

C.D. 22, Sbd. 13, Household 22 5"7"

Sinclair Cecil Head M.Cl. 38 St. Eliz. Black. No Relig. X farmer
 Rochester Rebecca wife F.Cl. 37 1.1. " " Anglican W'3. Homemaker

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His farm in 1942.

1 5 1/2 acres
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Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 9 years.

Owens L7 ac. in 3 parcels: 11 and 1/2 4, 1 and 1/2 resp. rents 1/2 acre from Elkarah Simpson from J nction. Pays in kind. 12 months lease.

Main income from mixed farming.

No labour employed.

Works 50 weeks, 6 days p.w. 9 hours p.d.

5 ac. in cultivation, 6 ac. cultivable but not used, 5 and 1/2 ac. in guinea grass, 1/2 ac. woodlands, 1/2 ac. other.

Total value of farm L 200, of buildings L 50.

1 catchment.

9 row cabbages = 20 heads, . 1 row okras = 5 doz.
 1 row pumpkins = 36., 10 rows escallion = 100 bund.
 1/2 ac. tomatoes = 2000 lbs. 1 row water melons = 3 doz.
 1 ackee = 25 heaps, 1 avocafo = 3 doz. 2 coconuts = 100 nuts, 6 mangoes = 500 doz. 2 naseberries = 40 doz.
 1 sour orange = 1 fl. box. 5 pawpaw = 36.
 1/20 Beans = 1/2 bush. 0.1 ac. corn = 2 bush.
 0.1 ac. blackeye peas = 1/2 bush. 2 ac. congo peas = 6 bush. 1 ac. cassava = 4000 lbs. 0.2 ac. sweet pot. = 1680 lbs. 0.2 ac. yam = 224 lbs.
 1 donkey, 1 dairy cow, 2 sheep, 1 swine . 6 hens = 12 doz. eggs,

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Interview with Cecil Sinclair .

Present House-hold.

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| Cecil Sinclair | Head |
| Rebecca Rochester | Wife (c.l.) |
| Medora Lewis | Cecil's Mother |

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Cecil is the son of Jacob Sinclair of Bull Savannah , and Medora Lewis (nee Wiltshire) of Junction. His father did not marry his mother . He is the only child for his mother. His mother was married to Mr Lewis of Manchester. His mother's husband died and his mother came to ~~xxx~~ Bull Savannah last year September . She is now staying at his house.

His father is dead . He died 20 years ago. His father went to Cuba and was there for about 22 years.

School

Cecil did not go to school . " Me did bad and wouldnt go when them semⁿ me . A so i' fe go . when you find out things ~~xx~~ i' too late " . He is 38.

His start

Asked what he did when he did not go to school?
"All them dey days me no wuk man , wuk in a ~~at~~ the field common labourer . Me use to plant tobacco , cassava , and potato. Me start off meself. " He started with 100 roots of tobacco. At that time the price for tobacco was very small. Tobacco was sold for 2½ d and 1½d per lb. He cultivated his things on his mother's land at Junction . As a boy he grew at Junction with his mother. His mother got ½ acre of land from her father William Wiltshire and that was the land he used for his cultivation.

After his mother got married and went to live at Manchester Cecil was left in charge of the land.

His Travel

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He went ~~at~~/Cuba in 1919 . He sold his mother's ½ acre of land when he was goin g to Cuba. He stayed in Cuba 14 years . He met his father while he was in Cuba, he and his father were at the same place for some time.

While in Cuba he spent most of his time at a town called Florida. He worked there - cutting wood-land, cutting canes and weeding grass. Canes were cut ~~xxx~~ for 4/- per hundred ruba (that is what is called a heap in Jamaica).

cutting/

When the price is high he got 300 dollars for/~~the~~ a cabaria - that is 32 acres of land. He was paid by the rows for weeding the canes . Sometimes he got 40 cents , sometimes 60 cents per row. He made money but he had to spend it.

He paid 15 dollars a month for a room to live in . Some-times he prepared his meals , sometimes he had to get a maid to do it. He had to pay 4/- per day for pre - the meals alone . Then to wash his clothes he had to pay seperately. "In Cuba they wash clothes by the piece- 1/2 dollar for one pants , 25 cents for drawers (thatis under pants)20 cents for merino, and 45 cents for one shirt".

After he met his father in Cuba they stayed together for a time until his father came home and left him in Cuba . He did not stay very long before he too came home.

His Home-coming

Cecil came direct to Bull Savannah to his father, when he came from Cuba . His father got a stroke after the father had come home from Cuba , so Cecil had to stay with him to take care of himx . He cared his father until his father died . The father left one acre and a half of land for Cecil. That is the land Cecil is living on at present . The land was bought from "Master" Senior.

His Land & Cultivation

He bought 5 acres of land from "Master" Senior in the woods . He paid £20. 0. 0. for it . He planted an acre of tomato in the woods last year . This year he plants at home but through the severe dry , "me no know wha'me though get out ~~afix~~ a i' this year".

In cultivating the tomato if he has his own grass , it will cost him £10. 0. 0. ~~xxxxxxx~~ for moal or manure to cultivate an acre of tomato. If he has to buy grass and moal £13. 15. 0. . If the season is good and the crop successful he x can make £100. 0. 0. after clearing expense. If the crop fails he may make £20. 0. 0. or even a smaller amount. He has ashare in the tomato industry.

He plants sometimes an acre of cassava or half acre, 200 roots of yams and half acre each of potato and peas.

His tank

He has a catchment , but it is dry now. He has to go to the spring for water.

Rebecca Rochester

He is living with Rebecca for 18 years , but he has no intention of getting married . "Me could a even live with her 50 year . Never allot for me fe fe marry, wha' don' travel you way don' force i' , i' will be detrimental. Me wi' marry when me dead -that time me wi' free from all trouble and worries".

Rebecca is the daughter of ~~Hubert~~ Hubert Rochester, he does not remember her mother's ~~name~~ name. ~~She~~ was born in Bull Savannah . She has one son, the son is Clifton Roy . "A him drive the pick-up." She works at the ~~selecting~~ selecting shed , getting 4/- per day.

T Rebecca
✓ by Samuel
Roy

Cecil

Interviewed ~~Clifton~~ Sinclair, & Madorah Lewis.

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Mrs. Lewis and ~~Clifton~~ wanted to know what I was doing in Bull Savannah. ~~Clifton~~ said he did not have any information to give. ~~Clifton~~ is part owner of the "Geroge Washington pick-up". He said he would not be going to the picnic at Miss Jude's place, because anywhere he went he wanted to make money.

Marriage and concubinage.

"The best marriage is to stay with a woman a little time and if you and him can't get on, you leave. Some time you courting a woman for a thousand years and him have one little corner of him heart that him don't show you, and as you married so, him show you. What can you do that time?"

*H. Cecil
(instead of Clifton)*

"Me do plenty courting in my day, you know, and me never ask a woman yet if she have a man. If she have, is her business." ~~Clifton~~ does not feel that a man who is married should ~~have~~ keep only to his wife. "And it suit her to, - she get more rest." How? "If I go to another woman, I would not bother her that ~~night~~ night. She get time to sleep. She must want to sleep one night." A married man can have other women but his wife must keep to him alone. "If my wife have another man, I can't confident/her. Suppose me and me wife walking down the road, and a man round the corner a laugh after me say that is fe him wife too; me can't feel good. A man can do anything. My wife can't bring another man in my house, if she want to go a bush and spread out herself make mangoose bite him, and fe him business that, but him can't bring anybody in a my house. If him bring anybody there, noh death. So it better if me keep from it./."

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/(marriage)

Mrs. Lewis said marriage was a lottery. "Is just as in lottery you pick a ticket, and you may win as well as you may lose; you don't know what you getting. ~~Clifton~~ said that there was only one man in Bull Savannah who he felt kept to his wife alone. "That is Teacher Millard. Him saty home all the time, and when him go out, is him and the wife. Not another man."

The Bible and concubinage.

Mrs. Lewis stated that if we read the bible more often we would learn a lot. "Plenty things that is in the Bible should not be in it all. Soloman had 1 wife, and you know how much concubine - 20. When him see how him was going on, him was sorry and prayed to God