

With many thanks and appreciation to our Honorable Premiere David Burt Regarding Monday March, 2, 2020 Royal Gazette page 5 notice from the commission of Inquiry into the Historic Losses of Land .

THIS IS MY STORY & KNOWLEDGE regarding the St. Georges Tuckers Town land expropriation

*Date: March, 5, 2020*

On behalf on my Mother Cecily Simpson "deceased", which I, her Son Chuck assisted with her pursuit for Justice and Correction as it relates to her Grand-Mother the late Ainslie L, D Manders rights to her heritage of the property & deeds we know and respect as the Estate of Josiah Smith St. Georges Tuckers Town, Bermuda. Ainslie L.D Manders was ordered by the commissioners of the B.D.C.Limited " Bermuda Development Company " act No 2" 1920 to hand over all deeds & documents relating to the Estate of Josiah Smith of St. Georges, Tuckers Town as well as inform them of any other person or persons who may have such deeds & documents before January 1,1923. I believe this BERMUDA COMPANY still holds these deeds & documents today. The bible to which the copy of this order is kept I still have today in safe keeping.

*Josiah Smith would have been my Mothers Great- Great Grand-Father and is buried at the Gravesite on the T.P.C golf-course driving-range in Tuckers Town. Also buried at this grave-site are the Wife and Children of Josiah Smith's Brother Daniel Smith who lost their lives if my dates are correct between December, 17-18, 1875, from the Tornado recorded by the Royal Gazette newspaper of that period. This tornado lifted up the residence "house" of Daniel Smith blowing & throwing the house, his wife and children between Mid-ocean Club, beach "the natural arches" and T.T bay or wharf. On December 18 incidentally my Mother's Birth-date, these bodies were found all dead, besides Daniel's Wife, she was found alive pregnant, and died after giving birth to a dead child. To think this incident was bad & sad enough for Daniel, it was also recorded by the news-paper that Daniel was robbed of whatever monies and belongings he had left as he was walking one day. This I believe is what persuaded Josiah to change the executive of his will from his Brother Daniel to his Daughter **Roseanne "Smith" Lambert** , Ainsley L .D. Manders mother, and of course this is how she "Ainsley" obtained all the deeds and documents of her grandfather Josiah Smith estate e.t.c. Daniel then relocated after losing his wife and children from the St. Georges T.T .incident to the town of St. Georges were I believe he sowed new seeds.*

*Therefore as far as the graveyard in Tuckers Town located at the T.P.C GOLF-CLUB course is concerned, the people or persons buried there are the wife& children of Daniel Smith, Josiah Smith's Brother, and Josiah Smith himself .I don't believe this to be the grave-site of black slaves or A.M.E Church Members as some people have been directed to believe, the Church& gravesite I believe of these persons were located at the junction where T.T South road meets Painters road. That property today to my knowledge is the home of one of Bermuda's ex beauty queens Ms. Vivian Hollis twin sister., I was told when doing my research that in the nineteen-seventies that area was excavated and the rubble was dumped at our*



*Airport among the rubble were the bones of the people buried there as well as the small Church that existed on the property before it was excavated.*

*I was made to understand from the thanksgiving dinner gathering my Grandmother Thalia Durham would hold every year in commemoration to her Grandmother Roseann "Smith" Lambert and her Great Grandfather Josiah Smith, that her Mother*

*Ainslie L.D.Manders couldn't even visit the gravesite of her Grandfather or go on the property which should have been her heritage . She died unfortunately in her 40ies broken hearted perhaps as the result to this misfortune and conflict of interest among her Smith, Lambert, Talbot e.t.c families from Tuckers Town*

*I Winfield Chuck Simpson started working at the then Marriott Castle Harbour Hotel in 1996 as a night pot washer, it wasn't long before the human resources dept realized my credentials and offered me the position of kitchen porter supervisor ,and later dormitory superintendent, to which both jobs I excepted. However this turned out to be two separate jobs, the first job K.P.S from Marriott the second job from B.P.L Bermuda Properties Limited ,this is where I first met the representatives of B.P.L Mr. Peter Parker & Ms Cathy Frith.*

*My interview discussion with them is what created the opportunity for me to discuss my family connections to this property and Tuckers Town ,this to me made them curious, so we talked about the T.T transition e.t.c. It was Mr. Parker that done the talking ,questioning me, finding out what I knew about the land losses & swaps e.t.c . I had told him I was the great-great-great-grandson of Josiah Smith who is buried at the grave-site to their Golf-course ,and how he obtained the property being Queen Victoria's personal Pilot & admiral of her ships, I remember him asking me how much acres of land it was, I told him I wasn't sure but I believed it to be a lot perhaps 500 acres or more ,I knew all of the parish of St.Georges Tuckers Town which was the Crowns Land became the Estate of Josiah Smith. Mr. Parker shared with me that there were clauses to the transaction, where this land that was being expropriated by the development company to **provide jobs for the unfortunate families of T.T .,MEANING THEY WOULD ALWAYS BE ALLOWED EMPLOYMENT** by the Hotels e.t.c operating the property, this is the reason I believe B.P.L kept me on "employed" after Marriott closed it's doors operating.*

*A kind & gentleman by the name of Ed Trippe took over the Castle-Harbour-Marriott property and developed the Tuckers Point Club residential & tourist concept, and I along with Peter Parker, Cathy Frith, & Mark Orchid to my knowledge were the first 4 Bermudians hired. This was a five phrase development plan which included redesigning the golf-course &residential concepts which involved a Hotel for Tourist and Fractional ownership for Investors. Hardin Capital were the first developers but had a falling out and did not last long as developers. The project had 2 major set backs the 2001 twin-towers incident as well as the 2003 hurricane that devastated Bermuda claiming 4 lives. I think it was after the Hurricane when Gerry Poye the first "property developer for T P.C at the time and Roger Ruleridge Golf-Course developer discovered the Grave-Site.*

*it was me who told them who was buried there, and as a result led to the protection and restoration of this grave-site, thanks to **Mr. Trippe** not the Marsden Church congregation and members. They the*



Marsden Church were responsible for maintaining and taking care of the Grave Site, however they were very negligent and allowed the Grave-Site to become overgrown by trees ,plants &vegetation where if someone was just looking would not know a gravesite existed there. This made me and my Mother very unhappy. When my Grandmother Thalia my Mothers Mother died it was her wish to be buried where her Mother Ainsley Manders was buried that being at the Marsden Church Grave-Yard in Devils-Hole, my Mother had to verbally argue and fight the committee and members of the Marsden Church to honor her Mother Thalia's wishes, my Mother told me they were reluctant to oblige, more then likely because they did not like my Grandmother Thalia Durham keeping the memory of Josiah Smith alive. I learned as I researched his history that for whatever reasons the Governing Establishment of Bermuda did not seem to like this man even though they knew he represented the Crown. I made copies of the document given to my mother's Grandmother Ainsley L.D Manders from the Commissioners of the then Bermuda Development Company and put them into circulations to family members ,talk show hostess Blondell ref: the Shirley Dill talk show and some Dignitaries of Bermuda.

p.s.....the remains & belongings of Josiah Smith were kept at Mrs. Minnie Parkers House where my Mothers Mom Thalia Durham lived caring after her Mother Mrs. Ainsley L.D. Manders younger Sister.

Thalia Durham my Grandmother died before her Aunt Minnie Parker and as the result of this " the Grant & Talbot families of Devils Hole" managed her affairs and property to my knowledge rather then my Mother Mrs. Cecily Simpson. Arnold Brown who to my knowledge married one of the female members of the Grant family got in contact with me inviting me to their home in South-Road of Devils Hole and showed me the small container housing **hog-money & literature relating to Josiah Smith** my Great-Great-Great Grandfather's business e.t.c. He Arnold Brown also shared with me the interest a white man of Bermuda he showed it to had in it, I am not completely sure of his name, however I believe it to be Mr. Morse Brown or some name like that, however he wanted to purchase those belongings, I told Arnold to hold on to those items, not to sell them, and bring them to my Uncle Ed's attention. My uncle Ed was Arnolds Godfather at least that's what Arnold told me, Ed also was my Mothers Brother.

In closing my Mother always told me that, her mother Thalia Durham and Grandmother Ainsley L.D Manders, were the family from Tuckers Town that never received anything, no monies, no land, no nothing, all that her Grandmother got from that ordeal was pregnancy giving birth to Cromwell Manders whose father was I believe, Osborne Talbot, he was also the father of Queenie, Ross, & Roy of the Talbot Brothers ,Cromwell Manders who was considered the cousin was in fact a Brother raised by Thalia & Aunt Minnie Parker. To my knowledge It was me who shared this information with my cousin Miles Manders, Cromwell's Son.

As far as land grabs from the families of Tuckers Town is concern, my research showed me that the powers that be relocated the families living there, buying their properties, and swapped or built better homes for them by court orders.

Josiah Smith also had twin Daughters Dorothy & Dina one of them died, the other was removed from her property as she resisted to move I believe if my memory serves me well from my research two colored

*"black" St. Georges policemen surnames being Dembroke & Calabras escorted her to an area near the Angels Grotto apparently the two white family members connected to this were Gosling & Spurling where she called them liars and thieves, I believe Skipper Ingham "karate expert" and Monroe Smith are some of her family members today.*

*The truth concerning the expropriation regarding Tuckers Town should be more focused to Josiah Smith my great-great-great Grand-Father Queen Victoria's personal Pilot & Admiral of her Ships existence, and I Winfield Chuck Simpson heir to his heritage.*

***Sincerely.. Winfield Chuck Simpson***



Hamilton, Bermuda.

December 18th 1922.

FROM the Commissioners appointed under the Bermuda Development Company Act (No.2) 1920.

TO Mrs Ainslie Manders  
of Somerset.

Madam:-

I am instructed by the above mentioned Commissioners to request you to submit to them on or before the 1st January 1923 all deeds and documents of title relating to the premises at Tucker's Town, St. George's Parish, known as "The Estate of Josiah Smith" to be acquired by the Bermuda Development Company Limited and assessed by a Jury on the 15th instant.

If there are any other deeds or documents not in your possession and relating to the same, please state their nature and in whose possession they are.

The above mentioned deeds etc. will be retained by the Commissioners for inspection by the Company, and until the Vesting Order is drawn up and signed by the Commissioners.

AINSLIE & LAMBERT } MANDERS I am,

WAS MY MOTHERS GRAND MOTHER. Yours truly,

THE DIED YOUNG BROKEN HEARTED AS THE  
RESULT OF THIS COMMISSION THAT EXPROPRI-  
ATED HERITAGE RIGHTS TO DEVELOPE A  
WASIM DESTINATION FOR VISITING ELITE  
NORTH AMERICANS.

A. B. Smith

BECAUSE OF UNSCAMPULOUS PARTICIPATION Secretary to the Commission.  
BY ALL INVOLVED IN THIS TRANSACTION, FAMILY, AS WELL AS COMMISSIONERS. THE ORIGINAL COPY  
OF THIS DOCUMENT SHE KEPT IN THE SAFE KEEPING OF HER FAMILY BIBLE IN HOPE  
THAT ONE DAY THE TRUTH WILL PREVAIL RATHER THAN THE MYTH.

MY MOTHER WAS NAMED AFTER HER  
AINSLIE "CECILY" SIMPSON

W. C. Simpson





PICTURE TAKEN OF ME ON THE PROPERTY AROUND 1996-97  
WHEN I WAS CASTLE HARBOUR MANAGER