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Powell	Hubert	Head	M.Cl.	59	St. Eliz.	Col.	Ang.	X.	Farmer
Sinclair	Alice	wife	F.Cl.	52 4.4.	"	"	"	X	homemaker
Powell	Viola	dau	F.S.	27	"	"	"	W.3.	Farm lab (Tom. ind.)
Powell	Merdena	dau	F.S.	16	"	"	"	W.2.	Farm lab "

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His farm in 1948.

False

Operates this farmland as owner or part owner for 47 years.

Owens 9 acres in 2 parcels: 5 & 4 ac. resp.

Main income from tomatoes.

No labour employed.

Works 48 weeks p.a. 5 days p.w. 9 hours p.d.

2 ac. in cultivation. 1 1/2 ac. cultivable but not used. 1 1/2 ac. in guinea grass. 4 ac. woodlands.

Total value of farm £ 63, of buildings £ 18. 1 catchment.

Cultivations:

10 rows of escallion = 20 bund.

0.1 ac. tomatoes = 1000 lbs. 0.1 ac. water melons = 3 doz.

1 guava = 6 doz. 9 mangoes (6 fruiting) = 200 doz.

0.1 ac. corn = 1/4 bush. 0.1 congo peas = 1 bush.

0.1 ac. red. peas = 1/2 bush. 0.1 ac. other peas = 1/4 bush.

0.3 ac. cassava = 672 lbs. 0.1 ac. cocones = 30 lbs.

2xx 1/20 ac. sweet cass. = 165 lbs, 0.2 ac. white

yams = 800 lbs, 0.1 ac. yellow yams = 450 lbs. 0.1 ac.

mosella yams = 784 lbs. 0.4 ac. tobacco = 300 lbs.

1 sheep, 1 swine, 2 hens = 3 doz. eggs.

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Family Record. 164

Interview with Hubert Powell.

Hubert is brother to John Powell. They are the same mother and father. He is 53 years old. "Me never go a school, me kinda bad when me a pickney, dem sen' me but me bad and hide a bush. When you a pickney you no know dat i' ggod, and that time we use to ha' plenty bush 'roun' ya fe hide in ya. When parents dey do good fe you, you tek i' say a bad. Me hidex an' catch bird."

Fishing

When he was a young ~~lad~~ man used to do fishing. He worked with his uncle Ratio Powell as a hand. He worked too with Charley Powell, his cousin, Thomas Heath and Simeon Rochester. They went three or four ~~times~~ times ~~for~~ the week. Sometimes for a whole week they could not go to sea, when the weather is bad. Each man had his own pods. "That time me sell a whole/a fish fe 1/-, dat time a cheap time."

"Sometimes you get wha' can buy you bread, some-time nothing, and some time dis wha' fe buy you tack-ling. Wire no did so dear, an' sometime we use bamboo pods. We get dem cheap, 2/-, 3/- to ~~ax~~8/- according to size".

"From me a young lad me dey fishing till me tun a hard enough man. Never tek estimate a de time, 'bout 20 year, nothing less dat. Me stop 'bout 14 year now, me dey get hard, fishing no call a fe hard man i' call fe youth".

his wife - Alice Sinclair.

He is living with Alice Sinclair. They are not married. They are living together for 20 years. Alice is the daughter of Thomas Sinclair and "Pigeon" ~~Sinclair~~. Her parents are from Bull Savannah.

He has five children, 2 with Alice, 1 with Adinah Powell, 1 with Sarah Beccy and 1 with Edwina Bent. "Me no have any more, dem other one wouldnt catch at all, (that is he had intercourse with other women, but they never had any children).

"The time when me meet Alice and allk the other woman me never ask ~~for~~ fe any a them only go long go tek them. When Alice fall him parents quarrel, ~~xxxx~~ an' say me fe tek him fa dem no ha' no way fe keep him so me tek him home".

Two of his children live at home with him, one is ~~x~~ married and two live by themselves in Bull Savannah.

Rochester

"Them a big people fe dem self , dem work at the ~~factory~~ factory . The daughter dat marry ha' one pickney , we tek dat one".

Hubert does not want to ~~get~~ be married , " me no love de married, can' married to Alice again , fa she sick npw , she no ha' any use again " .

Alice is sick for twos years . She has cancer in her womb. She has been to Doctor Mais , and to Doctor Johnson and she cannot get better."D em tell her that she no ~~get~~ gwine get ~~get~~ better , so she ha' fe dis make up him min' fe meet him Lord."

He has two acres of land , which he bought from his father Henry Powell. He paid £6. 0. 0. for it . He has two houses , he and his ~~family~~ family live in one and his son Thomas lives in the other. He cultivates a little cassava and potato and peas for his home use. "Me ha' fe do de little plantin' or else we can' eat".

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19. 4. 48.
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Family Record 164.

Interviewed Hubert Powell & Viola Powell.

On paying another visit to Hubert Powell's home I met his daughter Viola. She was engaged in an argument with Rachel Powell concerning my visit. They were not going to answer any of my questions, because "some of the questions we hear them they ask people they shouldn't ask people. That a people private business and we wouldn't answer them - all we get you pickney all that no right".

Viola wanted to know why these questions are being asked. If anyone asks her questions that are reasonable she will answer them. If it is about her private business she will not answer them.

Church Of God.

Viola is Church of God member. "You can't join church, you have to be called out. God must change your life. Some people talk about the commandment, but we don't business with the commandment. Some people say you can't repent, but we say yes you must have to".

"They have some church people who say you can live any fashion, do any thing you like and you can die and inherit the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist preached repentance, and when they behead John, who come out and preach? Jesus come out ~~xxxx~~ and preach saying repent and be baptize for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand".

"They have some that say Jesus not coming back, because he come already in 1914, and he is at Mount Zion. Me say if him is at Mount Zion and they say them love Him why them no go to Him there, if a did me and me know that Him come me would gone long time. Jesus gave us the sign of His second coming and me no see any of the sign yet".

How the Church Of God came to Bull Savannah.

Church of God came to Bull Savannah about three years ago. One Easton Witter first brought it here. Easton is living at New Forest now, but she does not know where he comes from. When he came at first he began with open air meetings, and if anyone invites him to his or her yard he would go and keep a meeting at the yard.

Little by little people got interested in his preaching and wanted to join. They wanted a place to keep the meetings or weekly services so Mr Theodore Holness gave them a spot to build a church.

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The spot is at ~~Ribbett~~ Ribbett. They are working on the church now. To build the church they got a little help from/Headquarters in Kingston, but the ~~most~~ most help ~~is~~ is from the offerings that they get when they keep their meetings. Sometimes they have Harvest, or Concert and at those times they ~~g~~ charge a certain price. What is made goes to the help of the building of the church.

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When the church is finished they mean to invite the people who are at their Headquarter church in Kingston. Easton is the leader for the church here. He visits on Tuesdays and Fridays for week night meetings and on Sundays for Sunday service. Sometimes when it is possible he comes on any other ~~night~~ night of the week and conducts meetings at any of his ~~members~~ members' yard.

They have seven members who are baptized in the church, and many ~~visitors~~ visitors who have good intention and mean to become members of the church.

Viola's Conversion.

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"First time me couldnt think of joining a church me never see no good in it. Me didnt believe me could stand temptation, and put ~~x~~ up with ~~all~~ that me put up with now. First time when anything trouble me/cuss and no stand no ~~worry~~ worry. Me never see any use in ~~going~~ going to church, but now me think differently".

She became a member last year August. She used to visit the meetings kept by Mr Witter and then ~~she~~ she stopped. Her mother got sick and the Elder from Ploughdon came to keep Prayer meeting at the yard for her ~~mother~~ mother. She got interested in his preaching but she did not yield up herself fully to what she heard

One night she went to bed and she got a dream. She heard a voice calling out to her to read Romans chapter Eight. She got up the morning and read the chapter as she was told. After reading it she became concerned about what was in the chapter that she read.

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On the Tuesday night Brother Witter kept a meeting at her house, and then she felt a feeling that she never felt before. It was a feeling of rejoicing and happiness/~~in~~ in her heart, from that she felt herself a different person than what she was before. After that she was baptised and then she became a member.

Blessing the baby.

"We dont christen babies in our church, we bless them. Baby no have understanding and when you christen them they dont know what you do to them. When the child

is twelve years old and can understand then we baptize him . We dont take 2/- and X 2/6 like what the other church do when we bless the baby , we take 1/6 and that is for the certificate that when they ~~have~~ have that and go any where it can help them to get some thing to do . We dont believe in the little sprinkling, that cant do any good".

Viola's Living.

After Viola left school she stayed at home for a while , and then went to work with her aunt Mrs Lowe at Richmond Park . At first when she went she was getting 8/- per week , after a time she told ~~them~~ ^{her} the work was hard and she could not take 8/- ^{she} any longer . She was getting ready to come home but they put on 2/- more so she stayed on for a longer time .

She worked for five years and then she came home. She felt to come home , her aunt was sorry to lose her. Her aunt has sent for her several times but she would not go .She does not like the place again . It is too bushy "and the people too wicked . Them fight and cut up one another and talk bad words too much".

After she came home from Richmond Park she started to work for the ~~factory~~ Company helping to plant ~~xxx~~ tomatoes and taking care of them until the crop begins. When the crop starts she works in the cannery . In the field she is paid 2/- per day and in the cannery she gets 2/3 per day. She has been working there from Major Moxsy's time . This year she could not work in the cannery through the sickness of her mother . To work in the cannery she has to stay very late and there was no one to look after her mother , so she had to leave the work and stay with her mother.

She has no boy friend . She could not think of marrying any one now . She has to stay and take care of her mother until she is dead for "she knows the Lord will bless her " . Her mother has been to two Doctors Dr. Mais and Dr. Johnson , and they told her the cancer is old and they cannot help her . The mother is very weak . She has to be moved about by her daughter or any one else. She cannot help herself.

Hubert Powell.

Hubert's parents were Henry Powell and Elizabeth Powell . They were both of Bull Savannah . They were ~~xx~~ married , and they are now dead.

Hubert has one brother in Bull Savannah . His brother is John Powell , and he has another in the Police Force at Wait-a-bit . That brother is Edgar Powell .

Mrs./

He has four sisters who are not living in Bull Savannah . They are/ Henjeretta Francis who is living at Exton District . Mrs. Sarah Campton at Eglington , Mrs. Anne Lowe at Richmond Park and Mrs. Celeste Dyer at Richmond Park.

George Powell and Hubert are cousins . Hubert's father and George's father are two first cousins . They are two brother's children.

Adinah Powell .

Adinah one of Hubert's old girl friends ~~xxx xxx~~ is the daughter of Benjamin Powell and Georgianna Powell of Bull Savannah. Hubert does not know where her parents were living . Adinah is married and living at Dundar Hill now . She is the mother of Thomas Powell . "Me no give her more than the one. She did want more but me wouldnt give her ". Her parents are dead long ago.

Sarah Beccy.

He does not know Sarah's mother's name , but they used to call her "Beccy Cubba", and he does not know where her parents came from. Sarah is living near to Thatch Walk now . She has one child for Hubert , the child is Adolphus .

Edwina Bentx.

Edwina another of Hubert's girl friend is the daughter of Alexander Bent and Martha Bent . Her ~~father~~ father came from Rose Hall and her mother from Thatch Walk. Edwina has one child for Hubert . "A Mavis one me give her , she did wan' more too but me wouldnt give her".

Hubert's Children.

Adolphus.

Adolphus is living by himself . He has his own home . He grew with his mother . He has built his house on his father's land . The house is not finished as yet one room is left to be completed. Adolphus uses a small portion of his father's land to cultivate . He plants just as much to feed his family x sometimes it is not even enough . Sometimes he cultivates other people's land on partnership . When he can get work to do he works , but that is not all the time. He does not pay rent to his father for the land he uses.

Thomas.

Thomas grew with his father , but is living by

himself now , he has his own house. His father made his house for him ."Couldnt manage himself that time ". He stayed at his father's house until he became a man. "Them ha' fe fight fe them self and plunge fe them self for thê m big now". Thomas does not depend any longer on his father for help. He cultivates , but his father does not know the portion of his cultivation

Merdina.

Merdina grew with her father and mother. She is now married and living at her own house. Her husband is Daming Elliott . He is a cultivator and a carpenter. Daming has his home on his father's land . Merdina has two children , "and is in the family way now", (that is she is expecting another baby.)

Mavis .

Mavis is Hubert's daughter by Edwina . Mavis grew with her mother . Her father used to support her , but he is not doing so any longer , " ata me no have i' fe give her, she have fe fight life fe herself for she big now".

His cultivations.

Hubert is not a big cultivator . He plants just as much to feed his family . He has no idea of the ~~part~~ portion of his cultivation ." Any way you can get to plant a few roots of cassava you plant it , here and ~~in~~ there". No certain portion . Sometimes he plants about three quarts of peas . Not as much ~~to~~ to sell. "We no ha' the land fe cultivate plenty , for every body ha' fe, plant a ~~kk~~ little , and the boy them no have any land.

Wednesday .
14. 7. 48.
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Interviewed Hubert Powell & Viola Powell

Present Household

Hubert Powell	Head	53
Alice Sinclair	Wife c. 1.	(does not know age) about 50
Viola Powell	Dau.	30
Calbert Elliott	Gr. Son	3

The house

Is spanish walled with thatched roof . It has one room in the room could be seen , a table with glass & wares , a bed which Alice, the sick woman occupies . There is another bed in the room , and one or tow chairs . The house looks new and strong , but is very small .

The kitchen is also spanish walled, with thatched roof. Inside was packed all kinds of things , boxes , water pans, and pads that are used on donkeys . The kitchen looks quite new and strong .

Source of living

To make his living Hubert cultivates , " but me no , no big cultivator , me only cratch , cratch up and down fe get this wha' fe feed me family " . He works on ~~same~~ partnership with Hennie Swaby at Rose Corner , & getting two-thirds of the crop when the crop is reaped . He plants about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre cassava , $\frac{1}{4}$ acre peas , $\frac{1}{4}$ acre tomato and $\frac{1}{4}$ acre corn . Hubert plants a little corn and peas on his own land too.

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He/~~uses~~ the tomato and uses the other things for his home use . He stopped the fishing trade long ago . Now and then he rears a pig or a sheep .

Viola

Cannot work at present , even ~~if~~ if she could get work to do , because her mother has got much worse now and she has to stay and nurse her . Viola's father provides for her in the line of feeding . As for clothes , she has as much to keep her for a few months yet. She prefers to stay ~~at~~ and care her mother , than to leave her to go and work.

Calbert

Is the son of Merdena Elliott (nee Powell) Hubert's daughter . Hubert adopted the child from he was nine months old . He asked the mother for the child. The mother and father offer the child anything they have , but Hubert is responsible for the maintaining of the child .