

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 64.

Simpson Enoch	Head	M.M.42.	St.El.	Col.	Angl.	Ill.	F <sub>arm</sub> .
„ Adilade	Wife	F.M.30.7.7.	„	„	„	„	Homemak.
„ Calvin	Son	M.S.12.	„	„	„	W.1.0.E.	
„ Goerge	Son	M.S.10.	„	„	„	W.1.0.E.	
„ Icyline	Dau	F.S. 8.	„	„	„	W.1.4.E.	
„ Sedley	Son	M.S. 6.	„	„	„		
„ Beswick	Son	M.S. 4.	„	„	„		
„ Astley	Son	M.S. 2.	„	„	„		
„ Joyce	D <sub>au</sub>	F.S. 0/12	„	„	„		

His farm 1942.

*2 1/2 acres  
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or part owner  
 Operates this farmland as onwer for 14 years.  
 3,5 acres in 2 parcels: 3 a. and 0,5 a. resp.  
 Tomatoes chief source of income. Works 52 weeks  
 per year, 6 days per week, 9 hours per day.  
 Owns only 3 acres. 0,5 acre is rented from  
 Claston Rochester on 12 months lease.  
 Acres in cultivation: 2,5. Used excl. for  
 pasture: 0,5. Guniea grass. Other land: 0,5 a.  
 Value of farm: L35; value of the build. L15.  
 1 catchment. No mortgage.  
 Cultivations: Tomatoes - 0,5 a., 3000lbs.  
 Congo - 0,5 a., 7 bushels. Cassava - 0,75, 4000 lbs.  
 Potatoes - 0,25, 500 lbs. Yams - 0,25 a., 900 lbs.  
 Tobacco - 0,25 a., 130 lbs.  
 2 swines, one over 6 months. 4 hens - 5 doz.  
 eggs.

Interview with Enoch Simpson.  
24.2.48.  
J.O.

His ancestral history. Enoch Simpson is brother of Dudley Simpson from the same mother and the same father. His ancestral history is included in Dudley Simpson's family record /No 4/.

His family history. His wife is Powell. She is daughter of Edgar Powell, who once lived here in Bull Savannah but left it in the course of his career in Police. "He is a police - far place, Cool Spring."  
 His wife. Adelaide Powell was vorn in Bull Savannah. Her home was at the place which subsequently was sold by her borther, Hendry Powell, to Major Moxsy when the factory wxx and Major Moxsy's house were being built. The ~~xxxx~~ house she lived was sold by her brother to Claston Roy, whose property as well as home it is now.

Her father and her brother were from Top Bull Savannah. They are different Powell family, not the same which spreads over this side of Bull Savannah. They are from the Powells from Tad Town.

Her family /paternal/ home was "on cooperative premises - Major Moxsy buy it and sell it to the Company. It was his /\* her/father that on - he left the place."

Adelaide Powell did not stay with his father. She was brought by her grandmother /her mother's mother, Jane Lawrence ~~xxxxxx~~ /she was 75 in 1943/. Her mother is Mrs. Swaby Alice /nee ~~xxxxxx~~ Francis/, who had child for Adelaide's father Edgar Powell and later on ~~xxxxxx~~ lived /in cl. marriage/ with Willaim Swaby. They married a few years ago.

Adelaide spent her young years in Shadock Hill, where they met each other. They married 16 to 17 years ago "23 of December" after their firstchild, the eldest Calvin, has been born or was to be born soon.

She is still alive.

~~Their children~~

Jane Lawrence did not marry. ~~xxxx~~ Her daughter Alice /Adelaide's mother/ was born for Charles Francis /Merton Francis's ~~father~~ late father/.

Their children.

They have 9 children now ~~xxxxxx~~ /two more than in 1943/ Icyline, who is 13, looks after small children - that's why she attends school ~~xxx~~ irregularly. "I have a size girl that stay with the small ones." "She 14 years now, go to school, but have to stay with the children.", since his wife does not stay at home - she works at the factory.

Eldest son and wife working at the factory.

Eight of his children "stay at home" - only the eldest son, Calvin works outside. "The first one - he working at the industry. Him name Caldvin - he 17." In this season he started to work first of all in the school /probably with Calbert Elliott/, now he is working in tomato sheds /under Ernest Powell/. "Him work in school, now him work under sheds, carrying the box under tomato."

Their earnings.

His ~~day~~ pay was previously 1/6d, now it was rais to 2/6d.

His wife is also working at the factory, also in the sheds. She was paid 1/6d previously. now 2/- per day.

He estimates that the pay offered to the workers previously was too small: "could ever feed them for that." The food which they eat costs more than they used to earn previously. He is dissatisfied also with the present rate - they should pay more. "Tomato cant pay as that - this deliberate to pay bills. /?/. Tomat industry is really a rich company according to what we understand."

Enoch Simpson's farming.  
Share-cropping.

His own land is only 2,5 acres. But he cultivates other people's land on share. His partners, who give him room on their land, are Mr. Alfred Neil and Mr. Laban Rochester. With Alfred Neil he cultivates tomatoes in Dunder Hill, with Laban Rochester "cassada" in the Woodland.

Tomato.

This year he cultivated two tomato gardens: one in partnership with Alfred Neil, another - his own. His own tomato garden is ~~xxxxxxx~~ 1/4 acre large. He expects to draw from it L.30 or more. He got ~~xxx~~ already from another garden /shared with Alfred Neil/ almost L.20. His net income from tomato gardens this year will be probably over L.50 if the season will be as favorable as it was previously.

Cassava and gungu peas.

His cassava cultivation is in two parcels: 1/2 a. and 1/4 a. respectively. He will get only half of this crop, since he shares it with Mr. Laban Rochester. ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ He has also 1 acre under gungu peas. Again the crop will be shared with ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ Alfred Neil, since it is planted "over Alfred Neil place."

Yams.

He has also a yam garden, in which he has 20 hills of Mosella, 15 hills of White yam and has ~~xxxx~~ planted or intends to plant 100 hills of "small yam" /Japanese yam."

Tobacco.

Close to his house he has a small garden of tobacco /about one stretch/, planted about one month ago.

Hard life.

With the exception of tomato, other crops are poor this year "to the backwardness of the season." Their life is hard and if not for the earnings of his son and his wife in the factory and his tomato cultivations, he could hardly feed his family from his farm. It is hard anyhow. "It hard, but we had to fight it." Their ~~xxx~~ feeding is not good enough and it varies according to the means. He quoted a saying describing their ~~xxx~~ feeding: "Some time coffee, some time tea, and sometime a small bit of ~~xxx~~ cinnamon tree."

Inf. Dudley Simpson.  
4.3.48.  
J.O.

Crippled son of  
Enoch.

"My brother have a boy and that boy - him is 10 - 11  
- but him c nt walk. Something with the Knee."

"The doctor say he could not help him. Fruitful  
child , ~~him nervous when him was born. Now the foot persish. Him~~  
~~him nervous. Him head is big. Not so fruitful now. The doctor~~  
say him cant help that boy again."

"One doctor told that it is water in the head.  
And one time him can die - sudden."

Visit at home. Interv. Enoch Simpson & Icyline (daughter)  
21.6.48.  
.T.O.

Present household (according to Enoch.)

Simpson	Enoch	head	M.M.	47	Bull.S.	No. rel.	Ill.	Farmer
"	Adilade	wife	F.M.	35	9.9.	"	"	homeeaker
"	Eudley	son	M.S.	17	"	R.W.	helps father	& odd jobs.
"	Kenneth	son	M.S.	15	"	R.W.	cultivator	
"	Icyline	dau	F.S.	14	"	W.6	at school	
"	Sedley	son	M.S.	11	"	"	"	
"	Beswick	son	M.S.	9	"		(crippled)	
"	Astley	son	M.S.	8	"		at school	
"	Joyce	dau	F.S.	6	"			
"	Meril	"	"	4	"			
"	Eliane	"	"	9/12	"			

Enoch Simpson came when I was talking with his sister Ellen Simpson. He introduced himself and said he has already met J.O. He wanted to show me where the old house of his parents was. The house was very old and collapsed many years ago. He then took me to the "cemetery". Only the tomb of his grandfather and one of his uncles is visible. All the other graves are overgrown with bush or grass. His grandmother wasn't buried here. After her husband's death she married "a next man and is in his yard". We then walked to his home. It

~~This house is~~ The house has two rooms. A big kitchen is in a separate building. His eldest son Eudley sleeps with his cousin Ricardo in a separate house which is next to Ellen Simpson's.

Enoch Simpson was the eldest son of his parents, who had 11 children. Enoch enumerated them in which his daughter Icyline was very helpful. I asked her how she knew all the names and ages of her uncles and aunts and she said grandmother told her. She knew it better than the father. Enoch's siblings were: Ethel, who married Bennet and lives in Clarendon, Martha married Deharthy and lives in Clarendon, Burnel (dead) Elsie (dead) Dudley lives in the next yard; Lionel died; Ellen Simpson lives in the next house; Rosetta married Mr. Plummer and lives in U.S.A. Dusabelle died; and the youngest Iva lives in chocolate Hole, she married a Dyer, they have a small shop. All those children were brought up in their parents' home. I asked Enoch whether he went to the school "The first one has the hardest struggle; being the oldest one I had to help my father to raise the other." When his time to go to school came, the mother wanted him to go to school but the

father wanted him to stay and help. Then more children were born and Enoch never went to school. "All other went." Enoch is a bit resentful he did not get the same chance as all the other children. He says he didn't get more land "to balance" just the same. He has  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres round the house. His own house he built 20 years ago. "Three years before I marry and my oldest boy is 17 so you make it out". Enoch never left Bull-Savannah - he didn't work or travel in other parishes. "or a time he used to work for Robert Rochester helping him with tanning. He used to do some tanning for himself, but he doesn't do it any more. The government tax is too high "it doesn't pay".

With his brother and sisters he keeps in friendly contact. When his mother was ill the two sisters who are in Clarendon were "sent for" and they came and stayed for a week till the old lady died. They couldn't stay any longer as they had to return to attend to their home duties. Only ~~xxxx~~ his sister Rosetta who lives in U.S.A. Enoch thinks she is not as she should be. "Rosetta help her mother slightly - just as a friend would send a dollar to friend - so she help. But not as ~~sister~~ daughter." Enoch thinks Rosetta should have helped her mother more substantially. "She (Rosetta) is sickly now with ~~xtawax~~ asthma stomach, the cold beat her in the state of America she live."

Children Enoch has with his wife 9 children whose names and ages he gave me. He is not satisfied with his eldest son Eudley. "Up and down, and up and down all the time." According to Enoch Eudley is lazy, comes late at nights and runs all the time. He says his second son Kenneth is a better worker. This year Kenneth had his own tomatoes. For the money he got he bought some clothes. Eudley didn't have any tomatoes, of his own. Enoch says the best child is Icyline. "She help the mother, mind the baby so we must call her the best." Icyline was holding all the time the baby Eliane in her arms. She was also busy with making the fire and boil the water. The mother went since the morning to Alligator Pond to buy fish. I waited for her, but she was late to come. The boy Beswick is a cripple. He can't walk and moves about on his knees and hands. He can stand against the wall. The boy's head is rather big. The father says thought that the boy "is quite collective" I suggested that Enoch should make crouches and if the boy tried to walk a little he would perhaps develop the muscles which are atrophied now. The poor boy looked at me and when I said he might be able to walk perhaps with a stick later on he never took off his eyes from my face. Although he is 9 he is clad like little boys in a little coat only and no pants. Of course his pants would be worn off very quickly as he drags himself on the earth.

Small stock. Enoch's cultivations etc. were described already in a previous interview so I didn't ask him about it. He complaint that not having enough land he has to work on shares. He works for : Joseph Powell, Laban Rochester and Niel. "Work of share and get only half of the loaf." His  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres are round his house, but a lot of it is very stony and can't be cultivated. He keeps 4 sheep, which he will sell to the butcher. He has a sow. He told me the big news "I have 9 children and the sow give me 9 pigs

last night so I have 18." He would like to keep all the 9 pigs as it would bring him a profit to sell them when they are bigger. But he doesn't know whether he will be able to feed them all for a longer time.

He sells sometime the wool from his sheep. There is a market for it in Black River. The prices are from 6d to 1/6 per pound of wool. If a shearer comes he gets the wool for the work. I said wool is very valuable to make warm cloth. Enoch said he saw in the pictures people in cold countries who had heavy clothes and "animals round their neck".

It was nearly 6 p.m. and I got up to go. I really intended to have an interview with the wife. One of the little boys came and said the mother is coming. She came soon carrying a big shallow pan ~~knax~~ full of fishes and lobsters. She goes every week to buy fish which she partly uses for home and partly to sell to the neighbours.

Information from ~~xxxx~~ Leo Johnson.  
 Interv. Enoch and Adelaide Simpson.  
 15.6.48.  
 J.O. 30.8.48.

Simpson Enoch, 38.  
 ,, Adelaide, 32, wife.  
 ,, Calvin, son, 16.  
 ,, Kenneth, son, 14.  
 ,, Isoline, dau., 13.  
 ,, Sedley, son, 10.  
 ,, Besvick, son, 8.  
 ,, Astley, son, 7.  
 ,, Joice, dau., 5.  
 ,, Merville, dau, 4.  
 ,, Ellen, dau., 1.

Simpson Enoch: ~~xxxx~~ son of Lionel and Alma Simpson. Cf F.R.4.  
Simpson Adelaide: daughter of Edgar and Alice Swaby. Started  
 to live together in 1930, married in 1940. Have 9 children, all  
 alive, all staying with them.  
 Adelaide's brothers and sisters: Florette Simpson through the  
 same father. Through the same mother: Reginald, Wilfred, Clarence  
 and Evadne Swaby.

House: 2 rooms. Furn. 1 waggon, 2 tables, 3 chairs, 1 washstand,  
 3 beds, 1 sewing machine, Tank.

Land: 2,5 ac. homeland, inherited from the mother. Cultivates  
 ab. 5 acres of land. Works on share with Laban Rochester,

Alfred Neil, Joseph Powell.

Trees: 3 coconuts, 5 mangoes, 4 pears,  
 bananas, 2 breadfruits, 4 big thatches.

Tomatoes: 5000, £30. Small amount of yams. 2,5 ac. cassava, 1,5  
~~xxxx~~ ac. congo, "other crops enough for home use."

4 sheep, 1 pig.

Weekly spendings: £1. Clothes: £10 last year each adult, Children  
 £2 each.

Adelaide is Moravian. She does dressmaking.