

Interv. Esta Miller.
21.6.48.
T.O.

They live in a rented house which belongs to Leo (Stanford) Powell in Green Olive.

Present household:

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| Miller | Cecil | head | M.M. | 30 | Precious Plain | truck driver |
| " | Esta | wife | F.M. | 23 | 2.l. Bull-Savannah | housewife |
| " | Mervin | da | F.S. | 3 | Precious Plain | |

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I met Esta Miller in her sister's (Mrs. Maud Rochester) kitchen. Her house is nearby. Esta gave already the breakfast to her husband and came with her daughter to her sister "for company". Esta was shelling some french beans.

Esta is the daughter of Philip and Reberta Thompson. For her parents, sisters, brothers etc. see Fam. Rec. 6 (Reginnald and Maud Rochester).

She used to go to the Bull-Savannah school. Married before she was 17. Cecil Miller used to drive a bread van for a Balaclava bakery. This van would come to Bull-Savannah and it is how she first met Cecil. "When I see him I like him" she said giggling. The more detailed story of the courtship etc. wasn't possible because of many people present. After she married Miller she went to live with him in Precious Plains where he had his home. She lived there for 5 years. Only last year - not even 12 months ago - they came to Bull-Savannah. Cecil Miller used to drive the Kmax Powell's truck first. Then he got a job as a truck driver for the tomato factory.

Esta says she prefers to live in Bull-Savannah than in Precious Plains. The reason she gives: "I prefer here I keep more healthy." This is the usual conventional reason people give to explain their preference to stay in one place rather than another. Later she said "I have my family here". She sees the most often - many times a day her sister Maud Rochester. "We live near each other."

Esta was very ill a few months ago. She was expecting a baby, felt very sick and "throw up all the time. The baby don't get any support and die". The baby actually died 5 days before it was born. This happened in the hospital in Mandeville. After it Esta came back home, but she did not feel well and one side became paralysed. She had great pain and was taken to the hospital to Black River. There the doctor said that "they left something of the baby" and she had a blood clot which caused her illness. Her side became quite black. "they give me 8 injections and I feel better". She looks indeed quite well now. With her first child she had ~~xxx~~ also a lot of trouble. She was vomiting for a long time, but happily the child was born alive. This is the little Mervin. Compared with her sister Maud Esta is rather shy. Esta treats her older sister with ~~xxxxxxxx~~ fond deference.

Inform. Dudley Simpson.
14.3.48.
J.O.

"Chauffeur Cecil Miller - he lives in Stanford's house. Cecil Miller has a wife - Esta Thompson, Philip Thompson daughter. She is Miller now - them marry."

Miller was a stranger in Bull Savannah. "He met first time his wife around 1942-43 - still in Major Moxsy time. Miller was driving bread from Balaclava to Bull Savannah. Miller and the said woman met. And them went to Balaclava to live."

"Him loose the job in Balaclava. took his wife from Balaclava to Prospect, where he is from."

"Miller and his wife - them living not nicely when they were in Prospect. So his wife leave him and come back to Bull Savannah. They couldn't manage and they get a little part up."

"Esta Thompson - she stay with Philip Thompson when she come back. Miller visit his wife after from Prospect. all the time. In September Powell met him and took him a driver. Him settled down in Bull Savannah for a period of time. ~~my~~ In coming, visiting his wife him succeeded job in Bull Savannah."

"Them have one child - around 3 years old."

