait a few years and see what will happen. If the child will finally show him as the father he will own it.

Concubinage and polygamy.

Dudley felt a little uneasy as he thought I may be shocked with their ways of life. ~~xxxxxxx~~ He explained that he does not think ~~xxxxxxx~~ it is wrong when an unmarried men has connections with several girls. ~~xx~~ He disapproves of only those men who have open liaisons with other women when married. He does not think Isaac Johnson was wrong when he was at the same time with Nancy Powell / "Turnicca" / and his present wife Mary Roach. ~~He~~ never married Nancy and he had ~~xxxx~~ at the same time children with both of them. Finally he married Mary. Nancy and ~~Mary~~ used to quarrel previously. Now they seem to be on good terms. But Isaac Johnson did not break with Nancy. ~~He~~ sees him from time to time visiting Nancy's house in the night.

H. Dudley

Some men never marry women with whom they live in the same house. Uncle Peny - for example. He is a man that ~~xxxx~~ does not believe in marriage. All Powells of this family dont believe in marriage: Uncle Peny, Stanford Powell and late Emmanuel Powell. They had many children with different women but they never married. Uncle Peny lives now for many years with his c.l. wife Birdie - he has other outside children as well - and still he is not inclined to marry her.

There is nothing wrong in it. "Look at Solomon" - he said - "how many concubines he had - 46 or 47, and still he died righteous man."

14.7.48.  
T.O.

Present household:

Simpson Dudley	head	35	
"	Florette	wife	28
"	Daseline	dau	7
"	Ronald	son	4
"	Dorrit	dau	2
"	Rupert	son	9

spends the day with the parents but sleeps with the great grand mother Martha Rochester.

Dudley's parentage etc. on p.2. of this F.R. Florette is the daughter of Hilda Rochester (at present wife of James Simpson) and Edgar Powell who left Bull-avannah when Florette was a little baby and is a policeman in Wait-a-Bit relawny. Florette was brought up by her maternal grandmother Martha Rochester.

The house has two rooms; very little furniture. In the bed room: one big bed in which Dudley, Florette and Dorrit sleep. A small bed for Daseline and Ronald. One chest of drawers. In the "hall": One table in the middle, one smaller at the side with glasses etc. Two chairs. That's all. The kitchen is small: one table and a low bench.

Information from Leo Johnson.  
15.6.48.  
Interv. Florette Simpson.  
J.O. 30.8.48.

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Dudley Simpson: son of Lionel Simpson and Alma Simpson nee Cix Clarke. Has one half sister: Francella Newman, through the mother. Relations not kept. Full brothers and sisters: Enoch, Burne Shaddock Hill, Burnel /d/, Lionel /d/, Rosetta Plummer /U.S.A./, Martha Ducarty, Clarendon; Ethel Bennett, Clarendon; Elsie Parchment /d/, Iva Dyer /Chocolate Hole/, Ellen Simpson, Shaddock Hill.

Florette Simpson: mother Hilda Simpson, father Edgar Powell. They became friends in 1937, married 1946.

Dudley has one outside child: Thelma Biggs, daughter of Adelle Biggs /daughter of Nicholas Rochester/.

Florette's brothers and sisters: through the same mother: Spurgeon Simpson, Elford Simpson, Herbert Simpson, Hesline ~~Simpson~~ in Campbell /in Ridge, St. Mary/, Pearl Simpson.

Florette has been brought up by her grandmother /Martha Rochester in B.B.S./.

House: 2 rooms. Kitchen. 1 tank. Furn.: 2 beds, 1 table, 2 chairs, 1 chest.

Land: owned by Dudley 2,5 ac., homeland. Inherited from his mother. Works on share ~~with~~ for Laban Rochester, Martha Rochester, Juaneta Enigo. Cultivates 4,5 ac. together.

Trees: 2 robins, 9 c.mangoes, 3 coconuts, 40 big thatches, 4 pea  
Tomatoes: 6000. Tobacco 1/4 ac. Yams: 90 yam hills. 2 ac. cassava.  
2 ac. congo., Corn small amount.

1 steer, 2 pigs.

Dudley Simpson does a little tanning.

Exp. £1 weekly. On clothes spent last year: £13 on adults, £3 on children. On helath £4.

Rupert and Dazlin in school.

No part. religion.

7,5 acres  
operates