

C.D. 22. Sbd. 13. Household 42.

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to be included here)

Hanson Florence	Head	F.S.61.6.3.	St.El.	Black.	JehWitn.	W.l.	Farmer
Mullings Stevell	GrSon	M.S.10.	"	"	"	W.l.	IE.
Rochester Dennis	GrSon	M.S. 3.	"	Col.	"		

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Her farm 1942.

Sch.3 - u der 1 acre.

Stock: 1 goat.

Value of g.prod. - 12.

1 ackee - 12 doz. 1 orange. 6 mangoes - 200 doz

2 1/4 acres sup. 13

Wednesday.
10.3.48.
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Interviewed Rosella Lindsay.

Rosella Lindsay's home.

Rosella Lindsay shares house with her niece Linette Miller. at Thatch Walk. Rosella appears to be very weak and distressed. She works at Isaac Johnson, picking congo peas and sometimes weeding "a little grass."

Her family history.

Rosella was born at Rose Hall. Her mother was Mary Johnson and her father William Anson. Her parents did not marry, because William, her father, went to another woman. She was brought in her mother's parents' home. Her grandmother, Ruthie Johnson, and her grandfather Charley Johnson said they could manage Rosella, for they were not poor. They had 62 acres of land, extending in Rose Hall from Berlin to Melsom. The land was bought by her grandfather Charley Johnson, but she does not know from whom.

✓ from Tad Tom

When her mother died, Rosella went to live with her aunt Margaret Johnson ~~/Isaac Johnson's wife/~~ mother/ in Bull Savannah.

School.

Rosella went to school only "for a little time." "You dont know disobedient children . She went only as far as Primer. As she got the book and started to learn "one pickney tear the book". Then Rosella took her slate frame and hit "the pickney". Teacher flogged Rosella until her hand "bladder" /blister/ and Rosella did not go back to school.

Her family career.

Rosella left ~~xxx~~ her aunt's home at a period of her life , but she could not remember ~~xxxx~~ what year. She went to Warsop, where she married David ~~xx~~ Gayle. She stayed in Warsop also after David Gayle's death and had a child for a Copeland. Her sons' name is Egbert Copeland.

First husband.
First child.
/in Warsop/.

In Tile Ant Hill.
Second husband.

Later on she went to live at Christiana, at a district called Tile Ant Hill. She was married there to a Lindsay, whose Christian she has forgotten /?/. She has a daughter ~~xxxx~~ for him, Hilda Lindsay. ~~The~~ Her daughter married and her name tp-day is Hilda Stephen.

Accident and illness.

Rosella lived at Tule Ant Hill for a good while. One day her sister Florence Miller who was living in Bull Savannah sent a letter to call her for some urgent business. Rosella got ready and came down. When she arrived her sister denied of having had written a letter to her. But ~~xxxxxxxx~~ she knew from other people that the letter was written and sent by her. Finally she admitted of having written the letter, not however at Bull Savannah, but at Junction.

Rosella went back and on her return she met with an accident. She got a fall off the truck. She was picked up by alady and taken ~~to~~ to her yard. The lady sent

for Rosella's daughter, Hilda Stephen, and when her daughter arrived she was taken to the hospital. She stayed in the hospital for 3 weeks. Doctor timed her saying she has a "poorly" chance to live. Three days later he ~~said~~ said to nurse that she will live. When she left hospital she was led all the way by the hand to Tile Ant Hill.

Husband's illness.
Living husband's home.

Before she was quite well, her husband got a stroke. At the same time her eyes got bad. She went to Minister Harriot, her parson. ~~and~~ informed him of her and of her husband's sickness and told him that she is going to stay with her sister in Bull Savannah. Minister saw nothing wrong in it and said that Rosella should let her family take care of her, while her husband's family can take care of him.

Husband's death and quarrel with his nephew over the land.

While staying in Bull Savannah she heard that her husband got worse. She went up to look for him. On the way she heard that he was "poorly". She took the bus at Junction and reached the place. Her husband died in the night, so Rosella set about to look after the funeral.

She was helped by her husband's relatives. One of her husband's brothers gave three pieces of board to help with the coffin, another brother gave one piece, and her son in law gave one piece too. One of her husband's nephews asked her how she was going to bury her husband? Rosella answered: "have you ever heard of a place where a man or woman die and never burried?" The nephew's name was Urel. ~~Rosella's nephew's name was Urel.~~ He offered to take up the responsibility of the funeral as to be entitled to claim the land left by her late husband. But she ordered him to "go out of ~~the~~ her yard."

a She was helped with the box and the funeral by Hubert Stephen, Lewis Morris, ~~and~~ who were carpenters, and few others. They did not charge Rosella; ~~they~~ they said that her husband was a very useful man in the district.

After the funeral Urel claimed that he was caring Rosella's husband for two years and wrote up a letter to the Governement for funeral expences. Rosella got the letter. She took it to Post Mistress and Post Mistress advised her to go to the Minister. When Minister opened the letter, he asked who burried her husband. ~~When~~ When Rosella told the Minister about the funeral, the Minister said: "Urel perhaps would like to go to ~~prison~~ prison."

It was arranged that Rosella along with the family should meet at Albert Forbes' gate at Tile ~~Hill~~ Ant Hill. Urel didn't turn up. So Minister said: Urel has money to run ~~the~~ Mrs. Lindsay in law. Rosella has no money to buy even a tin of milk, much more to run law. But she should not think she has nobody to back her. Minister wrote the Administator General ~~about~~ about the land and Administator General instructed Rosella to take ~~charge~~ charge of the land.

Court case.

At that time Rosella was in Bull Savannah and could not follow the instruction. Administr. General ~~xxx~~ wrote another letter and with this letter she went to the Justice of Peace. She was instructed to take to the letter to Teacher Millard and ask him to fill it for her. She signed the paper and went with this to Kingston. Her case was tried ~~xxxx~~ under the Supreme Judge and Rosella won it. She was told that she could do anything she would ~~xxxx~~ like with the land. She could as well sell it. She was at liberty to arrest any one that was caught on the place instantly.

Further land dispute. Loss of the land.

Having got possession of the land she went up and started to pull up line fence that Urel had planted. She was ~~asked~~ asked why she had done it and said: because she has taken charge of her land.

Though she won the case, they have turned her out of the land. Especially Hubert Stephen, a relative of her husband, treated her badly. Hubert told her that he bought the land from Rosella's husband. ~~xxx~~ Mr. Byles the surveyor ran it off and said it was an advantage to treat Rosella like that - if it is even a house spot she should get it. But Hubert Stephen ~~xxxxxx~~ claimed that Rosella "go back where she comes from, because she sells all her land."

Rosella thinks she is treated like a dog and she feels so much that she cries. "It is really an advantage - she says. She goes to Tile Ant Hill sometimes, but cannot go to the land, because Stephen put some one to live on the land.

Rosella's land property in Bull Savannah.

Rosella's grand parents left a portion of land for her mother Mary Johnson. But Rosella's uncle George took it away after the death of her mother, arguing that Rosella was bastard and George was lawful.

Rosella has one square chain ~~xxxx~~ of land in Bull Savannah. She bought it from Isaac Johnson for £5. to make a house. The place is down at Thatch Walk. She got everything ready but cannot get any one to help. She prefers to live her than at Tile Ant Hill, but there is no one to help her here. She never believed she would come to what she comes to.

Her life now.

Rosella's ~~xxxxxx~~ finds life very hard. She gets no help from her niece Linette. Linette says she is worried enough with her mother and does not mean to worry with anybody else. Rosella has pain in her back and cannot work. She would like to go to Tile Ant Hill, because when she is there she is well attended by her family ~~xxxx~~ who do not ~~xxx~~ allow her to do any work. Here she must carry big pans with water inspite of being sick. Starvation is killing her and Massa Ferrant - he is c.l. husband of Linette - says he cannot manage to care Rosella. Rosella thinks if she goes to Tile Ant Hill to her daughter Hilda, she will take care of her.

Her grandson Emiel Copeland staying with her.

looks after him.

Her grandson Emiel Copeland, son of Egbert Copeland from Warsop, stays with her. She took the child when it was a little baby. She christened him and ~~asked after him~~ and ~~asked after him~~ ~~when she will~~ She expects, when she will get blind, Emiel will lead her, if there will be no other person to do it.

Her earnings.

Working for Isaac Johnson does not pay so well. Even if she is "dying for hungry", Isaac does not help her. He has plenty of cassava, but refuses ~~to sell~~ even to sell it to Rosella. She has to ask her son /Egbert Copeland/ to get breakfast out of the factory for her. Her son is working at the factory.

Religion.

Rosella goes to the Anglican church. There are many societies in the district where the people go. But Rosella does not know the names of them. She believes the Anglican church is the strongest in the district.

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Family Record 95

Interviewed Rosella Lindsay & Richard Fearon.

Present House- Hold.

Rosella Lindsay	Sister to Florence Hanson
Linette Miller	Dau. " " "
Richard Fearon	Husband to Linette (c. 1.)
Stevell Mullings	Son " "
Emiel Copeland	Gr. Son " Rosella

I paid another visit to Rosella, she was very sad and crying. When asked what was wrong she told me she went to Christiana two weeks ago to take charge of her husband's land, but Hubert Stephen her husband's nephew would not allow her to go on the land.

"You see back a him me take a chance and walk through the yard, but when 'im do home me caan go dey." He has put his sister's daughter Evelyn Staple on the land to live. She took with her ~~the~~ when she was going up the Administration Paper that her Minister Harriott got for her for the land, but that did not help her. Stephen cursed her and turned her out.

She is troubled for she has no one to help her. Her daughter cannot - she has 9 children and is expecting another. Her daughter's husband Frank Stephen joins with Hubert Stephen his brother to turn against Rosella.

"Me a poor widow no ha' no body fe help me. If me even dead down ya me won' ha' a soul fe come even look ~~pon~~ dead body." She looked at her little grand son Emiel and said "poor thing a how we dow live?"

When she went to Christiana she left some peas she got from Isaac Johnson when she worked for him last. Since she has come back she has not seen the peas. "Any little thing me ha' in a ~~at~~ the house when me go out and come back me no see i', dem gone with i'."

"If me could get one little hut make up fe me self that me an' me grandson caan catch in a, me would a glad but me ha' the wood dem cut fe make the house, but me caan get any body fe help me. Me son a say if a him me dey wait 'pon fe make house fe gi' me, house would a never make. An' him a me son won' help me then how stranger fe help me."

Rosella and Florence were one father and one mother.

but their father did not marry their mother . Her ~~sister~~ Florence was married to Isaac Miller of Bull Savannah, Both Florence and her husband are dead now . Florence died last November . She had three children Linette , Ina, and Kathleen Miller. Kathleen is married and living in Kingston , Ina lives in Kingston too , and Linnette is living in Bull Savannah

Linette

~~She~~ lives at her mother s home . The land that the house is ~~situated~~/on is left for Linnette by her mother.

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Family Record 95

Interview with Richard Fearon.

Richard is the son of James Fearon and Clemetia Fearon (nee Waters). He is from Clarendon, from the Peachy Gully District. His parents had 9 children 2 are dead and 7 are alive.

At school he read to the 4th standard. He had to stop from school, because he was very sick. When he got better he was over school age. He went to learn shoemaking after he left school. He went for a ~~xxx~~ month, then he stopped.

He did not like the trade, so he started to cultivate. He cultivates largely - banana, yam, and cane. The cane is ground and made into sugar. He does not sell his cane to the Estate. The banana he sell to ship and the yam he sells at the market. He has been cultivating for 15 years. He works with the Public Works Department. He has been working with the Dept. for about 15 years too. When he is not cultivating he is working with them, and when he is not working he is cultivating.

He cultivates on his own land at home, and sometimes he has to rent land, paying 6/- per ~~xxx~~ quarter, every three months. He came with the P. W. D. to work on the Alligator Pond road four years ago, and that is how he happens to be here. ~~Working with Dept~~

Working with the Dept he works by Contract, by the yard and by the chain. Weeding or "hack on reform" is done by the chain -5/- per chain. Working on a contract he gets 3/- per cubic yard for what work he does. Stones are spread at 1/6 per load, that is three yards to a load.

When he came first to Bull Savannah he was living at Hubert Powell's house paying 4/- per month for rent. His brother Jonathan Vance used to live there too. He stayed there for 1 year and two months, then he left. Next he went to live at Mr Winty Elliott's place. He paid there 8/- per month for rent, and 6/- per month for a maid. He lived there for two years and he left.

He became friends with Linette, and then he went to live at Linette's house. They are living together 10 months now. He may marry Linette, but "if you take a needle and put it in a fire, and then take thread and put in a the needle it wi' burn. Any thing that you do too quick you always sorry afterwards. You ha' fe get fe understand things first before you do it."

He has started to cultivate since he has ~~xxx~~ come

to Bull Savannah . He plants yam and tomato . In Clarendon he planted more yams than ~~xxx~~ what he plants here ~~x~~ but yet the crop here is better than it used to be at Clarendon .

This year he plants tomato with Mr Isaac Johnson on partnership , ~~xx~~ he did most of the labour and Mr Johnson paid the expense . He worked at the factory last year, in the packing house , getting 3/- per day . It was Boysie Roach who gave him the job .

At present the P. W. D. is not doing any work . Three weeks now it has closed down. "It on the financial" (that is the Dept is checking the work for the past year).

Linette has one child for W. F. Mullings from Silent Hill . Linette was there working with Mullings mother and she became pregnant for Mullings . The child is Stevell he is 16 years old .

Linette works at the factory in the shed , at 2/- per day . She has been working since the factory is here. She works in the shed all the time .

Friday.
16. 4. 48.
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Family Record 95.

Interview with Linnette Miller.

Paying another visit to Rosella Lindsay I met Linnette, who is Rosella's neice. Linnette told me her father died when she was 7 years old. Her mother is from Rose Hall. Her father did not marry her mother. Her mother used to come to visit Henderetta Brooks, who is cousin to her mother

Her father had relatives in Rose Hall and he too used to go and visit them, and that was the way her parents met. ~~They~~ Father and mother became friends, and after that her mother came here to live. Her mother had six children for her father, five girls and one boy. Three of the children died - two girls and the boy.

Early childhood.

Linnette did not grow in Thatch ~~Walk~~ Walk. She grew with her god-mother Rebecca Mullings at Silent Hill. She stayed with her god mother for nine years. She was not sent to school. "But every day me had to carry me godmother's children lunch go to school. "Come see me dey make haste before it get late. She had a child for her godmother's son. Mullings did not support the child when it was a baby "so me no want him min' him now. Me know that ~~xxxx~~ the father gwine come old and him gwine wan' the boy fe help him, but me wi' make him know that a me one min' him till him come big"

In Kingston.

Linnette was in Kingston doing domestic's work with Dassah Parnell for one year and eight months. She was paid 5/- per month. While working she heard that her mother was sick so she came home to look for her. ~~She~~ She stayed for a time and then she went back again working for one year and two months with the same pers. Again she paid another visit home. On ~~x~~ returning to Kingston she worked with Dassah for eight months, then she left and went to work with her sister Kathleen. When working with Dassah she got her lodging and feeding with 5/- per week. Her sister paid her 8/- per week.

Her mother took sick again and she had to ~~go~~ come home to care her mother. Her mother was very sick and Kathleen sent for her to come to Kingston so that she could see a Doctor. Linnette went up with her in order that she might be near to care her. They spent ~~xi~~ five months and came home ~~again~~

She has not been back to Kingston since then. She works at ~~the~~ the factory in the shed, formerly she used to work in the juicing house, and she noticed that

after the crop she is always sick . It seems as if she is always contracting a cold , so she has decided to not to work in the juining house again .

Living Arrangements.

Both Rosella and her neice cook together . If Rosella does not have food or fish and Linnette has Linnette would share with her aunt what she has. When Rosella has her own food she shares with Linnette. Sometimes Linnette Cooks the meals and sometimes Rosella ~~share~~ does.

They do not share the money they earn , excepting when they buy food or fish , then they both partake. of whatever it is.

Rosella's Living.

Rosella is not very strong , so she cannot do too much hard work. Sometimes she washes clothes for Mrs Johnson , She is paid by the week some-times and by the day at ~~xx~~ other times. It is only now and then she gets the washing to do. She picks peas now and then ~~fx~~ for Mr Isaac . Linnette does not know how she is being paid for the peas picking .

When she does these little jobs she earns a little money and is able to help to feed her grandson . When she does not earn any thing Linette helps her just the same . Egbert Copeland her son gives her now and then 1/- , or 1/6 or 2/~~x~~- as ~~mainxte~~ maintenance for the child . Rosella has a little garden of her own and is able to get a little food from it to feed herself and her grand son.

Egbert Copeland.

Egbert is living at Junction with a woman . Linnette does not know the name of the woman. He has three children by the woman . It is ~~x~~ one year since he is living at Junction. Before he went to Junction to live he was staying at his aunt's Florence's house down at Thatch Walk .

He was not paying rent while living at his aunt . He got his meals without even providing for them . His aunt was very kind to him. While at his aunt he was working at Brennot Wood cutting wood for the factory . He used to earn up to 30/- per week , but never made good use of the money, neither did he try to save .

His aunt spoke to him about the money , and told him to help his mother , to save some and to buy clothes for him-self . He refused to help his mother , he did not ~~xxx~~

like what his aunt said to him so he got vexed and left his aunt's house . He was working at the factory during the crop - in the juicing house , getting 3/6 per per day . He started from February to work at the factory .

Egbert will not help his mother in no way at all . Neither in building her house nor planting her garden . He has no land & what so ever . He lives in a little house at Junction . It can scarcely accommodate the family . The house is not his . It is a rented house. Linnette does not know how much he ~~xx~~ has to pay for rent. Egbert is not coloured , he is black.

Information supplied
by Lilian Powell, who
interviewed Linette Miller
on 16.6.48.
J.O.

Present household.

Miller Linette, described as the head, 25.
Lindsay Rosa, her aunt /Mother's sister/, 54.
Ferron "Massa", Linette's c.l.husband, 29.
Mullings Stevell, Linette's son, 14.
Copeland Emiel, Rosa's grand son, 4.

Miller Linette. Her father /d./ was Isaac Miller, Thatch Walk, her mother /d./ Florence Hanson, Th.Walk. Her sisters /full/ Catherine Barrett and Ina Miller live in Kingston.

~~Mullings Stevell~~ Mullings Stevell is her son for Willy Mullings living now in Brinkley. Mullings Stevell has one half brother, Fredrick Mullings, ~~staying~~ living in Christiana.

Ferron "Massa" is from Spaldings. His father: Charles Ferron, his mother Clemmetia Ferron. He has 1 full brother Eggerton Ferron, living permanently in Spalding, and one half brother, Jonathan Vance, living now in Bull Savannah /Th.Walk, husband of Luville Brooks/. His two full sisters Ivy and Iris Ferron live in Spalding.

Lindsay Rose is from Rose Hall. Her father was Willy Hanson, her mother Mary Johnson, both from Rose Hall. She has 1 full brother, Ezekiel Hanson, living in Westmoreland, and two half-sisters, Ellen and Beatrix Hanson, both living in Rose Hall.

Copeland Emiel is Rosa's grandson. Emiel's father, Egbert Copeland, lives in Junction where he rents a room. Emiel's mother is Linette Dailey from Junction. Emiel is a "taken care of by Rosa Lindsay." He has a sister Euley Copeland, ~~not~~ probably with the parents.

House, land, occupations. House and land belong to Linette Miller, who inherited the property from her mother /Rosa's sister/, Florence Hanson. House has two rooms: 2 beds, 2 tables, 3 chairs, 1 kitchen. Linette's land is 2.25 acre in 1 plot around the house. 7 mangos, 1 ackee, 6 sweet saps, 24 coffee, 1 sour sap, 1/4 acre - guinea grass. Tomatoes 150 holes, L4.10. 30 hills of yam. 1/4 acre cassava. 3/4 ac. congo, 1/4 ac. corn. Animals: 3 goats, 1 hen.