C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 9.

Simpson Caletus Head M.S.27. St.El. Col. Angl. Ill. Farmer.

Simpson Caletus' farm 1942.

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He occupies this farm for 5 years as owner. The land is in 1 parcel - 2 acres. Main source of income tomatoes. **Execution** Employed labour for 3 weeks on 1942, 2 laboureres per week. Worked 52 weeks, 5 days per week, 7 hours per day.

1,25 ac. is in cultivation. 3/4 ac. in grass.

All in guinea grass.

Value of his farm: L30, value of buildings L20.

No mortgage.

Cultivations: 2/10 ac. tomatoes - 1000 lbs.

1 mangoe - 73 doz. 3/10 ac. congo - 2 bushels.

5/10 ac. cassava - 700 lbs. 2/10 ac. potatoes - 200 lbs

3/10 ac. yams - 500 lbs.

Stock: 1 swine, 1 hen.

Interveiw with Caletus Simpson. 4.3.48.

Visit of Caletus Simpson.

Caletus Simpson paid us a visit. He tried to do it a few weeks ago, but sem I took him at that time for a beggar and dimissed him with a sixpence. He left the place rolling the coin in his crippled hand.

He did not feel offended however and EZMEXIEUXX realised that it was misunderstanding. HEXESMEXIEXX REXXES So he came to-day and found the reception he expected.

Blind man.

Caletus Simpson is known in the district as "the blind man." He lost sight when known still ixnx in his childhood and his hand was crippled. He is a butcher - maximi and with thehelp of some neighbours carries his trade quite successfully. He came to us to give his life-story, since he knew we were interested in him.

His occupations and his ambitions

How things are going, Mr. Simpson? XXXXXXXXX "thank you - it could be worse. I tried to do my best, to do for myself so that other people were not worried. People who loose them sight - they depend on other. I do for myself. I try every line - I kill goats I kill pig, and to morpow have a nice cow to kill.

His earnings are not so big as one could expecte "It comes so dear. Everybody says: not a bad business." But if he makes his profit it is only because he tax knows his trade. "When I buy something, it come to be right." He knows the wieght of the animal he buys and he wins all the bets when people question his estimate and at the pur hase of an animal. "I win them, everyone who bet me, I win him." After the animal is slaughtered and the meat weighed, his estimate proves always to be right.

His family history.

He is related both to Powells in Bottom Bull Savannah and to Simpsons in Shadock Hill. His mother, Miss Rosa, is daughter of old George Powell, who comes to be his grandfather. His father was Frederic Simpson, brother of Robert Simpson, andx William, Salomon and David.

His mother never lived with Frederic Simpson, only for a short tixhis father, in the same home. She stayed with her grandparents, Powells. She had three children by Frederic Simpson: Willie /the girl/, Albert and him, Caletus. Caletus was the youngest.

His father, Antainax impson Frederic Simpson, left his mother soon after htax Caletus was born. He was born in George Powell's house and spent his childhood and youth in his grandparents home.

"My father - he was water police on Kingston. He marry to another woman and he never turn back, never give anything. My father come from right here too - born Shadock Hill. After he move to Savannah la Mar, she have to come home. She stay with my grandfather, George Powell." His father in his career as policeman was moved from one phace to another: from Savannah la Mar to Montego Bay, then to Lucea and finally to Kingston, wherexhexhezamexwaterxpoli He was water police man all his life. He married another woman when he was in Lucea. When ge was transferred to Kingston his married wife stayed in Lucea, his unamrried in Bull Savannah, and he had still another "Sweetheart" in Kingston. So his married wife was fooled by him: "she wasHe Repally hembandersohherfsthebelfs.father never cared for his children and after he left his mother he had little opportunity to xee meet him. "I scarcely know him. Meeting him only twice in my life - and he never look at me."

His father.

time.

Death of his father and history of the patrimony.

His father had a piece of land which he got from his father, old Augustus Simpson. /see Fam.Rec. 39/. Wix Augustus Simpson muned divided his land in unequal portions and Frederic Simpson got only 2 acres, less than his brothers. This land was regarded by Frederic's progeny as their prospective patrimony and at axtimextherexwaxx at a time steps were taken to assure to them possession of this land. Wixxbra His father came here to arrange for thex this and later on Albert Simpson, Caletus brother, was sent to Kingston to get the "paper for the land." He went on a big cance from lligator Pond, but before he reached Kingston a telegram came from his sister, who at that time lived in the city, that Frederic Simpson died.

He died suddenly, unexpectedly to his lawful wife. His family in Bull Savannah went to the funeral in Kingston: "we were very sorry and in sympathy." But before they reached the place, all possessions of his father - "all furniture, and piano, all things" - everything was "taken by his sweetheart." His lawful wife taxkingxkonkenkingxxxxxkon from Lucea got nothing. "When the wife come, she found anything."

Sudden Make death of their father deprived them also of their prospective patrimony, which at that time was cultivated by them. Everything was robbed by two of his father's brothers and his uncles: William and Salomon Raker Simpson. "Them take the cassada and take the land. Lawful children got it. Through he did not make his will. It was not Robert Simpson that robbed the land. William and Salomon rob it and sale it to David Simpson /another brother/. The brother robber him - we have any paper, them take it."

So they were left without any property and without any support. Their mother looked after them, carrying a trade in small stock: she was buying pigs and goats, feeding them and selling in Kingston. She went frequently by a boat "cotton tree" with her stock to Kingston with to sell it on the Kingston market and earn money. She was a regular higgler.

His childhood.

He spent his childhood in his grandfather's home. **Ream He wassent to school but his schooling ended when he was 10 through an accident in which he lost his sight and lost two fingers at his right hand.

"I was going to school. When going to school I found a piece of dynamite." It was left on the road by workers who worked on the road. "I pick it up and put an my pocket." After he came back home, he went to kitchen and manipulated with the dynamite, using his pencil to piece it through. The explosion which followed burnt his eyes and tore off his fingers. He was carried to the hospital in Black River, where he stayed for sev veral months before his wounds were healed. He left the hospital blind and crippled: "two finger go and my eyes."

"I never got any recompense. At those days people afraid of law." His tutors mentakenthenkhanthenkan

So he stayed with his family and instead of going to scholl started practice small stock

raising and batharing butchering.

As soon as he was able to move "I start to butcher goats. From goat to pig, from pig to a cow. The factory startmax to operate" - and this offered better possibilities for his trade. "And that's the way it was going" until he was able to accumulate enoug means to buy land, build his own house, open his own shop and enoter upon his career of the village butcher.

"And that's the way it was going. What I earn,
I store it and turn it. I build my own knatch tank,
Exhatin I get my little place, I build my house."

He "cant see anything". But since "I cultivate my brains", he is quite prosperous in his trade.

His life career. History of his property. He is now 32 years old. Since he started his trade still as a child, he was able to put some money aside to make himself independent. 9 years ago he built his "living house" on the land which was offered him /but not given/ by his granfather. The cost of the house was L25 and all material and work was paid by him. 4 years ago he bought the land, on which his house was built, from his grandfather. "The land - I buy from my grandfather. He sell me 2 acres for L20. He sell me reasonable, because I was very good to him. That's all." Now the price of this land would be at least L100 per acre.

After the land passed into his hands he built a tank - "tank cost me Ll4.15." One year ago he built his "little shop", which cost him L.14. In the meantime he also built an oven max in his yard. The oven was built by Sam Powell. **Exta I did not ask him for the **primark** cost of this insvestment.

All his investments had to be constructed by employed labourers. He was not able to participate in this work. "I have to pay we everything. Dig it and do everything."

History of his trade and his occupations.

He started km his trade of a butcher in partnershi ship with Isaac Johnson, who owned a shop at Thatch Walk road. He delivered meat to Johnson's shop and they shared the profits. The licence was in Johnson's name. But now Johnson leaves the business - he will never return to it again. So he built his own shop on his premises where he will sell meat and he is going to apply for a licence in his won name. He will hankknamentally were the business by himself.

He is helped in his trade and his work by friends and neighbours. Especiallyold Hubert Moses Elliott he is now realtion to him- frequently helps him at buying ax beef cows for slaughter. He dose not pay anything to Hubert Moses Elliot. "When him help me to cut the beef, I give him a piece of meat for his own use.

Isaac Elliott, son of Moses Hubert, cooperates with him on a different principle. Waxiaxkiaxpartner He works his land and they share the restit profit in half. Isaac Elliott is his partner also in operating the bakery. He runs the oven and all the work connected with it. "When we can get the flour, we bake bammies and share the profit." The oven is however exclusive property of Caletus Simpson. "The oven it is my own.

Isaac Elliott's partnership does not extend howeve over the butchery, so Isaac gets some gifts of meat from Simpson. "I always give him a piece of meat."

The neighbours help is not regular - it happens "now and again." Moses Hubert Elliott is particularly helpful to him: "Hubert Moses Elliott - we live good the through him so sorry for me, he help me all the time. You find no better man to that - him have good mind. You cant ask him favour and him dont grant."

He relies on his neighbours networkxinxthexhxx also in other aspects of his trade. When he slaughters the cow and sells the meat, he never takes money ahead. He trusts people and makes as was - his neighbours. "I cut the cow, your sell, you dont take money - you trust the member district people. You dont pay this week, the one you bill it. It is two week you pay. Some of them pay everyweek, some of them every two weeks. Every thursday you pick up the money."
That's why every Thursday he goes all over the

district from house to house to collect money.

He is much satisfied with his life. He knows of his virtues, and attributes his success to God's baessings. "Everybody who come to the district, him have to admire me. When God is fear, everything go

right. Once people advised him to go to Kingston and to try better luck in the city. "I go to Kingston and spend a week in Kingston with my cousins. I could not stay, I could not stand this confinement. If you take me from here and you confine me - no place for me. In the district I can stay and move around. Through I know the place, every path, I know the people. If you confine me, you kill me.

"When Uncle Moses help me. what really happens, squire, when him help me to kill the pig, I give him bit of meat for his own use. He dont charge me.7

> to work my honest life.

His wife. His children. Women he was ren.

He married one year ago. His wife is Miss Nora Ellington: "she come from Rose Hall." Ha She is about 25 years old. They have no children so far, but his wife has one child 4 years old which wake from enother His outside child- father and he has - at his home - 8 years old boy "She have one before I marry by a different woman. her. And I have two - two outside children - before I marry her. One stay with us and her chidl stay with us." Another outside child of Caletus Simpson is 7 years old; he stays with his mother in Ballardss Valley His man account of his outside children:

"One is Ballard's Valley and one is very near -

Berdie Rochester her his mother."

Berdie Rochester was the first woman he was along with. The His first boy was by her. He owned the boy but did not marry Berdie. He preferred to marry another girl. Not every girl is good. taxbxxxx Majority of girls "them dont think of to-morrow: mash up to-day and to-morrow you die." So he was careful with picking up his wife. He is very much satisfied with his girlyx wife. She helps him considerably. "I dont need to find one thing - stock, shop - she help me. She go to the packing house, sell ginger beer at the gate, we make good life anyhow."

He parted from Berdie Rochester have because he could not managexwithxherxibexisfs agree with her on this paints. On similar grounds he did not stay with his next sweetheart, Edna Ebanks from Ballard's

Valley. "Something, something come between."
Edna Ebanks has also other children: "she have 3 more from different father." He wanted to take his boy to his home, but Edna did not agree. Anyhow the boy is frequent visitor to his max father's home.

"Every Friday him come and every Sunday. Until the evening - sometime he sleep next day. The mother so love him - Ixhangadxka I beg her twice to give him me, but she wax refuse. May be she will give him later. She refuse to give him, through I treat her so good. I support her - that's why she dont want to give him to me and I cant kill her for that.

When the boy comes to stay with his father, the mother does not accompany him. "The boy alone come. At Christmas he stay with mother - he is along with mother all the time."

"Mother is so poor - she support her family from the child to help themselves. It cost me more, but if you dont When the little boy come, the little sister come sometime with him. She stay with us. Sometime I give 5/-, sometime 3/-, and some food along with that and sometime meat. The little sister - Ada-ssa Elliott - she is bigger. Lindon Elliott her father from Ballard's Valley."

Mother and son.

His household is constituted now of four people: himself, his wife and their respective children: his boy by Berdie Rochester and his wife's boy br a man she was along with begore the he married her. These are not the only people who he supports. He supports also Edna Ebanks and her children, including his own son by her. This boy is a temporary member of his household, payin regular weekly visits to his father and carrying with him when he goes home gifts of money and food.

He also supports his mather own mother, Miss Rosa Powell. His mother lives in a separate house, close to his place. XXXXXXXXXXX "My house, my mother house two houses adjoining the line. Two different houses. But I must help her all the same. Two of us, me and my brother Albert, two of us support her. Clothes and so on." "If I kill the cow to-morrow, my mother must get as my wife - the same share. If I go to Kingston, I beg to buy to dress for my wife, I must buy for my mother too. If km I buy shoes, I must buy one pair for her too." "Christmas - I must give her liquor."

His mother sacrificed a lot to keep her children when their father kaft deserted them and everything was left to her. "Poor mother had to speculate, She went on cotton tree - with sail - to Kingston, sell sheep, goat. She buy animals, to feed the pig, carry to Kingston and sell. She look after us all the time.

Now we have to look after her."

One of the reasons why he refused to go and try his luck in Kingston was that he wanted to stay with his mother to be able to look after her. On the same grounds he does not plan to go to America, where he could earn much more money. "I just do what I have to do. I stay to burry my mother when she is dead and to look after her when she alive. I love my mother. I am so affectionmate for my mother. I'll say to everyman: look what your mother can do for you when you born and what she can do for you to bring you up. I just feel to mysief myself: If I then xmx xms ther leave my mother, If I am away, she is left without food for feed, water to drink - zhazizzitzanahodzzkilizharzxxx if I am away, verybody can kill her."

His wife trade.

His wife erans also some money from trade. She Trade at the factory does not work in the factory as other women do. She sell ginger beer and aereeted water "right at the gate of the factory." She sells very day her stock to the customers. Her customers are people who work at the factory: truck-men, labourers from other districts and people from Bull Savannah. She does take money from mample her customers, but writes their names and amount they owe her in a book. Money is collected on Fridays, when the workers are paid their wages. "She collect Friday - him start to pay in at 12 - until night. She go and carry the book and them pay her." The In general people do not refuse to pay their debts Very few exceptions. "Some dofiger /?/ all the same and some pay. Plenty of them - them pay. But Mr.

Hastings told them that anybody that dont my pay him

send to the officer and them stop his pay.

Some of her customers are from Bull Savannah, som from Ballard's Valley, from Comma Pen, Southfield and Rose Hall. The best customers are from Bull Savannah. "Bull Savannah boys and girsl - the best customers.

Master Sinclair, Aldith Maud, Isaac Powell /other

names were mentionned too/ - the best customers. Them is from the district. Them pay her. But the outside hax boys man them rob in her a lot. Everywhere so - everywhere. Even in the beef line - some rob you and some pay."

His relatives in Bull Savannah.

Win He has many relatives in Bull Savannah; chiefly Simpsons and Powells. But he regards Powells as his closer family. "My family - more Powell family than Simpson family."

His brother Albert Simpson. History of his land possessions.

His Akhe brother Albert Simpson lives in Overroad. He has a lot of land and is quite ar a prosperous man. He also started from nothin - like Caletus. But "he go to Cuba and him buy the land."

1/2 acre he got from his grandfather George Powell. "George Powell give 1/2 acre - him have 1/2 acre line to me." He bought wixexxx after he came from Cuba 9 acres from David Powell, who got this land from Martha Petkins, old blind woman, who was lived close to Powell family and was supported by Powells at her old age. Then he bought next 9 acres from at Duff House . Tandxx And again 5 acres at "Rowneat" - below the factory, in Woodland.

At the time of his land acquisitions "at that time land cheap - 30 - 40 shillings an acre. Now you pay 30 - 40 punds pounds and you cant get it.

The only trouble with Albert is that he is ill with rheumatism. "He go to Cuba, got reumatism, he bent quite down."

Laletus Simpson's

Simpson got blind when he was 10 years old. Once he was going to school and found a dynamite Thousank blindness stick. He picked it and put it into his pocket. The next day he was sitting in the kitchen z while his moth mother was cooking. "e took the dynam te stick from his pocket and wanted to get the top off. "Boom - and my face in blood and two fingers gone - I lost my eyes." He was taken to the hospital and kept there for 4 months - but he did not reveer his sight. "From the government - not a single penny" Waxx "impson thinks that were it now, he would get something from his government. Much later he went to the lawers but they told him it was too late. "owever "the government" wan ted to put him to the school for blind in Kingston. But his mother didnt want. She had "only three of us" and she didnt want to part with the boy. As for simpson himself "I dont like confinment - its the same to kill me." He would feel very unhappy confined in the school for blind.

Caletus Simpson illness.

What troubles Mr. Simpson now is his throat. Apparently he has a stone in the gland". r. Simpson is going to be X rayed to see whether there is a stone there. Itxvitxbuguaxx He cant smoke, he cant drink - it irritates his throat. He could drink a bottle of rum and wouldn't be drunk, but afterwards he wouldnt be able to sleep for the whole night - the throat hurts him like fire. It all begun since his tonsils were taken out in Black River Hospital, After the operation it hurt him so that he crawled on the floor and blood was coming from his throat. Thuxnv Nykextmukvmukx He went to the hospital and

Dr. Johnson said: "Jesus Christ you have to take them out. He took out my tonsils. I cry I bal /?/ creeping on the floor - them sisters beat me and put to bed. I found a cup of milk I drink and I jump/from pain/"

"From four years ago as I earn a little money - every year I take it again I move to Black River."

He spent a lot of money on his illness. "At cost 148/5/- I could go home bring the book to show you m ssis. L48:5/- gone and I am still

suffering." The best doctor for throat according to impson is Dr. "cbin who is at present in the Spalding hospital." e is a amaican. e went twice to U.S.A. to study. He came back and practices in padling.

"He work at spalding hospital - now they want to move him - them white people beg not to move him - so good a doctor."

This doctor told him: "Blind man take my advice do not cut tonsils - tonsils are supposed to die by medecine." "No man business in your throat." Doctor Robin is very clever.

"Bull frog him catch it and operate on them and him stitch him it and let them go and put him back in a cage and feed him."

" Him paint it /the throat/ and it perish away and him give medecine to gargle. Any time he painted and give medecine gargle and it perish."
"Him is a class him know about throat."

axanthaxafxi " I am begging you as a favour, you know more you are educated Doctor Robin he can tell you" /meaning I should ask Dr. "obin advice for my sore sore throat./

Although I am educated I should never theless seek r. "obin's advice because:

" A child of 15 may tell you things you don't know. Thats the way knowledge increase." Dr. Robin is well known. Every time peo-

ple gather in the Blliotts rum-shop:

"Every time them start drink beer them talk of Dr. Robin"

Also the old Margaret Mac - an old lady of 96 couldn't see - she had to walk with a stick and one of her granny had to ledd her. And after his treatement she can walk by herself and says she can see like a 30 years old woman.

Visit at home, of Caletus Simpson 23.7.48.

The blind man" an unfriendly dog barked at me. I am not afraid of dogs but was taken aback when Caletus jum ped out of the kitchen waving his machette to suppress the dog's best intentions. I said good evening and Caletus became all smiles. We went to the kitchen. To was having his dinner after a day's work of selling meat. Friday is the day of the week-when he kills with his partners the cow and sells the meat. His wife was in his grandfather's (George Powell) yard of which Caltus' yard forms really a part.

House and shop

His house has two rooms. In one there is a kitchen Usually kitchens in Bull Savannah are in a separate bui ding. He invited me to go to the room. I admired the ease with which he moved. The room is rather poorly furnished. There is one big bed, one small kind of home made wooden couch on which the son sleeps (stepson) a table and a few chairs. Caletus is proud of his house and explained how it was built etc.

About ten yards from the house is his shop and oven. This was built recently about 2 years ago. Facing the road is the shop a small building with a concrete roof which again is unusual here. Behind the shop under the same roof is the big oven.

// after

The household of Caletus seems to change constantly During a previous interview he told there are two children living in his house: his own son with Birdie Rochester and his wife's son. However of investigations I am rather inclined to think he hasn't got a son with Birdie Rochester at all. It can't be ascertained definitely as Birdie Rochester has so many children with so many men that she herself lost count of it. It is possible th child is attributed according to circumstances to two men.

Anyhow the present household consitutes of:

Simpson Caletus head 31 Norah wife 25 Myers Eucal step-son 4

I met his wife a few times in George Powell's yard. She is a good looking young girl.

my life. Always busy and in good humour, laugh readily and is very proud of his economic achievements which even for a man without his handicap would be quite ax preciable.

B.S.P. Simpson Caletus. 3. 12.6.48. Information from Leo Powell North Simpson, Caletus Simpson. J.O. 10.7.48.

Present household.

Simpson Caletus, head, m.31.2 outs.B.S.P.No rel. 1. Butcher.
Simpson Norah, wife, m.25.2.2. Rose H.6 m.No rel. kitx 6. Don
Myers Eucal, son to Nor. 4. ,, nor rel. -

Family history.

Homestead.

Their There are two buildings in their yard: living house and with bakery oven /under the same roof/ and a kitchen. The living house consists of two rooms. Furniture is poor 1 bed, 1 table, 2 chairs. **Maxroomxisxeeeupisdxbx** They occupy 1 room together. There is also a kitchen, 1 water tank. Water supply sufficient. They have also one shop.

Land, farm, other occupations.

Caletus Simpson owns 2 acre of land. It is homeland a around the house. He bought this piece of land from his grandfather, through mother, George Powell. Paid L.5.

Only 1 common mangoe tree is nearby.

He planted this xeesson last season 1300 tomatoes, got L.10.
He planted this xeesson last season 1300 tomatoes, got L.10.
Has 50 yam hills /yellow yam/, 1/4 acre under gungoo peas,
B bags stored this year. 1/4 acre is under red peas. Food
is produced only for own consumption.
Keep 1 pig.

Cost ofof living, expenditure, savings.

They spend 30/- weekly for food and cleaning. L.20 were spend last year on clothes and L.14 on doctor. Be saved last year L.60 "buying cattle to butcher." L.30 of these money are kept at home.

Religion

Beletus Simpson belongs to Jehowah Witness.