

C.D. 22. Sbd. 13. Household 8 P.2. 5

Powell	John	Head	M.Cl.	63	St. Eliz.	col.	Ang.	W.3.	farmer
Sinclair	Edith	wife	F.Cl.	45	9.8.	"	"	X	homemaker
Powell	James	son	M.S.	24	"	"	"	X	farm lab. tom. ind.
"	Mavis	dau	F.S.	19	"	"	"	W.3.	" " " "
"	Edgar	son	M.S.	17	"	"	"	X	" " " "
"	Ina	dau	F.S.	11	"	"	"	W.2.	4.E.
"	Cecil	son	M.S.	13	"	"	"	W.3.	O.E.
"	Curdel	dau	F.S.	7	"	"	"	R.1.	4. E.
"	Delores	dau	F.S.	4	"	"	"	-	
Thompson	George	step-son	M.S.	30	"	"	"	X	labourer
Simpson	Lodrick	ad. son	M.S.	34	"	"	"	X	labourer

His farm in 1942.

Under one acre.
 3 goats. 2 hens = 4 doz. eggs.
 Garden crop value = £ 3
 1 avocado = 4 doz. 1 coconut = 60 nuts.
 1 limetree = 4 doz. 1 mango = 80 doz.
 3 naseberries = 75 doz.

2 1/2 acres see p 11.

Saturday .
27. 3. 48.
D. B.

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Family Record. 167

Interview with John Powell.

Family History.

John is the son of Henry Powell and Elizabeth Powell, of Bull Savannah. They are dead. His grand parents are ~~xxxx~~ also from Bull Savannah. They ~~xxx~~ were Ann Powell and John Powell, his father's parents, and Maria Sibbel and George Dyer, his mother's parents.

School

He went to school and read to the 6th standard. After leaving school he went to work with Mr Samuel Shaw at Alligator Pond. His work was to drive Mr Shaw's carriage. He was paid 16/- per month. He worked for 5 years, and stopped, "the price was too small and me was getting a big man". He is 60.

Fishing

After he left Mr Shaw he started to do fishing at Alligator Pond. He had his own boat, and sometimes 6 or 7 men working with ~~xxx~~ him as hands. He went to sea three times for the week, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. He never paid his hands. Each man had his ~~an~~ own pods, and was able to help himself. "We use to do well sometimes, and me use to ~~xx~~ love fishing when me a young laddie."

Fish was sold by the string then, and not by the pound. Wire for making pods was very cheap at that time. One roll was bought for 30/-, 3ft. He did ~~xxx~~ fishing for a long time (does not remember how long), then he stopped and went to Nassau.

His trip to Nassau

When he was a young man "Alligator Pond use to be a busy Sea Port Town, big ship use to come in to the harbour all the time and some time the sailors and the Captain would come up to Bull Savannah". Once a ~~xxx~~ boat came in, the name was "The Berty" and the Captain was Prince Allava. The Captain paid a visit to Bull Savannah, "and as the Captain see me him fall in love with me and ask me to go with on the boat, me was glad fe the offer and me ~~w~~ go with him".

He stayed in Nassau for one year. During that ~~xxx~~ time he worked with the Captain, going on "turtling and sponging" trips. For weeks they would be at sea catching turtle and spong. When a good catch was made

it would be taken to the town, and sold at the market. He was paid according to what was caught. He left after a year, "me couldnt stan' i' the work was too hard."

America.

From Nassau he went to America. He went to the South at first, where he ~~gax~~ met his brother Ellis Powell. He got a job there to work on the railway in a gang. He was paid 15 dollars per month. He worked there for 6 months, then he wnet up to the north, at ~~Mat~~ Miama, Florida. While there he worked on a tomato cultivation, belonging to Mr Wise. He stayed there for two years, getting 3 dollars per day. After two years he came home. "Did wan' come home, me never be a traveller, me no x love i', i' too dear in America".

His children.

He had 11 children, three with Josephine Powell and 8 with Edith Sinclair. One is dead. Josephine is dead, and he is now along with Edith. They are not married. Amy, one of his daughters, is in America. She went two years ago. Clifford and Percy, ~~are~~ two of sons, are married. Two are ~~wx~~ working at the factory and two are going to school. Edith has a son, he is George Thompson, "she had George before me meet her he lives here and ~~me~~ use to work on truck, but him ~~are~~ stop".

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He has two acres of land which he bought from Benjiman Perkins for £3. 4. 0. He has a ~~lwnx~~ house which he built after he came from America. At first he was living in his father's house, but ~~is~~/been broken down now. He does a little cultivation "dat me can have some thing fe eat", he plants a little tomato but the dry has been so great, that the crop is not so successful.

Wednesday .
7. 4. 48.
D. E.

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Family Record 167.

Interview with John Powell.

Present House-hold

John Powell	Head
Edith Sinclair	Wife (c. 1.)
Edgar Powell	Son.
James "	"
Ina "	Dau.
Phillip "	Son.
Mavis "	Dau.
Curdel "	"
Delores "	"
George Thompson	Son to Edith

His children. ^{by these wives.} Josephine's children for John are -Clifford, Amy, and Percival. Edith's children are Edgar, James, Ina, Phillip, Mavis, Curdel, and Delores. The land John is now living on he bought it from Benjamin Perkins for £3. 12. 0. "that time land was very cheap so so it never cost me much." It is ~~2~~ 2½ acres.

His land

His Parents.

He never got anything from his father or his mother. They were poor and did not have anything to give him. His father had ~~five~~ five acres of land. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

before/

His father sold two acres of the land to the Company ~~before~~ he died to help himself. His father gave two acres of the land to John's sister Ann, and one acre to Hubert. John did not get any, because his father said John has his own.

His wives.

Josephine had children for John, but John did not marry her. Josephine was the daughter of Georgiana Powell and Benjamin Powell of Bull Savannah. He has never been married to Josephine or any other woman. He is now living with Edith, but they are not married neither.

His children by Josephine.

land /

He does not remember the age of any of his children. Clifford is married and is living on his land. Clifford does a little cultivating, but not much as does not have any for himself.

Percival lives at Top Bull Savannah. He was staying with his grandmother, but his grandmother died three years ago. He is living on his grandmother's land - she left a piece for him, and he bought a piece from her. His father could not give any much information about him.

Percival is married and has four children . Hazel McDonald is his wife . She is the daughter of Betsy Ebanks and Henry McDonald of Over Road , Bull Savannah. Percival is a cultivator . He cannot read -he was not ~~sent~~ sent to school .

Amy his daughter is in America . She went about two years ago . Amy was in Kingston working for a long time After staying in Kingston for a time she came home . While she was here she became friends with Robert Dyer she became pregnant for Robert . The child is Enid Dyer .

When Enid was about two years old , Amy left her with her father Robert and went back to Kingston. Her mother's sister Fredricka Powell came out for a visit from America to Bull Savannah , while Amy was here . Amy asked her aunt to send for her when she goes back to America . The aunt promised to do so .

Amy went back to Kingston and was still working . She sent for her daughter Enid , and Enid finished her schooling there . Two years ago Amy's aunt Fredricka sent for her and she went . This year Amy has sent for Enid and ~~she~~ she left early in this year.

Edith's children.
are/
died/

Some of Edith's children for John are working , and some/going to school. ~~she~~ Mavis had a child for Neville McDonald , but the child /when it was a month ~~old~~ old. Mavis and McDonald are friends still , but she doesnot live at McDonald's house. She lives at her ~~her father's~~ father's home. She is working with the Company - cooking for labourers at Spring Pasture. She is ~~now~~ paid 2/- per day. Previously she worked at the shed , getting 1/6 per day then later on she got 2/- . She worked last ~~year~~ year for the first.

Edgar and James work at the factory in the shed, shifting boxes at 3/6 per day. They have been working at the factory every year doing the same job. When the crop is off they ~~work~~ work for other people around . Some times they get 3' - per day working for other ~~people~~ people.

Ina works at the factory in the shed for 2/- a day. This is Ina's first or second year at the factory . She read to 4th standard at school .

Ladrick Simpson.

Ladrick was living at John's house , but he has left . He is the son of Alice Sinclair and "Bebe" ~~Simpson~~ Simpson of Dunder Hill. His father is now living ~~in~~ in Comma Pen.

His mother comes from Ribbet , and is now living with Hubert Powell . John does not know why Ladrick has left his house . Ladrick is staying at Clifford's house . He used to work as sideman on the Company's truck. While he was living at John's house he got on very well with the people there." Me no know why him leave 'im no must a ~~xxxx~~ believe 'im was a cumbrance in a thexx house".

George Thompson.

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George is Edith's first child . His father is Phillip Thompson ./He works on partnership with Mr Powell cleaning his land . He has been doing the cleaning for four years .

Monday.
12. 7. 48.
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Interviewed John Powell & Edith Sinclair

The house

It is quite a small one for the family . It has two rooms . The house is made of spanish walls , having a roof of thatch . It has been washed lately , because it is very white and clean outside . Nothing of the inside was seen . All the people were out in the yard near the kitchen .

The kitchen is just a little shed ~~separ~~ surrounded with coconut leaves . The kitchen has two parts , one with the fire place and the other side with a table , on which was packed some dirty dishes and a few other things . The kitchen is very small .

The children

Curdel and Delores are going to school . Curdel is reading in the 5th standard , and Delores in the 1st standard . Curdel loves to go to school , "she would cry if she no go" . Both of them go to school every day . Sometimes they come home for lunch , and sometimes Delores eats at the school . Curdel will not eat at the school , because "she comical , she no eat every thing " , so lunch has to be provided for Curdel at home . Delores does not love to go to school , "we have to beat her sometime to go , she stiff-necked , and hard head " .

Mavis

Works at Spring Ground cooking for labourers there . She is paid 2/- per day . Sometimes she has 26 men to cook for , and sometimes 29 with herself and the boss . Mr Hastings gave her the job . When the crop is on she works at the factory in the shed at the same price . Mavis had a baby and it died nine months ago . She had the baby for one " McDonald " from Tadd Town (does not remember McDonald's christian name) . She and McDonald are still friends , but she does not live at his house . They visit each other , and now and then she sleeps at McDonald's house . She prepares his meals , he gives her the money to provide for him .

James

Cultivates on his father's land , and not in the woods " Me 'fraid to duddy for one frighten me one night out a Ridge Hill , me have to run . Perhaps when me one go in a the woods go work me may go see any more so with that me no go down dey at all go work " . He plants cassava , and tomato , and gungo peas . He plants about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre tomato , $\frac{1}{4}$ acre peas and $\frac{1}{4}$ acre a cassava . The tomato he sells and divide with his father the profit , but the other things are used for the home . James is a very good worker .

James has a girl friend at Comma Pen , whose name is Pearly Bent . Pearly does not live at James ' house , they visit each other . He does not have any children .

Edgar

Is also a cultivator . He works at Cotton Ground with Mr Leon Powell on partnership , and he works on his father's land planting tomato . He gets two thirds of what he plants with Leon Powell . He does not work his father 's land on shares . He plants at Cotton Ground cassava and peas , while on his ~~father's~~ father's land he plants tomato . The portion of tomato he plants is about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre . Edgar does not have a girl friend , neither has he any children . Both Edgar and James contribute to the house hold .

George Thompson

He grew with his mother and step father John Powell . George's father did not marry his mother , he married instead Freddie Rochester of Bull Savannah . His father is Phillip Thompson from Ploughden . George is still staying at his mother's house . To make a living he cultivates , working with Leon Powell on partnership at Cotton Ground . He gets two thirds of the crop . He has been working with Leon for about fifteen years now . The chief things he plants are ~~essave-~~ cassava , and tomato . Sometimes he plants $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of tomato , and the same of cassava , as well as sometimes he plants an acre of both things . He sells the tomato and the cassava is chiefly for his home use . He contributes to the house hold , when he has it . When he cannot manage to give any thing , he is provided for all the same . George did not go to school , "mother couldnt manage fe sen' me " . He does not have a girl friend , and he does not have any children .

George used to do fishing , working with William Lee as a hand . He went for one year then he stopped . "Bad weather take me and me never go back , and the pay no did good !" He got a string of fish and 1/- for the day . George does not go to his father's yard scarcely . "We only move when we meet !" His father is living in Bull Savannah , near to Top Bull Savannah .

Ina and Phillip

Ina used to work at the factory in the shed for 2/+ per day . She is not working at present , she helps at home . She does not have many children , neither a boyfriend . Phillip works with both his brothers cultivating at Cotton Ground , and is given a third of the crop . "When the factory is going he works there in the shed or lifting boxes with tomato .

Edith Sinclair .

She is the daughter of "Pigeon" Sinclair and Thomas Sinclair . Her father and her mother were married . She has three sisters in Bull Savannah and one in Dundar Hill ,

they are all one mother and one father's children . She did not grow with her ~~xxx~~ parents , she grew with Mr Johnny Thompson , and Mrs Fannie Thompson . They were ~~living~~ living at ~~Rixax~~ Plowden . Her parents put her with them when she was very small . She was not sent to school , "me havefe work when fe her children gone to school " . She had to/weed grass . wash clothes, and go to the market . "Them care me, but the care did shaky , no so good " .

"A me mother put me with them , but a me come home ~~ix~~ me self . Me never come home tillme come with George , me fall , and them begin fe quarrel , so me come wey/ . Them say me nodid fe do it , and as me know me do it a'ready me come wey . Me did sorry because me no did know a wha' me do , but when me find out ~~xx~~ a wha' me do , me no ~~dei~~ did sorry again . Me find out that me take up man 'pon me head. Me did well love him , and him say him did love me to , but afterward him find somebody else wey him go married to !

When she came home herparents started to quarrel with her , "them say me no did fe do it either . Phillip never go to them or say any thing to them , andhim never support the baby so well after a tãme , him start well , but him stop!"

Edith used to trade on bammies at Alligator Pond , "but me stop it fe about 12 years now " . She works at the factory all the time now . whether crop ~~ix~~ is on or not . She is paid 2/- per day . Sometimes she weeds grass , some times she ties the tomato on the sticks . When the crop is on she works in the ~~xxxx~~ cannery . "But all the tãme me get something to do , one , one day work" .

John & Clifford

John and his son Clifford , (who John calls Rupert) are not living in great unity . One day John went to ~~ix~~ take a little water out of the tank to give to his donkey , and Clifford ran up to him and hit him with the stick . John was knocked out of his senses . He had to go to the Doctor , he went to Doctor Mais and Doctor Johnson . He got a cut in his head , and if he had mentioned the person who gave him the blow, " it would a come 'gainst Clifford " . John does not know why Clifford hit him , "because we no di have any thing , him only say me no fe take the water , and yet a me help him build it and a fe me place him build it 'pon . A the first him do it , so me forgive him . John has not got over the ~~xxx~~ blow fully , "because sometime him ~~een~~ caaneven remember any ~~thi-ign~~ thing " .

Lodrick Simpson

Was adopted by his aunt Edith Sinclair when he was very small . "Me take him because him ~~ix~~ cleave to me more ' ~~xxx~~ 'an him mother Alice Sinclair . His father Wilfred Simpson is living at Comma Pen

"Me raise him till him turn a big man ". Lodrick did not go to school , him use to cultivate , and work for other people ". Lodrick left ~~xxxx~~ Edith's home about one year ago . He is now living at Clifford's house (that is John's son) "Him mus'e feel himself a man now make him left". Lodrick scarcely go to see Edith since he left her house . He is working on the road now . He has children , but she does ~~not~~ not know any thing about them .

The children , their behaviour and what they are taught.

When the children are naughty , the mother or the bigger sister or brother flogs them . The father does not do the flogging , he does more with the talking . The children go to the next yard and play , ~~but~~ sometimes when they are wanted to run an errand they are nowhere to be seen .

They are taught good manners by the mother and father . Mother teaches them to wash the dishes , to sweep the yard , to tidy the house , by sweeping the house , dusting , and taking out the chimney . "Me make them wash them under clothes , and sew them pantie , and everything else " .

Present House-hold

John Powell	Head	60
Edith Sinclair	Wife	e.l. (does not know age) looks 54
James Powell	Son	28
Mavis Powell	Dau,	24
Edgar Powell	Son	22
Ina Powell	Dau.	20
Phillip Powell	Son	19
Curdle Powell	Dau.	13
Delores Powell	"	10
George Thompson	Son to Edith	36

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Information from Lilian Powell.
 Interv. John Powell and others.
 14.6.48.
 J.O. 26.8.48.

Present household.

Powell John, 60.
 Sinclair Edith, 50, c.l.wife.
 Powell James, son 28.
 Powell May, dau., 26.
 Powell Edgar, son, 24.
 Powell Ina, dau., 20.
 Powell Philip, sson, 18.
 Powell Curdel, dau., 13.
 Powell Deloris, dau., 9.

George Thompson, 36
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John Powell: parents Henry Powell and Elizabeth Powell,
Brothers: Edgar Powell, Waitabit /in police/, Hubert
 Powell, B.S., Overroad; Ellis Powell, U.S.A. Sisters:
 Ann Low, Mocho; Sellas Dyer, Mocho; Sarah Carcenter,
 Manchester; Henney Francis, Junction.
Edith Sinclair: parents Thomas and Pidgeon Sinclair from
 Ribbit, both dead. Sisters: Alice Sinclair, B.S., Mahala
 Powell, Ridge; Marion Senior, Ribbit; Relda Neil, Dunder
 Hill;

John Powell went to U.S.A. 1910-1912. Built home from
 the savings.
 House: 2 rooms, Kitchen. Laterine. Furn.: 3 beds, 2 ta-
 les, 2 chairs.
 Land: owned by John Powell 2,5 acres in 1 lot, homeland.
 Bought from Benjamin Perkins 1906.
 Trees: 2 mangoes, 3 naseberries, 5 sweet saps, 1 coconut.
 Tomatoes: 1500 holes. L12. 9 yam hills. Other cult. in
 small quantities.
 Animals: 1 donkey, 1 pig, 1 cat.
 May ~~John~~ Powell works with J. Veg., earned L12 last year.
 Weekly spendings: 40/-. L15 spent on clothes for all the
 household last year. Savings "very simple, family poor."
 No part. religion. In school: Curdel 5th stand., Deloris
 2nd.
Additions: John Powell was previously along with Josephine
 yer, who died. Had for children with her: Amy Powell,
 in U.S.A., Cecil Powell, died; Percival Powell, in Top
 Bull Savannah; Clifford Powell, in B.S., Overroad.
 With Edith Sinclair had 7 children, all with the parents.