

C.D. 22. Sbd. 8. Household 56. 15.14.

Powell	James	Head	M.M.	51	St. Eliz.	colour.	angl.	X farmer
"	Caroline	Wife	F.M.	50	1.1.	"	"	X homemaker
"	Dalson	son	M.S.	19	"	"	"	W.3. farmer
"	Naomi	dau	F.S.	17	"	"	"	W.3. none
"	George	son	M.S.	14	"	"	"	W.3. 3.E.
"	Samuel	son	M.S.	12	"	"	"	W.2. 3.E.
"	Turnicka	dau	F.S.	10	"	"	"	W.2. 3.E.

His farm in 1942

Operates this farm land as owner or part owner for 34 years.

Owns 16 and 1/2 ac. in 3 parcels: 10, 5 and 1 and 1/2 resp.

Main income from tobacco, cassava, congo peas

Employs 2 labourers for 42 weeks a year.

Works 51 weeks p.a. 6 days p.w. 8 hours p.d.

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

Total value of farm £185, of buildings £18. 1 cathment

Cultivations:

0.2 ac. tomatoes = 1300 lbs. 1 avocado =  
 1 doz. 3 breadfruits = 10 doz. 3 coconuts =  
 120 nuts. 2 mangoes = 108 doz. 1 naseberry = 98 doz.  
 2 and 1/4 ac. congo peas = 21 bush. 2 qc. cassava  
 = 17792 lbs. 1/2 ac. sweet pot. = 1448 lbs. 1/2 ac.  
 yams = 1896 lbs. 1/4 ac. tobacco = 110 lbs.  
 1 donkey, 2 sheep, 4 goats, 2 swine, 3 hens =  
 15 doz. eggs.

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Inform. Dudley Simpson:  
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James Powell. His  
father. His land.  
His son.

"James Powell - him is from Tad Town. He is the son of Horatio Powell. He bought that land down in Bottom from Uriah Rochester. Horation bought it from Uriah Rochester and give to him son."

A new house in construction on the other side of the path is his son's house. His son's name is Dalson. Dalson Powell plans to open a shop in this house. He "got him land from him ~~father~~ father, James Powell."

Inform. Dudley Simpson.  
25.4.48.  
J.O.

Powell James - his  
parentage.

"Powell James - we call him Uncle Benam. Is a nickname."

"He is the son of Horatio Powell from Top Bull Savannah. His mother Maria Powell, from Top Bull Sav. also - she was from Rose Corner."

His first and second  
wife: Alitia  
Dyer and Caroline  
Francis.

"James Powell wife is Caroline Francis at first, sister of Stanley Francis. But James Powell did marry one woman from Ridge: Alitia Dyer. He have lots of children by Alitia Dyer."

"After the death of Alitia Dyer James Powell marry to Caroline Francis. But he dont have any child by Caroline Francis. All the children was by Alitia Dyer."

Alitia Dyer - her  
children before she  
married James Powell.

"Alitia Dyer have 3 children before she marry James Powell."

"Reginald Rochester, by Isiah Rochester, brother of Mr. Laban Rochester, who went to Republic and never came back." /Cf. FamRec.6/.

"Cecil Senior, son of James Senior". See Fam. Rec. 109.

"James Senior, also by James Senior. He is now living in Plowden."

Alitia Dyer was along with James Senior/senior/ for some years, but at the end they "separated."

"But she have a next girl by James Powell from Green Olive, Daisy Powell. James Powell her father is the brother of Uncle Henry, though ascribed to James Powell from Green Olive, was owned by James Powell in Bottom, ~~xxxxxx~~ with whom Alitia Dyer spent the rest of her life.

"Daisy Powell was living with her mother when the mother was living with James Powell over in Bottom. James Powell was her father-in-law, so he come her step-father. Afterwards she was living with Eli Simpson - in Eli Simpson home. And them have around 3 children. Before him separate. And afterwards she went to Mandeville to work."

For the family history of Daisy Powell see Fam.Rec. 152 and 158.

Caroline Francis - her child before marriage.

Next wife of James Powell, Caroline Francis, "Had a child before. He was Aston Elliott. Father was from Ballard's Valley. But now Aston Elliott living in St.James. Marry and living in St.James."

James Powell's children by Alitia Dyer.

Dalson Powell, the first born. "He marry to one girl from Tad Town, Zemina Ebanks daughter. ~~xxxxxxx~~ He live now in a separate house, built on father land. Made a home and marry the girl." The girl is Lucille Powell. He father is Dacosta Powell. Lucille Powelle was living with her mother Zemina Ebanks also when Zemina Ebanks joined Wilbert Simpson and stayed with him in cl.marriage. "But after them separate, she was living with Ebanks family," in her grandparents' home ~~xxxxxxx~~ which is the parental home of her mother Zemina. So Lucille Powell ~~xxxxxxx~~ married Dalson Powell from her grandparents's home.

"They have one child and "the girl is making a baby now."

Philmore Powell / = George Powell/. "He is still living with father. Making a house, but didnt go to his house as yet. He has a girl friend. He is in friendship with Stanley Francis daughter, Elsie." No child and no baby in making.

~~xxxxxxx~~ Ravlie Powell / = Samuel/. "He is the youngest son of James Powell, but he died. He died in James Powell home - little before the Christmas. Was around 18 when died. He was having fever, but nobody could say what the fever was. He never get the better treatment, never taken to the doctor in time. Every morning the father come to him and ask: Ravlie, how you feeling now? - as the custom is, you know. And Ravlie: not too bad, pappas. So the father didnt take the sickness serious. So he went away to his work in Duff House, come back in the evening, ask him just the same, and he give just the same answer to his ~~xxxxxxx~~ father. Moving all the time - he was not in bed. At the week end he took to bed. And one evening when the father was coming back from Duff House, he was in bed. The father go back to him and ask him how was

he feeling. But he was quite low. Same night he died. But before he die, he was terrific condition. He was in youth fighting against his death, trying to resist. But as you know, you cant resist death."

"Them fret lots for the young boy - very sorrowful, ~~xxxx~~ that they didnt take it serious."

"The same boy that dead, he was to attend the wedding - the wedding of Hazeline Simpson, the daughter of James Simpson in Bottom. And him went to Bromfield shop and him bought his suit, his hat, his shirt and shoes, preparing for the wedding. It happen that the girl was to marry Wednesday and ~~xxxx~~ as he died Monday night, he burry Tuesday. So that it was quite grievous even at the wedding. It was even speak at the wedding: that Ravlie have to attend the wedding and death calling him away."

Naomi Powell. Naomi left her father's home. ~~xxxx~~ "She married to Claston Lewis, butcher from Dunder ~~xxxx~~ Hill. Just recently. They have 2 children. One was before they marry, and one after."

Turnicca Powell. "She is not living at her father home now. She making a baby right now. One Burnett Roy from Ridge, the son of John Roy from Ridge, is her boy friend."

Turnica Powell is not staying however with Burnett Roy, her boy friend. "The girl is staying now at her brother Reginald Rochester. He was the first son of Alitia Dyer before she marry James Powell."

"Her father turned her out from his house. She was a little unruly. She was moving with boys that the father didnt like. She was moving with that boy Giant Linton - he was unprepared boy, that's why her father object. Afterward now she move with Burnett Roy. She is making now baby for him. She move with Burnett Roy after she leave her father home."

Land and occupations.

<sup>Powell</sup>  
James ~~Dyer~~ ~~xxx~~ is rich with land. "He has his land in Duff House that he buy from the Government." And he has also some of his father's land.

He is a cultivator, has no other trade or occupation. Just the same as his two sons: Dalson and Philmore. Only Dalson is living separately. Philmore still with the father. Both sons are wroking their father's land.

Visit at home. Interv. Caroline and James Powell.  
2.7.48.  
T.O.

I was walking with Hilda Simpson and Julith Simpson who was taking me to her house. Caroline Powell came from her house. She said "You are Mrs. Obrebski" and I said "You are Mrs. Powell". Mrs. Powell laughed and said "I haven't seen your face but we seem to know each other" She insisted that I came first to her house and Julith shyly agreed.

Mrs. Powell has a strong personality, she seems to boss everyone round her but is liked by the neighbours. "The house is very untidy, we are thatching the kitchen" she said. On the roof of her kitchen there were men perched almost finishing the new roof. They were: Reggy Swaby, Eli Simpson, Crafton Simpson, Dalson and George Powell. Old James Powell was in the kitchen and Mrs. Powell took me there to introduce her husband. Old Mr. Swaby was sitting on ~~the~~ a bench outside the kitchen. He came from Shaddock Hill to watch the work. ~~On~~ Palm leaves black with soot were littered all round the kitchen. A ladder was leaning against the roof. All the kitchen equipment was removed from the inside the kitchen and heaped on grass under the tree.

After a brief introduction to her husband ~~Mr.~~ Mrs. Powell took me to her house. In front of it a really pretty little garden was neatly lined with stones and full of blooming flowers.

There are two rooms ~~xxx~~. In the first one two beds table with china, another with a sewing machine. Mrs. Powell insisted that I saw the next room. There is one bed there, a few trunks and a washstand. She pointed to me a door which was leading from this room outside. In this room sleeps George, Mrs. Powell and her husband in the first one. We sat with Hilda and Mrs. Powell in the first room. It was cool and pleasant scented with the fresh smell of new thatch.

Present household:

Powell James	head	M. 56	cultivator
"	Caroline	wife M. 55	housewife
"	George	son. S. 20	cultivator.

James Powell (as informed by Caroline) is the son of Horation Powell son of "Toppicash" Powell and Maria Powell. His sisters are: Mary Lee, Lettice Roy who lives at Horatio's old house, Laura Banks, Mechalda in Dal-lards Valley, and Lilian in Kingston. Brothers: James and Adolphus. One brother emigrated to Cuba in 1921 and the family has no news from him. There were two more brothers but "there are dead so we don't put them" said Caroline.

~~The Powell children. Pointing through the open door to a house Caroline said "This is the house of my son~~

The Powell children. Pointing through the open door to a house nearby Caroline said "this is the house of my son Dalson." There was another house nearer and not yet finished. Caroline said it was the house of her other son Philemore (George). Then she added that she had a third son who recently died of typhoid fever and I could see tears in her eyes. She showed me his grave behind the patch of escallion. (I knew already from Daisy Powell her step daughter that all these boys were not Caroline's own children but only step-children). I asked about girls and she said that there were two girls for Mr. Powell. She didn't like to talk about those two girls (Daisy and Turnina Powell)

The step-mother. I do not know what is the relation of the three sons of James Powell to Caroline as I ~~talked with them~~ exchanged with them only a few words in her presence. Turnina however was very bitter about the step-mother (see F.R. 6) Daisy didn't blame her, but only the father about whom she said he treated them "rough"

Caroline has one outside child. This was told me by Daisy on a previous occasion. It is a boy by an Elliott from Ballards Valley. Caroline who volunteered all the informations about family etc. omitted this one. She only said she was once married in Kingston.

Caroline's career. Her parents were Nathaniel and Jane Francis. Her mother's maiden name was Sinclair. Two of Her brothers: Charles and Stanley Francis live in B. Sav. Savannah. Many of her numerous sisters died. Her elder sister Esteline went as a girl to Panama to join an aunt. Esteline came back to B. Sav., went to Cuba, caught there an illness "fever". Came back to B. Sav. but didn't recover and died. Elsie went to Panama and afterwards to Cuba and there she died. Dorothy, Florence and Hilde died in B. Sav. Caroline has two living sisters: Ann Neil and Margaret Roach. They both live in B. Sav.

Caroline's travels. Caroline was the first person in B. Sav. who told me exactly her age. She was born in August 8th., 1893. In 1914 she went to Panama where her sister Esteline was already. She showed me a picture of the aunt & her husband - the one with whom she and Esteline were sharing house in Panama. "We lived in Canal Zone, Gatton, Colon." After a few years she came to Jamaica. She says she married a Mr. Hine in Kingston but he died. She went to Cuba in 1922 and stayed till 1928. "I worked for the Americans, I was the washerwoman." After staying 6 years in Cuba she became "homesick" and decided to return to her own ~~country~~ country. ~~Caroline~~ Caroline remembers the years she spent in Cuba with pleasure. She said there was plenty money there But now it is as well in Jamaica, at least in B. Sav. since the tomato industry was started here. Life is a lit-

tle different in those foreign countries. For instance they use a stove. But Caroline says she is used to cook on the open fire "The smoke - doesn't trouble me. The wind takes it away. I am used to it. Yes I know the american stoves, they have it in Panama and Cuba." "In Cuba there are some people living better than we and some poorer." She is rather satisfied ~~xxxx~~ with the life here. "At that time there was more money".

~~Asr~~ enterprise. After Caroline returned from Cuba she put her savings into opening a ~~xxx~~ rum shop in Meyers ville. That was in 1929. She used to send her savings from Cuba to "Royal Bank in Kingston. I sent them by post." She had this rum shop for two years but she had losses instead of profits, so she decided to close it, rescue what was left and came to Bull. Savannah. "I married Mr. Powell. His first wife was dead and my first husband was dead. We are both married for the second time."

Land.

Mrs. Caroline is au courant of what is going on in the work of men - (~~It~~ happens rather seldom that women know so well about the men's activities). They have 16 acres, which are worked by the father and the two sons. (Dalson is already married & has a small baby.) The home land of about 10 acres is virtually but not yet formally divided so that each son has around 1 acre as his own. They work however with the father on what remains. In Buff House they have two pieces: one small of about one acre and one of about 6 acres which wasn't surveyed yet and was bought from a Powell.

They had 10 bags of congo peas this year. Yams, corn and cassava are from their own fields. Mrs. Caroline has her own escallion. She showed me the patch carefully mulched and weeded. This she cultivates herself and sells by the pound "Higglers buy it, sometimes I get 18/- for it." They have 1 donkey and one bullkin.

In the expenses the death of the son was the highest single item. The doctors & cost round £8 and the funeral £10. Caroline estimates that on clothes they spent on average £10 yearly. It seemed to me a rather high big sum as compared with other given to me but as they are only 3 people all grown up and the household seems prosperous compared with those of the neighbours, it might be quite possible. In this Caroline includes such items as sheets, towels etc, not only personal clothes.

Information from Leo Johnson.  
 Interv. Caroline Powell.  
 17.6.48.  
 J.O. 21.7.48.

Present household.

Powell James, 56.  
 Powell Caroline, wife, 55.  
 Powell George, son of James, 20.

/?/ Horatio

James Powell: son of Samuel Powell and <sup>M</sup>Mariah Powell, first Lewis. His brothers and sisters: Adolphous Powell /t.B.S./; Luther Powell /in Cuba/; Nicholas Powell /died/; Mehala Stapple /Ballard's Valley/; Mary Lee /in Top.B.S./; Laura Ebaks /in Tad Town/; Lillian Powell /in Kingston/; Lettice Roy /in T.B.S./.

James Powell was married first to Alicia Powell. His first wife died in 1927. He has no children by his present wief. He had 8 children altogether, 7 of which are alive. 6 were by his first wife, Alicia Powell, 2 were outside children.

His children: Dalson Powell, ~~xxx~~ 25, in Bottom /beside father's place/; Naomi Lewis ~~xxi~~, 23, in Dunder Hill; Daisy Powell, 29, now in Shaddock Hill /with Holnesses/; Turnicca Powell, 16 /no information where she is living now/. These, at together with George Powell staying in the home, are his children by Alicia Powell. Two outside children: Sigismund Powell, 35, son of Eveline Powell, lived with mother, was raised by her. Filizie Powell, son of "Mary" /nickname/ in Old Harbour, also raised by the mother.

Powell Caroline: daughter of Nathaniel Francis and Jane Francis, first Sinclair.

Caroline had one child only: this is Aslan Elliott, whose father was Wantworth Elliott in Ballard's Valley. ~~xxxx~~ Asalan Elliott was raised by the mother.

Travesl: Caroline went in 1914 to Panama, in 1922 to Cuba. Brought some savings, started a business, but was not successful.

House, land, farming.

House: 2 rooms. Kitchen. Buttery. Furn.: 2 beds, 1 table, 2 chairs, 1 sewing machine. 1 tank.

Land: 16 acres, 10 at home, 1 at Old Top. 5 in Duff House. Homeland inherited from father. Old Top bought from Berry Powell. Duff Hpuse - from Land Settl.

Tress: 3 c.mang., 3 breadfr., 3 coconuts, 3 neseberries. Cult. tomatoes, tobacco - small amount, yams, 200 hills, cassava, congo - 10 bags, escallion /by wife/ 1/2 sq.ch.. 1 donkey, 1 steer.

Spending: £1.10 weekly, £10 yearly each for clothes, health /doctor, hospital/ £7, death £10. /last year/.

Religion: all anglican.