

C.D. 22.Sbd. 8. Household 55 15.8.

Simpson	Eli A.	head	M.M.	40	St. Eliz.	Colour.	angl.	W.2.	farmer
"	Julith	wife	F.M.	27 3.3.	"	"	"	W.2.	homemaker
"	Aston	son	M.S.	7	"	"	"	-	3.E.
"	Marvy	dau	F.S.	5	"	"	"	-	-
"	Derick	son	M.S.	2	"	"	"	-	-
"	Eldaphene	dau	F.S.	3/12	"	"	"	-	-

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His farm in 1942

*8/2 acres
see p. 7*

Operates this farm land as owner or part owner for 12 years.

Owns 7 and 1/2 acres in ~~xxxxxxx~~ one parcel. Rents 1 and 1/2 acr. from Albert Neil from Junction. Pays in kind. 12 months lease.

2 acr. in cultivation, 3 and 1/2 ac. cultivable but not used. 1/4 ac. in guinea grass. 1/4 ac. in other grass. 2 and 3/4 woodland used as pasture. 1/4 ac. other.

Total value of farm £80, of buildings £12 1 catchment.

Cultivations:

0.5 ac. tomatoes = 7640 lbs. 2 breadfruits = 8 doz. 2 coconuts = 89 nuts, 6 mangoes = 840 doz. 5 naseberries = 980 doz. 40 pimento = 120 lbs. 1/4 ac. congo peas = 2 bushels. 1/2 ac. cassava = 2100 lbs. 1/4 ac. sweet pot. = 1250 lbs. 1/4 ac. yam 360 lbs. 1/4 ac. tobacco = 118 lbs. 2 sheep, 5 goats, 1 swine 1 pig.

Inform. Dudley Simpson.
13.3.48.
J.O.

Eli Simpson.
His father and
mother.
His land.

Eli Simpson in Bottom is a close neighbour of Sarah Simpson. But he is not her son. He is nephew of Izan Simpson, his sister's child. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
"Him is not the son of Sarah Simpson. Him call Izan Simpson uncle. Izan Simpson sister have a pickney by one Stanford Simpson. Eli Simpson is the pickney."

"Stanford Simpson - him not living in Bull Savannah. Him is in Republic for years. I dont know whether him is living. Him is brother of ~~xxxx~~ Izan and Kennedy Simpson." /?/

The land on which Eli Simpson lives is "his father's".

Inform. Dudley Simpson.
19.4.48.
J.O. + T.O.

Eli Simpson -
his parentage.

(grand)

Eli Simpson's father was Stanford Simpson. His mother was Freddie Simpson. Fedrica Simpson's father was Daniel Simpson, ~~brotherxxxx~~ His mother was Simpson and she had child for Simpson, and married him. "Simpson to Simpson - it didnt change, only to ~~Mxxx~~ Mistress."

Eli Simpson mother, Frederica /or Feddie/ Simpson was Izah Simpson's sister.

His wife - Julith Simpson, daughter of old Robert Simpson. Their children.

Eli Simpson's wife is Julith Simpson, daughter of old Robert Simpson.

Eli Simpson has "4 children with Julith." He was along with Julith before he married her. They married not so long ago - about 4 years /according to Dudley, but his time estimate is rather vague/. Julith Simpson, before she married Eli Simpson, "never have any children yet."

Daisy Powell - the beloved girl friend of Eli Simpson.

Before Eli Simpson married Julith Simpson he was along with another girl. "He was living with Daisy Powell, have 3 children by Daisy."

Daisy Powell is a girl who had two fathers. Her mother was Alicia Dyer. Two James Powells were along with Alicia Dyer before Daisy was born and ~~xxxxxx~~ both of them are referred to as Daisy's fathers.

Eli's

One James Powell was from Green Olive. Another from Bottom. It was James Powell from Bottom that took parental responsibilities and owned Daisy. But James Powell from Green Olive was regarded as the true father of the girl.

Prove of paternity.

"It is fairly proved that is James Powell from Green Olive child, but James Powell from Bottom supporting her."

The prove is "by colour."

"My colour - argues Dudley - I am a black man. But I am opposite of real poor black man. James Powell from Bottom is lower grade man, and James Powell of from Green Olive is of my complexion. So the child can be ~~px~~ fairly proved." Daisy Powell was "higher ~~gr~~ grade." She was not of dark complexion, as James Powell from Bottom, she was "red" or "brown" like James Powell from Green Olive.

Eli Simpson and Daisy Powell. Their broken relationship.

"Daisy was living with Eli Simpson in his house. Eli Simpson just leave out Daisy and go to Julith Simpson. And after he go to Julit Simpson, old Robert Simpson /her father/ - he is a brainist. He has brain power. As it is said by Jesus Christ: "I will you make fishers of men", so Robert Simpson tried to fish a man for his daughter. He hust bribed him - Eli Simpson. It is just bribery. He put it to Eli Simpson, that he give him so much and so much land "if you ~~xxxx~~ marry to my daughter." And Eli Simpson marry to old Robert Simpson daughter - just leave Daisy and marry to Julith Simpson."

"But now the idea is this: Eli Simpson did love Daisy more than Robert Simpson daughter. And ~~xxxx~~ after married to Robert Simpson daughter he regret it. And he still keep Daisy Powell. So it make ~~xxxx~~ bad life now with Julith Simpson and with Daisy Powell."

Daisy Powell, after having been deserted by Eli Simpson, "went away to Mandeville, working into a bar in Mandeville. She leave out Eli Simpson altogether. since he is a married man."

"She fell in love with a next man. Now she is making a baby for that man she fell in love with. But now that man has no way to keep her. So she come backk now in Bull Savannah, and Eli Simpson still ~~xxxx~~ along with her. So long that thing - it cannot be controlled.."

"Daisy Powell - is the same girl we were speaking about ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ last night. Living in Claston Holness father home. It cannot be proved that Eli Simpson is with her. But I know that Eli Simpson is with her."

Cf. also Family Record 152.

Eli Simpson was disappointed not only with Julith Simpson, but also with Robert Simpson and his promises: "according to what Robert Simpson put to Eli Simpson." "And after him marry the girl it wasnt as Robert Simpson put it to him. He /Robert Simpson/ - he give bribe, but he didnt mean it. And after Eli Simpson marry to his daughter he never maintain his promise. So Eli Simpson lost the confidence and he went back to Daisy. Just as poetry says:

"You I live and not another,

"You may change but I will ne'er.

"If separation be our lot,

"Darling then forget me not."

"Robert Simpson made the promise, but forfake. It's only the promise, but never mature. So he own no land from Robert Simpson. So this is why he feel somewhat displeased."

Eli Simpson. His occupation. His large family.

Eli Simpson is a cultivator - no other trade or occupation. And he has a numerous family, since not only his children by Julith Simpson are staying with him, but also "3 children with Daisy living with the father."

"He have a terrific time; to support the wife and 7 children. But he trying the best. All the children are with him - it must better in future, when the rest of children succeed. Now he supports all of them in one house - no separate provide. One stone kill all the bird. That's the way he find the ease."

It would be more difficult to him - according to Dudley - if ~~he~~ Daisy's children stayed with the mother and he had to provide his first woman's family with money as well.

*Visit at home. Interv. Julith and Eli Simpson.
2.6.48.
T.6.

In contrast to ~~compare~~ the energetic and exuberant neighbour Caroline Powell Julith and her husband are very quiet and looking rather depressed.

Eli just finished the thatching of Mr. Powell's kitchen which he was doing with some other neighbours and came to the kitchen where I was already with his wife.

Above the kitchen there is a small house. The second room has been added only recently and isn't yet finished. There live:

- Simpson Eli head. M.M. 40 cultiv.
- " Julith wife F.M. 27 housewife
- " Aston son M.S. 13 by Daisy Powell
- " Marvey dau F.S. 11 " temporarily with
- " Derrick son M.S. 8 " mother.
- " Esmelda dau F.S. 5 by Julith
- " Violette dau F.S. 3 "
- " Calton son M.S. 1 1/2 "

Eli Simpson is the son of Stanford son of Daniel Simpson. His mother was Frederica Simpson from Chocolate Hole. I have seen the grave of Frederica, which is near Izan Simpson's (brother of Stanford) home. She was born - as the inscription on the grave says - August 23 1875 and died July 12th 1915. Eli's father went to Cuba many years ago and it is not known what became of him.

Eli's two brothers Jehu ("Crosby") and Eucal live in B. Sav. His sister Eve lives in U.S.A.

His outside children. Hilda Simpson told me that about 15 years ago Eli was living with James Powell's daughter Daisy, who stayed with him for a time in his house. They had three children (Aston, Marvey Derrick) This was "going on" for about 5 years, but there was some "misunderstanding", and finally Daisy left when Eli married Julith. Hilda was careful not to express any opinion, she related "facts". Hilda said Julith had "hard time", as the home was poor, and the children "unruly" (which I could see for myself only a few days ago when interviewing Daisy Powell). Anuhow Julith took good care of her step-children and even the mother of the children told me she was good for them.

Children with wife. Their eldest daughter was Eve. She was adopted (i.e. lived in the house) by Julith's parents Robert and Jane Simpson. I asked why this child was adopted by the grandparents. Julith said "It was better for them", but wouldn't give a more definite reason. One day - about 3 years ago - Eve who was at that time about 8 came to visit her mother and father. In the evening she said goodbye and everybody expected she went back to her grandparents. The next day the child was found drowned in the tank which is just below the house. Julith was very moved when she was telling me about it. It must have been a terrible shock, and even now she

wanted to explain to me that nobody looked earlier for the child as it didn't occur to them she could be anywhere else but with her grandparents. Poor Jullith has a kind of remorse she didn't take proper care of the child. Their next child - a boy Tivy who is at present about 10 is staying with the grandparents, who adopted him. Their three younger children stay with the parents and Julith is expecting another one.

For Julith parentage etc. see F.R. 39 Robert Simpson.

Eli went to Cuba in 1920 but stayed there only one year. He says he didn't make much money, just to "start a house". He says he has 8 acres; 7 of homeland and 1 in the woods. It seemed to me that round those houses there wasn't as many acres as all the people told me, but perhaps owing to the hills on both sides I was ~~given~~ mistaken in my judgement. Usually people don't exaggerate the amount of land possessed. It wasn't clear to me either why Eli got the land from his father and his two brothers Eucal and Jehu don't seem to have any. Perhaps they sold their portion.

Eli wasn't so pleased with the present economic conditions as his neighbours Claston Holness and Lehi Simpson and others. He hopes when children will be bigger they will be able to "help themselves better". But he didn't say whether he expects the children help him or just release him from his duties. Obviously children were not one of his favourite topics. Besides he is very taciturne.

Eli enumerated all the standard crops he is planting on his fields but couldn't say the amount of each. I believe he genuinely doesn't know, when he started to count, I could follow he was counting by concrete patches which are in many places and finally got mixed up. He is not very intelligent or bright.

He didn't plant many tomatoes - didn't say the amount. Jullith pleats a little whenever the 6 children let her have a few minutes. Julith didn't mention her step-children, who at present spend the day with their mother who came to Bull Savannah from Sandeville where she was working, to have a baby.

It seems there is some struggle and sadness in this house. Though when I asked Jullith where she liked more at her parents' home or here she said "Here" - Why? "Because it's my own."

Information from Leo Johnson
who interv. Juliette Simpson
on 17.6.48.
J.O. 19.8.48.

Family Record
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Present household.

- Simpson Eli, 40.
- Simpson Juliette, 27, wife.
- Simpson Aston, 13, Eli's son.
- Simpson Marvie, 10, Eli's daughter.
- Simpson Derrick, 8, Eli's son.
- Simpson Esmilda, 5, daughter of Eli and Juliette.
- Simpson Violet, 3, " " " " "
- Simpson Calton, 1, son " " " " "

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Eli Simpson - son of Stanford Simpson and Frederica Simpson, nee Simpson. Has two brothers and one sister. Brothers: Lucal and Crosby live in Shaddock Hill. Sister Eva Powell /married/ is in USA.

Juliette Simpson - is daughter of Robert Simpson in Shaddock Hill /see F.R.39/. Her brothers live all in Shaddock Hill. ~~She has~~ She has one half sister /through father/ with whom relations are not maintained. ~~Her~~ Her name: Makell Simpson.

Marriage. Eli and Juliette ~~started to live together in 1938~~ ~~married in~~ met and became friends in 1938, started to live together in 1942 when they married. ~~They have 4 children. Three are staying~~ in the home, ~~one daughter. Three of their children~~ Three of their children are staying in the home with the parents. One, 10 years old Tivy Simpson, is adopted by the grandparents /Robert and Jane Simpson/ and is living with them. /Cf. F.R.39/.

First c.l. wife of Eli Simpson, Daisy Powell.

Before Eli married Juliette Simpson he was along with Daisy Powell with whom he had 3 children. All 3 children are staying with the father and were brought up in the paternal home by ~~the father~~ their father and step-mother. Cf. also Family Record of Daisy Powell.

Emmigration. Eli Simpson went to Cuba in 1920. Brought no savings.

House, land, farming.

House: 2 rooms. Kitchen. Tank.

Land: 8 acres in 2 lots: 7 acres homeland, 1 acre in Dunder Hill. All land inherited from the father, owned by Eli.

Trees: 10 naseberries, 4 c.mangoes, 2 breadfruits, 2 coconuts.

Cultivations: tomatoes "not much planted", 200 yam hills. 2 acres congo /8 bags/. 1,5 acre cassava. Other crops small amount, all food grown used in the home.

Stock: 1 steer, 3 goats owned by the wife.

Spending: L1 on food weekly, L7 on clothing for adults last year, L2 for children. Hospital and doctor cost L30 last year.

School: Derrick in A stand., Marvie in 2nd, Aston in 4th.

Religion: all family Anglican.