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C.D. 22 Sbd. 12. Household 38

Sinclair	Joseph	Head	M.Cl.	38	St. Eliz.	Col.	Angl.	X	Farmer
Holness	Amy	wife	F.Cl.	33	6.6.	"	"	W.l.	Homemaker
Sinclair	Jephthah	son	M.S.	12	"	"	"	W.l.	O.E.
"	McKenzie	son	M.S.	9	"	"	"	W.l.	O.E.
"	Leyong	son	M.S.	8	"	"	"	W.l.	O.E.
"	Rose	dau	F.S.	5	"	"	"		
"	Elaine	dau	F.S.	4	"	"	"		
"	Eleen	dau	F.S.	1	"	"	"		

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His farm 1942.

Operates 14 years as owner.

2 parcels - 3 and 2 acres resp. Toamtoes and roots.

Worked 52 weeks, no labour employed.

Out of 5 acres: Cultivated 2.5. Cultivable - 0.

Pasture ~~1/2~~ 1 1/2 ac. /all Guin. grass/. Other land 2 acres.

Values of the farm: L40, Build. L20. No mortg. 1 catchment.

Cultivations:

Tomatoes 3/10 ac. - 1440 lbs.

L coconut - 35 nuts. 4 mangoes - 100 doz. 1 naseberr - 50 doz.

Congo 1/4 ac. - 5 bushels. Cassava 3/4 ac. - 2400lb

Potatoes 1/4 ac. - 900 lbs. Yams yellow 1/4 ac.

- 150 lbs. Other ymas 1/10 ac. - 500 lbs.

Tobacco 1/2 ac. - 200 lbs.

Stock: 1 donkey. 1 sheep. 2 goats. 4 swines. 2

hens. /5 doz. eggs prod./

*5 acres*

Informant Dudley Simpson  
13.3.48.  
J.O.

Joseph Sinclair  
His Wife Amy.  
Thei land.

Joseph Sinclair is son of old James Sinclair.  
He lives in a separate house, but on his father's  
land.

His wife Amy is Holness. She is old Theodore  
Holness daughter.

Inform. Dudley Simpson.  
11.4.48.  
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Joseph Sinclair  
and Amy Holness.

Amy Holness is daughter of Theodore Holness. and  
Blackie Holness was her mother.

Amy Holness and Joseph Sinclair are "long time"  
together. "Them was living together when Amy in her  
father hme."

Amy had never any other boy friend besides  
Joseph Sinclair. Similarly Jospeh Sinclair: "I never  
know of any other girl friend." "From they come up,  
them just pull together and never leave each other."

Their children.

They have alot of children: "about 7". "Firts  
Jephtha, then McKenzie, Leo, "Princess" /Rose/, Elaine,  
Eleen and they have a baby one. 7 children."

Nobody else besides husband, wife and children  
lives in their house.

Jospeh Sinclair is only cultivator - does not  
work in the factory and has bo other occupation.  
"Amy she dont work in the factory. Him dont work either  
- him is a cultivator. But two of them boys work in  
the factory. Them carry fruit from the shed to the  
cannery."



D.H.

Interviewed Amy Sinclair.

18.6.48

Household.

Joseph Sinclair.	Head.	40 years.
Amy Sinclair.	Wife	39 years
Jephtha Sinclair	Son	20 years
Mackenzie Sinclair	Son	16 years
Leo Sinclair	son	13 years
Princess Sinclair	Daug.	11 years
<del>Blasome</del> Sinclair	10 years	
Elaine Sinclair	Daug.	9 years
Toma Sinclair	Daug.	5 years
Patsie Sinclair	Daug	2 years.

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Parentage.

is  
Her Father ~~xxx~~ Theodore Holness,  
Her Mother was Rosetta Holness, (known as Blackie)  
For her brothers see Family Record...  
In addition she had three sisters, children of her mother but not of her father.

Edith Sinclair. ( maiden name Powell)  
Anita White. ( " " " ) Full sisters.  
Maybelle Simpson. (daughter of Bulla Simpson.)

They all lived together in the father's house.

As a child she went to school only intermittently, she did not go more often because they were poor. She left school at 14 years, and for a year she learnt dressmaking with Miss Nola Lewis, (in Bull Savannah) Her father paid for these lessons.

She returned ~~xxxx~~ to helping in the house at the end of the year. A year later when she was sixteen she became friends with Joseph Sinclair. He was the first man she had ever been with, because her ~~xxx~~ mother brought her up very strictly, would not let her go out and play with boy pickney, and looked after her to see she didn't run around too wild.

She first became pregnant at about the age of 18 years. Her mother was very cross and quarrelled violently with her. However she didn't turn her out, and in all four children were born to her and Joseph while she was living at home. It was not until after the birth of Princess that the house was built by Joseph for them to live in. "Every time a new baby come mi mother cross with me." She was angry with her off and on until she finally left her home, and set up house with Joseph. She has been living in this present house now for eleven years.

They intended to get married when they moved into the new house but "things wern't just ready for marriage, we hadn't the money." They have only been married for three years. X Her mother ~~xxxx~~ died about four years ago, so



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she did not live to see the wedding. The wedding was a big affair. The wedding itself took place in her home, but they held the reception out in the open and all their friends came from every direction to partake. The minister actually married them, and Mr Millard and his wife were among the guests. There must have been around 80 guests she thinks.

#### Her children.

She never found bearing children very hard. Even the first one came easily enough. She has had Estella Simpson for all her children. She has great faith in Estella, "She better than any doctor, ma'am." Estella comes fairly early when a person is in labour, and she gives them strengthening light food, and bush tea. She gives corn porridge and gruel. She gives comfort when the pain is bad. After the baby is born she give a little rum. She washes the baby and the mother, before she leaves. Amy always stays in bed nine days after a birth. During that time she is fed on Bamis, porridge, a little meat soup, and perhaps some gungo peas, a taste of fish perhaps, but nothing very solid and hard to eat.

She weans all her children at one year old. She does it by giving them solid food immediately after they have had a breast feed. gradually she shortens the breast feed, and increases the solid food, until before they notice it, they are eating all solid food. The exception to this is the baby Patsy. She is now almost two years old, and she is still not yet weaned. She refuses to stop, and Amy hasn't the heart to stop her.

One baby died at three months old, she didn't really know why.

#### Training.

She finds that girls are more of a handful than boys. She has never had as much trouble with her boys as she has with the girls, who have nearly all come at the end. Her eldest girl Princess is only 11 years old.

The boys begin to help in the fields at about ten years old. The girls help in the cooking and looking after the other children at about the same age. She herself when she was a pickney, did not have to help until that age.

Her children cannot wash themselves and really keep themselves clean and tidy until they are about 7 years old. "It too hard to keep them pickney clean, the dirt from the ground in them all the time." (All were pretty dirty)

She has them using the chimney at about 18 months old.

She has no particular favourites amongst them but one



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always has the fondness for the baby, she added. She had Patsy sitting in her lap during most of the interview and she was constantly kissing her, and fondling her. Patsie herself ( See File 26 Children) responded to this.

When the children are bad, "When dem's rude, and fasty" she flogs them. She does most of the floggings herself but sometimes Joeeph gives them a flogging as well.

She send the children of school age to school whenever she can manage the money for the lunch. This does mean that Princess can only go to school irregularly, but she does her best. It was the same with all her children, the boys were only able to go now and then.

#### Religion.

She is a full member of the Bible Church of God. She has only been a full member for the past three years, before that she was only a visitor. (She was married three years ago.) She sends all the children to the Sunday School of the church, and they go to many of the ordinary services as well.

When she was small she used to be sent over to the big church, the Church of England.

Observations. She is a quiet rather worn out woman with very little control over her children, even the baby. For the behaviour of the children during this interview see File 26.

The House. It consisted of a kitchen, and a one roomed cottage with two double beds in it. I cannot make out how all ten people sleep here. The cottage itself was clean and tidy. It was made so for my benefit, as I was not let into the house for about ten minutes while she disappeared inside. Mean while the children entertained me with some more games.

Health. She is strong and all the children have been healthy. Elaine is the only one who is a little sickly. She got the "Cough" (Whooping Cough, I think) when she was four years old, and it lasted for 6 months. She just saw that she didn't catch any colds during the time she had it.

Meals. She never knows how ~~much~~ many people are going to eat one of her meals. People are always dropping in, her father comes around sometimes. It means that she has always to cook more than her immediate family needs, because she could never refuse anybody.