

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 62.

Simpson Alma	Head	F.W.70.11.7.	St.El.	Col.	Ang.	W.2.	Retired
,, Ellen	Dau	F.S.32.5.4.	,,	,,	,,	W.2.	Higgl.fish
,, Ricardo	GrSon	M.S.12.	,,	,,	,,	W.3.0.E.	
,, Herbert	GrSon	M.S.8.	,,	,,	,,	W.1.4.E.	

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Alma Simpson's farm in 1942.

In census 1942 she figures in Sch.3 - under 1 acre.

Her stock: 1 swine, 3 goats, 2 hens /7 doz. eggs/. Produced vegetables at the value of L10.

3 ackees /40 doz./, 3 avocados /15 doz./, 2 coconuts /18 nuts/, 11 mangoes /340 doz./, 2 naseberries /30 doz./.

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Informant Dudley Simpson.
2.3.48.
J.O.

Dudley's mother's household is a separate household from his and Enoch's. "A daughter stay with her." Dudley did not explain how far and to what extent does he contribute to his mother's household. His nephew Ricardo frequently works for him, for which he gets not only food, but also some money from time to time "to satisfy him".

Informant.

Interview with Dudley Simpson
4.3.48.
J.O.

Simpson Alma's household.

Her mother's household is constituted of 4 persons Alma Simpson, her daughter and Dudley's sister: Ellean Simpson, and two sons of Ellean: Riccardo and Herbert. They figure in the census as "Simpsons", but only Herbert is Simpson. Riccardo's father is a Nemhardt.

Farmland.

Alma Simpson's household is separate from ~~their~~ ~~son~~ those of their sons: Enoch and Dudley. But both sons help the mother. She owns a piece of land over 2 acres ~~and the land is worked~~ but the land is uncultivated. It is under grass. Only a small portion is cultivated by Riccardo.

Cultivations.
Stock raising.

"The land occupy two acre and some preches. Around two acre. Uncultivated. Only Riccardo work a little bit. Not much. She keep it for raising few goats. She have a ewe with two kids, two big wether goats - the goat that we castrate we call it wether goat."

Thatch.

An important source of their income is thatch. "The thatch that she have on her land - this support her. I never count the trees, but whenever they cut it it is 6 to 7 hundreds, 8 shillings per hundred. And she have a little pimento. Very few have it. They had lots of pimento, but the storm of 1933 blow them - lots."

Pimento.

Riccardo is the chief cultivator in the family. "Riccardo - him plant ~~some~~ tomato, yam, potato, a little cassava, a little gungoo peas, - all of them is not much."

How the family is supported?
Contributions of the family memebres.

All Alma's children contribute to the upkeep of this family, chiefly to the upkeep of their mother. "Everyone of his sons and daughters support him / = her / ." "My mother get support from my brother Enoch, and she get support from her daughter Iva Dyer - that living in Chocolate Hole. And she get support from me. I work to support my mother. And she get a little support from the one in America too. From one to-day to another she will live."

"Everybody try to help each other in the family."

"Her daughter Elleen - she do the cooking. She cook at the morning time and she cook at the evening time, when she come back from the factory. She work in the factory every day. She work not in the ~~in~~ evening. And she get - my mother - she get tea, breakfast and dimer from my home. And she get meals from my brothers home. Every meal she have to get. Every meal I send to my mother. My little son or my little daughter carry it and sometime her little grandson / Herbert / have to come for it. Iva Dyer - she send meal, but not often. She keep a shop, so she send a little storage at the time, so she ~~can~~ can keep her. Everybody try to help each other in the family."

Ricardo's work.

Ricardo works from time to time with Dudley, helping him with his cultivations. Dudley does not pay his nephew with money - he gives him food and from time to time a gift of money - when the tomatoes delivered to the factory are paid. But he lives and feeds in Dudley's mother's home. "Him live ~~xxxx~~ in my mother's home, and him feed in my mother home, but I have ~~help~~ to help with that part too."

Ellen's work in the factory.
Ricardo's work in the factory.

"My sister work for himself - she work at the factory to earn for herself. ~~and~~ And Ricardo work in the factory for himself. Day after day they work. My sister earning 2/- per day - quite poor, but it is. And Ricardo earning 3/- per day."

"She work under the shed - separating the bad tomatoes from the good one and picking for the cannery fruit. Ricardo work in the packing house - moving the box as the girls wrap it."

"They start from the crop start. In January. They work everyday. Some day they miss - mostly Sunday day, and some Sunday they work."

Elleen's ~~first~~ life history.
The first man she was along. First child.

Dudley is not quite sure what is his sister's age. He gave it 28 or so. /in the C. she is 32 in 1942/.

Elleen's first child was Ricardo, whom she born for Felix Nemhardt. "Ricardo - the elder - is Nemhardt. His father is Felix Nemhardt. Him is alive, but he not in Bull Savannah. He is away in Vere. Him work at the estate. He is from Comma Pen. Long ago since he leave - when Ricardo was a small little boy. Once he pay visit to Bull Savannah - it was long ago. Him sent the little for the boy, but not much. I was the whole supporter - yes, sir."

Next man. Next child.

Herbert's father is "Lugal Simpson - in Shaddock Hill." ~~xxxxxx~~ They parted. The child stayed with the mother. "He is along with another ~~xxxx~~ girl - Maud Lewis. She is Kermit Lewis sister. He making his house right now, but he didn't finish it. Living right in Maud's house. Him help the child. The boy can go to any of his garden and have something. Anything him like, him can go and pick something."

Visit at home. Interv. Ellen Simpson.
21.6.48.
T.O.

Present household :

Simpson	Ellen	head	F.S. ³² /4.4.	Bull. Sav.	R.W. higgler
"	Ricardo	son	M.S. 17	U	odd jobs
"	Herbert	son	M.S. 14		at school

I came to her house just a few minutes after Ellen came from Alligator Pond with a headload of fish. She sold some to neighbour's children who came to buy it. Then she went to the kitchen and started to make fire to prepare supper.

Her mother Alma Simpson died a month ago and Ellen is living now alone with her two sons. He showed me her house. It is a small one-room house. There she sleeps with her younger son Herbert. There is opposite another one-room house. There her elder son Ricardo sleeps with his cousin (Enoch's son) Eudley.

For Ellen's parents etc. see Fam. Rec. of her brothers: 6 & 62.

Ellen has four sons: the two who stay with her are for Eucal Simpson. He doesn't help Ricardo "since him big", helps a little Herbert, but not much. Her youngest son is Headley Sinclair. He stays with his father James Sinclair in Ribbit Town. Headley is about 8 years old. She has another son Ashburn Nembhard. This was for Felix Nembhard. The boy stayed with the father but "his father didn't care him nice" so "a gentleman took him and he stays with him in Clarendon." Ashburn is about 15.

Ellen says Ricardo is lazy and runs about and doesn't help her much. We were in the tiny kitchen made (roof-and walls) of thatch. He showed me a low bench made of sticks and said that was the place where her mother used to sit. She always put something soft to sit on. Her own son Herbert and about half a dozen of her brother's children came to listen to our conversation. I couldn't get rid of them. About her love affairs Ellen just said "Foolishness" and "It's the woman who has the hard end". She stayed for a time with James Sinclair in Ribbit Town. I don't know why they parted.

All the time we were talking she would send her brother's children to do for her some little errand. A small girl Joyce was sent to the shop, Icyline to bring a bucket of water from the tank, Sadley to bring some wood. "We live together" she explained to me and the three households: Ellen's, Enoch's and Eudley's are really in one yard. The three households form like a triangle: at the top ~~the house of Enoch's~~ are the two small houses of Ellen and her kitchen. He explained that the house she lives in was really built by Dudley. But ~~xxx~~ since his brother Burnel died Dudley "succeed to his house" and this one was left for the mother and sister. The other small house where her

son sleeps was built by her mother after the old house collapsed. At one end is the house and kitchen which belong to Enoch, and at the other lower end the house and kitchen of Dudley. In the middle of the triangle is a catchment and tank which is used by Dudley and Ellen. Enoch has his own tank. The 9 children of Enoch, 4 of Dudley and her own 2 boys are "all about the place". They treat each home as their own and render little services to their resp. uncles and aunts.

Ellen is a small thin woman. She is very poorly dressed. She is quick and tense. Although she was very friendly and answered - rather short - "all the questions, she seemed preoccupied with some troubles. "I have plenty worries" she said. Her brother Enoch came and ~~itxiavkeivf~~
~~wantxyetxanyxwarsvperzaukxx~~ I went with him.

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Information from ~~Richard Simpson~~ Leo Johnson.
 Interv. Ellen Simpson.
 15.6.48.
 J.O. 30.8.48.

Simpson Ellen, 28.
 ,, Richard, son, 17.
 ,, Herbert, son, 13.
 Nembhard Osburn, son, 15.
 Sinclair Hedley, son, 9.

Simpson Ellen: daughter of Lionel and Alma Simpson. See F.R.4.
Richard and Herbert Simpsons are sons of Lucal Simpson in Shaddock Hill.
Nembhard Osburn is son of ~~Helix~~ Nembhard living in Clarendon.
Sinclair Hedley is son of James Sinclair in Ribbit Town.

House: two houses, each one single rooms, 2 beds, 3 tables, 3 chairs. Water supplied from the brother's tank.
 Land: 1,5 ac. at home, inherited from the mother. ~~xxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxxx~~ Trees: 4 ackees, 6 comm. mangoes, 5 coconuts. 40 big thatches. ~~xxxxxx~~
 Cultivations: on share with Dalsen Sinclair from Ribbit Town. Tomatoes 2500. ~~xxx~~ Cassava and other crops "enough for home use."
 2 goats, 1 pig.
 Ellen works at the factory in the season. Earns 14/- weekly.
 Exp.: weekly 12/-. Clothes last year: ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ L9.
 Health: L9. Balm: L2. Educat. of children: 15/-.
 In school: Herbert /6th/, Osburn /4th/, Hedley /1st/. No religio
 Ellen is "speculating" on fish from Alligator Pond.
 Richard - "cultivating".