

C.D. 22. Sbd. 8. Household 31.

Powell Adolphus	Head	M.M.	45	St. El.	Col.	Ang.	X. Farmer
" Miriam	wife	F.M.	46 0	" "	" "	" "	W. 2. homemaker
Elliott Irene	ad. dau.	F.S.	15	" "	" "	" "	W. 2. none

His farm in 1942,

*21 acres
p. 6.*

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 20 years.

Owens 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres in 3 parcels: 2 - 3 and 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ac. resp.

Main income from cassava & tomatoes.

Employs 2 labourers for 42 weeks p.a

Works 42 weeks p.a.

4 acres under cultivation. 5 ac. cvable but not used. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. in guinea grass. $\frac{3}{4}$ ac. woodland used as pasture. $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. of other land.

Total value of farm £ 150, buildings £ 40
1 catchment.

cultivations:

0.7 ac. tomatoes = 5100 lbs. 2 avocados =

6 doz. 4 coconuts (2 fruiting) 110 nuts.

8 mangoes = 890 doz. 6 pawpaws = 69.

1 ac. congo peas = 7 bush. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. cassava =

5100 lbs. $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. sweet pot. 110 lbs. $\frac{1}{4}$ ac.

yellow yams = 950 lbs.

1 donkey. 1 goat. 2 swine.

Interviewed Miriam Powell.

Saturday.
24. 4. 48.
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Family History

Mother Rosie Elliott. Father Isaac Elliott. Mother's mother Rachael Elliott, "dead for many years now." Mother's father Davis Elliott. Father's father Fredric Elliott. Father's mother Ellen Elliott. "Me take Powell. Me no like double up life." —Elliott marrying Elliott.

Occupation.

Miriam sells bammies at Little Pedro. "From birth a this me a do. Bake bammy, and sell at Little Pedro."

Grandchild

Her 4 year old grand son Euston gives a lot of trouble in the home. "Him cu'se a whole heap a bad word. One day me tell him that me was going to leave him. Him take up a piece a stick an' say ~~axgainxhxusxuxraxe~~ him a go ppop out me race. So, I say to him, I don' love you for you cu'se to' much. Him say me na cu'se."

Euston sat beside Miriam without saying a word. I said he was very quiet. "Him, wait so tell you gawn, him cu'se some bad wo'd you see." Miriam pointed to W.F. and told Euston that if he did not behave himself W.F. would take him away. "See the man come for you, run in a house and sleep." Euston ran to the house without stopping on the way. He looked frightened.

Tomb

She told a friend that William Lee's tomb would be built shortly.. "is only relatives and a few friends them tell." Mary, (William's widow) will pay the mason to build the tomb. "And anybody have anything, put it on the tomb for the mason."

Miriam was very reluctant in giving information.

Saturday
24 April, 1948.

Ed. F.

INTERVIEW WITH ADOLPHUS POWELL.

Adolphus is 47. He was born in Top Bull Savannah. His present household is constituted as follows:

1. (Himself)-head.
 2. Miriam Powell, wife.
 3. Irene Elliott, 18, niece; -child of wife's sister.
 4. Donald Powell, son, 7.
 5. Euston Roye, 3, son to Irene.
 6. Sciline Fay Roye, dau. to Irene.
- Euston and Sciline are Stanley Powell's Children. Stanley lives at Alligator Pond.

His parents both dead were Maria and Hortatio Powell. They were born in Top Bull Savannah, where they had lands, the piece on which he now lives being a part of their holdings he has inherited. He has built, and now lives in a two roomed house ~~xxxxxxbuilt~~ on the land holding. His father bought the land holding from a man named Gordon.

Adolphus built his house before he was married in 1929. It was blown down in a storm sometime after that and rebuilt as it now stands. The land space inherited is 2 acres.

Family History

His mother and father had 12 children, 8 of which are yet alive. These parents died about 16 years ago a few months apart.

Early Childhood: He grew up with his mother and father brothers and sisters in "about 6 different houses" built on the land then one acre in area. His mother and father occupied one of these houses (1 apt). Adolphus used to live in one of the others with an elder brother named Charles. Usually an elder brother would share ~~an~~ room with a younger one; an elder sister with a younger one also.

His brother and sisters yet alive ~~ix~~ -in order of their age, are:

1. Mrs. Mahala ~~Powell~~ Staple ~~of~~ who married Deliah Staple of Ballard's Valley where they now live. They have 5 children: live in their own house built on their land.
2. James Powell: married Caroline Francis of B.S. They live in Bottom -T.B.S.
3. Mrs. Mary Lee, neighbour; she married William Lee now dead: has 10 children. Lives in own house on own land.

4. Mrs. Laura Ebanks; she married Charles Ebanks of B.S. They live in Bottom -T.B.B. have 6 children sharing own house on own land.
5. Lilian Powell; she lives in Kingston, in rented quarters; has a son now "a big man. He shares house with her.
6. Adolphus ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Powell -himself.
7. Luther Powell who left for Cuba about 20 years ago. Adolphus did not say whether he hears from Luther.
8. Mrs. Lettice Roye wife of Claston Roye of T.B.S.

School

His parents sent him to school but "a play bad boy, go a bush go play an' all them things;" Some of his other brothers did ~~xxxxxxxx~~ likewise; he is unable to read; the others who went to the bushes and used to play instead of going to school too.

He remembers that when he went to school for the first time he found the teacher cress. He was afraid of the teacher. That was the main reason he did not want to go to school.

Adolphus was rather preoccupied with his day's plan of work, and was uneasy for that cause. Obliginglly courteoss, he did not want to tell me it seemed, that hencould not spare the time for the talk. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ I found out that his immediate desire was to go into the garden to prepare a patch of ground for planting, and suggested that we go there together. In the garden he hesitated. He did not seem to think it proper to work while he was speaking to me. Encouraged to go ahead, he began to work at weeding with his machette. ~~xxxx~~ He weeded ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ with energy.

He always feeds animals on the landhe intends to plant on. To prepare the land for planting crops like yams, potatoes and cassava he weeds the land which has been manured by animal dung. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ He then plants the crops ~~xxx~~ after which he mulches the land with guinea grass. When he plants crops like peas, tomatoes, and tobacco, he puts grass mulch on the land ~~fixxx~~ before he ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ plants them. He does that because the hardier plants like yams, cassava etc. can push themselves through the grass mulch, but the "tender plants" like peas etc. can't.

Adolphus was not enjoying working and talking at the same time, andso the talk was terminated.

The yard

The yard had been carefully swept. Everything appeared tidy. There were a number of stones sticking out of the earth.

These large and small had been whitewashed. The base of trees about the yard were also whitewashed.

The kitchen.

Like other kitchen buildings seen in this area the kitchen ~~is~~ is a low. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ The eaves of the roof stand a bare 6½ feet above the ground. The building measured about 14 feet long by about 8 feet wide. In one corner is the fireplace. This runs the entire width of the building, is about 3½ feet wide and about as high. In the corner directly opposite the door was a barrel of water, beside that a small table. The door is at one end of the building and ~~xxxxxx~~ built into the long side; the fire-wall is at the other side. Near the fire-wall, was a wooden mortar. This mortar was about as high as the fire-wall. There was a large box with a lid. The box is used to store salt ~~xxx~~ pepper and eskellion. Corned meats etc. are never put into it; it is white-washed.

There was a rack with a knife some spoons and forks and a number of tin cans.

On the fire was an 8 quart size iron pot. Some beef was being stewed in this. Earlier in the day Mrs. Powell had been baking bammies. She would use some of the bammies ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and the beef for the mid-day meal.

Information from Leo Johnson.
Interv. Adolphous Powell.
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Powell Adolphous, 46.
,, Miriam, wife, 46. /c.L./
,, Irene, daughter, 20.
,, Donald, son, 7.
Roye Euston, son of Irene, 3.
Roye Cylia, daughter of Irene, 1.

Powell Adolphous: son of Horation Powell and Maria Powell /nee Lewis/. For his brothers and sisters see James Powell
Powell Mirriam, daughter of Isaac and Rosy Elliot. She is from Ballard's Valley - her parents and brothers and sisters kive in Ballard's Valley.

~~Mirriam's children~~

Irene's children are by Stanley Roye in T.B.S. They are adopted by the heads of the family and also supported by them.

Information from Dudley Simpson: both Irene and Donald are adopted children of Adolphous Powell and her c.l wife whose family name is Elliott. Mirriam is sister to Albert Elliott who settled recently in Back Dicstrict in T.B.S. Both: Irene and Donald are children of one of her sisters /Reta Elliott/. They are ~~xxx~~ a neice and a nephew to her. Adolphous and Mirriam have no children.

Travels: Adolpous was to Cuba in 1917-19.

House, land, farming.

House: two rooms, and one sigle room building. 2 beds, 4 ta tables, 3 chairs. 1 tank.

Land: 21 acres in 3 lots. 5 acres in Old Top, woodland. 9 a 7 at home. * Inherited frm the father. 4 acres in cult., 8 in g.grass.

Trees: 9 mang., /2 robins/, 3 coconuts, 6 bananas.

Toamtoes 5000, L38. /cr p failed/.

Yams: 150 hills. Casasva: 1 acre. Congo 1,5 ac. - 5 bags.

Red peas - 16bquarts planted.

1 donkey, 1 sheep, 4 pigs.

Spending: 12 weekly on food etc., Clothes "never estimated", L9 on doctor and medecines.

Religion - all anglican.

Donald in the A book in school.

Mirriam is doing some speculating".