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Thompson Charles	Head	M.M.	62	Manchester	colour.	presb.	W.2.	tanner
" Mahala	wife	F.M.	54	12.11. St.Eliz.	"	angl.	W.2.	homemak.
" Sarah	dau	F.S.	30	3.3.	"	"	W.2.	none
" Arhtur	son	M.S.	24	"	"	"	W.3.	shoemak,
" Victoria	dau	F.S.	22	"	"	"	W.3.	none
" Dudley	son	M.S.	19	"	"	"	W.3.	shoemak
" Albert	son	M.S.	12	"	"	"	X	OE
" Kenrick	son	M.S.	10	"	"	"	X 3	E
Elliott Owen	gr.son	M.S.	7	"	"	"	X	
" Enid	gr.dau	F.S.	5	"	"	"		
" Ivan	gr.son	M.S.	2	"	"	"		

owns 55½ acres in 9 parcels : 12 in cultivation, 25 cultivable not used, 7¼ grazing, 9½ woodlands, 1¼ others
 0.3 escallion, 1 acre tomatoes=7500lbs
 2 avocadoes, 1 breadfr. 8 coconuts, 17 mangoes, 1 nasebrry
 4 acres congo peas, 5½ ac cassava, ¼ sweet potatoes,
 ½ yams, ½ tobacco=448lbs, 2 donkeys
 5 sheep 5 goats, 3 swine 5 hens, 4 pigeons,

Family connections & ramificat.

Mrs. Mahala is the daughter of Aaron Rochester. She is the sister of Mrs Judith Elliott wife of Moses Hubert Elliott. She doesnt remember her ~~father~~ grandfathers name, so couldnt trace to the three Rochester patriarchs. Probably Aaron was an outside child of Thomas R.

Thompsons are "big men". In the "compound" lives also married son Charles and widowed daughter Marion Lewis with her 5 sons.

Of the 11 children alive:

- 6 children 1. Charles married the daughter of Wintword Elliott. Another daughter of this Elliott married the present teacher Mr. Millard.
- 1 2. Arthur married a daughter of old Joshua Neil from Rose Corner. Neil is a "big family" 5 and Kenrick
- (Dudl) 1 3. 4. Dudley and Albert are at home, didnt yet marry.
- 5 6. Marion married David Lewis, son of Charles Lewis a big man in B.Sav. David died 4 years ago. Mrs. Lewis looks however very well off. "I have 5 sons and they help me, the oldest is a big man." ~~She is very well off~~ She does not seem to be particularly upset by the death of her husband. He was 35 when he died "His time came and he die". She said some old illness recurred. (?)
- 4 7. Sarah is at home, has 4 children
- 1 8. Victoria at home, has one child
- 6 9. Jamima married and lives in Montego Bay. She has 6 child.
- 10. Alice works in Kingston, has not got any children.
- 11. Ivy married Mr. Thompson from Manchester (no family) he was a watchman in the Spring Pastures. They moved however to Bull Savannah last year. Mrs. Ivy thinks it is easier to live in B.Sav. or rather to make a living, because of the factory etc. In Spring Pastures "There is nothing one can do."

Mrs. Mahala Thompson was in the tomato ~~selection~~ selection station in Hatch Walk. The shed belongs to her and is on her field. Her daughters Ivy and Marion were with her. Mrs. Mahala ~~xxx~~ brought her tomatoes. She was the busy one, telling boys what to do, where to put the boxes etc. Her two daughters were - or seemed to - just keeping company. Ivy trying to be useful, and Marion the rich wi-

dow, beautifully clad sitting in a corner with an pleasant if somewhat haughty smile. Ivy didnt plant tomatoes this year, they moved from the previous place too late to plant for this season. Mrs. Mahala says she planted 7000 this year This probably does not include her husband and sons' gardens.

3. II. 1948. T. O. Informants: Dudley Simpson, Francella Rochester Turnica, Edith, Leon Powell.

Ivy Thompson
and her husband.

In connection with the "cow case" (see Village Life) I learned many facts concerning this couple.

1. Ivy's husband is not "no family" but is her first cousin. He is the son of Philip Thompson who is the brother of Charlie Thompson - Ivy's father. Why she did say distinctly that her husband was no family - I dont know perhaps she thought intermarriage between cousins is improper, or might have ~~xxx~~ looked improper to me.

2. They moved from Spring Pastures not because "There is nothing one can do" but because he was given notice by the Jamaica Vegetables in whose employment he was.

3. Ivy had every reason to look worried and uncomfortable. Her husband Leslie Thompson has just a case about stealing a cow. He ~~xxx~~ is - in the opinion of the people here - a thief of small and big stock. The opinion might be wrong but it is widespread.

Inform. Dudley Simpson.
15.3.48.
J.O.

Ivy Thompson and
Leslie Thompson.

Ivy Thompson and Leslie Thompson are living now in a house rented from Wentworth Elliott in Logwood. /Ivy Thopson is daughter of Charlie Thompson. Leslie's father is Philip Thompson/. "This girl Thompson living now." ~~xxxxxx~~

"Charlie and Philip are two brother. So Ivy and Leslie - two first cousin. And still they are husband and wife. It is not frequent. It is said it is too near in the blood, the blood mix too deep."

Wnty's Elliott
place in Logwood.

"Duncan Holness was the owner of the place. ~~xxxx~~ Duncan Holness leave the place for him son James Holness and James Holness sell it to Wentworth Elliott."

"James Holness live somewhere in Manchester. Duncan Holness was the brother of Uriah Holness and Jane Holnes was the wife of Uriah Holness. Louis Holness was one of the brothers too - Duncan, Uriah and Louis - but the three of them die."

Interviewed Charles Thompson (Senior)

Present Household

Friday
7¹/₂ 5.48.
I.D.

Charles Thompson	Head.
Mehala	do Wife
Victoria	do Dau.
Albert	do Son
Kenrick	do do

Dudley - "sometime him go wil'ing wiling all 'hout, him only come and go.

Family History // Arrival in St. Elizabeth and family connections.

Charles was born in Manchester. "Local Manchester to the south. I slip down from that side through the same dry, and was at Alligator Pond doing tanning. I know fisher men down there and I follow them and come here and live."

Tannery.

He did not sell his agricultural produce. "Only plant what to eat, that time had me own tannery doing business. I give up Alligator Pond tannery and was doing a small business down here, but if you don't have plenty water you can't manage a good size tannery. Water supply is short. We go on with it (himself and his sons) like a company like, you know. We use pond water, sometime we buy water from Junction tank.

Land.

When he came to Bull Savannah he bought 6 acres of land. He bought 4 more in Thatch Walk. He bought the land \$8 per acre. Charlie did not want to talk ~~at all~~ about his land, I believe he owns more than 10 acres. "You must be after something else."

xx him

I met Nellie - Charlie's grand daughter at Myrtle Thompson's home she took me over to see her ~~grand father~~ grand father. Nellie is about 4 years old. Charles was working in the field. I told him he could continue his work while we talked. He said he could not work during the conversation as that would not be "etiquette. Me nog have little discipline 'bout me. Fe me dumpling them big and tight you know." He took me to the house.

Sarah - one of Charles daughters sleep at her brother's place (Charlie X junior) Herself and her two children Nellie and Owen Elliott have their meals at Charlie's (Se home. "They have the facility of having their meals here." When I asked Charles about his land again he said "That will let you in a me politics too deep. Then when you strip me naked, you can flog me."

Value of money.

"Every thing is altered now in the world. The topic of every thing is money, and you see, money don' value nothin. When you have a £1 is only 6/8, one third of a £1. Time past, when you have a pound you get 2/6 commission on it.

Childhood.

Asked what he did after he left school. "Wonder about parents' homr till a move out." He was not a lazy child. "Laziness is something like sloth, and the Bible say, the sloth think hard to raise his hand to his mouth. So, you see, if you lazy, you can' get anything."

Jamaica people are not lazy, and St. Elizabeth people have to work hard, them don' have produce here like some parishe that have pimento and coffee. Them have to make a pay day for t'hemself."

Courtship and Marriage.

He loved lots of girls. "Have to look some, 14, some 16, some 20. All a them can' the same." A man should have more than one woman but a woman should only keep one man. "When you is kept by one man you must not look on another, but the man can go ahead."

"Youhear of married, but Adam was not married to Eve. Ther never Parson it. God jus' give Eve to Adam. Man can take unto himself a wife, and another wife if him want. You talk 'bout married; all the boy them can have 6 girls if them want. David and Samuel, is that them do. According craven nature now a days, man tan' take ~~xxwife~~ more than one wife, for the woman wi' say the man stay too long with the other one; him not goin' satisfy to know that him stay with you a little and then with the other one. Them day (the days of David and Samuel) then bever have Parson, the only take them unto t'hemself. So much woman is now with- out a husband - poor thing, them don' have a husband." He said this as if he was really sorry for all spinsters.

/ and you can' take them."

Asked if he kept to one woman now. "You see when you get shaky, you have to keep to one. Is like when you go to sea and bad weather take you, you have to come back ashore, w is me now, I have to keep to one."

"You better be careful how you fly out and fly in back. a en when me young, and you come 'round to take statement you would have to stay the whole day. In one sense me done with that." He wanted to know if I had met Aaron Rochester's sons. I told him no. "Well, you missing a chance right de." Aaron is his wife's brother.

"You tell them people you have up de (J.O. & T.O.) them mus' min' one day when them send you out, you don' come l like the dove from Noah Ark. Him sen' him out first and

come back, but the next time him find a place and him never come back. Somebody may lift you and carry you 'way.'

Charles got married when he was about 28. He met his wife "same place ya. / Me tell her me love her and she accept me, and me tell her parents and them accept me, then me jus' go through - the way clear now. Me never lean up a read side and courten, that don' look polite."

Asked why he did not marry earlier "Never want to tie down meself to one woman's opinion too soon. If circumstances could alter cases, it would be better if you married young. The Princess of England married what day when she 18 or 19 and the man 20. Them now have good enjoyment if them keep health, but if you married when you ol', after two quattie year (a short time) you noh done wid de wal. (world)

Family History

Charles is the brother of Philip Thompson. Mehala's parent: Aaron and Annie Rochester. Mrs. Philip Thompson and Mrs. Moses Elliott are her sisters.

Moses left me with his son Dudley and went back in the field.
Int.
~~Int.~~ Dudley Thompson.

Where Charlie junior is now living was used as a shop. The place was given to Charlie and he fixed it up. It is now a 4 apartment house with verandah.

Why did father give up business "Theives break the shop and take out partly everything. Storm come blow off the top, so him jus' give it up, couldn' pay."

He has 5 acres of land at New Forrest and 4 at Ballard's Valley. He bought the 4 acres from Marie Gordon. He is going to build his house at Ballard's Valley. Dudley also works on his father's land. Charles pays taxes for all the land. (not including Dudley's own)

David, Charles and Rudolph, children of Johny and Fanny Thompson operate tannery. Johny was one of Charles brother and Fanny a sister of Mrs. Thompson. Johny came to Bull Savannah to "spend time" He took sick and died here. He was buried at David's place. Fanny died a few months ago at Plowden, Manchester. Johny met his wife here, and tolt her back to Manchester with him. "Is 3 brother, married 3 sister."

Arthur "married Myrtle Neil from Rose Corner and living at New Forrest."

Lascelles work on father's land on share.

Kenrick the last child works on father's land. Asked if he did not buy own land. "No man, too young for that. Him

and the old lady work together, so it come in as the same share."

Ivy lives at Green Olive.

Alice lives in Kingston.

"Victoria and Sarah are in the home."

Jimima lives at Montego Bay

Mary Lewis, widow of David Lewis is also one of Dudley's sisters .

Childhood and travels

"When I was out aschool I finish learning tannery. I use to do it on Saturdays, so when I leave school I was a full tenner. The old man say since I in the tannery business I better learn shoe making. I didn' like it but to please him, I go. It couldn' pay, the people around when you do a piece of work for them, you trus' it out, and them would not pay."

"After that I went to Montego Bay. to deLisser's garage. That time me father vex with me for I would not work on the trade." He worked in Montego Bay for 2 years as a mechanic "I leave that, and check out, and go over to the welding at Mandeville." He remained there 1 year. Marshall, who was working at the same place, left and went to Goat Island, and he got a job at Goat Island for Dudley. He stayed there for 2 years.

"Come back home, stayed for a few months and went to America '44 Stayed there 9 months." After remaining at home for a few months he went back to America in '45 and stayed for "1 year and 3 months." After coming home for the second time he went to St. Ann's Bay. Asked if he were not going back to America "No one to take me back. Did not get married. Don' you think I am foolish?"

He did welding in St. Ann's Bay for 10 months and then went to Kingston. He did butchering with a friend - Willoughby from St. Mary for 5 months. "He was a liscened butcher, and I wasn't, so I join with him, and he handle the business. After I chuck up the business, I check out and come back home. It couldn' pay."

Dudley has been at home since last June. "That's pretty near a year now - going up fast."

He bought the land at New Forrest when he came back from America. "I decide to settle down now, and married to a nice little pickney."

Interviewed Charles Thompson. & Leslie Thompson.

Present Household.

Monday
26. 7.48.
I.D.

2	Charles Thompson	Head	62.	
	Mahala do	Wife	About 56.	She does not remember her age. She is as old as Moses Elliott (F.R. 21) "Two a week born one week."
4	Dudley Thompson	Son	24.	Sarah Thompson.
	Victoria do	Dau	22.26	
	Albert do	Son	19.	
	Kenrick do	Son	16.	
	Lascelles do	G. Son	20.	Ivy's with parents
5	Enid Elliott	G. Dau.	11.	Sarah's
	Owen do	G. Son	13.	
	Ivan do	do	8.	
	Jennifer Roye	G. Dau.	under 1 year	(Victoria's)

Children of Charles and Mahala Thompson.

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1. Ivy Thompson. Husband Leslie Thompson - Green Olive
2. Marion Lewis 30. Top Bull Savannah (F.R. 203).
3. Sarah Jacobs. - Junction.
4. Jimima Steers. - Montego Bay.
5. Charles - Top Bull Savannah. (F.R. 202).
6. Arthur. His wife is Myrtle Neil of Rowe's corner. - Lives at New Forrest.
7. Dudley - Top Bull Savannah.
8. Victoria - do.
9. Alice - Kingston.
10. Albert - Top Bull Savannah.
11. Kenrick - do.

Sarah's children by Ishmael Elliott.

1. Enid
2. Owen.
3. Ivan.
4. Nellie is now living with her at Junction. She is about 5 years old. Sarah got married recently to Willy Jacobs.

Victoria's child by Ralph Roye.

1. Jennifer.
Victoria and Jennifer are in Kingston with Alice for a few weeks. Jennifer is a few months old.

/ (F.R. 178)

Lascelles is the first child of Ivy and Leslie Thompson
Leslie Thompson is the first child of Phillip Thompson.
Phillip and Charles are brothers.

Dudley's child by Eda Elliott of Ballard's Valley.

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1. Yevonne 16 months. Yevonne lives with her mother.
Alice also has a baby in Kingston. They were not able to say how old the child was.

Charles said he could not understand the work we are doing. He asked for Ed.F. and D.H. He said we were now living in the time of the Lord "And all these things will have to happen. You know from a little pimple can come a big boil." Leslie said "Out of evil can come forth good, we may receive a cheque one day." He laughed and then said "The King who would give us the money is Edward, and him leave the throne."

The Mansrchy

// Leslie

Leslie stated that King Edward told his father that unless he gave freedom to the negros and the Indians, he would not sit on the throne. His father told him he should get himself a wife and be prepared to take over when he was gone. Edward replied "I have a wife in the true Christian way." He laughed and said "Up to now a don' know if the father understand him."

King George died 3 months before it was announced. Edward was at that time in Africa hunting. When he returned home they said "The King is dead, God save the King." Edward should not sit on the throne until he was married. "The Cabinet" told him that he would have to marry a ~~royalty~~ member of the Royal family. They took him to a hall with 32 ladies and told him that he should chose one. He did not like any one. He said since they wanted him to marry "roality" He would like to marry the daughter of the "Earl of Russia." Leslie said Edward was not a fool. "Him know that his grand father had it in writing that a member of the British Royal family should not marry the daughter of the Earl of Russia. Him know them wouldn' make him married to that one. That time him have Mrs. Simpson already."

Edward said he wanted to marry Mrs. Simpson. "Them call her a harlot and all kind a things. Edward ask Anthony Eden if he is going to dictate to him." The Ministers of the church refused to marry Edward and Mrs. Simpson. "Is one old Parson married them. Them didn' want him to do it and him say this is my King, and I going to married them. The Parson know what him was doing for Edward is the last ruling King of Britain.

Great Britain.

Leslie said Gt. Britain was careless. They allowed foreigners to come in and learn the secrets of the countyr. During the war, Germans were able to tell Gt. Britain that she should take care of the "apes" she had out in the West Indies, especially Jamaica. Germany could tell her all the "slackness" she carried on in her colonies. I tell you Gt. Britain is too careless. When Germany tell them all those things, them frighten."

Bustamante.

"I tellyou when Bustamante come back to Jamaica it will be a time. All the Legislative Council you see them

is real racketeering. Busta tell the Secretary of States that him is not seeking a job. Him can support himself 19 times". Busta. had a private talk with the King at Buckingham Palace. Sir Arthur Richards and Lady Denham were also present. "Busta tell all the secrets. Him say Jamaica can support herself under self Government. He is seeking the welfare of the people in the West Indies".

Leslie read in the papers that a sum of money was given by Jamaica Welfare or some other source for ~~strengthen the~~ water supply. "Ans there is not a single talk about it now. I tell you, them going to have a hard time with Busta, when him come back.

Government's fault.

The Government is responsible for lots of things in Jamaica. People are not able to get imported food-stuff. "They have it store in bond house, waiting for another war. The other day them have to dump thousands of bags of things, and the poor people down here dying for it. Charlie said "The times call for all these things. You don' see how the time change. Not even the mango can ripe. There is a pickney to every turn mango. The other day we have rain a wash way the place and not a thing thrive from it."

Charlie also said that the Govenor had every thing, while the poor people starved. "~~Is fe him business them must look into.~~ Don' worry to know how I drink my tea this morning without milk and without sugar."

Leslie said "Is only for my colour I must say, well, the colour of my skin" (he touched his hand) "why I will sit down and change few words with them, that they may get a bread."

Westmorland is suffering now from hard times. "And is a parish that get constant rainfall" Food has to be sent from other parishes to Westmorland.

Charles said money was left to the negros by Queen Victoria "The higher ones them use it up. The poor don' get a thing."

Water Supply.

Both Leslie and Charlie feel that Bull Savannah should have a Parish tank. Leslie said they wanted to get the water from New Forrest by laying pipes. "But that won' do for now. Better them just make the tank."

Udel - 11 years. One of Leslie's children is spending about 3 days with her grand parents. Charles and Mahala. She was grating cassava.

Bertram Lewis - Marion's son was in the kitchen with Mahala.

Information from Leo Johnson.
Interv. Sarah Thompson.
18.6.48.
J.O. 21.7.48.

Present household.

- Thompson Charles, 60.
- „ Mehala, wife, 58.
- „ Sarah, daughter, 34. *out!*
- „ Dudley, son, 25.
- „ Albert, son, 19.
- „ Kenrick, son, 17.
- „ Victoria, daughter, 26.
- „ Laclelle, "Laswell", grson of Caharles and Meh. 19.
- Elliott Owen, son of Sarah, 13.
- „ Enid, daughter of Sarah, 11. *10*
- „ Ivan, son of Sarah, 8.
- „ Nelly, daughter of Sarah, 5. *with mother*

Thompson Charles: ¹² n son of ~~Charles~~ Philip Thompson and Mary Thompson ~~nee~~ Herron/. Charles was born in Plowden, came to live in B.S. as a child. Only one of his siblings is alive: he is Philip Thompson, living across the road in Old Top. Others: Johny, George, Henry, Agnis and Manchie are dead.

Thomspson Mehala: daughter of Aaron and Ann Rochester. For her parentage see fam.rec.21. ~~and~~

Marriage and children. They had 12 children, ~~and~~ 11 are alive. Only 5 stay with them in the home. The rest is outside of the house. Those outside: Ivy Thompson, married to Leslie Thompson, lives with her husband in Ridge /of Ribbit/. She is ~~is~~ 38. Marion Lewis /married to late David Lewis, son of Charles/, 36, lives in her home nearby. Charles Thompson, 30, in his own home close to the father's home. Jemima Steeves, 32. Arthur Thompson 22.

Sarah Thompson: she was along with Ishmale Elliott from Ballard's Valley and had 4 children for him. All the children stay with her, supported wholly by the mother.

Dudley Thompson has one outside child.

Victoria Thompson has one child. No information whereás is her child and by whom. The same refers to Dudley.

Thompson Laswell is son of Ivy Thompson and her husband Leilie Thompson. He is living with the grandparents.

House, land, farming.

House: 3 rooms with verandah. Kitchen. Storehouse.
Land: 44 acres in 3 lots. 6 at home, New Forest 23, 15 in Woodland. All bought - mostly from Ont. ~~and~~ ~~and~~ 3 acres cultivated.
Trees: 6 cocnuts, 14 mang., 2 naseberries. Toamtoes. yams 100 hills. Etsc.
Animals: 1 donkey, 6 sheep, 2 cows/1 milch cow, 1 steer/.
Religion: "mostly Jehovah Witn.
School: Owen - 4th, Ivan - ~~5th~~ Lst. Enid - 3rd.

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5 given to
49 Dudley
+ 4 p 6.
other land,
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