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C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 19.

Simpson Egbert	Head	M.Cl.39.	St.El.	Col.	Angl.	Ill.	Farmer
Sinclair Junie	Wife	F.Cl.39.9.7.	"	"	"	W.3x3.	Homemaker
Simpson Clifton	Son	M.S.22.	"	"	"	W.1.2E.	Farmlab.
" Raphael	Son	M.S. 9.	"	"	"	W.1.2E.	
" Percival	Son	M.S. 6.	"	"	"		
" Lera	Dau	F.S. 4.	"	"	"		
" Ronald	Son	M.S. 3.	"	"	"		
" Claston	Son	M.S.10/12.	"	"	"		

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His farm in 1942.

8 acres p 7.

Operated this farmland as owner or part owner for 19 years.  
 Owns 4 acres in one parcel  
 Main source of income - tomatoes  
 No labour employed  
 works 52 weeks p.a. 6 days p.w. 9 hours p.d.  
 2 1/4 acres in cultivation  
 1 1/4 ac. cultivable but not used  
 1/4 ac. other

total value of farm £ 80, of buildings £ 40.  
 1 catchment.

Cultivations: 0.2 ac. tomatoes = 400 lbs  
 1 breadfruit = 3 doz. 1 coconut not fruiting.  
 1 mango = 250 doz.

0.3 congo peas = 3 bushels  
 1 1/2 cassava = 1120 lbs. 0.3 sweet cassava = 400 lbs  
 0.2 yams = 800 lbs.  
 1 donkey  
 3 sheep  
 2 goats  
 2 hens = 3 doz. eggs.

Inform. Dudley Simpson.  
13/14.3.48.  
J.O.

Egbert Simpson.

For some particulars concerning Egbert Simpson see Fam. Rec. 148.

Sinclair Junie - his cl. wife.

"Sinclair Junie - she is daughter of Charles S Sinclair on the Ridge. Her mother Rebecca Brooks marry to Charles Sinclair. Rebecca Brooks was Charlie Brooks daughter. Charlie Brooks was from Top Bull Savannah - he come from Thatch Walk."

Inform. Dudley Simpson and Bradley Rochester.  
26.3.48.  
J.O.

Egbert Simpson.  
His parentage.

"Simpson Egbert - son of William Simpson."

His former wife - Ethel Simpson.

Previously, before Egbert Simpson started to live with Junie Sinclair, his present cl. wife, he was living for years with Ethel Simpson.

"Ethel Simpson - she had 5 children for him." He parted attracted by Junie Sinclair. "I just dont know why - Ethel Simpson didnt suit ~~him~~ him ~~at~~ at the last. And it would be much better for him when he stay with Ethel. He wouldnt have more children."

Now he has a lot of children with Junie ~~sinclair~~ Sinclair. According to Dudley, children are "no blessing" if one has too many of them.

Egbert Simpson did not leave anything to Ethel when he left her. "Never left anything at all - no land, no house. He was living in Ethel Simpson home at the time. Then he built his own home ~~in~~ Logwood." and went to live there with Junie Sinclair.

"He is a good cultivator." Has no other occupation - "just cultivator."

Junie Sinclair.  
~~Her children by Iliah Sinclair.~~  
Her children by Iliah Sinclair.

Junie Sinclair, before she joined Egbert Simpson. "she had children by Iliah Sinclair - two children. They are living - big men now. One is Sydney Sinclair - him living with the father. ~~Next~~ Next is Neville Sinclair - he is in Kingston. ~~He~~ He was working on a truck, one Mr. Walker truck, as the side man. Mr. Walker come to buy hog, and sheep, and mutton, and come back to Kingston. ~~tax~~ Neville got his job from Mr. Walker here and was carried by him later on to Kingston. First used to live here and only to visit Kingston on his truck trip. Now he is living in Kingston and only visiting Bull Savannah ~~with~~ from time to time.

Simpson Clifton,  
Egbert's and ~~Rosa~~  
Ethel's son.

Simpson Clifton is the only child of ~~Rosa~~  
Egbert and Ethel Simpson who lives with his father.  
"Simpson Clifton, his son by Ethel, him stay with  
him father. Him dont work at the factory. Cultivate  
tomatoes."

Children of Egbert  
Simspon and Junie  
Sinclair.

Egbert Simpson - him have around 7 children  
alive with Junie. But they are smaller."

The eldest, ~~Raphel~~ Raphel, "working in the  
factory. In the cannery - carrying the ripe tomatoe  
to the cannery " from the sheds. He earns now 2/-  
per day.

Next one, Percival - still at school. Other  
children still smaller /together 7/.

Inform. Dudley Simpson.  
14.4.48.  
J.O. + T.O.

Egbert Simpson,  
his patrimony.

"William Simpson - him live alone before him die. Him got some land from his father and he got some woodland."

"William Simpson didnt have any outside children. Dorrel Robinson - him was for his wife before she marry him." ~~xxxxxxx~~ But "one /child/ did own on him, but him was not so sure. We call him "Bebee" -him is from Comma Pen. His mother was one Auntie Rose from Comma Pen."

All the land that belonged to William Simpson during his life-time was passed at his death to Egbert Simpson, his son.

"Egbert Simpson was the first lawful heir. And ~~the~~ first lawful heir always claim what the father have. Old William Simpson - he didnt have more than two children by his wife. So he /Egbert/ got whatsever his father have."

"Ucella Simpson /Egbert's sister/ - she live in the father old home, but Egbert Simpson is the owner of it. She cant sell the land. She must to support of it, but must not to dispose."

"When old William Simpson was ~~xxxxxxx~~ in his dying bed, but not unconscious, he call Mr. James Powell to draw a paper and he - as Mr. James talk - right: Ucella must live in the home and support of the estate. But no land is given to her and everything must go to the estate and the estate is Egbert Simpson."

Ucella does not work the land on which she lives. "Sydney Simpson, Egbert Simpson son, work the land, and what he can afford give to him / \* Ucella/. Family, you know."

Cf. also Family Records: 148 and 244.

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Family Record 115.

Sunday ~~it~~ Interview with Junie Sinclair.  
 July, 11, 1948.

Junie does not know her age. She appears to be about 37 or 38.

Ed. F.

The present household consists of:

1. Egbert Simpson, head, husband c.l., absent at beginning of the interview.
2. Junie Sinclair, about 38, informant.
3. Raphael Simpson, son, about 16; seen.
4. Percival Simpson, son, about 15; seen.
5. Lena Simpson, about 10; she stayed with her mother throughout the interview; she is a dau.
6. Ronald Simpson, son, about 8; was seen.
7. Claston Simpson, son, about 6; not seen.
8. Roy Simpson, about 4; was seen -he is a son.
9. Ulah Simpson, son. He was not seen -a baby 6 months.

House and land:

The above household share a "room and hall," built on "about  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of land." (Her husband interviewed later said the house is built on 2 acres of land) The land is owned by Egbert. He inherited it from his mother Mary Dyer, who is now dead.

Family History

Note:  
 Charles Sinclair gave Rebecca's name as Mrs. Sinclair, making her his legal wife.  
 Her mother Rebecca Brooks is the wife (c.l) of Charles Sinclair her father. (See note outside margin) Children to Rebecca and Charles were 10; 7 of these are yet alive. These are:

1. ~~Chan~~ Essie Sinclair, who was in Lucea when last heard of.
2. ~~Stanford~~ Stanford Sinclair, he has his own house on his fathers ~~premises~~ land.
3. Birdie Sinclair. She shares house with Esmine Perkins who lives on premises opposite and across the road.
4. Junie Sinclair -informant.
5. Naomi Sinclair. She lives at Sea Air, in Manchester.
6. Sindie Sinclair. She lives in Alligator Pond.
7. Doris Sinclair. She shares house with her father.

Her relationship with her brothers and sisters

Junie lives in close touch with Stanford and Birdie but not with Doris. She does not live in close touch with the others who are away because ~~next reasons~~ they are too far away. She does not write to Charles ~~who~~ she thinks is in Lucea, nor does she write to Sindie or to Naomi. She sends and gets messages to and from Sindie and Naomi however.

Family Record 115.

Ed. F.

Interview with Junie Sinclair.

She sometimes has quarrels with Doris chiefly about "picknie goings," i.e. ~~xxx~~ relations between her own and Doris' children. She last quarreled about a "Sampata" which Doris' son Everett, took off Percy's foot. There is really never anything of a major quarrel, but her relations with Doris are never as good as her relations with Stanford and Birdie.

Early Childhood:

Born in Bull Savannah, she was taken while she was yet a young baby, to Alligator Pond by her Mother's mother Sarah Witter. She lives with Sarah in Alligator Pond till she was 17.

CareerLater childhood:

She remembers little or nothing of her childhood.

School: She attended the Alligator Pond school from age not known till she had reached her school leaving age. She does not know what age that was. She was in the 4<sup>th</sup> book when she left school.

After school she bought and sold fish in Alligator P. till she came to Bull Savannah. Here she lived with her mother and father on the home site they still occupy. While at her mother's and father's she bought "cassava, bake bammy with it, an' carry it back to Alligator Pond to sell." She did that for a number of years. She does not know how many years.

Meeting Egbert:

She met Egbert a few years after she had returned to Bull Savannah from Alligator Pond.

Egbert who had been away during the interview given by Junie, came home at this stage. He sat down on a log beside me, under a small grape harbour ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ in the shade of which Junie had been sitting through the interview with her.

An interview with Egbert followed while Junie retired into the kitchen.

Re the children: The children seen about the yard were ~~dirty~~, but were all robust in appearance. Roy ate mango after mango.

Family Record 115.Interview with Egbert Simpson

Sunday, -----

July 11, 1948.

Ed. F

Egbert who says he is about 40 came and sat beside me while I was interviewing his wife Junie. Asked how he was and how is the weather, he said - "These times now when y'u hear wi have drought is very hard, but when y'u hear we have season, y'u can get food, an food is the greatest thing that trouble wi here. That is what is going on now: every day I have to buy food to eat. If a get a little money, it gone right into the shop."

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He was just/returning from a morning visit paid to his friend Cecil Sinclair. It was a "friendly visit;" A did not discuss any business. He goes to see Cecil whenever he has the time: -"wehnever a have leisure time, wi talk over all how out life hard an them thing little thing. Wi talk about drought, rainfall," and he added significantly -"wi talk about the hungry to -how a goin' to manage.

They look to the falling of rains for their salvation always. Sometimes wi talk that if the water come from the river, it woulda be some help to wi, an it happen the other day, because manager get it up here, an wi did pray fi it. Some people sey prayer noh help, but mi pray an' it happen!

If the government would get pipe through the district ~~ixxxxxxxxx~~ to lead water on the land, it would give up better help; it would help wi fiel': suppose a have a pipe here, a noh could get water from it to w water mi plants?" If that could done, (leading water pipes through the district) a suppose wi woulda have to pay water rates, but a don't know if the people could do that. If it come that Government lead water through the place all the same, I believe a woulda have to find some way to keep up the water tated.

The house and land:

He built his house -"storm year." He reflected a bit and then added -"1933." The land on which the house is built consists of 2 acres he inherited from his ~~mat~~ mother Mrs. Mary Dyer.

There is another piece of land owned by him and having a one roomedhouse on it. Ucella, a sister lives in this. The house and land is an old ~~claim~~ claim, that is an old inheritance passed down from the father of his father, to his father, and then, to him. He also has 6 acres in the "woods" This land also inherited from source not named, is not cultivated.

Interview With Egbert Simpson

Family History

His mother Mrs. Mary Dyer, died about 21 years ago.  
His father William Simpson died about 5 years ago.  
Mary and William had 2 children:

1. Ucella Simpson said to be about "30" but who being older than himself given as about 40, must then be at least 41. /
2. Albert Simpson -himself.

/She does not "live with any man."

Mother's children by other unions:

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His mother had by/other unions, one child each. These children "are gone away long time now." He does not know where they are.

His father had no other children.

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Childhood - Career

"Mi an mi mammie, my father and mi sister live in one home. His home was in Ribbit Town. This house and the land on which it is built are occupied by his sister Ucella. The house and land was inherited by him. Referring to his sister he said -"I jus' leave her to occupy till she die; wwi live good."

School: "A can't read. A start' to go to school, but they (his Parents) took mi out,"

"As a child a did like mi machette. I did use to cut mi own little groun'. He used to plant then, cassava ~~kokkaxax~~ and congo peas. He grew up cultivating for himself.

Age of breaking away from home:

"Same year o' the storm a leave mi father' home, an settle miself." He had already met Junie then.. -"A buil' house, then took her home." He would not have rented a house to share with her. On desiring to settle himself he had -"stay' at mi father house an buil' mi own. Before he built his house, he built a tank and catchment which is are still in use.

Cultivations

He plants congo peas, yams and cassava on the land around his house. He does not plant on the land his sister lives on. (2½ acres). His sister does a "little cultivation" on the land on which she lives.



Family Record 115.Interview with Egbert Simpson.

Tomatoes: He planted tomatoes last tomato season: plant-  
~~ing~~ ed on quarter acre on share, with Feti Elliott.  
 "A meet a big failure; it falls ~~z~~ heavy rains in February,  
 and it falls hail, and the hail fall on it an mask it up!"  
 He made £20 profit on the planting. This amount was shared  
 with Feti Elliott on whose land at New Forrest, he planted.

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Savings and investments.

Asked if he had saved or invested any of these monies, he  
 said - "My dead as, with the hungry on us, an' every little  
 thing to buy in the house, a couldn' save anything."

Asked why he had planted on share instead of on his own land  
 he said - "ØYou see my land is not tomato land: it is pure  
 stone; (the land is in the woods.)- and a didn't have no ~~noy~~  
 money and no grass, so a has to go push at that little daily  
 so that a could get a 1/-." (Little daily refers to plant-  
 ing on share.)

His plans:

"If no sickness, a will try a little more tomatoes next crop.  
 because since a man noh dead, him have to try noh!" He  
 will plant again on the half with Feti Elliott on Feti's ~~o~~  
 place in New Forrest.

Religion.

"A really don' believe in none of them. Some o' them say  
 you noh fe eat meat, an' pork, an' lobster an' crab an'  
 all them things, but them never tell me so, because mi  
 nsever go wey them dey fi mek them tell me so. God say is  
 not what go in a man that defile him, is what come out."

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Information from Lilian Powell,  
who visit. and interviewed Egbert Simpson  
on 19.6.48.  
J.O. 13.7.48.

Present household.

Simpson Egbert, 46.				
Sinclair Junie, c.l.wife, 38.				
Simpson Clifton, Egbert's son, 24.				
Simpson Raphael, Egbert's and Junie's son, 18.				
Simpson Percival, " " " " " 15.				
Simpson Lena, " " " dau., 12.				
Simpson Ronald, " " " son, 10.				
Simpson Claston, " " " " 7.				
Simpson Roy, " " " " 4.				
Simpson Eulah, " " " dau. 5 <del>in</del> months.				

~~Parents~~

Simpson Egbert: is from Shaddock Hill. His father: William Simpson/died/, his mother Mary Simpson /died/. Both from Shaddock Hill. Egbert has one half brother /through the mother/ Dorrel Robinson - he lives in Portland: one full sister: Ucella Simpson, in Shaddock Hill.

~~First wife~~ Wives and children.

Egbert Simpson's first c.l.wife was Ethel ~~Simpson~~ ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ Powell. She lives in Kingston. Egbert Simpson had with Ethel the following children:

1. Clifton Simpson - with the father.
2. Sydney Simpson - with the mother.
3. Daigo Simpson - " " "
4. Easton Simpson - " " "
5. Enid Simpson - " " "

Ethel Simpson had also another daughter for him - Ina Simpson. Ina Simpson is not recognised by him as his daughter. She lives in Kingston now.

With his second c.l. wife, Junie Sinclair, he has 7 children. All staying with ~~xxxxxxx~~ him in his present home. He had altogether 14 children, ~~only~~ 12 /those ~~xxxxxxx~~ enumerated/ alive.

Junie Sinclair:

Her parents: father Charles Sincalir, mother Rebecca Sinclair, Ridge. 2 full brothers: Charles Sinclair, Green Island, and Stanford Sinclair, Ridge. 4 full sisters: Naomi Sinclair, Sea Air; Cindy Sinclair, Alligator Pond; Burdie and Doris Sinclair, Ridge. 2 half brothers: Daniel Sinclair, Asia; Tom Sincalir, Kingston. 2 half sisters: Aneta Levy, Asia; Louise Sinclair, Kingston.

First c.l. husband.

First c.l.husband: before she went to live with Egbert Simpson she was along with Eli Sinclair, B.B.S. She had 2 children for Eli Sinclair: Sydney Sinclair, living with the father; and Neville Sinclair, living in Kingston.

Clifton Simpson.

He is the only son from the previous union of Egbert Simpson /with E hel Powell/ that ~~xxx~~ stays with the father at his home.

Clifton Simpson is not married. He has one child: Datsy Simpson. The mother of the child is Clarice Pitter. Datsy lives with the mother.

House, land, farming.

This is 2 rooms house. 1 kitchen. 1 buttry. 1 latrine. 1 tank. Furniture: 2 beds, 2 chairs, 1 table. 5 persons sleeping in each room.

Land. Owned by Egbert Simpson - 2 acres. 1 acre homeland, inherited from the parents. 1/2 acre "at Ruinate."

Trees: 1 mango, 1 coconut, 1 pear, 1 breadfruit, 6 bananas.

Cultivations: tomatoes 2000 holes, 28. Tobacco for own use only. 40 hills yams. 1/2 acre cassava. 1/4 acre corn. 1/4 acre red peas.

Animals: 1 donkey, 1 sheep, 1 pig, 1 goat, 1 fowl, 1 dog.

Spending: weekly for fish, meat, groceries - 20/-.

Clothes for all the household in past year: £14.

"Savings none, condition poor."

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