

Bull Savannah Proper.
Powell Joseph. 7.
Interviewed Joseph Powell and Cleon Powell.
Seen all members.
11.6.48.
J.P. + J.O.

Land 50 acres

F.R. 56/11/2

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*oo Birdie Rochester, daughter Ernest Powell - at present in Kingston, born by mother
one Lucinda Elliott - dau. Edith Powell, living in Kingston, brought by fa. something in 30-35. She is always with a fellow - had 2 children with him.
Jan. relationship not maintained.*

4.2.48. T.O.

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Powell	Joseph	hM	M.M.	54	St. Elizab.	colour.	Angl.	W.3.	farmer
"	Zala	wife	F.M.	50.	6.5.	"	"	W.2.	homeker
"	Cleon	son	M.S.	21	"	"	"	W.3.	carpenter
"	Annette	dau	F.S.	19	"	"	"	W.4.	4.T. student: Typist
"	Leovaughnson		M.S.	16	"	"	"	W.3.	4.E. student
"	Gloria	dau	F.S.	13	"	"	"	W.3.	4.E.
"	Maurice	son	M.S.	9	"	"	"	W.2.	4.E.

Occupies his land as "owner or part owner" for 32 years. Owns 27 acres in 4 pieces and rents 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ from Mrs May Brown (N.Y. City) together operates 37 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres. Does not pay any rent.

No labour employed.

6 $\frac{1}{4}$ in cultivation. 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ not cultivated. 13 pasture. 4 "other".

Value of ~~xxxx~~ farm £316, land alone £100.

0,8 acre in tomatoes = 4000 lbs. 5 avocados, 6 coconuts, 17 manoes 1 naseberry.

0,2 corn, 1 congo peas, 2 acres cassava, $\frac{1}{2}$ sweet potatoes,

0,5 yams,

2 sheep, 4 ~~xxxx~~ goats, 1 donkey, 3 swine, 6 hens. 10 rabbits

Informant Cleon Powell, Joseph Powell and others. 3.2.48. T.O.

Family history.

Joseph Powell is the son of old George Powell. He is brother of David Powell. His wife Zala is the daughter of Thomas Rochester and sister of Laban and William Rochester. May Brown and Mrs. Andrews (both in New York) are her sisters.

Daughter Annette left for America 4 years ago. She went to her aunt Mrs. Brown and decided to stay there. She stays in the same house as Mr. Andrews. Her picture in a white, silk, evening and fashionable dress leaning against a piano is in all the houses of the Powell-Rochester clan. "She plays music beautiful". When Mr. Alfred Andrews came to Bull Savannah to pay his first visit to his wife's relatives he stayed in the home of Joseph Powell. The home (consisting of 4 buildings) is at the corner of the main road and the parochial road leading to Shaddock Hill. The field of tomatoes adjoining the parochial road belongs to "my little brother" Maurice. Maurice is still at school, but he has his own field of tomatoes.

Cleon is a carpenter. He works in the factory. It is a permanent employment - i.e. for several months in the year. This year he worked till middle of August at the school latrines and afterwards continually at the factory. His boss is his cousin carpenter Calbert Elliott, his co-workers his cousins (except in the season when people from outside come. They are not considered carpenters but "just workers". Cleon gets 2:2:0 a week. He gets more when working "private" but in the factory it is "steady job" so ~~xxxx~~ he considers it more profitable on the whole. When he takes "private" work he works on "task" basis. "Suppose this Mr. Laban wants me to do something. I come see the job and tell him the price. It will bring me 10/- a day". In the factory it works out 7/- a day.

together 50 to 60 pounds. The boat - it cheaper. But it take much longer. I went by boat. I didnt go to New York - it was a place - I dont remember its name - a place down in Virginia. I took 5 days from Kingston to New York - going by boat. Going by plane it cost you £28, and going by boat - bn your own - it cost you 20 or let us say 15 pounds." Cleon Powell has undoubtedly preferenc for the plane. He intends to go by plane. "It shorter". Inspite that it costs more.

His plans are not ~~settled~~ yet settled definitely. They depend upon how all the formalities of his trip will successfully handled by his people in America, who are helping him in his enetrprise. He counts on Mr. Andrews who promised to look after this. But the same promise Mr. Andrews made to many a youth and parent in B.S. "Anytime I could ~~go~~ get there, I would go. I like the place. I'll go to New York - the greater part of my family is in New York. Probably I'll go to Mr. Andrews home."

There is a lot of Jamicans in America. "When I was there, I met some people from St. Thomas, some from Westmoreland and some from Portland - in New York, right in New York." Jamican people are not easily distinguishable from Americans. They speak the same language as Americans & "no difference". How do they recognise each other? By argument. "I mean, you getting some argument with somebody, you take to know." /A man told me that the ~~xxx~~ curse word "rasp" so popular in Jamaican swearing is one of distinctive peculiarities of Jamaican language, by which Jamicans recognise each other when in America./

Why does he like America.

"I like America - because I like what they eat in America. I like sweet things and they eat plenty of sweets - cakes, buns and other things." When he worked in America, after the work was over, local people used to go first of all to a sweet-shop and buy lots of sweet things to eat them on the spot or to carry home. Cleon Powell followed with delight local habit. He likes America also for other reasons: "I like America, beacuse people are so fast in America. Very busy."

"In America you can build yourself much easier than here. Going to America now, I wont be buying anything. No land in New York. To start a business, it cost plenty of money. But over there you can get plenty of jobs. They pay more what they pay here."

He praised also America for other things. "In America, the Gnt take care of you, when you are old or sick, and burry you when you die. ~~After a time, you cant work~~ After a time, you cant work, the Gnt will take care of you."

Plans to come back to Jamaica at the end of planned American career.

In spite of all the attractions of America, at the end of his life he would come back to Jamaica. "Climate is natural here - not too hot, not too cold. And if you have a person who have children, children will take care of you. I am not sure if I am wrong, but if you have money, I don't think there is any place you can live better than in Jamaica."

Keeping in contact with American family.

"I keeping in touch with them all the time. I write letters - it cost you 6d. to send a letter from Jamaica. I get letter in 3 days - they posted it over there Monday - Wednesday, Thursday I get it. 3 days." What are they writing? "Any little strange news that happen to them they send it to me. Every-time they wrote me, they generally say they are doing their best to get me there."

Emigration traditions in his family.

"My father - he never went to America. He went to Cuba - 3 times. When in his days, you could earn more money in Cuba than in America. My mother - she never take any travel, never leave Jamaica. She was born this house or another house over there - she moved only to my father's place."

Monday 22.3.48.

D.B.

Interview with Leovaughn Powell.

Leovaughn is the son of Zala and Joseph Powell. He is from Bull Savannah. He is 21 but he looks as if he were 36.

He went to Bull Savannah elementary school read to 6th. He took the 1st and 2nd year Pupil Teacher's examination and passed. He failed the 3rd year, got discouraged. He did not go back.

He went to Kingston Commercial College in 1947 to take a course in book-keeping. He spent two terms there and came back to work at the factory.

He applied to Mr. Hastings, the manager for a post as supervisor. He got it, and started to work at the end of January, will work to the end of the crop.

This is his second year as Supervisor at the factory. He has worked as scale clerk previously. He is paid weekly. He has refused to say what is his pay. "That is private."

He has been cultivating tomatoes for 7 years, but has not done it for himself this year, because he went to Kingston to take the course. He has given a garden to "Fargos" Sinclair to work on partnership "about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre".

His father cultivates largely and works for the Company supervising experiment plot down the woods. He is a trader on board too. He does not know how he buys or sells. His mother sews for the home. "~~Ivhave~~"

"I have not a girl friend but I am interested in Miss Barrett and would like her to be my girl friend and eventually my wife."

Saturday .
15. 5. 48.
D. B.

Interviewed Joseph Powell & Zala Powell.

Present House-hold .

Joseph Powell	Head	Age -61
Zala "	Wife	" 58
Cleon "	Son	" 25
Leovaughn "	"	" 22
Gloria "	<i>Daughter</i>	" 19
Maurice "	<i>Son</i>	" 16
Wihelmina Simpson	Cousin to Joseph	10

"Tell them say him wan' money fe buy, every good something fe make we big and strong. Wha' all this writing 'bout? If me tell you any thing at all you wi' ha' fe carr' something come gi' me ; a money me want ; so when you dey come back you carr' the money come ".

Their Parents.

Joseph is the son of George Powell and Fredricka Powell . His father's parents were Joseph Powell and Pheobe Powell . He knows his grand mother but does not know his grand father . His mother's mother was Francella Simpson . He knows his mother's mother but he does not know his father's mother.

His wife's Zala's parents were Julia Rochester and Thomas Rochester . Zala knows only one of her " grand parents , that is her mother's mother ; Abbey Simpson.

Members of the Household .

All the members of the house hold are children of Joseph and Zala Powell, except ~~W~~ Wilhel Simpson, who is a distant cousin of Joseph , and is adopted by Joseph . Wihel is the daughter of Rebecca Powell and Wilfred Powell . Wihel's ~~parents~~ father is dead , but her mother is living at Worminister .

Marriage .

Joseph and Zala were lawfully married at the Anglican church here in 1921 by Rev. Williams . "I would a married again , this one get old , Need a younger one now". They are now married ~~at~~ 27 years . Neither Zala nor Joseph was married before .

"Me have two or three outside pickney well , a so much that some a them no did get any name . Name done when them coem . The outside children are , Edith Powell by Roseetta Francis of Bull Savannah , Ernest Powell Birdie Rochester . "The other one , me

no 'member no more . Me tell you is either two or three , so a only two me 'member". Ernest and Birdie are in Kingston . Ernest mus'e working , but me no know wha' Birdie doing . Ernest and Birdie used to stay with their father when they were here . Birdie left 14 years ago for Kingston , and Ernest "left 'bott 10 years." Wilhel has been staying with Joseph and Zala four years now.

Possessions.-Land.

The land that Joseph is living on is two and a half acres that he bought form Sarah Powell and Jane Holness for £12. 0. 0. He has $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres at Ridge, which was onwe by o his grand mother Sarah Francella impson . "The taxes , and him couldnt pay it off , so Government take it in charge ans was selling it out . So me buy it . A couldnt tell you how much a pay for it , for a pay in instalment !

He has seven and two -thirds acres at Ruinate , tha he bought form Alice Morgan for £9. 0. 0. Seven and two thirds acres from Mary Brown for £12. 0. 0. He bought 12 acres from Rhoda Stephenson , two acres from Ernest lvin and two and a half from Sarah Dyer .

His wife has seven and two thirds acres that she got from her father , and Joseph has another piece that he go bought from his father . He does not remember the amount he paid for all the lands . "Only if me go look 'pon the receipt now me wi' able fe tell you ".

Buildings.

There are two buildings , a house and another building of which one part is used as the kitchen , and a living room and a bath room is attached to it . There is also a latrine , and an out house for washing clothes and stering a few things , such as peas and board .

"Me couldnt tell how much the house cost fe build i me couldnt tell that ". The house was built before he wa married , and the kitchen too . Both buildings were enlarged later on , the house got two rooms to the back and a living room and a bath room were attached to the kitchen.

Stock.& Furniture.

"Me no ha' a thing , more an' two little marger ~~s~~ sheep , two little marger goat , and one little marger donkey".

Ha' three little shakey piece a ~~fixt~~ furniture , me no inherit nothing from no body . Me old people no did ha' anything fe leave gi' me ".

"Me never sell any a me land , but me gwine butcher

15.5.48. cont.

Joseph Powell -Land .

Joseph has never sold any of his land . "But ah gwine butcher it now , because me want z money ,me cant live without money so me have fe ~~éll~~ sell all what me have " .

Contribution to household .

Joseph contributes to the house hold alone , "and you no see me no have any money , and if me did know how to get some me would be very glad" . Here he illustrated the story of the Locust and the corn . Once there was a king who offered a large sum of money to the person who could tell him a very/ long-story ~~without-an-end~~ .

Every day people went to him telling him all kinds of stories none was satisfactory as each one came to an end very soon . One day a man came to this king to tell his story . He said there was once a king who planted a vast quantity of corn . He then built a number of barns to store the corn , very large barns they were .

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After the crop was reaped the corn was stored in the barns , Unfortunately a/hole was left in one of the barns that was not covered , or stopped up . Through that little hole a little locust went in and he took out a grain of corn and he came out (it was two of ~~m~~ them) and so the other locust went in and/~~m~~ took a grain of corn and he came out . Then the other went in and he took a grain of corn and he came out , and the other did the same . The man continued the story ~~m~~ for days and it could not ~~xxx~~ come to an end . The King got annoyed with this man, and the story that could not come to an end . So he gave him the sum that was offered and sent him ~~xxx~~ away .

It is obvious that the story would not end for a few years , as each grain of corn would have to be taken out before the story ends .

His sons do not contribute to the upkeep of the household "and I dont know when , for them no have x nothing for themself. Them have to depend 'pon me and me this as shaky too .

The children depend on their parents for sustenance , with the exception of the boys who clothe themselves . Joseph helps his father/with clothes, and meals every day . His father pays ~~£~~ him a visit every day .

George Powell/

Cultivation.

Joseph does not cultivate largely . "Me plant little cach , cach . He plants $\frac{1}{4}$ acres of tomato on his own land .

He also plants cassava , peas , yams and potato . Of all his produce he ~~sell~~ sells the tomato and cassava "just / a little of the cassava ". He has three men working on partnership with him - they are Eli Simpson , Bradley Burton , and "August ". The crop is divided between them when it is reaped . Joseph was not prepared to tell the amount that his crop could bring him .

He was very reluctant about the matter, and asked if he has to tell that too . "That me could never do , for me na set down what me make from what me ~~spend~~ spend ."

Board Trader .

He trades on board , he buys the board, then sells . When the tomato crop is on, the trade can pay him well . In purchasing the board , Cedar is bought at £5. per hundred ft. and can be sold at 1/-1 per ft. Broadleaf is bought at £2. 15. and sold at 9d per ft.

Sometimes for a year he sells from £50. to £80. worth of board and more as well as at other times he does not sell more than £20. or £30. The board is bought according to the ~~ef-it~~ quality .

Expenditure .

He complains that he does not have the money to spend , but yet for a week he has to spend £1. or more sometimes, and less than that for a week at the shop . He did not say what was bought at the shop , "me no know for that a woman business

There was not an enormous amount spent for sickness . He has never been sick , "only X Zala , Cleon , and Leo". He was not able to tell the amount spent towards the sickness of the other three people , and when was it spent .

At this stage Zala was called to say what she could about clothing , as Joseph stressed the point that he could not tell me "one thing about that ". Zala told me she had to spend a large amount for that purpose , because things are so expensive now . She spends up to £6 . for about three months in purchasing clothes for herself and the children who do not furnish themselves with clothes . "Me have to say me clothes the whole district , because me give me old clothes to every body . Every day people come and beg me " .

Debts .

Joseph staunchly told me that he is not indebted to any one and towards savings , he has nothing to save . As the money is made it is spent on one thing or the other , "so me no have an fe save ". He is like the ant , he neither borrows nor lends money . He cannot lend what he does not have . He is thinking

seriously of borrowing some money now , for he is ~~x~~ need of it .

side the
home /

present/

At home no one dines out/ , neither does any one dines ~~x~~ in the home , ~~x~~ except the inmates of the home .

The most he has ever received as /is a parcel now and then from his sister-in-law and daughter in America , ~~x~~ occasionally he gets a dollar or two . These presents are chiefly sent at Christmas time .

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With regards to meals , the family has three meals for the day "them would want five if me did have it , but as a only three, them have fe satisfy . The meals are , tea , breakfast, and dinner . The week day meals/ made up of bammies , potatoes, peas and some kind of meat or fish. On Sundays there is a special dish comprised of rice and peas with beef and Irish potatoes .

Joseph likes that kind of meal , in Cuba he used to get that .

Work -Division.

The work at home is divided/ among the children . The boys Cleon and Leo ^{help} when they are at ~~the~~ home with the cultivation Maurice looks after the animals and takes the food for the home from the field to the house .

Gloria's duty is to help in the tidying of the home and any other domestic affairs . During my interview Gloria was hard at work cleaning the house and tidying in preparation for Sunday . She was quite cheerful~~x~~ in her work , which she finished very early and was able to get dressed in time for the Cricket Match~~x~~ that was being played at Green Olive that day .

Zala's duties in the home is to cook , wash , sew , and to/ look after the fopls and "raise big hog " . Joseph called out to say that ~~x~~ her duty is to "quarrel too" . Zala replied "yes me quarrel when me no have any ~~king~~ thing fe eat" . Zala has a field of escallion that sometimes can bring her £12. or more for the year.

She plants the escallion on her own land . There is no special time for planting , she plants all the time and ~~skw~~ and draws all the time (that is she pulls them so that she can sell at any time). A better price is got when the escallion is scarce .

Zala was very busy preparing cassava for her Sunday dinner and did not have much to say to me . She told me it is a " good thing" I came when her husband was at home , or I would get nothing from her , as she does not have the time sit and tell me all what I want to hear , and to answer all those questions . "Next time when you dey come back fe come ask question you must bring money , or you wont hear anything " .

Emmigrati~~on~~.

Besides Annette Powell who went to U.S. for ever, two members of this family travelled abroad.

Joseph Powell went to Cuba twice, in 1920 and 1924. He saved some money and built for it his house.

Cleon Powell went to U.S. as farm labourer in 1944. ~~xxxxxx~~ He bought carpenter's tools from the money saved.

Housing.

The family occupies two houses, both owned by Joseph Powell. Bigger house has 4 rooms. The house is well furnished, 2 beds, combination table, china cabinet, centre table, 4 ~~chair~~ chairs, gramophone, 1 dining table, sewing machine, washstand. The house is shared by Joseph and Kala, Gloria, Maurice and Willel.

Another house has one room only. Has 2 beds and 1 table. Cleon and Leon live in this house.

There is kitchen and buttery in the yard. Water is supplied from two tanks at the house and one in the fields. One latrine.

Land.

Land owned by Joseph Powell is ab.50 acres., in 4 lots. 3 acres at home, ab.20 a. in Woodland, ab.25 at Duff House, 2 a. at Ridge. All the land bought, nothing inherited. 25 acres at Duff House were bought from Sammy Stephenson, 20 acres in Woodland from Thomas Rochester, 2 acres at Ridge from Emanuel Dyer. 3 acres at home were bought from his father.

About 15 acres are under cultivation or cultivable. ~~1~~ 10 acres in guinea grass. Remainder ~~1~~ woodland.

Economic Trees.

3 Bombay mangoes, 3 Robins, 1 Green Skin, 4 common. 5 coconuts. 7 pears. 1 naseberry. Plenty of sweet ~~sap~~ saps. They have also "plenty" of small thatch in the Woodland.

Cultivations.

Tomatoes. Joseph Powell ~~xxxxxx~~ planted 6000 trees this season. This was in partnership. He got ab.L.30 from it. Cleon planted 3000 trees - earned ab.L.20. Maurice planted 1200 trees - his income ab.L.14.

Tobacco is planted only for home use.

They plant besides:

Yams: mosella 60 hills, Afoo 50, Tawya 30, Japanese 110. St.Vincent 25. And a variety called pum-pum - 15 hills.

Cocoas - ab.20 roots.

They have 2 and 1/2 acres under cassava, 2 and 1/2 acres under gungoo peas, about 1 acre under corn, ab.1/4 a. under potatoe, 1/4 a., 1/4 a. red peas, escallion - abput 2 squares, cabbages - for home use only.

Religion.

They ~~кххххххххххх~~ do not belong to any congregation.
If they go to church, it is mostly to the Anglican Church.

Public functions.

Joseph Powell is on the Committee of Management of
B.S.Growers Association; also on the Committee of Consumers
Cooperative.

Leo Powell is secretary of the Cricket Club.