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Rowe	Charles	Head	M.S.	50	St. Eliz.	Black.	xxx No relig.	X	fisherman
"	Elmay	dau	F.S.	16	"	"	Anglic.	W.2.	homem
Elliott	Samuel	ad/son	M.S.	26	"	colour.	no religion	X	farmer
Rowe	Naaman	brother	M.S.	30	Manchester	black	no relig.	R.1.	fisher

Under one acre. 1 goat, value of veg. £ 2.-.- 1 ackee
1 citrus, 17 mangoes, 2 naseberries, 1 cashew.

Informants: Charles Rowe and Gladys and Elmay Rowe (his daughters).

All of them bad informants: the old man very suspicious. The girls shy and dont know much.

The house is situated in Thatch Walk - the last towards Alligator Pond. It is a very poor house - all made of grass. The kitchen is under a kind of thatched tent. The two girls with their children sat under a thatched shade. The old man came later and I met him in the field alone after I had a talk with the girls.

Family History.

His father was born in Bull Savannah but not right in the same place where Charles' house is. The old man was a fisherman and he "drowned". He used to plant cassava and tobacco, but no yams. He did not ~~xxx~~ raise horses "too poor" for that he was.

Charles Rowe thinks his grand father was also born here, but he ~~xxxx~~ died long ago and Charles never asked him about it. Charles Rowe has one ~~xxxx~~ half-brother (from the same father but different mothers) Naaman Rowe. The last lives in Bull Savannah. Charles had another half-brother (the same mother) but he died. The land Charles Rowe has now - he got it from his father. He had however to pay taxes back to the gvnt. He says it is a poor land. His family was always poor.

Charles Rowe says he has a son Sam Rowe (adopted son and Samuel Elliott acc. to census) This son does not live with him now. He is a fisherman. Charles Rowe goes fishing too, about twice a week. He hasn't got his own boat- he goes as one of the crew. Says the profit is very small - 2/- . Charles does not plant tomatoes himself. His son-in-law Reggie Powell (Gladys' common law husband) plants on his field on shares. He planted 2000 trees of tomatoes. Reggie usel also ~~to~~ go fishing but now he doesnt any more.

Present constitution of the household.

Charles Rowe,	head
Reggie Powell	son-in-law /C.M./
Gladys Rowe	dau
Gladys' baby	
Elmay Rowe	
Carmen Brooks	about 6
Lennor (?) Brooks	about 1½

) daughters of Gladys

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Elmay says her father Charles Rowe and her brother-in-law Powell are providing for the house. Elamy was engaged in looking for insects in Carmen's head. Both her babies had open sores - not too big - on legs. Gladys had big scars - looked like after boils - on both legs, some open sores and her baby had it too all over the body.

Gladys says she gives her babies for "tea" half a bammy. She cant afford milk and they dont have a goat.

Mr. Rowe goes tax fishing in the boat which belongs to "Joe Syrian" or "Jew-Syrian". He is in Kingston. The crew consists of 4 or 3 persons. "Q is lawful", He works on shares, tax his explanations as to how the profit is shared were very unclear. However it seems it is the same principle as explained by Stanley Brooks and Crowford (Fam. Rec. No. 2).

Interview with Charles Rowe

Family History.

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He was born in Thatch Walk. His father William Rowe was drowned at sea - the canoe capsized. The old man was living at Milk River when he died. He "leave here" for business was too slow. Things were a little better at Milk River. ~~Does~~ know how old his father was when he died. Charles has a brother, his name is Naaman Rowe. At home Charles shares house with Elma Rowe, Gladys Rowe, his two daughters. Also Cinderella Sinclair Lenoard Brooks, Carmen Solar Brooks, and Bertram Decardinal Powell, his grand children. Charles mother died when he was a little boy. She was Ann Rebecca Gayle. "Life was hard with her" ~~Charles~~ says so she went to live with her sister, Elizabeth Bent (nee Gayle), at Comma Pen where she could get a little help. He was old enough to go to his mother's funeral.

"After my mother died my aunt Sarah Rowe used to take care of me, ~~she~~ ~~was~~ my father's sister. My father did not marry my mother. Couldn't sell why. Only can tell for myself. Dont worth it that is why I dont marry. Married want money. Those days we never have money like what you have now. Money is the head of every thing"

Charles cannot read "they never send me to school" ~~he says~~. "Three of my children can read because I send them to school. The teacher here can bring out intelligent children."

Land .

This is about $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land - "my father left it for me". Cant say whether he got it from his parents or if he ~~haught~~ ~~xxx~~ bought it .

Occupation .

Charles Rowe is a fisherman, and he cultivates a little corn, peas, cassava and potato. He is now suffering with his eyes and has to give up fishing. Would like to go back though, if the eye could get better. The eye is getting treatment, for Charles has been to the Doctor with it. If you can catch the fish it can pay well. But it is hard to get the wire to make the pots - the wire is dear. One roll cost £7. 0. 0., and the other day ~~he~~ heard that two men bought one roll for £10. 0. 0.

Charles plants a little tomatoes too. "Plenty in row. But we cant get the rain at all, so the crop not so good sometimes. Only a little squall now and then. The water is so scarce, we have to buy so that we can get to drink. When we cannot get to buy we have to go to the rock. That is far away near Little Pedro. Up at the factory we get manure to put on the tomato. That helps the plants well. We start to plant around September to October. In three months time we can reap the crop. Then when the crop is reaped they take the amount for the manure up at the factory. Never work for any one. Neither employ anyone, never have the money to do that. Nobody never boss me yet."

Charles has no animals whatsoever. He has to buy milk sometimes, and use coconut milk most of the time. It is very hard with me.

He does not know when his eye will get better. Doctor says to come back, but it is hard to find the 6/- . Dont know where to get it".

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Religion.

Charles Rowe always goes to the Anglican church. He does not think it wise to join anything. Quite good to believe, but not to join. There is another church out at the Ridge. That is called ~~Mikikawaxx~~ Millenium, "never go to that one."

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Interview with Charles Rowe.

I had another talk with Charles today . He is still suffering with his eye . On Thursday he will be going to the Doctor again.

His daughters.

He has four daughters, two share a house with him Gladys Rowe and Elmay Rowe , and two live else where.

Gladys.

Gladys trades in Kingston. She takes tomatoes to sell. Sometimes she stays for a week or two. She came down last week and has gone again. Gladys has two children, Cinderella Sincalir and Bertram Powell . Cinderella's father is dead . Bertram's father is Reginald Powell.

Elmay.

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She has two children one for Arthur Brooks and the other for Curtis Brooks. Arthur lives at Thatch Walk. He cares his child well. He gives the child money and food. Curtis is in Kingston. Before he left home he used to maintain his child. Since he has gone to Kingston he has not sent anything for the child . He is there a year now. She sells bun for "Touris" Roy. He does not know how she sells or how she is paid .

Ida.

Ida lives near Mandeville. After the death of her mother, Mary Samuels, she went to live with her aunt Hilda Heath , her mother's sister. Hilda is now married, but Charles does not remember her married name . Ida has never come to look for her father . He saw her once he went to the Doctor at Mandeville. She has two children but her father does not know anything about her or the children's father.

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She stays with her grandfather Thomas Heath her mother's father. When she was a little girl her father "put her out" with Mrs Tenant at Spanish Town . She came back six years ago. When she came home she was staying with her father - but she and the others could not get on well. So she went to her grandfather of her own will. He did not stop her . She was making mischief the other sisters - telling tales on them to her friends. He never paid heed to what was the mischief . He does not know who her friends were . She works at the factory now. She left his home 1½ years ago

Reggie Powell.

He is son -in -law to Charles Rowe , and son of Walter Powell. Charles does not remember Reggie's mother's name . His father died long ago Reggie cultivates some of Charles' lands and some of his mother's land. When reaping the crop from Charles' land , it is equally divided and Charles gets a half, while Reggie gets the other half. What Reggie plants on his mother's land a portion is offered to Charles also.

His land

Charles has 4 acres of land . His father William Rowe left it for him. Could not tell if his father bought it or not . Reggie uses $\frac{3}{4}$ acres to cultivate for himself , and the rest is occupied by Charles.

His cultivation. He has $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of bitter cassava, ~~1~~ ^(?) $1\frac{1}{2}$ sweet cassava, ^(?) 1 or two square chains in corn , potato , and peas each. He has 50 hills of yams, 1975 roots of tomatoes. He has 4 coconut trees, 4 roots of bananas. The bananas are not so flourishing. The time is too dry . Since he is sick Reggie helps him well with the cultivation.

Fishing.

He stopped fishing three months ago. He used to go out with Percy Brooks. The boat was belonging to Percy. Fishing used to pay him especially when he made a good catch. He ~~was~~ sold fish by the string then, 1/- and 6d according to the quality of the fish. He went to sea three times a week, Monday, Wednesday , and Saturday when the weather is fair. When it was unfair he went any day he could get the chance. Fishing would pay well now if the fish could be ~~caught~~ caught, "But the scripture did promise fe man 'lowance shorten" (the scripture has promised that man's allowance would be shortened.) Sometimes for a week he made £1. 0. 0 the most and at other times when things ~~were~~ slow he made 8/- the lowest.

Eight years ago he used to buy 2ft wire 14/- per roll and 3ft £1. 0. 0. per roll. The last roll he bought in 1946 was £5. 0. 0. per roll for 3ft. He made his own pods while his partner Percy made his. Sometime they would join in buying a roll of wire. As well as at other times they bought seperately. Bamboo pods were used sometimes. The ten bar could be had for 14/- and 12 bar for £1. 0. 0. and even £1. 2. 0. according to the size.

Meals.

Cinderella, his grand daughter cooks the meals . They have one or two or three meals a day, when they can get what to cook. Sometimes they have only bun and beverage (sugar and water) for a meal. For tea they have a little tea with bammy. Breakfast, bammy again. The dinner is a little food with flour , 1/- worth of food can just barely give dinner. Food is very dear. They buy at Miss Jude's shop or Mr Roy or Mrs Elliott.

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Interview with Charles Rowe. and Cinderella Sinclair

Water supply to the house.

Charles Rowe has no tank on his premises. To get water he must go ~~xxxxxxx~~ "to the rock" - this is a place in Spring Grounds. The place is far away. Once he had to send for the water as far as to Ballards Valley. It happened twice - probably during a severe drought. Sometimes ~~xxx~~ his granddaughter Cinderella gets a little water from her other grandfather, Thomas Heath.

He is too poor to build a tank. It wants money to do it and he has not got it. To dig a tank on his place it would need dynamite to blow the rocks and Govt would not allow him to use it.

Naaman Rowe.

Naaman Rowe does not stay any more in the house. He is his half brother. They are "one father, but not one mother." ~~xxx~~ Naaman Rowe was not born in Bull Savannah. He is from Queen Town. His father met his mother when fishing at Milk River. Charles does not know Naaman's mother's name. Naamna came to Thatch Walk some time ago and was living at Charles house, ~~xxxxxxx~~ but left about one year ago. He wanted to have his own female, and since Charles had no one to give, he left the place.

Naaman is living now at Jane Ellington's house at Thatch Walk. He does fishing. Charles does not know where or with whom. Both brothers are not on speaking terms now. At first they used to visit each other but ~~xxxxxxx~~ they dont do it any more. ~~xxxxxxx~~ It is through Jane Ellinton with whom Naaman stays. His "female companion is too contentious. She is a woman chat over what is not her ~~xxx~~ business." Jane Ellington "made mischief" on him. He was not inclined to tell what is the mischief.

Last fishing expedition.

Charles was fishing up to January this year. His partner was William Rookwood from Comma Pen. Rookwood was the captain and Charles was his hand. Rookwood was employed by Joseph Syrian from Kingston, who supplied them with wire from which they made their pods. The Syrian used to buy all the catch and pay for it the captain. The captain again would pay those who worked with him.

his neighbours.

If Charles visits a neighbour and dinner or any other meal is served, his neighbour will offer him. But of course "no one is going to take up anything and carry it to me."

Cinderella's
shoppings.

I asked Cinderella what they usually buy in the shop for their home consumption. These are some of the things that Cinderella buys when sent to the shop: 1 pint of kerosine; 1 box of matches; salt for 1d.; sugar - every day - for 1d. or 1;5d.; 1 lb. of flour; 1/4 lb fish; 1/2lb of mackerel or herring.

~~Kinax~~ Elmay's
~~Kinax~~ contribut-
ions to the household.

According^{to} Cinderella her aunt Elmay earns some money by selling buns for T. Roy at Alligator Pond. She goes to Alligator Pond 3 or 4 times per week. She can make two trips ~~per~~ daily. She is paid 1/6d. per day. Aunt Elmay helps them a lot in buying their little supplies. Sometimes she buys practically every thing and sometimes ~~gix~~ Cinderella's mother helps to carry the expences.

House.

Their house is one room wattle and thatch house. It looks very shabby and dirty. Through the open door I could see in the room a bed with a worn mattress, but without any sheet, and an old box beside the bed. I could not get a full view. Cinderella stood at the door playing with other children, apparently preventing my observation.

Information from L.P.
 Interv. Charles Rowe and Gladys Powell. and Reggie Powell.
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Present household.

Rowe Charles, head. 54.
 Powell Reggie, son in law, 39.
 Powell Gladys, daughter to Charles, wife to Reggie. 35.
 Sinclair ~~Sydney~~, daughter to Gladys, 14. /Cinderella/
 Powell Bertram, son of Reggie and Gladys, 1.
 Rowe Rosetta, Charles' daughter, 28.
 Rowe Elmay, Charles' daughter, 22.
 Brooks Carmen, Elmay's daughter, 3.
 Brooks Lennard, Elmays son, 2.

Family history.

Reggie Powell's parents: Walter Powell and Margaret Powell, Top B.S. He has one brother living in T.B.S., Sydney Powell, and 4 sisters: Viola Murray /Kingston/, Maud Forbes, /Mocho/, Burdell Gayle, /Christiana/, Linnette Powell - living in Thatch Walk.

Gladys, Rosetta and Elmay are full sisters - the same mother and father. /Charles Rowe and Ann Rebecca Gayle/. ~~They have~~ ~~one half sister~~ They have one half ~~sister~~ sister Maud Rowe that lives in Alligator Pond. Samuel Elliott is described by them as their half brother - he was adopted by Charles Rowe. He was son of Mary Heath /their mother/ and Hubert Elliott - the blind man in Thatch Walk. Samuel Elliott has probably no permanent abode now. He lives at Nicholas Brooks house or at his grandfather's house Thomas Elliott, moving from one place to another.

Maud's mother is Florence Stevenson, Thatch Walk.

Gladys Powell's first child, Cinderella Sinclair, is daughter of Israel Sinclair from B.B.S. Israel died. Her next child is from the union with Reggie Powell.

Esmay has two children. Carmen Brooks is for Curtis Brooks, son of Jacob Brooks. Curtis left Bull Savannah and is now in Kingston. Next child, Lennard Brooks, is for Arthur Brooks son of Henrietta Brooks.

Rosetta and Gladys went some time ago to Spanish Town where they worked: Gladys for 2 years, Rosetta for 4 years. Savings were spent on children.

House, farming. House very simple - 1 room. Kitchen without walls. ~~no tank~~. Furniture: 3 beds, 1 table. Land: Charles Rowe says he has only 1 acre - inherited from his father. There are 8 amngoes, 4 coconuts, 3 cashews, 4 sweet saps. Tomatoes: 1000 holes - L.10. 40 hills yams. Cassava and gungoo - 1/4 acre. 1 dog.

Fishing. Reggie Powell does fishing with 4 pots. Goes fishing twice a week and earns ab.12/- weekly. Expenditure: 8/- weekly for "food, meat, groceries" L.12 last year on clothing for the whole household. Health - L4.