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Elliott Charles D.	Head.	M.M.	94	St. Elizab.	colour.	Jehov. Witn.	X Farmer
" Rhoda	wife	F.M.	62	2.1.	"	"	W.3. homem
Francis Merton	gr/son	M.S.	22	"	"	anglican	W.3. carpente
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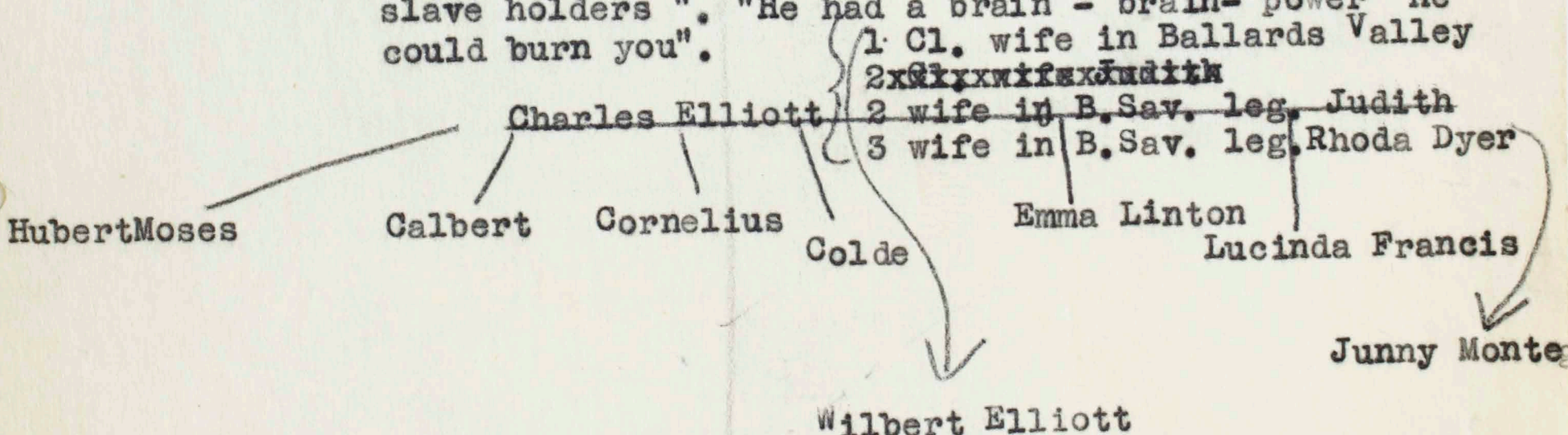
Owens 9 acres in 2 pieces. ⁴ 4 in cultivation, 2 not used, 2 grazings
^{1/2} woodland, ^{1/2} other.
 1 acr. tomatoes = 5662 lbs, 1 ackee, 1 breadfruit,
 6 coconuts, 2 limes, 7 mangoes, 3 naseberries,
^{3/4} corn, ^{3/4} congo peas, ^{1/2} cassava, 0,1 sweet pot,
^{1/2} yams, 0,2 coffee, 0,1 tobacco = 50Lbs
 1 donkey, 5 sheep, 1 goat, 2 swine, 4 hens,

2 acre 6 p.

Informants: Calbert & Moses Elliott (sons) Emma Linton (daughter)
Judith Rochester, Vincent Elliott (grandchildren)
Vincent Powell.

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tion.

~~xxxx~~ Charles Elliott died a few months ago. He was the founder of the Elliott "clan" in Bull Savannah. He came to B.Sav. from Ballard Valley (probably in the '80-ies) is a person round whom the family legend is built. According to some, he and his brother came from England, other say his father came from England, and settled in Ballards Valley. According to young Vincent Elliott he was one of the "six men came from England to Jamaica, they marry here - and from them come all the different nations (families)" He "turned is blood down" marrying darker women. "His hair was white and beautiful (straight) and his nose thatbig" (forefinger with a good bit of hand) "Elliotts were slave holders". "He had a brain - brain- power he could burn you".



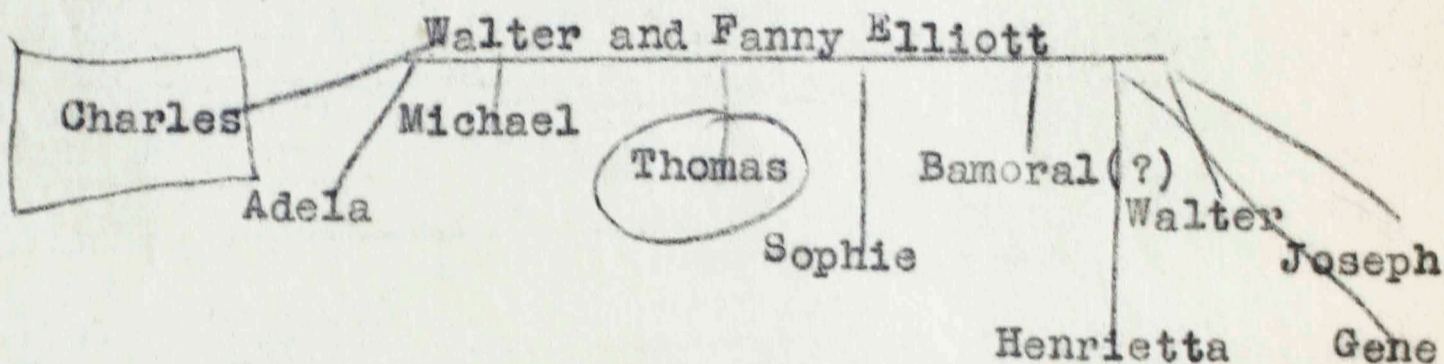
Wilbert Elliott
 Wilbert Elliott settled in Ballards Valley.
 Moses, Calbert, Cornelius, Emma and Lucinda live in Bull Savannah.
 Colde lives in Kingston where he is a fisherman.
 Junny a child with the third wife lives in Kingston with her husband.

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Inf. Moses Elliott.

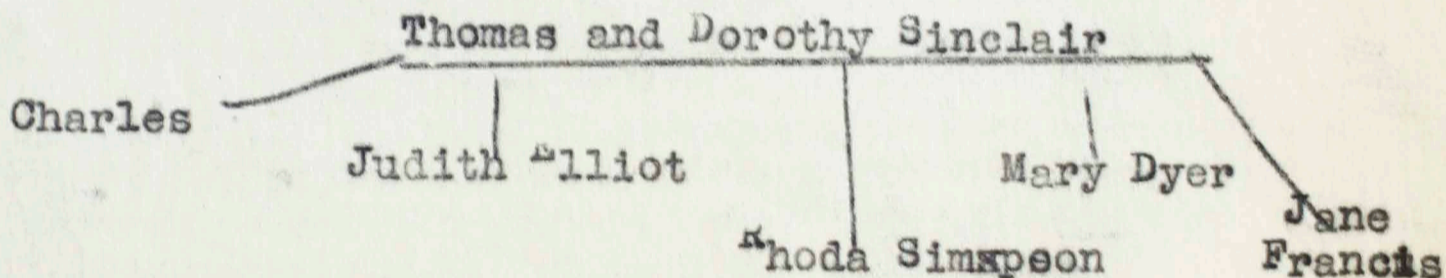
Charles Elliott came from Ballards Valley. He had a son - Gilbert - whom he left behind. He came to Bull Savannah and married Judith daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Sinclair. Charles' parents in Ballards Valley were Walter Elliott and Fanny also from Elliott family. Walter and Fanny Elliott had 10 children. Only Charles came to Bull Savannah. Only Thomas is still alive in Ballard Valley.

All except Charles in Ballards Valley



Dorothy and Thomas Sinclair had 5 children:

All in Bull Savannah.



When Charles Elliott came to Bull Savannah he married Judith Sinclair and settled in his father in law house. That house was called "Rockland" - it was a very rocky land round it. After the death of Thomas Sinclair he stayed in that house. After a few years he built a new one. The old one was occupied by his son Cornelius. In the new one he lived till his death and now his youngest son Calbert the carpenter lives in it.

Charles Elliott did not buy land - he got what his father in law had. At that time one didnt have to buy land "Only take land - pay tax and run stock all over." But Charles Elliott did not care for land. "Most of his life was fishing." He had about 9 acres - gave some to his sons and for his own use in old age had only about 2 acres (9 in census - probably legally but not virtually).

Visit at home. Interv. Rhoda Elliott.
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The old lady was sitting on the threshold made of rough stones of her kitchen. I sat near her. "See the white lady in the dirt" she called to Estella Elliott ~~marx~~ who came to join us. "We come from the earth and we return to it" she said sententiously. "And what's your name" she asked me abruptly. I told her. She looked at my ring "You are married?" I told her all my personalia and started to tell her what I knew about herself and her family. "Who told you?" She asked. I enumerated all her step-children: Moses and Cornelious, Calbert and Emma. The old lady laughed and said she heard a lot about me from Calbert Elliott and Francis Merton and other people. It was just a little joke she played on me.

Present household: Elliott Rhoda head. Widow. 75. Reads. Jehovah Wtn./Retired.

Sitting on the threshold of her kitchen we were facing the house where she lives alone. The house was built by her late husband Charles. It has a red metal roof. For the night always one of the numerous sons of Calbert Elliott come "to keep me company". She cooks herself in her own kitchen.

Rhoda's parents were George and Susan Dyer, both dead long ago. I asked her where her old home is. "In a place called Ridge" Children of her nephew Allan Dyer live there at present. She doesn't remember their names. Her brothers and sister are dead too.

Her children. She referred to all her step children (Rhoda was the second wife of Charles Elliott) as to "my children". The children of Calbert who lives in a separate house but in the same yard she treats also like her children "The call me mamma, they all keep me company." Merton Francis "I raise him - my child too." (He is the grand-son of her late husband.) Rhoda had only one child of her own with her husband: Junith, who married and lives in Kingston. Her married name is Montegue. "Mrs. Montegue she lives in Kingston." Rhoda was 5 times in Kingston to visit her daughter. Junith has 3 sons and one daughter.

"I don't like Kingston, don't like it at all. I cry for home." I asked her why she doesn't like Kingston. "You have to spend money there every day, I don't like to spend money." But her daughter Junith likes Kingston, she has her own home (house) there. She visits her mother frequently. Last time she came in March.

Rhoda is supported by all her step-children but mainly by Calbert the youngest. Calbert's house is right behind Rhoda's house. He also "takes care" of her (or rather her husband's) land.

The visit of the "old idiot."

While we were talking a man came to the yard. He was thin clad in rags. Had a red and green string tied round his hat. In one hand he had a short thick stick on a bit of string - something like the London Bobbies, have. "Zaki, Zaki eh" she called to him, and told me: "He is an old idiot." The man approached and mumbled querulously he wanted a hot bammie. Rhoda was indignant: "He takes bammies nobody gives him?" She started to tease him: "Zaki, you have six pairs of pants and only holes on you." The man was very offended and started to wave menacingly with his stick.

Estella explained to me that Mr. Burke gave the old beggar 6 pairs of pants, but he hides them and wears rags. Rhoda admonished him about his behaviour, how he dared to behave like that in her yard and in front of the white lady. Zaki said he "didn't feel nice." "If you don't feel nice go to the gate" said Rhoda pointing with a dramatic gesture towards the road. Of course the gate was only a rhetorical way of speaking as there are no gates here. I did feel a bit uneasy as the quarrel and gestures became more and more heated. But Rhoda didn't wince even for a moment. She seemed to enjoy the opportunity of insulting the man. "You old idiot she said" and the children who were round us repeated "You old idiot."

To my amazement Zaki went away shouting "I have five acres of land." "Show me one and work on it" shouted Rhoda in answer.

Rhoda told me Zaki was from Comma Pen and was walking round the district begging and stealing. What was his right name and why or when he became "an idiot" she didn't know.

Upbringing of children. While we were talking with Rhoda and Estella some children were playing round us. There were the two younger sons of Estella her only daughter Melsadi and her grandchild "for Isaac." Rhoda was paying all the time attention to what the children were doing. When the little child started to play with the dust Rhoda said "Rude, stop it." The boys were doing some "carpentry". One was hammering a nail into a wooden rack and the other was trying to do something with a tin box. He stood in the kitchen right over us. "Stop this noise" said Rhoda sharply. Melsadi sat on two big rubber truck tyres which were in front of the kitchen and lifted her legs a little. "Can't you sit decent." said Rhoda. The mother of the children didn't make any observation about their behaviour. I watched Rhoda's drilling of children with great appreciation having freshly in mind the hordes of imps in Shaddock Hill near Rabbit Town.

Rhoda told me a lot about herself and she wanted to know more about me. "From what island are you coming" she asked me. I explained I wasn't really from an island she decided I was from America then.

When I was leaving Rhoda wanted to have my name written because she couldn't remember it. Melsadi (whom the grandmother and mother were calling by this solemn name) brought a pencil (my just broke) I wrote my name in block letters not much bigger than the capital letters on this typewriter. Rhoda spelt it easily. She has excellent eyes and can spell very well.

She kept the cigarette I offered her. She said she will smoke it when she goes to bed.

Information from Leo Powell.
Interv. Rhoda Elliott.
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Present household.

Elliott Rhoda, 75, widow.

Rhoda Elliott is daughter of late George and Susan Dyer in B.Sav. Her brothers and sisters are dead: they were: George Dyer in B.S. and Ambrose and Mary Dyer in Dunder Hill. Elliott was Her husband, Charles ~~Ryan~~, son of Francella Elliott and Walter Elliott. She had one child for him, Junetta. Junetta /Montaka/ married and lives in Kingston. For other children of Charles Elliott, from his previous marriage, see F.R.21.

House: 2 rooms. Kitchen. Furn.: 1 bed, 4 tables, 4 chairs. 1 tank.

Land: 2 ac. homeland. Bought for L5.

Trees: 5 c.mangoes, 1 bombay, 2 naseberries.

1 pig, 1 goat, 1 hen.

Weekly spendings: 10/-. One clothes last year: L6. On doctor: L4.

Rhoda Elliott is Jeh. Witn.