

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 59.

Simpson Levi	Head	M.M.52.	St.El.	Col.	Angl.	W.2.	Farmer
„ Zada	Wife	F.M.42.10.9.	„	„	„	W.3.	Homemaker
„ Icodel	StDau	F.S.18.	„	„	„	W.3.	None
„ Berrisford	Son	M.S.14.	„	„	„	W.1.	None
„ Franklin	Son	M.S.12.	„	„	„	W.1.OE.	
„ Estell	Dau	F.S. 9.	„	„	„	W.1.4E.	
„ Owen	Son	M.S. 5.	„	„	„		

Their farm 1942.

Occupies this land for 30 years as owner.
 Toatal land: 7 ac. in ~~expansia~~ 1 parcel.
 Toamtoes and tobacco.
 Employs no labour. Works 52 weeks, 6 days per week,
 9 hours per day.
 In cultivation - 2 ac. 1 ac. not used. 3 ac. excl.
 for pasture and grazing. 1/2 ac. in guinea grass,
 1 ac. in common grass. 1 acre - "other land."
 Value of the farm - L150. Buildings - L50.
 No mortgage.
 1 catchment.
 Cultivations:
 Tomatoes 3/10 ac. - 2000 lbs.
 2 ackees. 4 avocadoes - 120 doz. 1 breadfruit -
 7 doz. 4 coconuts - 200 nuts. 1 guinep. 8 mangoes
 + 2 not fruit. - 300 doz. 10 naseberries - 900
 doz.
 Congo 1/2 ac. - 9 bushels. Cassava 1/2 ac. - 3000lbs
 Potatoes 1/4 ac. - 900 lbs. Yams 1/4 ac. - 800 lbs.
 Tobacco 1/4 ac. - 300 lbs.
 Stock: 1 donkey. 2 sheep. 3 goats. 3 swines.
 4 hens /19 doz. eggs./.

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Inf. Dudley Simpson.
4.3.48.
J.O.

Zada Simpson and
her daughter Ico-
del.

"Zada Simpson is Francella Simpson's daughter. She did marry first to Kennedy Simpson and Kennedy Simpson him die in Cuba. And she broke the rule /when Kennedy was still alive but stayed in Cuba/ and have the child ~~far~~ by Charles Rochester. - when Kennedy Simpson was in Cuba. And she marry Levi Simpson. She had a child for Charles Rochester and then she married Levi Simpson. Then she died."

Her daughter Icodel, Charles Rochester's child, "she is the woman, she is McCotty now." "She is Charles Rochester daughter, but she marry McCotty. Mother was Sompson and father Rochester. But she marry that man from Pedro Plains. But them living together right now in Shadock Hill."

"McCotty's wife's mother leave a piece of land and give her and McCotty now settle on that land."

McCotty - his
settling in Sha-
dock Hill.

Inf. Dudley Simpson.
14.3.48.
J.O.

McCotty found his way to Shadock Hill by making ~~frinds~~ friends and entering into the family relationship with people from this district.

"One fellow from Dorrel Dyer home, Bradley Roach, come down to Pedro Plains /where ~~was~~ McCotty's was ~~it~~ living with his family/. And him fell in love with McCotty's sister, and got a child from her. And so they become brothers in law. Then McCotty come to visit him, fell in love with Icodel and marry her to live in Bull Savannah."

"So he is now Bull Savannah Man - not a Pedro Plains man."

Inform. Dudley Simpson.
13.3.48.
J.O.

Levi Simpson -
history of his
land.

The land on which Levi Simpson lives with his wife Zada Simpson originally belonged to Kennedy Simpson, Zada's first husband.

Zada had two children for Kennedy: Calvin and Violet. When Kennedy died in Cuba, he left the land to ~~both~~ both of them. But Violet died, so ~~the~~ Calvin inherited all the paternal property. He sold this land to Levi Simpson, ~~and~~ and so the land passed into Levi Simpson's hands.

"Levi Simpson bought this piece of land of Kennedy Simpson estate. Only two children for Kennedy Simpson she had /i.e. Zada/: Calvin and Violet. Calvin Simpson come, and Violet Simpson - she die. When Kennedy die Zada inherited the land for Calvin and Violet Calvin sold to Levi Simpson."

"Levi Simpson father - him is from Chocolate Hole. There are some Simpsons there. They are some Simpsons' family from Shaddock Hill. But him father and mother leave for Chocolate Hole. But him, Levi, come now back Shaddock Hill and live right Shaddock Hill."

Inform. Ezra Linton, Dudley Simpson, Leban Rochester.
T.O. + J.O.
18.4.48.

Children of Lehi
Simpson and children
Zada Simpson.
Icodel Simpson, daughter of Charles Rochester; her husband McCotty; his son.

Icodel Simpson, Zada's daughter by Charles Rochester, is still living with her mother in Lehi Simpson's house. Her ~~hus~~ husband Rodfred McCotty almost finished building his house, but they did not move to the new home as yet. "Icodel living in Lehi Simpson house, not gone to her husband as yet."

Before McCotty went with Icodel he has another girl friend in Lowland / Pedro Plains / where he came from. ~~He had one boy with this girl Berrisford McCotty, who is now around 18 years old Berrisford~~ Probably no children from this union or if any, staying with the mother. boy

McCotty has one ~~child~~ with Icodel: Berrisford "small boy, around 6 years - him staying with the parents."

Rodfred McCotty is living now in Lehi Simpson's home together with Icodel and their child Berrisford.

Berrisford, Franklin, Estelle, Owen.

"All of Lehi Simpson children living with them father. Berrisford Simpson - big boy, around 18." He does not work in the factory - "work with him father." Other children smaller ones: Franklin, Estelle and the last one, Owen - all of them in the father's home.

~~Kemis~~
Kemis, daughter of Zada Simpson.

There is still another girl belonging to the family but not staying in the home. She is Zada Simpson's ~~daughter~~ ~~Dunn Simpson's~~ ~~daughter~~ and Lehi Simpson's daughter. She is living now with her ~~sis~~ half-sister, Ivy Simpson. Ivy Simpson is Zada's daughter by Dunn Simpson from Clarendon. She is cl. wife of Caswell Neil from Dunder Hill, ~~where~~ in whose home she is living together with her sister Kemis.

"Next girl - Kemis - that girl living in Dunder Hill, not in her father home. She is living in Caswell Neil home with her sister Ivy Simpson. Ivy Simpson is Zada Simpson daughter - she is for a man in Clarendon, Dunn Simpson. She is along with Neil Caswell."

Yucal and Crosby Simpsons, Lehi's nephews.

Two Lehi Simpson's nephews and cousins of Calvin Simpson /cf. Family Record 141/ are living now in Lehi's house.

"Yucal and Crosby - they living also in Lehi Simpson home. Yucal - him making a home, but not finish as yet. On own land, bought him piece of land from Zada Simpson, a small piece - just around the house."

Yucal and Crosby were born in Bull Savannah. They are sons of ~~Stanford Simpson~~ late Stanford Simpson. Stanford Simpson was brother of Izan Simpson and Kennedy Simpson. Had 3 sons: Yucal, Crosby and Eli. ~~Stanford Simpson living at~~ For Eli cf. Fam. Rec. 158.

Visit at home. Interv. Lehi Simpson
2.7.48.
T.O.

Lehi Simpson was standing near the patch of corn in front of his house with his neighbour Claston Holness.

The whitewashed house is without verandah and the all thatch kitchen behind it. The donkey pen with a tall fence and covered with a few palm leaves in guise of roof.

The present household will undergo great changes in the next few weeks:

Simpson Lehi	head.	M.W.	58	Choc.Hole	Cultiv.
"	Brrisfrod	son	M.S. 20	Shad.Hill	"
"	Franklin	son	M.S. 16	"	"
"	Estelle	dau	F.S. 15	"	"
"	Owen	son	M.S. 10	"	"

Still living in the household but moving in a few days to their new house accross the road: (F.R.16) (Icodel is the step-daughter of Lehi Simpson)

Maccarthy Redford	head	M.M.	27	Pedro.Pl.	cultivat.
"	Icodel	wife	F.M. 23	Shad.Hill	homemaker
"	Ralphie	son	M.S. 4		
"	Pearl	dau	F.S. 3		
"	Ashbrun	son	M.S. 1½		

Still living in this house but soon moving to his own he is building in Chocolate Hole:

Simpson Eucal cousin of Lehi M.S. 40 cultivator.

Lehi Simpson is from Chocolate Hole. His father and old Robert "Trip" Simpson were "two brothers pickeny". But Lehi wasn't too sure of the exact family relation. He said his uncle Tom Simpson in Chocolate Hole could give me the information of connections between the Shaddock-Hill and Chocolate-Hole Simpsons.

Lehi settled in Bull-Savannah because he married Zela Simpson, whose home was just accross the road. "It was convenient to built the house here." He bought the acre of land on which is built his house from his wife Zela for 30/- . "Buy-it from my wife but it was old Daniel (Simpson) claim".

History of settlement. Both Lehi and Claston Holness were eager to tell about the changes which went in Bull-Savannah during their life-time. Life is much easier and better now, but it is difficult to buy land "Now you can only buy land for favour. Suppose you have one acre or ½ acre to sell and I come and this Mr. Holness come and 25 more people come. It's only per-

sonal favour you sell me." (It is rather interesting it didn't occur to him that the highest bidder might get it; but he is right I know of some other instances which occurred recently and the "personal favour" played an important - often decisive role.)

Nevertheless Lehi was both pleased and marvelled how the place is growing: "In that days if a bird of any size would sing us people will live in Buff House we say - no. To-day there are about 10 houses in Buff-House." And Bull-Savannah was transformed too: "They are building a house for the white people, for Mr. Burke and asphalt the road - it's a size town."

The old people never guessed how land will be valuable and they were careless about it. "At first people come and take the land and built house. When the children grow up the father tell them: My land is from that tree to that hill and round to that tree. But in 1906 (Lehi wasn't sure whether it was 1906 or 1910) the Government sent the surveyor and give him the power to measure land. Round the house - it was the old claim - you had to pay taxes for it. The land you pay taxes is yours But the rest you have to buy in installements. It was cheap - perhaps £ 5 would buy 6 or 10 acres. But times were hard the people couldn't pay so the Government take it back and sell to other people. It's how Mr. Holness buy his land in Shaddock Hill and in the Wood. People didn't realize the future. I come here and buy this acre from old Daniel claim. Only 30/-. I have a much better place in Chocolate Hole, but just built my house here - it was convenient."

Prices and scarcity of money in old times.

"In those early days £5 not many people in all their life see £ 5. Hard to get money. It's only tobacco you could sell, and we had to sell it for 2½d. Or take any little thing to the market, walk to Mandeville or even Frankenfield." He described then the difficulties and hardships people had to endure when going to those distant place to sell tobacco or mangoes or bammies. Sometimes such an expedition to Frankenfield for instance would take 4 or 5 days and only a few shillings profit. But you could ~~gax~~ "invite your freind for a drink and go to those sooking places and have a good meal - two shillings carry you a long way". "hile now if anybody would like to stand a drink to a friend and have a meal "12 shillings, if you don't have 12/- you better don't go." A donkey cost £1 and now £6, 7 and even £8. But life is easier. "With all inventions, trucks and tomatoes." Lehi considers the "invention" of tomatoes a miraculous thing. "It start as Mr. Moxsy private concern. Teacher Blythe really started and it was Major Moxsy private business. People made sport at us: Major Moxsy slave - they call us. And now everybody jah join." He was indignant that people from other districts

who laughed at them and called them slaves of Maj. Moxsy now joined. Now they sell the tomatoes right now, no burdesome carrying to distant markets. Even to the sheds the trucks come to take the fruit. And money is easier, even though it buys less, but it is much easier to get a few shillings/ and even a few pounds. Both Lehi and Holness were very pleased with the present economic conditions as compared with the early days.

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His land. Lehi says he has one acre round his house and 12 acres in Chocolate Hole. This land he cultivates with the help of his elder son and Eucal Simpson his cousin. As result of some arrengement he gave to Eucal one acre of his land in Chocolate Hole where Eucal is building his house. Eucal will in return work on his land on shares. I couldn't get the details of this arrengement, Mr. Lehi wasn't definite about it himself. His son in law Maccarthy also cultivated some of his land. He enumerated all the standard crops: cassava, peas, corn, tomatoes, yams, chcoes, but couldn't tell the amount of each. "The necessary amount" he said i.e. adequate for home requirements. He has 2 donkeys, 1 pig.

~~The household arrengements~~ / His children. Lehi told me that apart from the children who live at present with him he has a daughter who lives with her sister in Bunder Hill. One of these girls married Niel, whose cousin is helping at present to build the Maccarthy house. "e did not mention that Icodel was his step-daughter but referred to her all the time as "my daughter."

Household arrengements. For the time being it is Icodel who cooks for the family and is the head of the women's activities in the household. However she is soon leaving with her husband and children to go into the new house. The other daughter who is in Bunder Hill "won't come". It is the youngest Estelle who will assume these responsibilities and task. She is a young girl and she will only cook. "For washing we will get somebody."