

C.D. 22. Sbd. 12. Household 34.

Powell	David	Head.	M.S. 42.	St. Eliz.	Col.	Angl.	X.	Farmer
Rochester	Florence	mother	F.S. 71 ?	"	"	"	X	Homemaker
Sinclair	Arnold	nephew	M.S. 12	"	"	"		W.I. O.E.

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**His farm in 1942.**

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 19 years.  
 Owns 10 acres in two parcels: 1 and 9 ac. resp.  
 Main source of agr. income: tomatoes and tobacco  
 No labour employed.  
 Works 50 weeks, 6 days p.w. 9 hours p.d.  
 6 acres in cultivation.  $\frac{3}{4}$  cultivable but not used. 3 ac. in guinea grass.,  $\frac{1}{4}$  ac. other.  
 Total value of farm £ 80, of buildings £ 30.

*10 acres*

**Cultivations:**

0,5 ac. tomatoes = 2000 lbs.  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  ac. corn = 4 bushels.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  congo peas = 17 bush.  
 2 ac. cassava = 400 lbs,  $\frac{1}{4}$  ac. sweet cass. = 400 lbs  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  ac. yams = 700 lbs.  $\frac{1}{2}$  ac. tobacco = 300 lbs  
 3 swine. 4 hens = 13 doz, eggs p.a.

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

David Powell, his family history.

"David Powell - his house just on the boundary line with Ribbit. Him is nephew of Michael Powell, Michael Powell brother son."

"Him father - one Powell that them call him "Buggy." Him die long ago." David Powell lives on his father's place. "Him father have this ~~piass~~ piece of land. that he living now."

His mother - Rochester Florence - is still alive. She is "Mr. Laban sister."

Arnold Sinclair.  
/vel Senior/.

Arnold Sinclair, who stayed in David Powell's home in 1943, is his nephew. "Allan Sinclair in Ribbit Town, is brother of David Powell. Arnold Sinclair - son of Allan Sinclair."

"Arnold Sinclair - him moving along in David Powell house: helping him with tomatoes. Him dont work in the factory, him work along with James Rochester, helping him to carry tomato to the shed."

Arnold Sinclair is grandson of Florence Rochester. Florence Rochester had one son by ~~Mr~~ James Senior / he is called Allan Sinclair by his wife's name, but really he is Allan Sinclair and Arnold Sinclair name should be Arnild Senior/. Her next son by "Buggy" Powell was David Powell.

David Powell's child.

David Powell is single. He has no wife, but he has one child. "David Powell him have one child. The mother of the child: Birdie Dyer. She is alive, she is from Chocolate Hole. The child living now with his father - around 6 years old."

James Senior.

"James Senior - died now. He is Cecil Senior father."

Names and nicknames.

The misunderstanding about Allan's and Arnold's names /Sinclair or Senior?/ is attributed by Dudley and Bradley to the fact that people know only exceptionnally other people's real names. "We never know their real names - we call them other name. We have a man in Tad Town - Tom Horse. His name is Thomas Sailman - and we call him Tom Horse."

Visit at home. Interv. David Powell and Florence Rochester. Add. inform. from Michael Powell uncle of David Powell.  
19.7.48.  
T.O.

This is the last home in the Eastern end of Grom Olive. A big rock separates it from Ribbit Town. The place looked deserted and I looked into the kitchen. An awfully thin boy was making the fire. The kitchen is long and narrow. The "fire table" is built against a part of the longer wall which is rather unusual. Along the opposite wall a lot of tomato sticks were stored. The thin boy told me that David Powell was in the house so I went there.

The house is well built. In front of it a big catchment and tank covered with logs and barbed wire. A few bananas grow around, coconut palms and some other trees. A low "pergola" with vine.

David Powell was sitting on the bed. There was no bed linen on it just a matress. On a big barrel in the corner two beautiful new mahoganny chairs. A lot of dirty clothes were littered all over the room.

I was told already by Calcutus Simpson and other people that David is not "quite collective." He speaks very slowly and at first I thought he is very ill. His voice is peculiar too, like that of deaf persons. However he was very friendly. When he smiles he looks quite normal, but then he relapses again into a kind of torpid. There was somebody moving in the next room. I looked into it. His mother Florence Rochester was washing glasses in a big wooden bowl. In the next room there is no furniture, only a few wooden boxes and a lot of dirty things. This untidiness was rather in a contrast with the house, strong, well built and freshly whitewashed.

Present household:

- Powell David head (doesn't know his age) about 50
- Rochester Florence mother very old
- Sinclair Annas nephew 17
- Powell Nerval son 5

I asked the old lady whether she likes a smoke. She stretched her hand waiting to be given the cigarette. (usually people expect to be offered from the box) When she got the cigarette she made a quick curtsey which again isn't the custom any more in Bull-Savannah (In Warsop the old women would sometimes curtsey this way). The old lady is almost totally deaf. I shouted my questions and they were re-shouted to her by the grandson Annas who seems to be the only "collective" person in this home. It was a labourious interview.

Rochester Florence told me she was the sister (half sister really) of Laban Rochester. Her father was Thomas Rochester and her mother Liza Salmon. "But him dead" (The fact that she is Laban Rochester's sister and that her mother is dead Florence repeated several times. I asked who was the father of David her son. Both Florence and David thought for a long while. Finally they said they couldn't remember. "Me forgot, a long time him dead and

bury." She knew the father of David was buried near the old Powell house. The only other thing the old woman told me was that she would have been dead if it weren't for her son David who built this house. Saying this she mimiced a dead body closing her eyes and leaning against the wall. She conveyed the impression of a dead body very well indeed.

David Powell is the son of Florence Rochester and Joseph Powell (as I learnt afterwards from Michael Powell) Florence had only two sons with two men: David and Allan Sinclair with James Senior. (Allan should be called really Senior) ~~David's father was the brother of Michael Powell and son of David Powell son of Joseph Powell - the protoplast of the Powell family. The father of David used to be a fisherman. He got malaria fever and died. "In those time no doctor, the nearest doctor in Mandeville and no vehicle to carry" (told me Michael). Florence Rochester used to live in a little house near the present David's place. Her house however was destroyed during the storm. David stayed with Michael Powell and Ernest Powell before he built this house.~~

His present house was built about 4 years ago. Joshua Nell from Gose Corner built it and David worked with him.

I complimented David on the new chairs. He said he bought them in Top Hill and payed £2.10 for the pair. He wanted them good and strong. He likes everything in good quality. The house is not painted (outside) because he prefers to wait untill he can do it properly.

The land David said he bought the home-land, about 3/4 of an acre from Michael Powell. (Michael told me afterwards he gave it to David) David has also land in the woods: "Me have plenty in wood, for me and Laban joint together" (The land is adjoining). He ~~was~~ told an intricate story about his tomatoes. They were the most beautiful tomatoes but a worm destroyed a great part of them. I understood he wanted to explain that his tomatoes were really the best in the district but he didn't reap much. His uncle Michael said that David was a very hard worker. "Him can work, a hard worker, but short of something in his head."

Annas Sinclair is the nephew of David. Annas is the son of Allan Sinclair and Rebecca Sinclair. Annas was brought up by David since his early childhood. The boy helps David in field work. "He wants kitchen" said later Michael Powell commenting on his thinness. Michael says the boy was always so thin and isn't fed properly. (Wants kitchen means wants more food).

Nerval Powell is the only son of David Powell. His mother is Birdie Powell "Living over Dunder Hill". The little boy was in a short girl's dress stiff with mango juice

and red earth. The little boy didn't show signs of delayed actions like his father and grandmother. He was lively and cheerful like a sparrow. He was jumping all the time playing with a sling and pretending he was shooting. The older boy Annas was fondly playing with him. David didn't know the exact age of his son. He said the boy wasn't 7 yet. When he will be seven David is going to send him to school. It is Annas who said that the boy is 5.

David is very fond of his child. He took him on his knees and smiled ~~in~~ and gently stroked the child. This "jig saw puzzle" family makes a pathetic impression. Everyone seems to be deficient in some mental or physical quality, no one is "legitimate" as the formal law goes and yet strange as it seems there is an atmosphere of happiness there.

Powell	David	Head
Rochester	Florence	Mother
Sinclair	Annas	Nephew
Powell	Wernat	Son

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