

Visit at home. Interv. Etheline Powell.
4.7.48.
T.O.

Hearing voices I walked into the house and found a Jehovah Witness Lesson in progress. I was invited to join them and stayed there for some time. Afterwards I met the wife at a neighbour's house and interviewed her.

Present household:

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| head | Powell Cornelious M. 35 | fisherman and cultivator |
| wife | " Etheline M. 25 (?) | homemaker |
| son | " Charles S. 15 | helps father |
| dau | " Etheline S. 11 | at school |
| ad son | Mackay Vincent S. 9 | " |

A Jehovah Witness Lesson. It is for the first time I was witnessing the "House to house Bible study." The little room was packed with furniture: one big bed, two tables, some trunks and chairs.

In the room present were: James Powell who came to preach the doctrine. He was sitting at the smaller table turning his back to the rest but facing Cornelious Powell who was sitting at the side of the table. A woman in a ~~Su~~ Sunday hat on and eyeglasses was sitting on a chair with a young girl standing next to her. A young man with his hat on was sitting on the bed, and another one about 18 yrs old was kneeling. He had an open Bible open in front of him on the bed, and was ~~looking at~~ searching for the Chapters and Paragraphs/which James Powell was giving him the numbers after each sentence he would read in his book.

The main subject of the lesson - during the time I stayed there - was to explain that when reference is made in the Bible to the "earth" it means also the people who live on it and not only "the inanimate globe". For instance there is a sentence ~~XXXXXX~~ something to the effect that the earth was singing. James Powell explained that the earth couldn't sing, and the Lord really meant that the people inhabiting the earth were singing. Cornelious Powell was nodding to the arguments which James Powell seemed to tell to him in particular. The lady in eyeglasses was nodding to the fact and the young boy kneeling at the bed was finding with astonishing skill the appropriate chapters. It occurred to me that they could master wonderfully a lot of law for instance had they devoted so much time and zeal to it. Only the preacher James Powell and his young helper seemed to be interested, the others showed rather a polite attention. I learned afterwards that Cornelious was Bible Church of God.

James

I stayed about 15 minutes but as the same subject was going on and didn't seem to be exhausted I said good bye. James Powell invited me to join his Lessons next week, for which I thanked him.

The house. It is a two-room house thatched. The kitchen is in a separate building. This house Cornelious rents from his brother Ernest Powell, the tailor.

Fishing.

On the grass ~~xxxx~~ between the house and the kitchen were new bamboo fish-pots. ~~and~~ two finished in the shape of a horn of plenty and some not yet ~~xxxx~~ bent into shape. The main occupation of Cornelious is fishing. He has a boat and employs fishermen. He has 7 fish-pots and goes fishing twice a week. Etheline didn't know - or didn't want to tell - what profit he makes.

Cultivations.

Cornelious has no land of his own. His father Charles Powell "has plenty of land". Cornelious ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ gets "share" of some crops, but Etheline couldn't explain on what basis. He planted for himself 3000 tress of tomatoes. They have their own yams, cassava and sweet potatoes.

Cornelious Powell is the outside son of Charles Powell and Maud Roye. Cornelious was owned by his father and brought up in his home. Charles Powell had with his lawfull wife Rebecca: Nicola who is married to Joshua Rochester the biggest tobacco dealer in Bull Savannah; Violette who is married to Euston Simpson son of Francella Simpson the grandy; Ivy married to Charles Roy; Ernest Powell the tailor; Menacal still living in the old home with parents and Euston Powell who lives near Cornelious and is a fisherman too. The father Charles Powell used to be in his younger days a fisherman also, but he gave it up as it is "too worrysome". (This information was supplied by old Aaron Rochester who was present at the interview with Etheline which took place in Eglon Rochester's kitchen). "We were fishoning together" said Aaron. Charles has ~~xxx~~ with his wife still two children more who emigrated long ago to Cuba.

On his mother's side (Maud Roye) Cornelious has 4 half brothers: Charles, Claston and Isaac Roye live in Bull Savannah and Herbert is in America.

Aaron Rochester and Eglon Rochester were much better acquainted with the family history of Cornelious than his wife.

Etheline Powell is from Tryall. She is great friends with Eglon's wife who is also from Tryall. Etheline had with Cornelious their son Charles before they

were married. The son was 2 years old when they married. Cornelious and Et eline lived in Tryall for many years. They moved to Bull-Savannah only less than three years ago.

Etheline is the daughter of Percival and Lettice Banton who live in Tryall. Her two sisters and one brother live also in Tryall.

How it is possible that Etheline who says she is 25 has a son of 15 I don't know. However she insists that she is 25, may be it was her age six years ago at the time of the last census.

Their two children Charles and Etheline live with them. The boy Vincent Mackay is the son of Ethelines sister Imogene.

Information from Leo Powell.
 Interv. Cornelius and Ethline Powell.
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Powell Cornelius, 35.
 Powell Ethline, wife, 25.
 Powell Charles, son, 15.
 Powell Cathline, dau., 11.
 McKay Vincent, ad. son, 9.

Powell Cornelius: son of Charles Powell and Maud Roye.
 He was an outside child, was brought in the father's home.
 His halfsiblings by father: Ernest Powell, B.S., Minocal
 Powell, T.B.S., Euston Powell, B.S., Ivy Roye, B.S.,
 Violet Simpson, Nicola Rochester. By mother: Charles
 Roye, ~~Clark~~ B.S., Claston Roye, T.B.S., Herbert Roye,
 U.S.A., Isaac Roye, T.B.S.

Ethline Powell: daughter of P. Banton and Latty Banton.
 She and her family is from Tryall. Married in 1935.
 They have two childre, both with them. No outside children
 No inform. about their adopted son McKay Vincent.

House: rented from Ernest Powell, his half brother. 2 rooms
 No tank. Furn.: 2 beds, 4 chairs.

Owens no land, works land which belongs to his father and
 brother /Ernest Powell/. Give 1/2 of the crop to his
 brother, nothing to the father.

Cult. 3000 tomatoes, £ 65 or £6.5.0 /?/. 25 yam hills.

1 ac. cassava. 1/4 ac. sw. potatoes.

1 pig.

Cornelius is fusheramm.:, owns 1 canoe. 7 pots, does fishing
 on his own account, twice weekly.

Weekly expences: 15/-. On clothes £15 last year; £10 on
 doctor; £3 on education. In school: Cathline and
 Vincent.

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