## C.D. 22.Sbd.12. Household 35.

Powell	Michael	Head	M.M.	65.	St. Eliz.	Col.	Salv. Army	. X Farmer
11	Margaret	wife	F.M.			**	Angl.	W.1. Homemak.
11	Esban	son.	M.S.		17	48	11	X Farmlab.
11	Samuelx	son.	M.S.		60	99	11	W. 3. Mason
	Ida	dau	F.S.		99	10	11	W. 3. None
11	Eustace	son	M.S.	And the second s	48	11	19	W.2. None
11	Zillavine	dau	F.S.		10	10	11	W.3. None
11	Louis	son	M.S.		99	99	H	W. 2. Shoemaker
11	Muriel	dau	F.S.		11	99	11	W.2. None
11	Cisline	dau	F.S.		10	**	11	W.3. 4.E.
11	Lodrick	son	M.S.		44	11 /	11	W.2. Q.E.
Powell	Keith	gr. son.	M.S.		18	48	19	
Bennet	Merline	gr.dau	F.S.	4	Kingsto	n 11	11	Δ
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Powell	Vivia	gr.dau	F.S.	O	D C. DLLZa	U.		
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His farm 1942.

Davis

Operates and owns his farm for 50 years. 2 parcels, 10 acres Each. Total land: \$ 20 acres. Tobacco and tomatoes. No labour employed. Worked 52 weeks last year. Out of 20 acres: 6 acres in cultivation. 10 acres cultivable but not cultivated. 2 acres pasture. /1 ac. G.grass. 1/2 ac. common gr. 1/2 ac. other pasture grass/. Woodland not used as a pasture: 1/2 ac. Other land: 1,5 ac. Value: L140. Buildings L40. Bo mortgage. Catchment 1. Cultimations: Tomatoes 3/10 ac. - 800 lbs. 4 avocadoes - 20 doz. 3 coconuts + 2 not fruit. -100 nuts. 8 mangoes - 300 doz. 2 naseberries - 500 doz. 1 pawpaw - 40 no. 1 cashew nut + 3 not fruit. -7 quarts. Congo 2 ac. - 8 bush. Cassava 1:5 ac. - 4400 lbs. Potatoes 1/4 ac. - 500 lbs. Yams yellow 1/4 ac. - 300 lbs. Other yams 1/4 ac. - 400 lbs. Tobacco 1:5 ac. - 450 lbs. Stock: 2 donkeys. 5 sheep. 6 goats. 4 swines. 4 hens, 4 chickens. 9 doz. eggs prod.

Monday 22.3.48.

D. B.

Interview with Muriel Powell.

Muriel is the daughter of Margaret and Michael Powell. Her mother is from Ballards Valley. She came here to live after she was married, she was Margaret Elliott before she was married. Eleven of them live at home in Green Olive.

Muriel is 21. She read to the 6th standard

at school.

"Me leave school before me time up. Me parents did want me to study but me no did like it, and could not bother with it. Me stay at home and help."

This is the first time she is working at the factory. She worksin the shed, getting 2/- per day. She started to work at the beginning of the xrop and hopes to work till the end.

She used to work in the packing house, but could not work fast enough to pay her, so she left and went to the shed.

Her feet are deformed, and that makes her very short. She has a child for Ernest Powell. His

name is weith, he is five years old.

"When me parents know that me was going to have a baby they quarrel but me couldnt say anything for me know mw wrong. Ernest did not say anything to them either. Me mother take me to Black River hospital 3 months before the time for me to have baby and me stay there till me have the baby. The father look after him well but we not in company again."

cultivates largely, and trades on tobacco in Kingston, he sells at the factory at Heymood S. Some-

times he sells at 3/- per lb.

have a maid from Ballards Valley. The maid is Enid, she is paid 5/- per week.

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Informant: Dudley Simpson. 9.4.48. T.O. & J.O.

first sister

"Michael Powell is brother to Jane Simpson

- old Robert Simpson wife."

father

"Jackie", but him die before I come to sense. I only hear of only one Michael Powell's brother - the same David Powell father - we call him Buggy.

- I just don't know him right name."

second sister

"Michael Powell have a next sister that marry and live in Exton - Liddy Powell, marry to one Nicolas Powell in Exton (Nicky)."

"I don't know him sister and brother again, Michael Powell mother - I don't know -

he (she) died before I come up."

outside children

"Michael Powell must be around 50 to 60. Quite a jolly man. Married once (only one time) but have him have some outside children; by old James Sinclair daughter, Rebecca: Esban Powell and Vivian Powell. Him had a next boy Cyril, but him necver owned this one. Michael says: - not his, and Becca says his. We call him Cyril Powell and we call him Boggle. That the mother met somebody that was a boggle (she went to Clarendon) - and he (Michael) laughed just that she met somebody, call him Boggle."

wife.

"Margaret - "Maggy" - she is Simpson. She is old Eustace - "Utah" - Simpson daughter. He (Bustace) was old Robert Simpson brother - him was older than Robert Simpson."

"Her (Margaret's) mother come from Ballards Valley. Bustace went to live with her in Bal-

lards Valley. Move from Bull Savannah.

outside son: Esban Powell

"Esban is living from the father home to the mother home. He don't marry. He have a child by reston Ford daughter - "Shaggy". The same that marry to Crafton Simpson - down at Bottom. Only one child (has Esban) by Shaggy. No more children. His mother living at Ribbit - at old James Sinclair home. Mother never marry."

outside son: Vivian Powell. "The other one - Vivian - he married just recently down at Comma Pen and lives there. The girl's uncle have land. Vivian live and work the land. Vivian got no land from him father. Get a piece of land from him old granffather Sinclair, but him (Vivian) sell it. Living all the time in his mother and grandfather home."

His girl Lilian Rochester

some girls want have the fun, but not the baby.

another girl friend and wife.

Esban(Boggle)Powell son of Michael Powell & Rebecca Sincalir.

his girl friend-Eva Sinclair.

Michael and Margaret Powell's children

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"Vivian - around 20 - cultivator. He was friendly with other girl before he marry. No children. In friendship with Liliam Rochester - Aaron Rpchester daughter - but she died. She was making a baby for Mildward Elliott. The girl was rather foolish. Some of the girls want have the fun, but don't want have the baby. She go to a shop and buy some pill and she took it. And the pill disagree x with what was in her and cut everything in her andx she was hurried to the hospital and she died in the hospital. But they (the family) really couldn't disclose-that was that had to hide it. Suppose the girl live they would take her to court. You can prevent but you can't - when the baby is one the way. Well - she die."

"He was along with another girl in omma Pen. We call her Poonks. And he break with this girl and marry the last one; Waxxxxx Witter."

"Boggle - he living now in Duff House - buy land on land settlement. Not married - living alone. But him have a girl in Bull Savennah, in Ribbit that have children for him. (S. e is) Phillip

Sinclair daughter: Eva Sinclair."
"Him(Boggle) gone to America and him get a little money - in 1944 (he went to merica) - and buy land,"

" Eva Sinclair - he (she) have 2 children for Boggy but him (she) have lots of children for that man that die: Edmond Dyer. First for Edmond Dyer. She was living with Edmond Dyer in his home. But him die and heir at law come and turn the woman heir at law come and turn the woman heir at law come and turn the woman turn the woman since sheself at his father estate. Dudley Dyer (the heir didnt marry at law). Bradley Dyer and Dudley and Gerald and Edmond - sons of Allan Dyer."

> "Maud Powell - the first girl - she married to one Albert Dyer in Junder Hill. Long time ago. She didnt have any children before."

"Samuel Powell: him marry to a girl from Ballards Valley - one Evelyn Stephenson. But him living just besides his father home. Separate house. Got land from his father - the father give him a piece of land to settle on and occupy himself. 3 - 4 years aback him marry. But him have a child with her before he marry."

"Ida Powell - she married to "endry Ford,
reston Ford son. Just recently - year before last
year. She was along with Joseph Powell before she
marry to Hendry Ford. Joseph Powell - Jehova Witness
- brother of James Powell. He(Joseph) has the shop
where they keep Jehowa Witness meetings. Joseph is
the son of Ellis Powell."

"She was along with Joseph Powell and with Hendry Ford at the same tile. Had a baby, She said it was for Powell. Both of them (Powell and Ford) was pulling together. After the baby come out it was shown - the baby showed - that it was for Ford. Ford is a black man and Powell a brown man, and the baby - was medium, So it showed it was for Ford. The mother is good looking girl with pretty hair and good quality - the baby still come from a lower father. I will tell you the proof : James and Joseph Powell is two brothers. And Ida and Rose Powell is two sister. And Rose Powell have a baby for James Powell and Ida Powell claims she has a baby for Joseph. And the two baby was quite different - o one show that is from a low family - and the other is from a higher brown,"

she marry. Now all children are for Ford."

"Eustace Powell we call him Pate. Still with the father. Unmarried. Him was along with old James Sinclair grandsughter - we just call her "Noom". He is still with Noom, but he leave her once and had a child with Berisford Simpson daughter: Ida Simpson. But he come back to Noom again, and right now she ismaking a baby for him. So it will make 2 children". First child with Noom, next with Ida, third (in making) with Noom again.

"Zela-Vine Powell she is in America right now. She never had children before she leave here. She leave in 1944. She was in frienship with Randall Roach. Roach marry Mr. Windwart Elliott daughter Phillis. He married after Zela left."

"Louie Powell— a race boy, always goes to the race and rides a horse. A jockey public.Ride in bush here in Junction and in -- Park. Louie Powell - he have a child by Madge Lewis, Arthur Lewis daughter. Louie is living right here now. He cultivate. He ride for Preston Ford and this man from over Stonehope - Commury. Mr. Commury. Sometime he run first and sometime he run second. Cultivates his father's land. Young boy. But him have a next child by Berisford Simpson daughter: Ethel

ne proof is in the

Simpson. Ethel Simpson have a young baby for him. Madge Lewis married in Kingston. A man working in the army. Madge Lewis went to Kingston - she had relative there - had an aunt there."

"Muriel Powell - she has bent foot. She have a baby for this Ernest Powell - "manuel Powell son."

"Cisline Powell - the who expect to marry
to Vincent Powell. No baby, for him - so far."
"Lodrick Powell - we call him Christmas, Is
a young boy, - cultivating, Living in the father's
home as a boy.

wife's outside child "Margaret (Nichael's wife) before she married had a next girl for a next man: "oris Witter. By one Witter by Theapside. But that girl married to old Mobert Simpson son Nichael. Living in Thaddock Hill."

grandchildren.

"Old Michael had a girl by Ad la "ochester (Nicolas sister) - before he married. Violet Powell was her name. Bannet Merline - daughter of Violet Powell."

"Powell Keith is for Louis and Madge."

"Vivian (Powell) is for Mariel and Brmest."

sons' trade.

"Samuel Powell is a mason. He learned his trade from "manuel Powell. All the while works as mason."

"Louie - I don't know Louie a shoemaker. No shoemaker in Wichael children." visit at home. Interv. Margaret and Michael Powell. 10.7. 48. also daughters: Gisiline and Muriel. T.O.

I paid short visits to this home on a few previous occasions and knew met already both Michael and Margaret Powell. Cisiline Powell was also introduced to us by Vincent Powell her fiance. They are to be married on July 18th.

The homestead consists of three buildings: two living houses in each two rooms. The kitchen and buttery. Under a tree a pen for pigs fragx with a low fence made of boards. A little shed and big catchment and tank.

Hrs. Margaret says that all these buildings were built by Michael's father or perhaps still earlier. When she came to live here, all of them were already there. No new additions were made. She says that before they had children only two of them lived here: her husband Michael and herself.

To-day Mrs. Margaret "Auntie Magg" was busy scraping cassava. Her daughter Muriel was making in the kitchen ban-miesximxthexkitchen for dinner. Then it started to rain we transferred with Mrs. Powell from under the mango tree where we were sitting and went to the kitchen. Michael was busy with his cow and sheep.

Present household:

Powell Michael head 68 cultivator

Margaret wife 64 housewife

Esban son 36 cultivator

Louis son 24 jockey and cultivator in sess

Muriel dau 22 helps at home & works in fact /

Cisiline dau 20 helps at home

Lodrick son 18 learning masonery.

Etresusentalus at lat school (probably Merline Benni

Powell Vivia gr.dau. 9

Keith gr.son 5

Enid gr.dau 3

Michael Fowell is the son of David and Fargaret Fowell His sister Jane is married to Robert Simpson in Shaddock Hill. His other sister Lydia lives in Exton. Michael didn't travel; he stayed all his life in Bull-Savannah.

Margaret is kinsvishyhterix from Ballards Valley. er parents were Eustace and bby Bliott. Margaret was brought up partly in her maternal grandmother's home and partly in her parents home. Her sisters Josephine xxx lives in Ballard Valley. also her brother Sam. Two other sisters Mary and Cin derella married and live in Red Bank.

Margaret started to live with Michael over 30 years ago. She says they didn't have children before marriage.

Adelle

Children. Michael Powell had a bastard daughter Viole ette with Adelie Rochester the sister of Joshua Rochester. Wintering is the mother also of John Sangster. She lives at present in Kingston. Violette is living in Kingston now with a man. The had in Kingston a child who is staying at present with the grandparents "Blossom". Blossom was brought up in this household from her babyhood.

Margarette had also a bastard daughter Doris Witter who married the son of Robert Simpson - Michael Simpson. The lives at present with husband and numerous children in had-

dock Hill.

Michael and Margaret had 10 children: Daughters (listed according to age)

1. Maud called "Icy" she married albert Dyer and lives in Qunder Hill.

2. Rose married James Powell and lives in a neighbouring house, next to the shop and Jehovah "itness church.

3. Zealvine went to U.S.A. over two years ago. She works in New York. Margaret says she doesn't know what type of work she is doing. Zealvine sends often presents. She writes that she doesn't intend to marry in America but will return to Bull Sayannah.

3. Ida married Henry Ford and lives in Ridge.

5. Muriel (Margarette gave me her name as kkrxx Sherebelle and the girl told me her name is Mirabelle. I am using the name which is in the Census). Muriel was born with "bent foot". Her uppert part is normal and pleasant. The legs are very difformed. The knees very thick and bent on outside. The lower bones of the legs difformed unsymmetrical ly. The feet rolled trumpet like. The said proudly however that she can "wear the shoes". Margaret says that the doctor is diagnosis was that she has "scattered bones." When she was born the legs were slightly bent and when she started to walk they became more and more bent. Muriel is the size of a child of 10, though her torso is of normal dimensions. In spite of her difformity she had a child with Ernest Powell (Emanuel Powell's son) The boy Keith stays with the grandparents kixx in this home.

6. "isiline is the youngest daughter. Showwar fter she she finished the B.Sav. school she was taking for a number of years private lessons but failed three times her examination. She is to marry vincent Powell in a week's time. She is a pleasant girl rather childish for her age. he was a few days ago in Kingston to buy a few things for the trousseau. She stayed with Vincent's sister. She had no idea about her father's cultivations etc. Gives the impression of a middle class girl of Victorian period - knowing nothing beside the house. he can cook though. (she says) The years spent on private lessons seem rather wasted. Her spelling

of which I had a sample, is very poor. She is a charming naive child.

Sons:

1. Samuel married Eveyn Stephenson from Ballards Valley. He lives in a separate house above the parental home. According to Mrs. Margaret he is an "excellent mason". He built the little tank behind Laban Rochester's house in which we live.

2. Eustace lives in Jomma Pen with a girl.

3. Louis lives with the parents. Heis a jockey. For almost 10 years he is riding horses on races. He earns good money sometimes". His daughter Enid stays in this home. The mother of Enid is Madge Lewis.

4. Lodrick is called "Christmass" he was born on the Christmass day. He is doing a bit of mason ry working with

his brother Samuel.

The grandchildren living in the home of grandparents:

1. Blossom (probably merline mennet) is the daughter of Michael's bastard daughter 'iolette and "a man in Kingston."

- 2. Vivia is the daughter of Ida and Henry Forde. Ida married Menry Forde and lives with him now. Why the name of
  the child was given by Margaret as Powell I don't know. Perhaps she made a mistake. Vivia was born in the Black "iver
  hospital. Her left arm was from birth only a little below
  the lebow. She can move the little bit of the arm below the
  joint and uses it to pick things etc. It is useful but makes
  a strange effect. She goes to school, seems to be quite an
  intelligent child. "Just born like that, no sores, nothing"
  said Margaret and told Vivia to demonstrate her arm for my
  benefit and the use she makes of // it.
- 3. Keith is the son of Muriel who has "bent foot" and Ernest Powell. Physically and mentally he is a normal child.
- 4. Enid is the daughter of Louis the jockey and Madge Lewis.

Additions re family. Michael had another outside child: "Esban. His mother is Rebecca Sinclair. Esban lives in this home. The father of the outside child of Margaret Doris Witter was Simeon Witter from Cheapside. Doris was brought up in this house(her mother's and step-father's)

Household arrengements. I haven't seem or heard of a maid mentionned on p.2 of this F.R. Perhaps she left. "hile a was staying there, there came a "black girld who used to k work as a maid with Judith Rochester. The maid told me that she is now "with Miss Nancy Powell". She brought some fish for Mrs. Margaret. Mrs. Margaret said that since the trucks collect all the catch from the fishermen in Alligator Pond

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and Little Pedro one can't get good fish to eat here. "Only rubbish them leave for us." These fish - about two dozens
size of a small herring on a string - will be for dinner today. Muriel was backing bammies. She said she will make 12.
(The 12th for a grannie who is staying to-day for dinner)
The children break the bammies and the crumbs will be for the
puppies (which looked very lean). isiline was helping a
little with preparing cassava flour sieveing it, but it was
Mrs. M. rgaret and the daughter Muriel who were working mostly to prepare dinner. They say most of the time is taken
to prepare cassava. "Sometime we do it every day." Cassava
could be used also as a kind of porridge which Mrs. Margaret called "tabioka" It is made of the starched which is
washed from the cassava flour, dried on the iron and in the
sun.

The first thing Mrs. Margaret teaches the girls is "to draw my tea of my coffee in the morning" Vivia doesn't know yet how to draw the coffee but Blossom can do it quite well.

The washing is done by Muriel with "some woman to

help".

When 'isiline marries she except to cook for her hus band. (Xt present cooking for Vincent Powell is done by his "dummy" sisters in the father's kitchen) The kitchen at the new 'incent's house is quite ready. "isiline got from her sister in America a cooking book, but she doesn't think she can make much use of it as the ingredients mentionned in this cooking book are difficult to obtain here. "More delica te cooking for cold countries" explained Margaret.

I was taken to the room to see the pictures of the sister in America. There is one framed hanging on the wall in colours "/wst like in life" Her complection on the picture was much lighter than of the members of the family I know. It may be a flattering colouring on the picture, or perhaps she went to America because she was fair enough to "pass for white". In a big frame above the table there are many pictures of the members of the household: Louis the jockey on a horse, another one of Zealahvine before she went to America, "isiline with a friend etc. and some relations in America.

On the table among the china were some celluloid toys - a green elephant, a little duck - which were sent by Zealahvine from America for the children. They are used for decorative purposes.

Definion about Kingston. The young couple is going to be married in K ngston, to avoid a too big weeding. If the wedding were here they would have to invite such a lot of family. It would be too expensive. But Cisiline wouldn't like to live in Kingston for good. Meither Margaret. "You have to buy everything: a pepper, a lime one root of scallion - that simple and spent money." Cisiline said "The cost of living.... is vey high in Kingston" She finished triumphant/ly the sentence stumbling in the middle, of it.

Exactly //

The land. Michael Powell is not talkative, at least when his possessions are concerned. His land consists of 18 acres. One parcel about 8.ac or nore (it hasn't been surveyed) is homeland. He "bought" it from his father, but asked how much he paid said he didn't remember. (which is possible after all as it was more than half a century ago). The other parcel is in the woodlands and was bought from old George Powell.

Cash crops: he planted 4000 trees of tomatoes. He also plants tobacco for sale and buys tobacco from other people to sell it in Kingston. He says the tobacco selling is not a "much of a business" he doesn't do it on such a large scale as Joshua Rochester.

From the other crops: 1 acre cassava, yams, corm,

peas and cabbage. All this is used at home.

Michael Powell has more stock than the average farmer here: he has two meat cows, 4 sheep, 5 goats 2 pigs. The cows and sheep and pigs are near the house. The goats are kept in the woodlands. He has also a donkey.

We couldn't evaluate which of his enterp. brings more: tonatoes, stock raising or tobacco selling. He is il-

literate.

Interv. Merline Bennet and Michael Powell. 19.7.48. T. O.

Merline Bennet. I met this child on the road going to the home of Samuel Powell the son of Michael. The house of Samuel Powell is some hundred yards above that of his father. Merline led me to the kitchen where the wife of Samuel was busy at making bammies for dinner.

As myx didn't have cigarettes I asked Merline to run to the shop and buy one packet. I gave her 1/-. She brought the pack of cigarettes and I gave her 3d. as I didn't have any more sweets. The 3 d. were taken by Mrs.

Powell (Merline's aunt) from the child.

to know who they were. I asked Merline her name. She said "Merline" but didn't say her family name. I asked her who is her mother "Miss Maggy" she said "I am from down they yard". In reality "Miss Maggy" is her grandmother. The mother of the child is in Kingston. I knew Miss Maggy didn't have such a young child, but Merline insisted that Miss

Maggy was her mother.

Merline goes to school She is in Standard B. While she stayed in the kitchen of Mrs. Samuel Powell she was asked on many occasions to perform little tasks like to go to shop for oil, to see whether the fish was brought, to bring something from the house. She was like one of the household. Mrs. Samuel Powell told me that Merline is not "quite collective". The child isn't very bright, but she performed all the tasks quite well. I can't judge whether her rather dull answers were the result of shyness, or because she couldn't understand me well or due to her lack of "collectiveness". To many auswersvshevkunx questions she would answer just "Yes Ma'am" although the questions couldn't be answered by a negation or affirmation.

Physical or mental deficiency is recruing rather often in this branch of the Powell family. (I.e. the desce ndants of David Powell the father of Michael Powell.)

The cases I know of are: David Powell (son of Jo seph Powell, late brother of Michael Powell) delayed reactions, difficulties of expression and speach.

Muriel Powell the daughter of Michael Powell bon

with difformed legs.

Vivia Powell granddaughter of Michael Powell

born without a half of arm.

Lennard Powell grandson of Michael Powell born with a split palate, can't walk and talk being 2 yrs old.

Keith Powell He also came to the kitchen of Mrs. Samuel Powell His mother is Muriel with the difformed legs. "eith seems however quite normal and cheerful. He also behaved like one of the household: took the baby from the doorway, asked for a bammy and got a piece. He had a wooden wheel and a stick (in the shape of a big spoon) to play with.

Additional information from Michael Powell re his family. I went to Michael Powell's yard at 7 p.m. to get

some informations concerning David Powell his nephew. David forgot the name of his father and I thought Michael

might be able to tell me.

Michael Powell was sitting on big logs in the middle of the yard. His son Louis was sitting vis a vis. They have had their dinner already and Michael was smoking a pipe and Louis was rolling a cigar from green tobat co leaves only slightly dried.

Michael is not very fond of talking about his economic activities. However the subject of the family

history is very much to his liking.
"BULL-Savannah it is really a few families. Not Thatch Walk - there are black people, but here the brown people there are really a few families: Powells, "ochest ers, Simpsons and Elliotts."

"George Powell is the oldest man in Bull-Savannah and the oldest of Powell family. I come next to George

Powell in the Powell family."

Michael's father was David Powell the son of Joseph Powell. Michael's mother was Margaret the daughter of Villard Simpson from Chocolate Hole. Michael says that the Simpsons came to Bull-Savannah from Chocolate Hole. David and Margaret had four children: Jane (married to "Joint"Robert Simpson) Lydia who lives in Exton. Michael my informant and Joseph.

Joseph Powell was a fisherman. Michael also used to fish when he was younger. He gave up this trade long ago. "Too hard and you loose too much of the night rest. You have to work hard, once you leave the shore, have to

work hard to come back, whether get fish or not.

Joseph Powell got malaria fever and died. Michael explained that "in those days" it was difficult to reach a docotor, the nearest being in Mandeville and "no vehi cle to take you". Joseph had only one son - David - with Florence Rochester "Dovy". Other information about David etc. is in F.R. of David Powell.

Cisiline- the youngest daughter of Michael was expected to come back from Kingston where she got married yesterday (Sunday) to Vincent Powell her second cousin. She would go to her husband's house "all ready, kitchen and everything" for her to start her married life.

Another bastard child of Michael. I discovered recently that Michael had apart from Violet and Esban another bastard child. This is An nella Powell who lives in Green Olive on 3/4 acres of la land which Michael gave her. The mother of Annella was Dorothy Francis. (See F.R. 124.)