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Powell Joseph	Head.	M.M.	36.	Manch.(20)	Black	Angl. X fisherman
" Rachel	Wife	F.M.	43 1.1.	St. Eliz.	Black	Angl. X homemak.
Ward Ernest	step/gr/son	M.S.	22	Manch.	"	A W.3. labourer
Ward Vera	step/gr/dau	F.S.	20	St. Eliz	"	" W.3. none
Ward Amy	step/gr/dau	F.S.	18	"	Col.	" W.3. labourer
Powell Sylvester						
	step/great/gr/son	M.S.	2	St. Eliz.	black	angl. -
Powell Beryl				"	"	" -
	step/great/gr/dau	F.S.	3/12			

Farm of Rachel Powell in 1942.

Under one acre.

1 swine, 7 goats, 3 hens=3 doz.eggs.

Value of garden crop=£6

1 ackee=12 doz.1 avocado=?

6 bananas= 4 bunch. 1 coconut=?

3 mangoes= 84 doz. 2 cashews=3 doz.

1.5 acres

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Family Record 170

Interviewed Joseph Powell & Amy Ward.

Present House-hold

Joseph Powell	Head
Rachel "	Wife
Amy Ward	Step Gr. Dau.
Beryl Powell	Step Great Gr. Dau.
Milola Ward	" " " "

His Joseph is the son of "Hardy" Powell and "Quit" Powell. His mother came from Alligator Pond, and his father from Top Hill. His parents had 10 children, 8 are alive and two died. His parents lived at Alligator Pond. They are dead.

~~He cannot~~

dem/ He cannot read, he was not sent to school. "They couldn't manage it, ~~he~~ did poor and have plenty children me never see the door". He is 30 years old.

He used to do fishing at Alligator Pond, working as a hand with William Simpson. He was paid according to the portion of fish that was caught. He worked with William for 10 years, then stopped.

His Wife

Rachel is his wife, she was Ebanks before she was married. They got married and were living at Alligator Pond for 5 months after the wedding. They left Alligator Pond and came to live in Bull Savannah. Rachel is from Bull Savannah. It is 18 years since he has been living in Bull Savannah. He came to cultivate here. Rachel had a child before she was married, for "Master" Senior from Bull Savannah. The child was Maud Senior. She is dead.

When they came to Bull Savannah to live they stayed at "Dal" Sinclair's house until Joseph was able to build his own house. He built the house on his wife's land.

His wife works at the factory, in the shed for 2/- per day. She has been working there for a long time. Joseph does not work for any one, he cultivates all the

the time .

Maud's
children x

*R. daughter
of Rachel*

Joseph took his ~~wf~~ wife's child as his own , he has none. Maud had three children for Percy Ward. They are - Ernest , Vera, and Amy. Percy is from Alligator Pond . They were brought up in Joseph's house. He cares & for them very much . Ernest lives by himself now and is working on a truck as a sife man. Vera has four chil- dren, and is living at her own house.

Amy the youngest of Maud's children is still with Joseph and Rachel her grandmother . Amy went to school and read to the 5th standard . She did not know her father until 2 years ago. She went to Kingston and there got to know him. He is a fisherman~~x~~ in Kingston . She stayed with him for 6 months an d then came home.

While she was in Kingston she worked at the Orange Factory x on Spanish Town Road. She is working at the factory here now . She works in the juicing house for 2/9 per day. She has been working there for 4 years . She got the job from Mr Bryan the Manager before Mr Hastings .

Braham

Maud, mother of Amy, Ernest and Vera,) She
~~Amy's mother~~ died three years ago . Her mother took sick with her head one night , the morning following the night she was taken to the Hospital at Black River. She died a little after her people left her . They went for her , and she was buried at home.

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Family Record. 170.

Interview with Joseph Powell.

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Present House-hold .

Joseph Powell	Head
Rachel "	Wife
Amy Ward	Gr. Dau. to Rachel
Beryl Powell	Great Gr. Dau. to Rachel
Melola Ward	" " " " "

Family History - Rachel Powell

Rachel is the daughter of William Ebanks and Sarah Parchment . Her parents were living at Bull Savannah , but later on they went to live at Alligator Pond. Her father is dead . Her mother lives at Alligator Pond still. She has three sisters alive , and two are dead . Her sisters are - Alice Ebanks , Rebecca Sinclair (nee Brooks~~x~~) , and Estilin Ebanks . Her three sisters are living at Bull Savannah. She does not have any brothers.

Her Land .

Rebecca's /

Rebecca got the portion of land she now lives on from her mother . It was given to her mother by/~~her~~ father William Ebanks . The portion is one acre and a half. It is divided among the three sisters . Alice , Rachel, and Estilin . Estilin has refused to take what was given to ~~her~~ her . Estilin wanted the ~~the~~ piece of land where Rachel house is built. Seeing that she could not get the part she wanted , she has not taken any. Rachel is now in charge of the piece that Estilin got.

Estilin did not want the land to cultivate or to live on . She wanted it to sell . In paying the taxes Alice helps Rachel to do it .

Joseph's Cultivations.

Joseph cultivates Rachel's land . He has no land of ~~his~~ his own . He uses his wife's land all the time. This year he has planted about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of cassava , $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of peas, and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of tomato. He plants corn and ~~at~~ potato in the same place that he plants his peas . He does not ~~sell~~ sell any of his crops / He is not paying rent for the land he uses . He uses it as his own.

except his
tomato. /

Ernest Ward.

Ernest Rachel's grand son lives Over Road with Edith Pinkie .

He is living in a rented house , paying 4/- per month. He is not married . He has one child with Edith . The child is staying with Rachel at present. Ernest does not have a home of his own , and he does not live in Kingston. He works on Willie Jacobs truck from here to Kingston . Willie Jacobs ~~x~~ is living at ~~x~~ Junction.

The truck goes to Kingston three or four times for the week and Ernest goes on it all the time. Joseph does not know how Ernest is paid on the truck . Sometimes he works for other people doing "day work" . He is paid 3/- per day. " Him no like working in the dirt though, him prefer work on the truck".

Asked if he can drive he said "Me no know why him won' learn to drive , and him ~~max~~ know plenty somethin' 'pon the truck dey. Any thin' happen to the truck him can fix i'".

Vera Ward.

Vera lives Over Road . "She don' live with any one ~~xx~~ right out , is another woman husband she dey with". She has four children , three for Ernest powell and one for Isaac Elliott. ^VIsaac has his child . Beryl one of Vera's children is with Rachel , another is with Ernest's father- and the other is with Vera.

Her first child is for Ernest . Ernest went on the Contract to America and when ~~he~~ came back he found her with another child for Issac ~~Powell~~ . He was displeased at the time , but later on they made it right. Vera has two children since for Ernest .

Ernest is married to Joyce Holness , "but him won' leave Vera " . He and Vera were friends before he got ~~married~~ married to Joyce . "Joyce did know that them was friends before she married him, but she caan say anythin' for the man, wi' over power her , an' she did know - you no see she wron' Joyce wouldnt give up till she get the ring - for a did the ring she want".

"A mus' death wi' part Vera an' Ernest". Ernest pays the rent for the house Vera lives in, and he supports Vera and the children . Vera lives in the house that her ~~mat~~ mother used to live in . The house belongs to Headman Francis .

Amy Ward.

Amy does not have a boy friend . She does~~x~~ not go out any where scarcely . In the morning she goes to her work , and comes home after work . "She hardly go out sfter sun set." If there is a Fair at the school ~~x~~ or any where near by she may go , "but what name driving she no going". Amy is not keen on children because "she is afraid of children".

Ernest Powell
is a tailor.

H Elliott

Interviewed Rachel Powell, Amy Ward and Joseph Powell.
28.6.48.
J.O.

Miss Rachel was sitting on the ground shelling beans when I entered the yard. She did not stop working all the time. Amy Ward ~~who was in the kitchen~~ emerged almost immediately from the kitchen and she kept company to us all the time. At the end of my visit Mr. Powell came for his breakfast - he was working on the road from the morning.

Conversation was rather difficult. Miss Rachel is a silent person and ~~through her questions~~ ~~the questions~~ questions were answered chiefly by Amy Ward and only confirmed by Miss Rachel.

Housing. Their living house is one room house - but it is fairly big, much bigger than other houses in Over-road. The whole homestead makes a very pleasant impression: the house is ~~new~~ recently painted, thatch roof thick and ~~white~~ in good condition, The yard was neatly swept with decorative flowers and ornamental bushes ~~also~~ in front of the house. Tank attached to the house with attachment. Kitchen is also ~~big~~ fairly large. Cultivations are close to their homestead ~~a~~ ~~cornfield~~ cornfield surrounds the tank. ~~There is a number~~ Their is a number of trees around the house: 4 mangoe trees ~~give~~ near the house so that the whole place is in deep shade/ - they have besides 2 ackees, 10 sweet saps, 1 coconut and 1 cashew; also 2 pepper trees/. /Inf. from Miss Lilian Powell/

Present household.

Present household consists of 6 persons:
Powell Rachel, she said she is 50.
Powell Joseph, husband, said he is over 30.
Ward Amy, Rachel's granddaughter, gave her age 20.
Powell Beryl, 4, son of Vera Ward, granddaughter of Rachel.
Ward Ernest, Rachel's grandson. /over 20/.
Ward Melona, 3, daughter of Ernest.

So the household consists of 4 generations /the second missing/.

Miss Rachel aided by Amy Ward explained to me their relationship.

She has no children with her husband Joseph Powell. Before she married him she had one daughter by Mass Senior in Bull Savannah. Mass Senior. ~~was the man who adopted~~ ~~the child~~ ~~Sinclair~~ ~~the~~ Miss Amy tried to explain to me intricate family relationships originated by this union - Cecil Senior, who was not Senior, but Sinclair and then was adopted by his uncle Senior and given his name, is an uncle to Amy.

Rachel's daughter had 3 children for Percy Ward in Alligator Pond. Her name was Eldie /or Eddie/ Senior. She died 3 years ago in Edmond Francis' house - just over the school /or perhaps Sarah Francis/. ~~Amy~~ Her children were brought up by Rachel and Joseph. Amy was born or brought up /in her childhood/ in Eli Sinclair's house where Rachel and Powell used to live when they came from Alligator Pond to Bull Savannah - before they built their own house.

Eldie /called also Maud/ had 3 children for Percy Ward. The eldest is Ernest, the youngest Amy. Ernest used to rent a room from Theodore Holness where he slept /it is old Senior's hut in front of Bromfield's shop/. But just recently - a couple of weeks ago - after a brawl with a truckdriver - Theodore Holmes turned him out and so he is living now with them.

Ernest has one child - Meloma Ward. The mother of the child is Edith Brooks in Thatch Walk. He is still with this girl.

Another greatgrandchild is Beryl Powell - she is daughter of Vera Ward, Amy's sister. Vera lives now in Edmond Francis' house. The father of the child is Ernest Powell, the tailor. Vera has two other children with Ernest Powell: one is with Ernest's father in Tad Town, another with the mother/Vera/.

She has also a child with Isaac Elliott, Uncle Moses's son. The little girl stays with Uncle Moses.

Occupations.

Joseph Powell does not work for anybody. He cultivates himself. Not very much since they have only 1.5 acre of land. To-day he worked ~~at~~ on the road - he does not know what they will pay them.

Amy Ward worked in the cannery in the season earning 2/9d. daily. She is dressmaker too - learned her trade from Imogene Rochester.

Ernest worked as a side man in the truck in the season. Now he has no job. He ~~work~~ used to work also for Leon Powell /truck/ and for other truckmen, but left them.

Amy was dressed in a neat and well cut blue dress. She looked fresh and nice. ~~Remains~~ No traces of hard work as could be seen for instance the same day in Rochesters' family.

Rachel was busy all the time at red peas - shelling. Greatgrandchildren were not ~~sitting~~ in the yard.

Amy said they keep 2 pigs /one little another bigger - the pigs are "for her". Also two sheep.

Information from Lillian Powell
 Interv. Rachel Powell and Joseph Powell.
 14.6.48.
 J.O. 26.8.48.

Present household.

Powell Rachel, 50.
 Powell Joseph, 44, husband.
 Ward Amy, ~~Rachel's~~ Rachel's grda., 24. - Rachel's deceased dau's dau
 Powell Beryl, Rachel's grgranddau., 4.
 Ward Melona, Rachel's grgranddaughter, 3.

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Rachel Powell: parents William Ebanks from B.Sav., and Sarah Parchment from All.Pond. ~~Th~~ One of her two full sisters Alice Ebanks lives in B.Savannah /F.R.171/, another Esteline Ebanks - in Tad Town. 2 of her 3 half sisters: Rebecca Sinclair and Ann Francis live in Bull Savannah, the third one Maggie Blackwood in Alligator Pond. She has no brothers. Rachel Powell had only one child, Eldie Senior /d/.

Jospeh Powell: his parents: Hardy Powell/d/ from Top Hill, ~~mother~~ Quit Powell /d/ from Alligator Pond. His 3 brothers and 4 sisters live all in Alligator Pond.

Amy Ward: parents Percy Ward /Alligator Pond/, and Eldie Senior /d/. B.S. She has one brother Ernest Ward /B.S./ and one sister, Vera Ward /B.S./.

Beryl Powell is daughter of Vera Ward and Ernest Powell, the taylor. ~~Ernest Powell~~ See F.R.103.

Melona Ward is daughter of Ernest Ward and Edith Brooks /see F.R.90/.

House: 1 room, Kitchen. Latrine. Furn.: 2 beds, 3 chairs, 2 tables, 2 benches. Tank.

Land: owned by Rachel Powell 1,5 acres, inherited from mother. All homeland.

Trees: 4 mangoes, 10 sweet saps, 2 ackees, 1 coconut, 1 cashew, 2 pepper trees.

Toamtoes: 2000 holes, L10. Yams ~~46 hills~~ 52 hills. Cassava 1/4 acre. Congo "small quantity".

Animals: 2 sheep, 1 pig, 3 dogs, 2 hens.

Amy Ward is dressmaker.

Weekly spendings: 30/-. L16 on clothes last year for all the household.

Religion - no part.