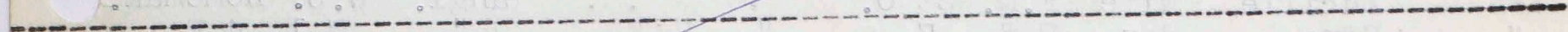


Fam. Rec. 169.

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Powell Adolphous head. M.S. 28

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Family Record. 169

Interviewed Edna Pitter & Adolphus Powell.

Edna is the daughter of Edith Pitter and George Pitter. Her father is from Mandeville and her mother is from Bull Savannah. Her father died when she was very small. She is 23.

Before she was born her mother was doing domestic's work in Mandeville. While she was there she met George, and they became friends. She became pregnant for George. She worked on for a time, and then came home to confine. After having the baby she stayed for a time, then she left the child (that is Edna) with her mother Martha Bent and went back to Mandeville.

Edith was married to George there. After they were married they sent for Edna. She went and attended school there. She read to the 2nd standard. Her father died some time after and her mother came home. She had to stop from school, "me no ~~xx~~ have no body did fe sen me, me father dead and me mother ~~xxix~~ didnt have i' fe sen' me".

to/ She has three children for Adolphus Powell. They live together but they are not married. Adolphus does not want marry "me na marry to no woman, you marry to - day ~~dem~~ go way to marrow".

"Cant manage i' now, lines ~~xxx~~ x too hard, cant get money fe help me self, food hard, money hard, clothes hard, water hard, everything hard."

"When Edna fall ~~xxxxx~~ him mother never like i' at all an she quarrel, an quarrel an say pickney ha' fe tek up dat'pon dem head too soon". So me tell him mother, dat whatever lie in a me power me would do i', an me we response fe him an the baby. Me ~~xxxxx~~ didnt ha any house, so me ask him mother fe me him stay a fe her house till me make a house."

They are living together for 14 years now. Edna is working at the factory, in the shed for 2/- per day. Mr Powell gave her the job. She has been working for 5 years. Previously she did grass weeding at 2/- per day for ~~xxx~~ a long time but stopped after she got the job at the factory.

Powell does not call himself a cultivator, "cultivate, x  
me no call wha' me do cultivate, me call i' little  
box over. Me plant a little tomato, but i' dont come  
out to any ~~thing~~, through the dry weather. Me believe  
me a de worse one in de district, me poor can' worse,  
want help right'way."

He is building a house, but it is not finished.  
He and his family live in the room that is finished.

Tuesday.  
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Family Record 169.

Interviewed Adolphus Powell.

Adolphus is the son of Sarah Barton and Hubert Powell. He was born at Thatch Walk . He grew with his mother , and started to work from " me could get bit a day " (that is ~~bx~~  $4\frac{1}{2}$  d per day ). He did not go to school . He used to do a cultivating around his mother's house . At that time his mother was living on "Hardy " Spencer's land . His mother was paying rent but he doesnot ~~z~~ know how much rent she had to pay.

little/

When he was 21 he left his mother's house ~~xxxxxx~~ and went to live at his father's house . He stayed at his father's home for three and a half years . While staying with his father he helped with the cultivation and everything that his father had to do . He was not paid for what he helped to do . He worked as ~~father~~ for a father.

son/

He left his mother's house because "me feel a mane to leave and as me become man me feel that me could make a little ~~kit~~ fit fe ~~xxxxxx~~ meself ( that is try to make life). Me ha /preparation to save me self from dew, caan ~~ka~~ live out a doorx , have to make a little house".

fe have/

While he was living at his father's house he started to build his own house. He started the house about eight years ago. It is not finished as yet , only one room has been completed . He is building the house on his father's land . His father has helped him well with the building of his house . He helped him with board , wood , thatch, stone dirt, "and every something".

He is not paying rent for the land that he builds his house on . His father has given him the ~~x~~ spot freely , He does not know when the house will be finished . "Me ha fe stop and go , bite and go , things caan rush on a sudden . Ha' fe take time with life". He ~~max~~ does not have the money to finish the house . He ~~wikk~~ has to ~~ax~~ work on it little by little.

He met Edna here in Bull Savannah , after she came home from Mandeville . She was living there with her mother Edith Pitter. After the death of her father her mother moved back to Bull Savannah . That was the time Adolphus met her . Adolphus was living ~~ix~~ at his own house when he met Edna , in the room that is finished.

He could not allow Edna to live in the house with him at that time , because it was not properly arranged for her to stay there. Edna is living with him ~~ix~~ four years now.

Adolphus works occasionally for Mr Winty Elbiott "me and him a friend and me help him now and then". Sometimes he gets 1/6 per day or 2/- per day, when he does any work for Mr Elliott.

He does "no more for a living more and plant one hole a corn and french bean, and one hole a ~~one~~ cocoa and cas-sava." The only way one can get "a copper ya" is when a ~~little~~ little tomato is planted. It is not all the time one can plant tomato. Sometimes sickness prevents one from plant-ing. "It call fe labour and if you sick you caan work in ~~dey~~ dey, for if you sick you caan get money fe pay people fe ~~work~~ work in dey".

"No have any thing ya fe take make living, a over sea living dey. You have something over sea fe take make it but we no have ya".

"Only trade me have a the gal them, me court them, and ~~friend~~ friend with them. One not enough - seven and a half woman due to a man. Me born came hear it, so the scripture say.

"For the last two ~~a~~ weeks me no do a thing more and go out and go friend with gal. No work at all, man dey ~~work~~ court cant plant".

"Any woman me marry, if me marry at all that dey woman must carry me through. Him must work fe me and do every-thing, me na work for him. When you work ~~for~~ woman them ~~take~~ take you sweat gi' other man (that is they maintain another man with what they get from one man). When you no married to them and send them out, them ~~hang~~ them neck and ~~come~~ come back. As you married to them and send them out, them no come back at all".

broke/

He will marry when he meets a millionaire that can carry him through.

Information supplied by Lillian Powell  
who interv. Adolphous Powell and Edna Pitter  
on 12.6.48.

J.O. 21.7.48.

Present household.

Powell Ramus /Adoplous/ , 35.  
Pitter Edna, c.l. wife, 21-23  
Powell Vivian, son, 5.  
Powell Kirval, son, 3.  
Powell Henry, son, 6.

Powell Ramus: son of Hubert Powell and Sarah Banton.  
For his sisters and brothers see Fam. Rec. 19/Banton Sa-  
rah/ and 164/Hubert Powell his father/.

Pitter Edna: father George Pitter/Mandeville, dead/, mo-  
ther Edith Pitter /nee Bent/, Bull Savannah. Uriah Pitter  
- her half brother, and Neita and Clarice Pitter /her full  
sisters/ live in Mandeville.

House, kland, farming.

House, 1 room. Furniture very poor: 2 beds, 1 chair, 1  
table. 1 kitchen. 1 latrine.  
Land: owned by Ramus Powell 1/2 acre homeland, given to him  
by his father Hubert Powell.  
Tress: 2 mangos.  
Cultivations: 1000 holes, L.S. Yams, cassava, a little con-  
go and corn.

Expenditure: 20/- weekly on meat, salt, sugar, oil, soap.  
L6 for clothing for all the family for the past year.

Outside child of Ramus Powell:

Ramus Powell has one outside child: George Powell, living  
with the grandmother Sarah Banton /mother of Ramus/.  
The mother of the child: Burdie Sinclair from Ridge.