

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

Senior Cecil	Head	M.Cl.27.	St.El.	Col.	Angl.	W.3.	Tailor
Rochester Evelyn	Wife	F.Cl.23.3.3.	"	"	"	W.2.	Homemaker
Senior Kenneth	Son	M.S. 4.	"	"	"		
" Ronald	Son	M.S. 2.	"	"	"		
" Martin	Son	M.S. 1/12	"	"	"		
Elvin Jane	GrMother	F.W.78.2.1.	"	Black	"		

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His farm 1942.

Operates this farmland as owner $4\frac{1}{2}$ years.
Owns $1\frac{1}{2}$ ac in one parcel.
main source of income tomatoes.
No labour employed
works 26 weeks p.a. 5 days p.w. 7 hours p.d.
in cultivation $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. other.
Total value of farm £20. of buildings £10.

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Tomatoes 0.2=400 lbs.
2 avocados= 7 doz.
4 coconuts (3 fruiting) = 120 nuts
10 mangoes= 940 doz.
1 naseberry = 10 doz.
0.5 ac. cassava= 1400 lbs
0.2 sweet cassava=500 lbs.
0.3 ac.yams= 500lbs
3 goats
2 hens = 2 doz eggs.

Inform. Dudley Simpson.
14.3.48.
J.O.

Senior Cecil.
His parentage.
His land.

Senior Cecil is "son of James Senior - his mother Alicia Dyer: both die." They never lived together in one home.

"James Senior - him marry to a next woman, Maria Sinclair. And James Senior die and leave the land to Maria Sinclair. Them never have no children."

"Maria Sinclair - before she die, -she leave the home and ~~the~~ land to Senior Cecil."

Dudley Simpson knows it very well, since he was called for to witness the act. "She was not dying, she was sick bed. She told Mr. Millard and Mr. Millard write the paper. Mr. Millard drwa the paper that Maria Sinclair give the land and the house to Cecil Senior. And I signed as witness to it. She give him sale paper that nobody come and molest it."

His half brother
and sister.

Senior Cecil has no full brothers and sisters, only one half brother and one half sister, outside children of James Senior, his father.

"James Senior have some children outside: Allan Senior and Bell Senior."

Allan Senior was Dorry Rochester's son. "Dorry was Mr. Laban Rochester bastard sister. Dorry and "Pigeon" /Amanda/ Rochesterx were two sister - Mr. Laban father outside picknies."

Bell Senior's mother was Sarah Dyer. Bell Senior "marry to James Rochester, Nicholas Rochesterxxxson. Them living right at Sarah Dyer place."

Rochester Evelyn
- his Cl.wife.

Evelyn Rochester, who is along with Senior Cecil, is Martha Rochester's daughter. "Just at the bottom here - in Green Olive." Martha's ~~fatherxxxandxxxEvelynxxxfatherx~~ husband and Evelyn's father was Joseph Rochester. He was an uncle to Bradley, Cecil and Sydney Rochester. As far as Mr. Laban Rochester is concerned, it was "further relation."

Jane Elvin.

Living in the house and still alive is Jane Elvin, grandmother of Cecil Senior. She was "Thomas Elvin wife, and Edith Holness mother and James Senior mother. Edith Holness father was Senior. Jane and Thomas Elvin had no children. Jane had these children before she marry to Thomas Elvin: James Senior/ Cecil Senior's father/ and Edith Senior - she marry to Wilfred Holness."

Visit at home. Interv. Evelyn Rochester.
16.7.48.
T.O.

I tried already to visit this house twice but found it on both occasions empty. To-day I found Evelyn outside her kitchen wiping a hot iron on the grass. She told me that her husband went to see Mr. Dyer who sent for him. She expects Mr. Dyer wants something to be sewn for him. The children went to the cricket ground, where they play. Asked where she might have been on the previous occasions she told me that she goes very often with the children to her mother Martha Rochester in Green Olive.

Evelyn is a shy thin little woman. Her hair was full of little bits of grass. When talking to me she would put her finger into her nose - quite mechanically - I think it was a "tick" denoting nervousness and shyness with her.

I gave her the lollypops I brought for the children. Happily only the little daughter was there. Evelyn invited me to the house.

The house, is situated between Ellis Powell home and the main road, across which is the Bromfield shop.

They live in one-room house. The room is fairly big. There are two beds, one large and one narrower. In one part materials and already made pants hang on strings under the ceiling. Under the window is a sewing machine. The kitchen is rather far along the path parallel to the parochial road. The kitchen-building is half-finished. Under one half of the roof is the kitchen and the other half has a roof and foundations but no walls.

In the living house on the red concrete floor in the entrance ~~entrance~~ was engraved the date when it was built: 18 April 1932. Evelyn told me the house was built by Cecil Senior's father "James Senior before he die".

Present household:

Senior Cecil	head	32	(she wasn't sure of his age)
Rochester Evelyn	wife	28	
Senior Kenneth	son	10	
"	Ronald son	8	
"	Glenrick son	7	
"	Vivine dau	4.1/2	
"	Eric son	2.1/2	

Kenneth and Ronald go to school. Kenneth "is in his second book."

Cecil Senior : I met him several times during my stay in this village. He is often seen on the main road in the vicinity of the rum shops. I haven't seen him a single time sober. On Christmas Eve I was coming in the local pick-up from Mandeville. Cecil Senior joined in Alligator Pond and was driving outside the bus holding to the window frame near which I was sitting. He was in a very conversational mood and I almost felt drunk myself after this talk.

Cecil Senior has the reputation of being one of the biggest drunkards in the village. He is known however also as a good tailor. Martha Rochester - his mother in law - told me that he drinks away all the money he earns and that her daughter has a very hard time with him.

Dyer /

Evelyn told me that Cecil Senior's father was James Senior and his mother Alitta ~~Russik~~/who married later on James Powell in Bottom. "Alitta Dyer sister to Charles Dyer." Before Alitta married to James Powell she had another outside child Reginald Rochester with Isaac Rochester. The half-siblings of Cecil Senior on the mother's side are: Reginald Rochester and the children of Alitta and James Powell: Dalson, George Filemore, Daisy, Furnica.

James Senior married Maria but didn't have any ~~skwer~~ children with her. (Evelyn didn't remember the name of Maria) ~~He~~ James had however some other outside children: Chalabelle who lives at present with James Rochester over the road (Over-road) and Jim Senior. This Jim Senior doesn't live in Bull-Savannah. He lives "over in Ploughden", with an aunt of Charles Dyer.

The land

James Senior left to Cecil "an acre or so". Cecil sold a little piece out of it recently to the Tomato Growers Association. They needed it to built ~~the~~ their office. He sold one square chain for £ 19. From the land they have Evelyn says they don't get much as a part of it is stony. ~~She~~ ~~knows~~ Cecil's main occupation is tailoring. However Evelyn doesn't know about his earnings etc. All she knows is that she doesn't get enough for the shop. "Money for the shop that's the main worry."

Evelyn Rochester

Evelyn Rochester is the daughter of Martha and Joseph Rochester. Her father died many years ago. For her family relations see F.R. of Martha Rochester)

She had her two first children in her mother's home and started to share the house with Cecil over six years ago. He gladly supplied all the informations concerning the percentage etc. of Cecil Senior and herself but wasn't keen on enlarging upon her relations with the husband. His is far from being a model husband and I think she didn't want to bring this matter to me.

Her throat is swollen and I asked her whether it caused her any troubles. She said the doctor said it was goitre and gave her some medicine, but it didn't trouble her. He is the only person with a goitre I noticed in Bull-Savannah.

A little girl Novely (the daughter of a neighbour James Powell) came and Mrs. Senior asked her whether she knew where her youngest son Eric was. Novely said Eric was at Miss ~~erta's~~ house and the other boys were at the cricket grounds. Vivine didn't go with the boys to the cricket ground to play. Evelyn said the boys are often rough to her and she prefers to stay with the mother.

Interview with Cecil Senior

Saturday,
July 17:
1948.

Ed. F.

Cecil, a tailor is 28. He was born in Bull Savannah. At the time the interview was given he was talking to a fellow tradesman - Earnest Powell. Earnest was engaged at pressing a blue gene trousers he was making.

~~and~~ Wearing soiled white trousers, and a shirt of cotton material, he was ~~as~~cheerful. ~~xxxx~~ He is always cheerful: he complained however of not feeling very well; he had "had a few drinks last night." He had the drinks at Tourist Roye's shop - James Roye's shop.

Practice for concert:

With many others he was at the Roye's shop practicing for a concert ~~texts~~ and dance to held in the new house built by James on August 9. The dancing which will follow the concert will continue till daylight.

Attending the concert practice were:

- Musicians:
1. Cecil Senior (himself) playing a guitar.
 2. Amblin ~~Lewis~~ playing another guitar, and
 3. Amblin Brooks, who played a banjo.

/Lewis

Others attending the practice were girls:

1. Jeanette Rochester, daughter to Wilbert Rochester or B.B.S.
2. Alethia Roye - daughter to James Roye, who will keep the dance.
3. Ena Rowe of Thatch Walk, daughter to Merdina Brooks ~~and~~ and Samuel Rowe. (Merdina is named in F.R. 101 - interview with Ed. Francis, as one of the women of T.W. who offer sexual embraces for money.)

There were many others at the concert practice, but Cecil cannot remember their names although he knows them quite well by their faces.

His Household consists of

1. Cecil Senior - himself. Head.
2. Evelyn Rochester, "about 25;" wife (c.l.) daughter to ~~M.~~ Martha Rochester of Green Olive.
3. Kenneth Senior, "about 11;" -son.
4. Ronald Senior, son, "about 10;"
5. Seymour Senior, son, "about 9;"
6. Vivienne Senior, dau. "about 5;"
7. Eric Senior, son, "about 1 1/2 years.

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rowers association
eeting.

This interview concluded here to enable attendance to/

Family Record 109.Interview with Cecil Senior.

Wednesday, Met Cecil at about 10.30 am. He was under the influence
 July 21, 1948. of drink, and could not walk in a straight line. He
 embraced me, asked me why I had broken up the meeting
 held before the Wintward Elliott shop last night. This
 Ed. F. seemed to be his way of reminding, ~~me~~ that he was one of
 those who had been responsible for the state of disorder
 which had existed at this meeting he was referring to.
 He was drunk then and had done a great deal of swearing.
 (See file 7: Religion -No)

Sells land:

About 3 months ago he sold a piece of land ~~for~~ to the
 "Jamaica Vegetables Association for £19. A didN't get
 much for it y'u know, because is the company a sell it
 to -my company a sell it to."

Investment:

"A put 10/- on it (the £19) an buy a sewin' machine,
 from a lady in Kingston name' Miss Ricketts.

CareerSchool:

He attended the Bull Savannah elementary school from he
 was 7 till he was 15. He left school in the 6th book.
 He had spent 3 months only in sixth book, and had had 3
 years left in school. ~~xxxx~~ He was forced to leave off go-
 ing to school because of "sickness;" -"A get this foot
 (he pointed to it) wring out; (wring out= sprained)
 the ankle hurts yet.

After school:

" A went to Frankfield to work as a shop clerk," he said
 proudly. He stressed the work "clerk." He was in
 Frankfield for 9 months. He worked with a man named
 Thomas Stewart. He earned £1 per week. He got the job
 through Vincent Powell who was then working in another
 shop owned by Stewart also. Cecil was about 20 then.

He saved no money from his earnings on this job. "is ~~x~~
 earnings were enough only, to support him. He was quarter-
 ed and fed -had only to buy his own clothes.

Returns to Bull Savannah

He left off working for Stewart in Frankfield because
 -" the wages never suit mi:" ~~xxxxxxx~~ his
~~xxxxxxx~~ earnings were not satisfactory. ~~xxxxxxx~~ wages were not
 enough

Family Record 109.Interview with Cecil Senior

Ed.
21.7.48.

Here, eh started at learning the tailor trade. He learned with Earnest Powell. He was with Earnest for about 4 years; he became a qualified tailor at the end of that time.

At about this same time also, Earnest went as a farm worker to America, and gave up the shop he used to occupy with Cecil. Cecil set up working at home; he has been doing that ever since.

His present business conditions:

He gets little work now. Times are slow. Last week, he got no work at all. This week he has "4 pieces;" these are 4 trousers. He will get 7/- each for making these trousers. All the trousers are khaki. Work of this kind varies with each week. Some weeks he gets nothing at all; on ~~the~~ other weeks he will get 1, 2, 3 or even 4 pieces as is the case this week.

Cultivations:

"Not much;" he has "one little garden of about 3 squares;" -3 square chains. He has cassava planted in this plot now.

Tomatoes: He planted tomatoes on this land last season. He had ~~altogether~~ 2,300 holes. The crop yield was mediocre. The crop was not looked after properly. From its sale, he got £18. Actual profit was ~~£12~~ £ 14. This money already all spent, has been spent -"between mi an^s mi family."

Cecil's hair appeared to have been combed, but it was in ~~xxx~~ disorder. He kept passing his hand through it. His clothes -white cotton with drill for the trousers, were very dirty.

He complained of thirst. A bottle of beer would be a good relief from the thirst. Would I go down to Miss Jude's (The Early Bird) with him? Certainly, I will treat him to a bottle of beer.

The interview was given in Earnest Powell's tailor shop. Earnest, at that time, was Mr. Wintyard Elliott's shop. He, (Earnest) some special lining for some clothes he is making; he has been to all the shops about, but has not been able to get any of the cloth wanted. He wants the cloth urgently, but he can't leave the Elliott's shop premises. He has no reasons for not being able to leave the rumshop.

Information from Lillian Powell.
Interv. Cecil Senior. 18.6.48.
J.O. 25.8.48.

Present household.

Senior Cecil, head.
Rochester Evelyn, c.l.wife.
Senior Kenneth, 9, son.
,, Ronald, 8, ,,
,, Johnson, 6, ,,
,, Vivian, 4, Dau.
,, Eric, 3, son.

Senior Cecil: Father James Senior /d/, mother Alicia Dyer /d/. His mother was from Tad Town. Has one full brother: ~~Reggie Rochester~~ James Senior, living in Plowden. ~~and~~ 4 halfbrothers: Reggie Rochester, Green Olive; Dalson and Philimore Powell, Tad Town; Allan Senior, Ribbit. 5 half sisters: Shaddibelae Rochester, Adelaide Rochester in B.S.; Daisy Powell in Shaddock Hill; Turnicca Powell in Green Olive; Naomi Lewis in Dunder Hill. Cecil has 5 children with Evelyn. He has also an outside child, Winnie, living with her mother Agatha Whitely in Rose Hall.

Rochester Evelyn? she is daughter of late Joseph Rochester and Martha Rochester in Green Olive. Has one half brother Anton Rochester living in St. Thomas /his mother is Cinderella Simpson/ and 4 sisters: Belle, Elsie, Ivy, Vida, ~~xix~~ /see Fam. Rec. 57/.

House, land, farming, occup.

House: 1 room. 1 kitchen. Furniture: 2 beds, 2 chairs, 1 sewing machine, /foot/, 1 table. Tank.

Land: owned by Cecil 2,75 acre. 2 acres woodland, 3/4 ac. homeland. Inherited from father.

Trees: 1 bomabay, 3 robins, 1 common mangoe.

Cult.: 3000 holes tomatoes, L14.

50 yam hills. 1/4 acre cassava.

4 goats, 1 pig.

His chief occupation: tayloring. Earns weekly 16/-.

Spending: 20/- weekly. L12 spent on clothes in the past year.

Kenneth in the 2nd, Rinald in the 1st stand.
No religion.