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<b>MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF</b>	0:03:	Oh yes. So, you're ready to proceed,
<b>JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER</b>	0:00:	Good afternoon everyone Counsel we will just pick up where we left off. Good afternoon Mr. Simpson.
<b>MR. SIMPSON</b>	0:07:	Good afternoon.
<b>COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON</b>	0:13:	Thank you very much. Mr. Simpson when we had taken a break, we have been speaking about a document which we refer to as footnote it is Exhibit WCS3.
<b>MR. SIMPSON</b>	0:38:	That's correct.
<b>COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON</b>	0:45:	Now in the document WCS3 I note and you read it earlier, in the last three lines, you have stated and you have put it in bold, I believe it to be a shame that my mother's grandmother. This is Mrs. Ainsley L.D. Manders was deprived of her heritage, etc. and also her

descendants including myself, been deprived of the homestead controlled by the Marsden Church

Prior to this note that you are described as a footnote, prior to that, from as far back as 2013 you had written a note to our Ombudsman Miss Eileen Brock, do you recall that?

- MR. SIMPSON** 1:52: Uh huh. Yes, sir.
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 1:55: And that note, you wrote on the 29th May 2013. You reference it as the Estate of Josiah Smith correct, sir.
- MR. SIMPSON** 2:11: I'm just looking at that right now. As the Estate of Josiah Smith.
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 2:36: Just wanted to ask you to have a look at this document. What's the date of that document?
- MR. SIMPSON** 2:51: The date of this document is the 29th of the fifth month 2013.
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 3:02: And you had sent that document?
- MR. SIMPSON** 3:05: I had sent this document.
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 3:06: It's unsigned? That is unsigned?
- MR. SIMPSON** 3:08: It's unsigned.
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 3:09: Could you just sign that document.
- MR. SIMPSON** 3:12: On both pages?
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 3:13: Thank you both is good. I would ask that that document be tendered and admitted as Exhibit WCS4.
- JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 3:25: How do we describe it Counsel?
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 3:26: It is described as a letter well I said a note, I'm sorry attention Miss Arlene Brock: Reference the Estate of Josiah Smith. J O S I A H Smith. And it is from Mr. Winfield Chuck Simpson.

That application is tendered and Admitted as Exhibit WCS4.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 4:35: So WCS4 for is a letter sent to Miss Arlene Brock and the reference The Estate of Josiah Smith.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 4:48: Yes Madam. We would have the witness read the document, could you go ahead and read it sir.

**MR. SIMPSON** 5:01: Attention: Miss Arlene Brock, Title: Ombudsman, "Woman". Ref: The Estate of Josiah Smith. Location: St. George's Tucker's Town, Bermuda. Greetings Ms. Brock. Thank you for your interest and concerns regarding my heritage and family gravesite. I trust the information I have provided for you will indeed help you rectify the myth concerning this gravesite and property. I have provided information that will show by proving Josiah Smith "Queen Victoria's personal pilot and family members are buried on the Tucker's Pont property near their driving range, Tucker's Town, St. Georges Golf Course. Josiah Smith was a member of the Bermuda's Odd-Fellows Association, particularly Lodges 8997 & 1026. I believe he was not Caucasian, and assisted helping many black families acquire homes, this may have created conflict with the Caucasian powers of that time and period in Bermuda. This may be one of the reasons it is difficult finding information of him. During that time, the Caucasian masters in Bermuda were racist, Freemasons, and shrewd from my research. I have a list of the directors and management from the Bermuda Development Company that was a sub company of the Furness Withy Company of London, England with the Bermudian members being A.W. Bluck, MP. F. Goodwin Gosling, MP., S.S. Spurling, MP., and Henry W. Watlington MP. I personally am a Bermudian mixed with Caucasian, African West Indian as well as North-American Indian ancestry, and proud of it, and have no personal animosity against these Bermudian families along with their

associates that acted unscrupulous to my family regarding our heritage. However, a settlement is appropriate, and I am reasonable. My pursuit and hope is to reach a fair settlement and bring this matter to closure once and for all ASAP. I thank you for your representation and concern to this sad but dear situation of ours, and hope we can be persuasive to our Government to reach a settlement by contacting me to discuss the matter. Sincerely: Winfield Chuck Simpson dated May 29, 2013.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 8:31: Thank you, sir. Now, also on the 24th of September 2014. You wrote a note to the Permanent Secretary Home Affairs.

**MR. SIMPSON** 8:51: That is correct.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 8:54: And that document outlines also concerns you have.

**MR. SIMPSON** 9:01: And my direct lineage to the.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 9:36: Now, sir. Is that a copy of the document that you send to the Hon. Permanent Secretary?

**MR. SIMPSON** 9:43: Yes, it looks like it's a definite copy.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 9:45: I would ask that you sign that document sir. You have described this document as concern your lineage, but it is titled as regarding Tucker's Town Consultation. Deadline nears.

**MR. SIMPSON** 10:12: Yes.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 10:15: Madam Chair application is that a document which is headed Attention Permanent Secretary of Home Affairs?

**MR. SIMPSON** 10:23: Yes. C/o Forward Planning

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 10:31: Just one moment Mr. Simpson. Attention Permanent Secretary of Home Affairs c/o Forward Planning. C/o Forward Department of Planning.

**MR. SIMPSON** 10:46: Yes.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 10:51: You're entering that as WCS5? So entered.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 10:54: Thank you Madam Chair. Mr. Simpson, could you read the document for us please?

**MR. SIMPSON** 11:14: I sure can. Attention: to Permanent Secretary (Home Affairs) c/o Forward Planning Department of Planning regarding Tucker's town Consultation Deadline nears. Dear Sir/Madam. My proposal as it relates to designate the Tucker's Town Cemetery a historic monument is to acknowledge Josiah Smith Queen Victoria's personal aide. As a token of appreciation for his services, we understand and believe St. George's of Tucker's Town was a grant to him, and became the Estate of Josiah Smith. We also believe that after Emancipation in Bermuda 1834 the free slaves of that area purchased their land from THE PROPERTY OWNER who was and still is Josiah Smith. Josiah Smith would have been my great-great-great grandfather. My mother Ainslie Cecily "Durham" Simpson - great-great grandfather; my grandmother, Thalia 'Manders' Durham great-grandfather; my grandmother's, mother, Ainslie 'Lambert' Manders grandfather; my grand-mother's mother's mother Rose-Anne 'Smith' Lambert's father. This is our related lineage to Josiah Smith and his St. George's Tuckers Town Estate. We know and believe that this is the grave-site of his burial, as well as others, including his brother, Daniel's wife, and children. This is a desecrated gravesite that needs to be protected, as well as respected. We request a memorial plaque at least acknowledging Josiah Smith, Thank you. Winfield Chuck Simpson contact number 517-8980. Author of the book Purging with Philosophical Concepts, September 24, 2014.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 13:33: Now sir what you have just read, you have made reference to a request that make a

memorial plaque at least acknowledging Josiah Smith.

**MR. SIMPSON**

13:47: Yes.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

13:50: Presently at the graveside, you're not able to say where exactly Josiah Smith is laid to rest at the gravesite.

**MR. SIMPSON**

14:03: At the gravesite the information that I received and know is that the whole area there is where he was buried and the people or the Friendly Society Odd Fellows that attended that I may imagine that he was a member attended his funeral, and I had the newspaper clipping of their attendance. All of that

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

14:34: Do you have that newspaper clipping?

**MR. SIMPSON**

14:36: No I do not. That's all that I gave to the Ombudsman 'woman' of Ombudsman, 'man'. All of everything that I researched and done and what I didn't and what I had copies of myself I kept in my taxi which at the time I was living in my taxi. I don't have my taxi today. It was confiscated by the police. And they took it and then left it at Spanish Point Pontoons private platoons and then somebody and they brought that to my attention not to drive it

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

15:21: Okay, something has happened in relation to the documents

**MR. SIMPSON**

15:24: Something has happened in relation to it which today I don't know where it is but anyway, okay

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

15:30: Now the letter that you note I referred to as a letter but in fact, it's referred to as a letter that you wrote to the Ombudsman, Miss Arlene, you gave a number of documents to that the Office of the Ombudsman, to include the newspaper clipping you just referred to is that correct?

**MR. SIMPSON**

16:05: Yes

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 16:06: Okay earlier you made mention of what is now WCS1 one exhibit WCS1, I'm going to direct your attention to also, extract from the Royal Gazette Volume 5: No. 54.

That extract from the Royal Gazette Volume 5: No. 54, that document, you shared with the Commission of Inquiry?

**MR. SIMPSON** 17:13: This this document here.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 17:14: Mr. Simpson the question first. That document you share with the Commission of Inquiry?

**MR. SIMPSON** 17:22: This document was shared to the Commission of the Inquiry to my understanding.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 17:27: By you?

**MR. SIMPSON** 17:28: No.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 17:30: Do you know how that came about

**MR. SIMPSON** 17:34: Yes, I have seen this, or something very similar to this. This came from a lady by the name of Jones.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 17:43: You wish to place reliance upon that document? Would you like to rely on a document?

**MR. SIMPSON** 17:48: Yes, because it is? Yes.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 17:51: Madam Chair I'm sure they extract from the Royal Gazette dated I am not certain of the date at this time but it is Volume 5: No 54.

Mr. Simpson wishes to place reliance on the document which is amongst the matters associated with him. I'd like to ask to have it tendered and exhibited as it bears some support to the account that he's given regarding Josiah Smith I'd like ask to have it tendered and exhibited admitted as exhibit WCS6. I would ask that he be allowed to read it.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 19:01: Very well it is entered as Exhibit WCS6

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 19:11: Could you just read the entire document I'd appreciate that.

**MR. SIMPSON** 19:15: Sure. Supreme Court of Bermuda before Honorable

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 19:20: I'm sorry I am asking to read a portion that is applicable to Josiah Smith I'm sorry.

**MR. SIMPSON** 19:30: But that is what I'm reading Thank you. Supreme Court of Bermuda before the Hon. K.J. Beatty, Chief Justice, and Hon. C.V. Ingham and Worship A.W. Bluck, Assistant Justices. Monday, February 23, 1925. There was an application made by the court this morning by Mr. J.R. Conyers and Mr. A. B. Rennie, it looks like, for the distribution of certain monies that had been paid into court, among the grandchildren of the late Josiah Smith. The late Josiah Smith died in 1876. He had ten (10) children and owed a quantity of real estate that was taken over by the Bermuda Development Board under a Special Act of the House of Assembly for the construction

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 20:42: Don't go so fast a slower pace please.  
Just one minute. I just would like to allow the Commissioners yourselves to follow and just ask one moment.

I'm just going to ask you to forgive the exercise Mr. Simpson and ask you to start again at the beginning of the document being projected on the screen. Please start again. So, Commissioners you can follow thank you.

**MR. SIMPSON** 22:10: Start from the top Supreme Court of Bermuda Supreme Court of Bermuda before the Hon. K.J. Beatty, Chief Justice, and Hon. C.V. Ingham and Worship A.W. Bluck, Assistant Justices. Monday, February 23, 1925. There was an application made by the court this morning by Mr. J.R. Conyers and Mr. A. W.



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**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

24:01: Is that a monetary figure there.

**MR. SIMPSON**

24:03: Yes it looks like it.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

24:05: Now what is it the United States dollars?

**MR. SIMPSON**

24:09: It's a pound did I say dollar?

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

24:12: You didn't say anything okay 3600 pounds of this sum was paid into court on was paid to one of the heirs. The question before the court was how the money shall be divided. Inasmuch as Mr. Conyers represented the Bermuda Development Company and a majority of the grandchildren he was not prepared to make any argument on this question. Mr. Rennie represented the remaining number of the grandchildren. After presenting all the facts at hand, including the Will of the late Josiah Smith, the Court reserved decision.

Thank you. Now earlier I had been asking you about the fact that you are making reference to Josiah Smith and a claim however, the claim is being made in the name of Simpson, you have started to indicate to us they or you made reference to the fact family tree. I'm sorry. Once you start to make mention of the connection, I would like us to go there, in terms of speaking to you being Simpson what you're

making you're referring to Josiah Smith? Two different surnames.

**MR. SIMPSON**

25:57: Yes.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

25:58: Could you share with us the connection with you, and Josiah Smith.

**MR. SIMPSON**

26:05: Yes, I am related to Josiah Smith through my mother's lineage. My father, which is my surname Simpson originated from my father's father, who is West-Indian Jamaican nationality. His name being Horace Simpson. When I was coming up, myself, or I should say my father and his brother Eugene, seemed to add, of course, their mother seemed to be the only Simpsons in Bermuda, that's the difference. Josiah Smith directly falls through my mother's lineage through the Lambert family, because it was O.C. Lambert that married Roseanne Smith. Roseanne Smith was one of Josiah's daughters. To our understanding, she was the one that inherited his Will that related to his properties etc. after what had happened to his brother to our understanding. She had passed that on apparently one would believe her daughter Ainsley was the oldest out of all of the children that she had. Ainsley married (Manders) or Manders that how she got her Manders (Manders) name?

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

27:58: So just a recap. Your mother's maiden name

**MR. SIMPSON**

28:05: Durham. And how that came about is who my mother's mother married. And she married Cecil Durham and also Minnie Parker married my grandfather Cecil Durham's mother's brother, who was a Parker. They had no children.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

28:36: So that takes us to the family tree because I know the Commissioners are looking at me to simplify all of what you've just said. What is referred to as WCS5, you read it earlier, to the Permanent Secretary Home Affairs. In that

document, you had stated my mother Ainsley Cecily Durham, my grandmother Thalia Manders Durham; great grandfather my grandmother Ainsley Lambert Manders grandfather, my grandmother's mother's mother Roseanne Smith. Lambert father, this is what your no making reference to. Yeah, they speak to their family names on your mother's side.

**MR. SIMPSON**

29:33: And on my mother's side, is myself as the oldest is five (5) siblings my brother Scott. And we have three (3) sisters. The first seven (7) my sisters who are married

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

29:54: We had spoken about it earlier projected on the screen is A typewritten family tree with names and dates with different family names. That reference had been made earlier. So just as they as projected on the screen, which is part of exhibit, crave indulgence.

Let us go back a bit, Mr. Simpson, your mother's name, maiden name was Durham correct

**MR. SIMPSON**

32:23: That is correct

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

32:25: And prior to your mother, your mother's maiden name. She married the Simpson correct.

That is correct. Before your mother's mother's name was?

**MR. SIMPSON**

32:38: Before my mother's mother's name.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

32:40: Your mother's was your mother's mother's maiden

**MR. SIMPSON**

32:44: Thalia Manders Daughter.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**

32:50: Thank you.

**MR. SIMPSON**

33:25: If I can respond to this document that is up under Thalia Manders marrying Cecil Edward Brown, from the marriage two of the children

that are not listed there. And those two children being Edna and Deborah

Marian, if I may be mindful of this also. My mother Cecily was the oldest out of that union between Thalia and Dawn. Marion was not my grandfather's daughter, but he raised her.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 34:12: Thank you.

**MR. SIMPSON** 34:31: Thank you.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 34:50: Have you seen those documents before?

**MR. SIMPSON** 34:54: Yes.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 34:58: And what does that represent?

**MR. SIMPSON** 35:00: This represents Charles and Ainsley Manders and Thalia Cecily Durham lineage.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 35:13: Where have you seen that document before?

**MR. SIMPSON** 35:15: This was among the Manders? If I'm correct, our family tree Manders document which I gave to Commissioners as well as the Lambert. It's one of the two

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 35:34: How many pages do you have there? The document I just handed you

**MR. SIMPSON** 35:38: I have two pages.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 35:42: And the two pages how many have writing on them, is it back and front of

**MR. SIMPSON** 35:49: It is back and front.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 35:51: Is it the same thing on the back as on the front or different?

**MR. SIMPSON** 36:12: The back is related to the Ming or Means family, which is something that isn't connected or just shouldn't be connected. My sister married a Ming or Means from Canada.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 36:32: For the front, which relates to the Manders. I'm just recapping what you said earlier, the first page makes reference to what lineage?

**MR. SIMPSON** 36:48: Yes, this goes to Marian. This is

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 36:57: I was trying to clarify a while ago. I asked if you recognized the document, you said it was what you had handed to the Commission just trying to retrace your steps just describe the document for us?

**MR. SIMPSON** 37:11: Yeah, the documents that I gave to the Commission covered all of the siblings of my grandmother's, her siblings and their lineage, it was all of that, and it was everything which we are also there. So it can be and may seem quite confusing things within it people where they shouldn't be etc. etc. particularly when it relates to my direct lineage. Some of the documents may have my mom and this and that more or less maybe the third and fourth child and you would think that born and it is not so; and then some wouldn't have a couple of her siblings which I just brought to your attention. So what I gave to the Commission were documents that related to the whole of the Manders family, as well as the whole of the Lambert. And I have not studied all of that, I just know what relates directly to us.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 38:21: Alright just to recap, you gave us all the lineages but some of what you have given us is not quite correct in terms of the where the persons fall in the chronology?

**MR. SIMPSON** 38:47: Yes from what I know yes.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 38:49: So I will not press you any further in regard to those then. Now we went through the submission by you in 2013 to The Honorable Ombudsman in 2014 to the Permanent Secretary and now you're here at the Commission of Inquiry having placed reliance on all these documents, is there anything that

you wish to say to the commissioners with regards to your submission?

**MR. SIMPSON**

39:47: Just if I could bring to the Commissioners attention to Josiah Smith, has always been the pursuit of us trying to get the truth to and it seems like a lot of them are related to him, you could only go so far that you're going to nothing else of it. It's important because it relates to our identity at least my identity. And I believe identity is vitally important. And it was interesting that he had a connection with St. George's of Tucker's Town. And all my life, you've heard the stories of Tucker's Town even songs. I remember the 24th May that came to me, to my understanding through Tucker's Town, which was Queen Victoria's birthday; the song went the 24th May is the Queen's birthday if you want to get a holiday we all ran away. Who is we all, I know who Queen Victoria is but, you know coming up you heard everybody is linked to Tucker's Town. I found out that all of the Smiths they were not related, particularly the Smiths that I came from, they had nothing to do with the white Smiths of Bermuda to which a lot of the black or colored people had a lot to do with but we all came up in that area. As time went by we all intermingled. But the Smiths that I came from where from America connected with the Crown and that is why we celebrated Thanksgiving in commemoration of him and his daughter and his daughters daughter, etc. etc.; and we do not forget out of respect; Because we didn't know him, like I know you I am looking at you; but we knew of him and we were proud of who we were. We were not ashamed of who we were we were proud of who were and we came up under that. It seemed to be conflict, you know, with the families from the area that might have been related to the Bermudian white Smiths in one way or another. When it came to us, it seemed to be conflict, it seems to be worse there might have been riffs.

Like me trying to figure out why my mother's grandmother and my grandmother's mother came back up into Pembroke rather than stay down there. It was because of all of this that was going on. And she gave birth to one of her sister's husbands. And that might have caused the riff, I really don't know. But I do know that when it came to us those of Josiah Smith's, when we had our picnics we would always have access to John Smith's Bay, and people of John Smith's Bay would always respect us to that and not interfere with that occasion that we would have there that related to our family. And then when it came to the Durham's side, we will have our picnic gatherings up at Pontoons. And then when it came to the Manders side we had a picnic gatherings at Shelly Bay. We had our great Ross Manders that gave us our history. You know we have been a family like that. We were not the only family like that, but we were definitely a family like that.

Whenever we was at the St. John's which is in Devil's Hole that links with the Lamberts because the Lamberts did not come from that area originally from my study and understanding between Southampton and Sandys Parish, a place called Monkey Hole, which I think we know today as Evans Bay, that was all the area of the Lamberts. That gentlemen O.C. Lambert was fortunate enough to meet Roseann Smith. For my understanding, research showed me that he did not even go by his father's title which was Lambert he went by his mother's, which is Mearce and that was a slave name. And my research showed that she would not marry him with that slave name, so he had to take his father's name, who apparently had no connections to slavery, that's how he became O.C. Oliver Constantine Lambert because he done that. So I haven't done enough research into that. My emphasis has been directly with Josiah Smith, but I did know and find out that OC Oliver Constantine Lambert is the one that

built the cornerstone to the Marsden Church, he done that. Okay so it's so interesting. You know, it's really, really interesting.

- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 46:04: Thank you. Madam Chairman those are all the questions I have for Mr. Simpson.
- JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 46:13: Thank you, we will find out from Commissioners, if they would like to ask any questions. Yes. Go ahead Mr. Perinchief.
- MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 46:24: Mr. Simpson in your research, were you able to find what connection Josiah Smith specifically what validation that he was Queen Victoria's personal aide, was that through being was a ship's pilot? I wasn't clear on that. But did you do any research specifically on who Josiah Smith?
- MR. SIMPSON** 46:56: Good question, I tried diligently Mr. Perinchief and unsuccessful. And with me becoming unsuccessful because that pilot of Queen Victoria that's what's handed down to me. You know, it may be any deviation further, if there's truth to that, how that came about so I had to start studying Queen Victoria. With my study of that I found out that Josiah Smith might have been about six (6) years older than her you know, because from what I can recollect that Josiah Smith was born around 1811 as she was born around 1817, something like that.
- MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 47:51: I am going to take you to another point about Josiah Smith, you mentioned that he was buried in the graveyard at Tucker's Town that's the Old Marsden Graveyard. To your knowledge was there any record of his funeral, perhaps information on an obituary, etc. any resources where you could track him through his obituary have you tried that?
- MR. SIMPSON** 48:18: I found that through the newspaper, I'm not sure was it through the library or was it the downstairs of the Government building, the archives one of the two. I found that information and I had a copy it and all that is



what I submitted Ombudsom's Office. His funeral was well attended, and it was particularly attended by the two Odd Fellows that I made mentioned to earlier, that was also in the newspaper. As well as the incidents that took place with his brother Daniel Smith.

**MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF**

49:20: Are you able to give us perhaps a date for our records. So should we do further research we could ascertain more about Josiah Smith in particular and by that connect him to his properties.

**MR. SIMPSON**

50:18: Yes. Apparently it was 1876 when he died. His brother Daniel lost his family in 1875. That's when that happened and a tornado came through and I always had a record of the tornado that came because they went out in St. David's; And I think the reason why that was made too much mention was because at the time I probably would have been there for publicity, after sitting in the meeting that I would hear a little bit and study myself, the concept of tourism, seeing something that was coming in during those 1800 as well. So that would have been, of course, bad, if you are trying to win people to come and invest an area. You know, just like you know when the movie Jaws came out when the guy was trying to get the two to come there but with the shark there is nobody coming there. You know, that's just common from just my thinking.

**MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF**

50:40: Thank you very much.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER**

50:42: Thank you, Mr. Starling

**MR. JONATHAN STARLING**

50:47: Good afternoon, Mr. Simpson.

**MR. SIMPSON**

50:48: Good afternoon.

**MR. JONATHAN STARLING**

50:49: I have a few questions, I'll be quick. Could you tell me your relationship to Dinah Smith?

**MR. SIMPSON**

51:10: Yes, Dinah Smith will be one of Rosanna Smith sister. So if Roseann Smith is my great, great

grandmother, she I guess would be my great, great aunt, or something like that.

**MR. JONATHAN STARLING**

51:15: And let me just make sure I have my history correct. Am I correct in thinking Dinah Smith was one of the last at the homestead and was actually forcibly removed from her property?

**MR. SIMPSON**

51:27: As far as everything that I have, where I would like to say that it was Ainsley but Ainsley didn't stay there. She left the homestead and she went up Mount Hill, where the Manders side you know, had property that assisted her. Oh but if that would have happened, I would think that she probably would have been the last.

**MR. JONATHAN STARLING**

52:01: I say because I note that Dinah Smith and your own great-great grandmother Ainsley Smith, were one of the 24 petitioners who protested against the purchases Yes. And I was just looking at the court case, which relates to the 4,000 pounds Compulsory purchase. So I was putting all the dots together. So thank you and I think that's all I have at the moment.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 52:27: Thank you. Mr. Stovell

**MR. QUINTON STOVELL**

52:35: Good afternoon

**MR. SIMPSON**

52:37: Good afternoon Mr. Stovell.

**MR. QUINTON STOVELL**

52:39: I just have a couple of small questions in relation to your family property in what's now Devil's Hole you mentioned that, I guess it would be your Aunt Minnie Parker.

**MR. SIMPSON**

52:54: She would have been my great. Yes. my aunt.

**MR. QUINTON STOVELL**

53:01: Apparently, at some point, the property which is now known as Cleveland County Cricket field, was donated, or how did that come about. There is a two-fold part in that was that property, initially part of the Tucker's Town settlement for your family and subsequently donated to the Cricket Club.

**MR. SIMPSON**

53:31: Let me share what I believe from what little I've been told. First of all, it was Minnie Parker that gave me that information that she contributed part of the property to create the field for Cleveland County. But I had heard just previously that there were a couple of other families - I heard that from Craig Tucker that was contributed, but that not what I was told. What I was told was what I got from my Aunt Minnie because I use to visit there my grandmother lived there and my cousin Shane Durham. My grandmother lived there and was raised as a little boy also. So you know, I used to go there a lot. But I used to go there, I am a Pokey guy who likes to be in the know, and certain things I would go in that house and touch, I would get my hands cracked, and I'm pretty sure that's what they said don't touch that's what belong to Josiah Smith and stuff like that. She was not a woman that would openly talk about Josiah Smith she would much rather not talk about him and I am talking about my Aunt Minnie. For whatever reason she seemed to be under some kind of intimidation as well, you know, from the crew that I can recollect from Devil's Hole that would attend the Thanksgiving Dinners that my grandma would have, it would only be my Aunt Minnie, it wouldn't be none of the other relatives of ours. The Tuckers, Talbots or whatever the case might be, you know, and in my interviews that I used to deal with a lot of people in that area, particularly a lady named Gwendolyn William Smith, or something like that and she was close friends with my grandma's sister, Pearl. She made me believe that my grandma was very family oriented, and believed in that the others didn't seem to be as smart as she was. So they saw of like, envied her for that or whatever the case might be. You know, just talk how we're talking now. And I just I had it all on camera because at that time I was using video camera, but I did not have it with me they had broken or something.

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