

25.XII.1947 =Albert Simpson  
and  
31.XII.1947. =Lucille "  
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Fam.Rec. 22

22/13/10

Simpson	Albert	Head	M.M.	36	St.Eliz.	colour.	no rel.	X	farmer
"	Lucille	wife	F.M.	22	"	"	Angl.	W.3.	homemaker
"	Edna	dau	F.S.	7	"	"	Angl.	W.1.	4.E.
Morgan	Vincent	bro/in	M.S.	16	"	"	moravian	W.2.	farmlabourer

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(Simpson Lindbergh 4 and Donal 1½ at present)

Owns 24½ acres in 4 parcels: 7, 7½, 5 & 5.

8½ in cultivation, cultivable but not cult = 4acres

6 pasture, 5 "others".

cabbages 1.0 ac, some okras and escallion. ¾ ac tomat = 6000lb

2 ackees, 1 avocado, 6 bananas, 6 coconuts, 1 grapes

7 mangoes, 1 nasebery 1 pawpaw ¾ peas, 3 acres cassava

1/20 ac. cocoas, 0.1 sweet pot, 0.1 yams, 0.1 tobacco = 45lbs

1 sheep, 4 goats, 2 swine, hens and pigeons.

22 Aug

~~xxxx~~ Met Mr. Albert Simpson at the Christmas reception at Rochesters. He is very thin, stooping, unhealthy complexion - looks much older than his census age. Invited to come and visit him at his home.

Found Mrs. Lucille Simpson. She looks very young and I thought first she is a daughter of Albert. She invited me to their house. The house was built only a year ago - it is new a nice. Before that they lived in the building where the kitchen and buttery are. She told me (confirming what Reginald Rochester said) that people first build ~~kitchen~~ a house where the kitchen is, and after a while when they can afford it they build a new house and the old one serves as kitchen and buttery. I visited the kitchen which is an exceptionally nice one: large, some sticks accros the walls form a kind of shelf, the fire place is well made and a kind of "dresser" on it to store things. On another shelf a lot of tin tumblers.

In the "drawing room" in a prominent place a photographs of Mr. and Mrs Andrews and of their married daughter with the american husband. (Mrs. Andrews is a sister of Laban Rochester who married in America - I knew the picture from my own room where it looks at me straight into eyes whenever I ~~xxxx~~ lift the eyes from the type writer). I asked Mrs. Lucille whether she was family with Rochesters. "I am to call Laban uncle" she said and explained that she is the daughter of Mrs. Morgan a sister of Laban who lives in Comma Pen. She explained that her mother was a widow "it washard for her to carry on for all of us - so I thought I better marry someone who will respect me" She married at 19. She said her husband has been to Cuba and contracted a fever there which takes him from time to time "he is sickly" Another time they had to rush him to the Black River hospital with his appendix "it almost burst". She explained her husband looks much older than he is in reality because of this sickness he got in Cuba. When she married him he had two children a daughter and a son. She has two sons of her own with

A reasonable marriage.

Albert Simpson.

Farm & work.

The big property remnants.

Mrs. Simpson did not know how much ~~fixxx~~ land they have "I never counted it exactly". She knew however it is 4 pieces: one here, one in the woods and two at Duff (Dough?) House. This Duff House is half way to Alligator Pond. It used to be a big property which was turned into land settlement. She doesnt remember when it was but is certain it was before the war. He cant do all the work and has to hire labour sometimes. To-day he is working at the paking house (the factory opened yeasterday for the first time. Mr. Simpson works there during the season in day time and Mrs. Simpson at nights. She says they are glad to have this work. They are paid fourtnightly "We dont like it, because if you get the money in small installements it is easily spent. Better would be alump sum by the end of the crop. But the poorer classes couldnt do it." Sometimes she works in the afternoon - comes about 6 p.m. "to tidy up" and goes back. "It is hard work but it is short time - only three months."

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Informant Albert Simpson.

D settlement

The big property - Duff House: "It belonged to Manfred(?) he sold it to government and went to America. It was a big property - finally came to people" It was sold to small settlers some 8 or 9 years ago. The price was £2 - £5 "accordingly". "It is a fine land - can bear."

Mr. Simspoons career;

family.

Mr. Simpson was born in B., llSavannah. He is the grandson of old George Powell. "Me and Vincents first cousins". Vincents ~~motherxxxxxxx~~ father (David) and Simpson mother were brother and sister and they were both children of old George Powell. Alberts faily land is near David Powells, opposite Bloomsfields shop accross the road. The blind Simpson who has a butchers shop opposite Powells shop on the parochial road is his brother. He is blind, but "he wont go on the ~~xxx~~ road and begg you. If you give him a drink in the shop - he gives you one. He goes and buy a pig, a goat. He knows its weight. And if you bet him on the weight - better dont : you will loose. He has somebody to kill the animal for him. He has it right from Jesus" (this capacity to help himself in spite of his blindness).

Emigration to Cuba.

Mr. Simpson went to Cuba in 1922 and stayed there 2 1/2 years. He worked in "falling the land, weeding, cut cane". It was a very swampy place where he worked. Sometimes he would sleep in a hammock hanging over the water. He got malaria there and reumathism. The work in gangs of 4. They didnt have to know spanish. They would choose one head who would "Take care of canteen and accounts." They liked task work. "We Jamaicans we like money - we go to Cuba to make money, so we take task work. Day work - you just wait tixx for the time to pass. The Cubans - they work for day. Paid one week - did not come to work till they spend that money".

Interviewed Lucille Simpson.  
28.6.48.  
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Mrs. Simpson was alone in the house with her 2 little children. ~~Seeing~~ Seeing me she left the kitchen and invited me to the house. This is 2 boom house - ~~there is one bedroom and one hall.~~ ~~there is one bedroom and one hall.~~ one bedroom and one hall. The hall was well furnished: 3 chairs, ~~one~~ 1 table, 1 sideboard with shelves loaded with glasses and china.

The house looks fresh ~~it~~ it is newly painted. On the side wall there is a big inscription in orange: Jelty Simpson, Happy Hut, B.S. Similar inscription on one the walls of the kitchen which is of considerable dimensions /kitchen and buttery under one roof/: Jelty Simpson, Mount Pleasant, B.S. They were painted by Jelty, the first born son of Albert Simpson: he gave these names to the place and painted them on the wall.

Present Household:

- Simpson Albert, the head.
- Simpson Lucille, his wife.
- Jelty Simpson, 17, Albert's son.
- Edna Simpson, 14, Albert's daughter.
- Kipling Simpson, 3, Albert's and Lucille's son.
- Donald Simpson, 2, " " " "

Jelty and Edna are Albert's children by another woman with whom he was along before he married Lucille. She was Amy Dyer, now married to a Neil in Dunder Hill. Jelty is helping his father - he is a cultivator. He left school only 1 or 2 years ago in ~~the~~ 6th standard. Edna is still in school - 5th standard.

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Mr Mrs. Simpson does all the housework herself and she is looking after her two little children. She expects another one in September. Her last childbirth was difficult - she had kidney trouble, was all swollen and had to be carried to Black River Hospital. This time she went to Dr. Mais ~~just~~ and he prescribed her a bottle of medicine. She takes/though she ~~still~~ thinks ~~that~~ there is no need for it as she feels this time all right.

Mr. Simpson was working somewhere with Jelty. Mrs. Simpson did not know what was their work - "cultivating". Traces of Mr. Simpson's work were seen in the yard: a big heap of dried guinea grass and heavy mulching covering his yam garden.

Mr. Simpson works also in the factory in the season and helps his blind brother Caletus in butchering cows and selling meat.

Information concerning farming, occupations and standard of living supplied by Lilian Powell/ of Bull Savannah/ by through personal interview with Albert Simpson:

Housing. There is one living house /2 rooms/ and 1 room in the old house which serves to-day as kitchen. 1 tank. 1 latrine. Furniture: 3 beds, 3 chairs, 1 side-board, 1 centre table, 1 gramophone, 1 sewing machine, 3 tables. Land. 22 acres in 3 lots: 10 acres Duff House, bought from Land Settlement 1938/; 5 acres "ruinate" bought from Isobelle Andrews 1930; 7 acres "homeland" bought from Rebecca Perkins 1924.

Trees: 8 mangoe trees, 2 pears, 9 sweet saps, 1 naseberry 6 coconuts.

Cultivations: Tomatoes - 5000 trees, L40 net, 50 hills of yams/20 Affoo, 20 mosella, 10 white yams/. 20 cocoes, 1 acre cassava, 1,5 acre gungoo peas. 1 acre red peas /and corn/. Cultivate food only for their own use.

Expenditure: weekly exp. on fish, oil, butter, kerosine, rice and meat - ab.30/- . L30 was spent ~~for~~ on clothing for past year. 14/- on education. Savings: kept at home - L20.

Religion: all the family belong to Jehovah Witness.

Information from Lillian Powell.  
 Interv. Albert and Lucille Simpson.  
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Simpson Albert, 42.  
 Simpson Lucille, wife, 26.  
 Simpson Jeltty, Albert's son, 17.  
 Simpson Edna, Albert's dau., 14.  
 Simpson Kipling, son, 3.  
 Simpson Donald, son, 2.

/Comma Pen.

Simpson Albert: father late Frederick Simpson, mother Rosa Powell. ~~Max~~ /see F.R. ~~51x~~ 44/. Sister: Wilhel Simpson, with mother, brother Caletus Simpson /F.R. 71/.  
Lucille Simpson nee Morgan. Parents: Samuel and Alice Morgan, /has one full brother Jaslin Morgan in U.S.A. 3 half brothers Claston and Samule Morgan and Lindberg Hutchison, all living in Comma Pen; 1 half sister Ethel ~~Marag~~ Morgan, living in Alligator Pond.  
 Simpson Albert had two children before he married Lucille, both with the father. ~~Maxx~~ Their mother is Amy Dyer, living in Dunder Hill.

Albert Simpson went to Cuba 1920-1924. Built ~~home~~ house from his savings.  
 House: 3 rooms. Kitchen. Latrine. Tank. Furniture: 3 beds, 3 chairs, 1 cabinet, 1 centre table, 1 gramophone, 1 sewing machine, 3 tables.  
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 Tomatoes 5000 holes, £40. 50 yam hills. 20 cocoes. 1 acre cassava. 1:5 acre congo. 1 acre red peas.  
 Animals: 2 steers, 1 bulkin, 2 donkeys, 3 pigs, 3 goats, 7 sheep, 1 cat, 1 dog, 3 hens, 5 chickens.  
 Albert Simpson is a butcher /in partnership with Caletus Simpson, his brother/. Earned £12 for past 12 months.  
 Weekly spendings: 30/- . £30 spent last year on clothes for the whole household. 14/- on education. £20 savings kept at home.  
 Religion: all fam. Jehovah Witness. Jeltty left school at 6th stand., Edna is in the 5th.