

FreeCEN Newsletter – July 2025

Hello All

Welcome to the FreeCEN newsletter for June 2025, and 49 new pieces have been added to the website since the last edition, around 183,000 entries between these pieces. Details at the end of this newsletter.

These newsletters are sent on a monthly basis, and are usually sent out around the 4th of the month.

Congratulations to the Cardiganshire team of transcribers as they have reported that the 1841 census for the county is now complete with all pieces for year available to search on the website.

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Contribution Guidelines

Contributions are welcome, and all received are considered. These should be emailed to chris.mahoney@freeukgenealogy.org.uk

They can be in any format, but I do have two particular requests with contributions.

1. Please do include a scanned image of the census record referred to (if appropriate) along with relevant source information (i.e. piece number, folio number, page number, and schedule number)
2. With any images, please include separate copies of these attached to your email (much easier to work with than copying one out of your article)

Previous FreeCEN Newsletters

Past editions of the newsletter are [now available to download](#) from the FreeCEN website. Or go to the “About” tab, and then look on the right hand side under “See Also”.

The previous twelve are there now, all in downloadable PDF format (can also be read in some internet browsers).

Older editions available on request.

Messages from Denise Colbert

(Chief Operating Officer, Free UK Genealogy CIO)

We're excited to announce **FreePROBATE**, Free UK Genealogy's first fully homegrown project. We've held an almost complete set of historic Probate books for several years, and now have the foundations in place to turn them into a fully searchable, open-access resource. The project will use OCR (Optical Character Recognition) to extract text from scanned images, with volunteers using specialist editing software to correct and enhance the output. We expect this hybrid approach will significantly speed up the process while maintaining high standards, in line with our [Quality, Value & Growth](#). The resulting search engine will be more powerful and flexible than the currently available alternatives, allowing users to search for records using *place, executor, occupation* etc.

We hope to be able to achieve 80–90% accuracy at initial release, meaning that FreePROBATE will offer a rich, high-quality dataset: a valuable new tool for family historians, academic researchers, and anyone exploring the past.

Finally, a date for your diaries. After the success of our [Strategy Weekend in 2023](#), we decided to get together every other year to strengthen our community and further our goals. The follow-up is planned for the first weekend in October in Birmingham, UK and we'd love for you to join us in person if possible, or virtually if not. So please save the date!

With thanks for everything you do for FreeREG and Free UK Genealogy,

Denise Colbert,

Chief Operating Officer, Free UK Genealogy CIO

FreeCEN Vacancies

If you are interested in becoming one of our county coordinators, then this is for you as we have some roles that we would like to fill. Experience at transcribing, and proofreading for FreeCEN is preferable. Help and support is available if needed.

We have the following vacancies at present:

Hereford:

County has been inactive for a while so no active transcribers at this time. One year is fully transcribed with some pieces from other years also complete. We do have scans we can supply you with.

Nottingham:

County has five years fully transcribed, with a sixth only needing a few pieces proofread before that one is complete. There are a small number of transcribers working on the remaining two years. We do have scans we can supply you with.

Sussex:

County has no coordinator at present, and has been vacant for a while, so no active transcribers at this time. Three years are fully transcribed, with another close to it. Some of the uploaded pieces however do need re-validating (but we may already have someone to do these re-validations). We do have scans we can supply you with.

If you are interested in taking on these counties, or would like to know more, then do let us know.

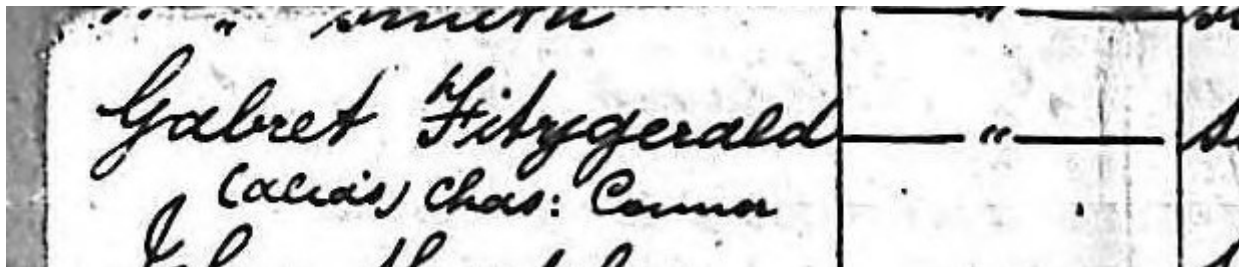
Alias Names

(From various coordinators)

Alias names are a reference to those people who have been enumerated with two, or more names, something that does happen on occasions across all three of Free UK-Genealogy's projects.

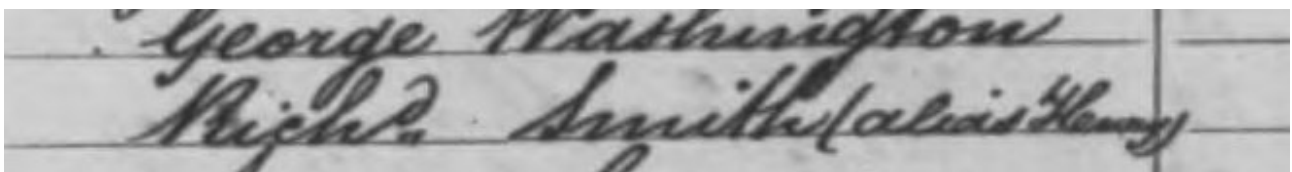
Here are some samples from The Royal Naval Shipping piece RG9_4434 of 1861:

Sample One:



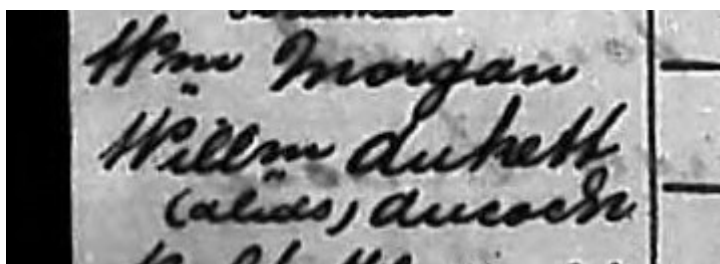
Entry reads Gabret Fitzgerald (alias Chas Connor). For purpose of transcribing, it has been transcribed twice, once under the Gabret Fitzgerald name, and the second under the Chas Connor name.

Sample Two:



Entry reads Richd Smith (alias Henry). We have transcribed this one twice also, first time with Richd Smith as the name, and the second with Henry Smith as the name.

Sample Three:



Entry reads Willm Auckett (alias Aucock). Again this has been transcribed twice, first with William Aukett as the name, and the second with William Aucock as the name.

Sample Four:

Kaney, Joseph	McLoughlin	Sheffield	9
Kanter, Harry	Russell or	Battle	2
	Brooke		
Kantrowiz, Abraham	Robson	Shoreditch	1
Kaplan, Lottie	Levy or	Hammersmith	1
	Phillips		
Kaplevitch, Pinkus	Cohen	London C.	1
Kaplin, Millie	Mason or	Stepney	1
	Mischero		
— Minnie	Mason or	Stepney	1
	Mischero		

This sample comes from FreeBMD, marriages of 1932 in which we have several entries where two names for the spouse have been enumerated. Just looking at the Harry Kanter entry, again transcribed twice, first time with Russel as surname of the person they married, and the second with Brooke as the surname of the person they married.

The reason why we do such entries twice (or more) is simple enough. If a researcher were to go looking for one of the names in such entries, and is only aware of that one name, but not any of the others, then by having such entries transcribed twice (or more) ensures that regardless of which of the names a person searches for, all possibilities will appear in the search results.

Such entries will also have visible notes to link the two.

Searching for vessels in the census

(From Ali Hill)

It was recently pointed out that searching for vessels in the general census in FreeCEN could be hampered by the fact that, on transcription, the ED for merchant shipping has often not been entered as 0#8. This is most common for inland vessels, which are usually entered at the end of an ED.

Shown is an example of this, entered at the end of RG10_4496 ED9 F63 (not yet transcribed) which will need to be entered with ED 0#8.

LIST of OFFICERS, CREW, and OTHERS on BOARD of the SHIP or VESSEL named the <i>Speedwell</i> on the NIGHT of SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1871.					
NAME and SURNAME	CONDITION	AGE [Last Birthday] of	RANK or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	If (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic
Write, after the Name of the Master, the Names of the Officers and Crew; and then the Names of Passengers and of all other Persons.	Write "Married" or "Unmarried," "Widower" or "Widow," against the Name of all Persons except Young Children.	Males Females	State here the rank of the Officers, and the rating of the Men and Boys of the Crew. The rank or occupation of Passengers and of all other Persons should be stated as fully and clearly as possible.	Opposite the Name of those born in England, write the County and Town, or Parish. If born in Scotland, Ireland, the British Colonies, or the East Indies, state the Country or Colony. If born in Foreign parts, write the particular State or Country, and if also a British Subject, add "British Subject," or "Naturalized British Subject," as the case may be.	Write the respective infirmities against the name of the affected Person; and if so from Birth, add "from Birth."
1 <i>Henry Coupland</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>Master</i>	<i>Brotherton Yorkshire</i>	
2 <i>Mary Coupland</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>Master's Wife</i>	<i>Brotherton</i>	
3 <i>William Henry Sonby</i>		<i>18</i>	<i>Boy</i>	<i>Kerrybridge Yorkshire</i>	
4					

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NAME and SURNAME	CONDITION	AGE of	Sex	Rank or Occupation	Where Born
1 Alexander Powell	Married	42	M	Master	Brotherton Yorkshire
2 John Thomas	Married	31	M	First Mate	Brotherton Yorkshire
3 George Thomas	Unmarried	25	M	Second Mate	Brotherton Yorkshire
4 Thomas Smith	Unmarried	21	M	Third Mate	Brotherton Yorkshire
5 John Smith	Unmarried	18	M	Boy	Brotherton Yorkshire

RG10 496

CENSUS

OF THE POPULATION, 1871.

SCHEDULE FOR VESSELS.

PREPARED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ONE OF HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES OF STATE, PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF 23 & 24 VICT. c. 10.

NAME OF VESSEL	<i>Speedwell</i>
Official Number of any	
PORT or Place to which the vessel belongs	<i>Allerton</i>
Net Tonnage	<i>40</i>
How DESCRIPTION, and the Trade in which she is employed	<i>Coal coals</i>
NAME OF MASTER	<i>Henry Coupland</i>

Place at which the Schedule is delivered to the Master and the Day of Delivery.

25th March Hull

Position of the Vessel at Midnight, April 2nd, 1871.

Light Allerton Yorkshire

11 Males 1 Females 1

J. R. Haydock

To the MASTER or PERSON in CHARGE of the VESSEL.

- You are requested to insert the particulars specified on the other side respecting all the persons who slept or abode on board the Vessel ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 2nd, in compliance with an Act which passed the House of Commons and the House of Lords in the last Session of Parliament, and received the assent of Her Majesty The Queen on the 10th of August, 1870.
- This Paper must be properly filled up ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 3rd, signed by yourself and delivered to the appointed Officer, who will apply to you for it.
- Should you be the MASTER of a BRITISH VESSEL and be out on the night of April 2nd, on a Coasting or short foreign voyage, you must fill up the Form on April 3rd, and deliver it with the LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY either at the Customs House of the British Port of arrival, or to the Officer who may apply for it.
- Persons who refuse to give correct information incur a penalty of Five Pounds.
- The Return is required to enable the Secretary of State to complete the ENGLISH CENSUS, which is to show the exact numbers, ages, and conditions of the people—their arrangement in different ranks, professions, and trades—their distribution over sea and land—their increase and progress during the last ten years.

Approved,

H. A. BRUCE, GEORGE GRAHAM,
House Officer, Whitehall, Dec. 29th, 1870. Registrar General.

NUMBER of PERSONS belonging to the Vessel ON SHORE on the night of Sunday, APRIL 2nd:—

ABSENT ON SHORE. (Names not entered in the Schedule on the other side.)	Males	Females	Total
Crew.....			
Passengers.....			
Total.....			

Also, at the time, this vessel was wrongly assigned to RG10_4496 ED9, as this linked to Allerton, Bradford YKS, which is at the top of a hill, making any search result even more puzzling! It should have been assigned to Allerton Bywater YKS and would need a note to this effect.

Place of Interest - Keelmen's Hospital Newcastle upon Tyne

(From Mike Simpson)

Keelmen's Hospital - a place of interest found while working on Northumberland 1851 Piece HO107_2407 folio 206.

141	Keelmen's Hospital	William Keelmen	House	Mar	62	Waterman	Archibald M ^r
		Elizabeth Keelmen	Wife	Mar	54	Green George	D ^r D ^r
		Margaret Keelmen	Daughter	16	14		D ^r D ^r
		Ann Keelmen	Daughter	10	16		D ^r D ^r
142		Ann Keelmen	House	Mar	16	Parish of Holy	D ^r D ^r
		Margaret Keelmen	Daughter	10	15	Parish of Holy	D ^r D ^r
		William Keelmen	Son	10	15	Parish of Holy	D ^r D ^r
		Ann Keelmen	Daughter	10	14	Glass Hill	D ^r D ^r

Almshouses were constructed in 1701 for keelmen and keelmen's widows. The building was last used as student accommodation but is now vacant and disused. A partnership project between Newcastle City Council, Tyne and Wear Building Preservation Trust and Historic England was formed in 2023, to establish the condition of the existing building and develop proposals for bringing the building back into use.

Ref [Historic England.org.uk](https://historicengland.org.uk)

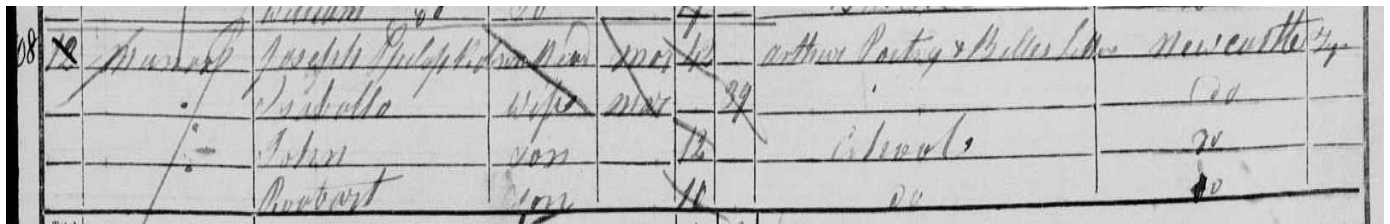


(Keelmen's Hospital today)

Notable People - Joseph Philip ROBSON

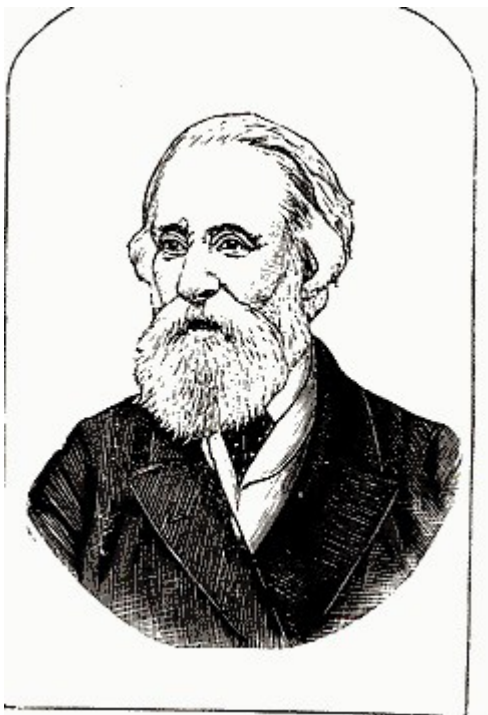
(From Mat Bryan)

In HO107_2407 ED10 Folio 284 Page 24 there is this record, SN 108, Manors, ROBSON, Joseph Philip 42, arthur poetry & belles letters from NBL, Newcastle on Tyne.



108	Robson	Joseph Philip	42	Arthur poetry & belles letters	Newcastle
		Wife	mar		
		John	mar		
		Robert	mar		

(extract of piece HO107_2407 with the Robson family)



A search reveals this link cbladley.com. He was known as the "Bard of the Tyne and Minstrel of the Wear" and published many poems and songs.

(Portrait of Joseph Robson)

Place of Interest – The Holy Jesus Hospital Newcastle Upon Tyne

(From Mike Simpson)

The Holy Jesus Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne - a place of interest found while working on Northumberland 1851 Piece HO107_2407 (folio 286)

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Place of Birth
23	Margaret	35	F	Widow	Newcastle
24	Mary	12	F	Daughter	Newcastle
25	Margaret	10	F	Daughter	Newcastle
26	Mary	8	F	Daughter	Newcastle
27	John	7	M	Son	Newcastle
28	Thomas	5	M	Son	Newcastle
29	Elizabeth	4	F	Daughter	Newcastle
30	William	3	M	Son	Newcastle
31	James	2	M	Son	Newcastle
32	John	1	M	Son	Newcastle

The Holy Jesus Hospital is a working office in Newcastle upon Tyne, England, in the care of the National Trust. It is a Grade II* listed building.

The site of the hospital has been in use for 700 years helping the townspeople. There was an Augustinian Priory on the site from the thirteenth century, then an almshouse for housing retired freemen, then a soup kitchen was built next to the almshouse in the nineteenth century, before the site acquired its current function as a working office. The building also serves as the base for the Inner City Project of the National Trust. This project takes people of ages 12–25 and over 50 out to the countryside in order to increase appreciation of the city's natural surroundings.

The building is of architectural interest because it still retains architectural elements from many previous centuries, including a 14th-century sacristy wall and 16th-century tower connected with the King's Council of the North. It is also one of only two intact 17th-century brick buildings that survive in the city, the other being Alderman Fenwick's House.

Ref. [Wikipedia - Holy Jesus Hospital](#)



(The Holy Jesus Hospital as it is today)

(From Chris Mahoney)

Surprises can be found while working on pieces, but one I came across that required several looks were two complete schedules from the 1921 census in the midst of the scans for an 1871 piece in Merioneth Wales.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

Please read the Instructions and Examples shown on the back, and the

NAME and SURNAME:—	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Household.	AGE.	SEX.	MARRIAGE or ORPHANHOOD.	BIRTHPLACE and NATIONALITY.		Personal Occupation.
of every person who is alive at midnight on the night of Sunday, 24th April, 1921, and who, whether as member of the family or as visitor, boarder or servant in the household or establishment:— (1) passes that night in the dwelling of the household or establishment, or (2) arrives and is received into the household or establishment on the morning of Monday, 25th April, not having already been enumerated elsewhere. <i>No one else must be included.</i> <i>For order of entering names see Examples on back hereof.</i>	State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Mother," "Son," "Daughter," "Step-son," or other Relative, "Visitor," or "Boarder," or "Servant." (See Instruction No. 1.)	In years and months. For infants under one month old write "Under one month." (See Examples.)	If male write "M," if female write "F." (See Examples.)	For persons aged 13 and over write "Single," "Married," "Widowed," or if marriage dissolved by divorce write "D," — For children aged under 13 write "Both Parents Alive" if both parents be alive, "Father Dead" if father be dead, "Mother Dead" if mother be dead, or "Both Dead" if both parents be dead.	(1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County and of the Town or Parish. (2) If born outside the United Kingdom, write the name of the Country, and of the State, Province or District, or (3) If born at Sea, write "At Sea."	If not born in the United Kingdom state whether Visitor or Resident in this country, and state also nationality if born in a foreign country, e.g., "British born," "Naturalised British Subject," "French," "German," "Russian," etc. (See Instruction No. 2.)	State here the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, Service, &c. Where the occupation is connected with Trade or Manufacture, the reply should be sufficient to show the particular kind of Work done, stating, where applicable, the Material worked in, and the Article made or dealt in, if any. (If retired see Instruction 6; see also Instructions 3 to 11 and Examples.)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1 Jessie Chessman	Mother	38 11	F	Widow	London	British	House Duties
2 Cyril Chessman	Son	11 4 9	M	Father Dead	London	—	Whole Time
3 Phyllis Chessman	Daughter	7 6 7	F	Father Dead	London	—	Whole Time
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

To be filled up by the Enumerator.				Enumerator's Initials.
Males.	Females.	Persons.	Rooms.	
1	2	3	2	AD

[illegible]

How, or why they are there is anyone's guess. The family on this return (Jessie Cheeseman and two children) and the family on the other return (Charles Richardson with wife Elaine) do not have any noticeable links to anyone anywhere in the 1871 piece the scans were found in.

I had also considered the possibility that these were just sample pages often found at the start of many enumeration districts, and these two 1921 schedules were at the start of an enumeration district in the 1871 piece I am working on along with the standard 1871 enumerator instructions), but there were differences between the handwriting of the two returns, and to me, the writing was not neat enough to be sample pages.

I also had someone search for these two families on a commercial website which has the scans and transcripts, and while some possibilities for various individuals were found, none were close enough to match the two returns.

And just for curiosity for those not yet familiar with the 1921 census, below are the remaining two scans of the schedule with the Cheeseman family.

CENSUS, ENGLAND, 1921.



SCHEDULE.

Prescribed by Regulations under the Census Act, 1920, as the form to be used in England (excluding Monmouth), for the purpose of returns in respect of (a) Private Households, (b) Hotels, Clubs, Boarding Houses, or Common or other Lodging Houses, and (c) Other persons in respect of whom no other form of schedule is prescribed.

This space to be filled up by the Enumerator.

Registration District, 26	Registration Sub-District, BALHAM, 7	Enumeration District, 20
Name of person responsible for making the return, <i>Jessie Cheeseman</i>		
Postal Address, <i>13 Fernlea Rd</i>		

NOTICE.

1. The Head, or person acting as Head, of a private Household is required by law to make a return in this Form, stating the particulars asked for in respect of all persons forming part of the household for Census purposes. See the heading to Column (a) within.

N.B.—Any one or more persons separately occupying separate lodgings in a house or a separate part of a house will be regarded as forming a separate household. But boarders are to be regarded as part of the household with which they board.

2. The Manager or other person in charge of a hotel, club, boarding house, or common or other lodging house, is required by law to make a return in this Form with respect to all persons falling to be included as inmates of the establishment for Census purposes. See the heading to Column (a) within.

3. Every such person is required by law to give to the person responsible for making the return such information as may be necessary to enable the return to be made. No use may, however, be made of such information by the person to whom it is given except for the purpose of making the return.

4. A person who has applied in the prescribed manner to make a separate confidential return will not be liable to give information to the Head or Manager; and in such case the person responsible for making the return will only be liable to include in his return in respect of that person the particulars required in Columns (a) and (b) within.

5. The Schedule will be called for on Monday, April 25th, by the appointed enumerator; in order that he may not be delayed it must be ready with the answers written in the proper columns early on the morning of that day. If the answers are incomplete or inaccurate, the enumerator must ask any questions necessary to enable him to correct the Schedule.

6. The person responsible for making the return may, if unable to deliver the Schedule to the enumerator personally, arrange for some other person to do so on his behalf. If desired, the Schedule may be handed to the enumerator under cover.

7. If any person whose duty it is to make a return or to give information refuses to do so, or wilfully gives false information, or uses otherwise than for the purpose of making the return any information given him for that purpose, he will be liable to a fine not exceeding Ten Pounds.

S. P. VIVIAN,

Registrar-General.

EXAMPLES OF THE MODE OF FILLING UP THE SCHEDULE.

Name and Surname.	Relation to Head of Household.	Age, and date of birth, yrs. and mos.	Sex.	Marriage or Other Household.	Birthplace.	Nationality, etc.	If attending School, etc.	Personal Occupation.	Employment.	Place of Work.	Age of Children under 16.													
											Under 16 years of age.													
											1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
William Brown	Head	47	M	Married	London.	—	—	Boot and Shoe Dealer	Employer	At Home	3													
Jane Brown	Wife	45	F	Married	London.	—	—	W. Brown Boot and Shoe Dealer	—	At Home	—													
Thomas Brown	Son	13	M	Both alive	St. Albans, Herts.	—	—	—	—	—	—													
Eliza Brown	Daughter	4	F	Both alive	Devonshire.	—	—	—	—	—	—													
Victor Johnson	Nephew	22	M	Single	India, Madras.	—	—	Confectionery Sugar Holder	—	120, Church St., London, W.9	—													
Mabel Webb	Servant	19	F	Single	Devonshire, Gernock.	—	—	General Domestic Servant	—	—	—													
Rebecca Smith	Head	60	F	Widow	France, Paris.	—	—	Boarding House Keeper	Employer	At Home	None													
Harold E. Dick	Booster	55	M	Married	U.S. America, Virginia.	—	—	Bank Manager	Western Banking Corporation	Atlantic St., San Francisco	4													
John Ollroyd	Booster	32	M	D	London, E.	—	—	Civil Engineer	Own Account	No fixed place	—													
Mary Blake	Servant	35	F	Widow	Nottinghamshire, Scoby.	—	—	Cook	Mrs. Smith, Boarding House Keeper	46, Greyhound Av., Southampton	2													
John Jones	Head	72	M	Widower	Devonshire, Wexham.	—	—	Saw Mill Foreman (Retired)	Railway Wagon Works	—	None													
Arthur Jones	Son	40	M	Married	Gloucester, Nantwich.	—	—	Process Man	Soda, Limited Alkali Works	Widch St., Runcorn	2													
Eda Jones	Daughter	38	F	Married	At Sea	—	—	Friend Boy	James Owen, General Domestic Servant	Queen St., Runcorn	—													
Griffith Jones	Grandson	14	M	Both alive	Flintshire, Cemaes Quay	—	—	General Domestic Servant	Private (out of work)	—	—													
Emma Jones	Visitor	28	F	Single	Flintshire, Penegafon.	—	—	—	—	—	—													
James Budd	Head	48	M	Widower	London, E.	—	—	Assisting father in business	Employer	At Home	3													
Alfred Budd	Son	25	M	Single	London, E.	—	—	—	—	At Home	—													
Grace Budd	Daughter	21	F	Single	Sutton Bridge, Lancashire.	—	—	—	—	—	—													
Annie Budd	Daughter	12	F	Mother dead	Sutton Bridge, Lancashire.	—	—	—	—	—	—													
Charles Jackson	Servant	24	M	Single	Cambridgeshire, Lutterworth.	—	—	Houseman	James Budd, Farmer	High Farm, Southey	—													

INSTRUCTIONS

For filling up Columns (b), (h), (k) and (l).

- Column (b).—**RELATIONSHIP.**—Any relative present in the dwelling on Census night who usually lives elsewhere should, for Census purposes, be described in Column (b) as "Visitor," and not as "Son," "Aunt," "Sister-in-law," etc.
- Column (h).—**EDUCATION.**—For persons attending a school or other institution for the purpose of receiving education, write "Whole Time" if attending daily during the full day school hours or otherwise to an extent which leaves no reasonable time for employment; "Part Time" if attending Day Continuation Schools or Evening Classes, or otherwise giving such partial or intermittent attendance as permits or might permit of substantial regular employment.
- Columns (h) and (l).—**OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYMENT.**—For a person already entered as "Whole Time" in Column (h), no entry is needed in Column (l), unless the person is studying for a particular profession or occupation (see Instruction 4). For children under 12, Columns (h) (l) and (m) should be left blank.

PERSONS NOT PRINCIPALLY OCCUPIED IN WORKING FOR PAYMENT OR PROFIT.

- If studying or preparing for any particular profession or occupation, write accordingly in Column (h) "Wireless Student," "Engineering Student," "Law Student," etc., and leave Column (l) blank. (But apprentices or persons training on similar terms should be entered as actually following the occupations to which they are apprenticed.)
- For a member of a private household (such as householder's wife) who is mainly occupied in unpaid domestic duties at home, write "Home Duties" in Column (h) and leave Columns (l) and (m) blank.
- If retired from an occupation or service, and not following any other regular occupation, state former occupation or service in Column (h), adding "Retired," in Column (l) should be filled up, business of former employer (if any) being stated.
- For a member of the household who is chiefly occupied in giving unpaid help in a business carried on by the head of the household or other relative, state the occupation in Column (h) as though it were a paid occupation. The name of the head of the business should be stated in Column (l) as employer, together with the nature of the business, for a living "in Column (h) and leave Column (l) blank.
- For other persons not included above who are mainly dependent upon others' earnings or upon their own or others' private means, write "None" or "Not occupied

PERSONS PRINCIPALLY OCCUPIED IN WORKING FOR PAYMENT OR PROFIT.

- The occupation should be stated in Column (h), whether the worker is at work or not at the time of the Census. If more than one paid occupation is followed, state only that by which the living is mainly earned.
- The precise character of the occupation should be stated. Vague and Indefinite Terms must not be used, such, for example, as Assistant, Collector, Contractor, Factory Hand, Foreman, Inspector, Ironworker, Machinist, Manufacturer, Millhand, Operative, Overlooker.

- Shopkeepers, Retail Dealers or Shop Assistants. Tailors, Bootmakers, Silversmiths, Jewellers, Bakers, etc., if selling only and not making or producing, or if chiefly selling, should add the words "Shopkeeper" engaged in making or producing, though also selling, should add "Maker."
- Agents, Brokers, Dealers, Merchants. State particular kind of business or trade as "Cycle Agent," "Sugar Broker," "Cattle Dealer," "Coal Merchant," etc.
- Mary, Army, Air Force, Civil Service, Municipal Service, etc. State the post or rank, as Able Seaman, Police Sergeant, Post Office Sorter, Relieving Officer.
- Nurses. State whether "Nurse (Domestic)," "Monthly Nurse," "Sick Nurse," etc.
- Ironworkers should state whether Fiddler, Shingler, Roller, Busheller, etc.
- Labourers. Unskilled workers, usually employed on some one kind of work should always state fully the kind of work done, e.g., "Navy," "Brewery's Labourer," "Dock Labourer," "Foundry Labourer," "Stockworks Labourer," but those accustomed to employment in different kinds of work should describe themselves as "General Labourer." The term "Labourer" must not be used alone.

N.B. OTHER WORKERS SHOULD DESCRIBE THEIR JOB BY THE SPECIAL NAME (IF ANY, BY WHICH IT IS KNOWN IN THE INDUSTRY OR MANUFACTURE.

- Name and business of employer.—The name and business of the employer (firm, company, local authority, government department, etc.), must be stated in Column (l); for example, a bricklayer employed in a brewery should state "Bricklayer" in Column (h) and "Messrs., Brewers," in Column (l). A carman employed by a firm of bleachers and dyers should state "Carman" in Column (h) and "Messrs., Bleachers and Dyers," in Column (l). A carman employed required for the purpose of classifying the persons employed according to the industry or service with which their work is connected, and will not be published. State precisely the nature of the employer's business, e.g., instead of "Manufacturer," "Merchant," "Ironworks," "Engineering Works," "Lead Works," "Civil Service, General Post Office," etc.

- In the case of Domestic Servants or other persons in Private Personal Service the word "Private" should be entered in Column (l) and the name and business of the employer must not be stated. But for Cooks, Waitresses, Chambermaids, employed in Hotels, Restaurants, Boarding Houses, etc., the name and business of the employer should be stated.

The following special examples will indicate the kind of description which should be given both of the occupation and of the employer's business.

Column (h). Personal Occupation.	Column (l). Employment.	Column (h). Personal Occupation.	Column (l). Employment.	Column (h). Personal Occupation.	Column (l). Employment.
I. CLEERS.		IV. TEXTILE OPERATIVES, DYERS, BLEACHERS.		VI. FARMING.	
Bookbinding Clerk .. ..	.. .. Gt. Eastern Railway Co.	Bobbin Carrier .. ..	.. .. N.Y.Z. Spinning Co., Cotton Spinners.	Fruit Farmer .. ..	.. .. Employer.
Walk Clerk .. ..	.. .. London & Northern Bank.	Little Piecer .. ..	.. .. N.Y.Z. Spinning Co., Cotton Spinners.	Poultry Farmer .. ..	.. .. Own Account.
Head of Passenger Dept.	.. .. Adriatic Shipping Co.	Card Room Jobber .. ..	.. .. N.Y.Z. Spinning Co., Cotton Spinners.	Cowman .. ..	.. .. J. Sinclair, Farmer.
Law Clerk .. ..	.. .. J. Sinclair, Solicitor.	Rag Grinder .. ..	.. .. Green & Brown, Shoddy Manufacturers.	Assisting father in general	.. .. J. Sinclair, Farmer.
Accountant's Articled Clerk	.. .. Holmes & Lander, Chartered Accountants.	Head Dyer .. ..	.. .. Jackson & Co., Cotton Spinners.	farm work .. ..	.. .. J. Sinclair, Farmer.
Cooling Clerk .. ..	.. .. North British Iron Co., Iron Rolling Mills.	Blow Room Major .. ..	.. .. Black & Co., Silk Spinners.	Dairy Work .. ..	.. .. E. Bethel, Market Gardener.
Book-keeper .. ..	.. .. Northern Cattle Co. (Out of work).	Overlooker, Spinning Room .. ..	.. ..	Farm Labourer .. ..	.. .. O. Owen, Farmer.
II. ENGINEERING AND METAL TRADES.		V. MINERS AND QUARRIES.		Hind, Spade Hand .. ..	.. .. V. Gillow, Fruit Farmer.
Gantryman .. ..	.. .. Northern Iron Co., Blast Furnaces.	Coal Miner (Hewer) .. ..	.. .. Llanfyllan Colliery Co.	Ploughman .. ..	.. ..
Pattern Maker .. ..	.. .. J. & J. Sykes, General Engineers.	Lampman (above ground) .. ..	.. .. Llanfyllan Colliery Co.	VII. LABOURERS.	
Iron Moulder .. ..	.. .. Iron Goods, Ltd., Pipe Founders.	Tin Streamer .. ..	.. .. Penfold Mining Co., Tin Mine Owners.	Stockworks Labourer .. ..	.. .. Key & Co., Steel Manufacturers.
Drop Forger .. ..	.. .. Goult & Co., Motor Car Manufacturers.	Ironstone Gutter .. ..	.. .. Blackheath Mining Co., Coal & Iron Mines.	General Labourer .. ..	.. .. Soda, Ltd., Alkali Manufacturers.
Tool Forger (Power Hammer) .. ..	.. .. X.L. Tool Co., Tool Makers.	Roadstone Quarry .. ..	.. .. Stratton Rural District Council.	Navy .. ..	.. .. Mills & Mills, Sharp Contractors.
Tube Welder .. ..	.. .. Tubes, Ltd., Steel Tube Makers.	Lead Miner, Stoper .. ..	.. .. Evans & Evans, Lead Mine Owners.	Fitter's Labourer .. ..	.. .. Brown & Sharp, Agricultural Engineers.
Capstan Lathe Hand .. ..	.. .. C. N. Smith, Ltd., Machine Tool Makers.	Iron Miner, Borer .. ..	.. .. Cumberland Iron Mining Co.	Foundry Labourer .. ..	.. .. Wagons, Ltd., Railway Wagon Builders.
Loom Fitter .. ..	.. .. Jones & Wright, Textile Machinery Makers.	Colliery Labourer (above ground) .. ..	.. .. North Eastern Colliery Co.		
III. ENGINE MEN, ENGINE DRIVERS, STOREMEN, FIREMEN.					
Railway Engine Driver .. ..	.. .. Midland Railway Co.				
Crane Driver .. ..	.. .. R. & L. Thomas, Brewers.				
Traction Engine Driver .. ..	.. .. Seaton Urban District Council.				
Winding Engine Driver .. ..	.. .. Derbyshire Collieries, Ltd.				
Agricultural Engine Driver .. ..	.. .. J. Brown, Farmer.				
Boiler Fireman J. Thorpe, Joinery Works.				
Kiln Fireman Nunnery Brick Co., Brick and Tile Makers.				

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In case it is asked, FreeCEN is planning on transcribing the 1921 census, but work in preparation for this is still in the very early stages, and it will be some time before it is ready.

Remember that we still have plenty of pieces of papers from earlier years that need transcribing, or proofreading, and have coordinators with scans willing to allocate them to you.

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County	Year	Piece	Location	Civil Parishes	Number of Entries
Anglesey	1851	HO107_2521	Llandyfrydog	Coedana, Llanallgo, Llanbedrgoch, Llanddyfnan, Llandyfrydog, Llaneugrad, Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf, Llanfihangel Trer Beirdd, Penrhosllugwy, Pentraeth	5,630
Anglesey	1851	HO107_2521A	Amlwch	Amlwch, (Llanerchymedd), Llaneilian, Llanwenllwyfo	7,770
Brecknockshire	1891	RG12_4572	Llangorse	Cathedine, Gwanymynach, Llandefaelog Trer Graig, Llandefalle, Llanfihangel Tal y llyn, Llangasty Tal y llyn, Llangorse, Llanhamlach, Llansanffraid, Llanvillo, Llanywern, Llechfaen, Nantfelin, Scethrog, Talach Ddu, Trawscoed, Tredomen, Tylecrwm	2,470
Brecknockshire	1891	RG12_4573	Cwmdu	Felindre, Llanfihangel Cwm Du, Tretower	887
Cambridgeshire	1841	HO107_66	Chilford	Babraham, Castle Camps, Great Abington, Great Bartlow, Hildersham, Horseheath, Linton, Little Abington, Pampisford, Shudy Camps, West Wickham	5,736
Cambridgeshire	1861	RG9_1031	Cheveley	Brinkley, Burrough Green, Cheveley, Dullingham, Kirtling, Stetchworth, Westley Waterless, Wood Ditton	4,770
Cambridgeshire	1871	RG10_1362A	Melbourn	Bassingbourn, (Kneesworth), Foxton, Kneesworth, Litlington, Melbourn	3,155
Cambridgeshire	1871	RG10_1363A	Melbourn	Melbourn, Meldreth, Shepreth, Shingay, Thriplow, Wendy, Whaddon	2,616
Cambridgeshire	1881	RG11_1679	Gazeley	Ashley cum Silverley, Kennett	665

Cardiganshire	1841	HO107_1377	Troed yr aur	Aberporth, (Aber Porth; Llananuerch; Rectorial), Bangor, Bettws Evan (Bettws; Llynnchel), Blaenporth (Aber-porth), Brongwyn, Ciliau Aeron, Dihewyd, Henllan, Lampeter Pont Stephen (Tref-y-coed), Llandyfriog (Aber; Adpar; Penddol), Llandygwydd, Llandyssil (Llanfrene), Llandyssil Is Kerdin, Llanfair Orllwyn, Llanfair Trelygen, Llangoedmore, Llangunllo, Llannerch Aeron, Llechryd, Mount, Penbryn, Tre Main, Troedyrur, Verwick	12,542
Cardiganshire	1841	HO107_1378	Cardigan Borough	Cardigan St Mary	2,965
Cornwall	1841	HO107_154B	Isles of Scilly	St Agnes	231
Denbighshire	1841	HO107_1400	Chirk	Glyn Traian Division, (Cilcochwin; Crogen-Iddon; Crogen-w-Ladies; Enwallo; Havodgynfawr; Nantygwryd; Talygarth), Llangollen, Llangollen Traian Division (Bache; Cysyllte; Dinbren; Eglynos Eagle; Issa Trevor; Llangollen-Abbots; Llangollen-Fawr; Llangollen-Fechan; Pengwern; Rhysgog; Ucha Trevor; Vivod)	4,925
Denbighshire	1871	RG10_5682A	Corwen	Bryn Eglwys, Llangothan(Eglwysegle;Llangollen Traian), Llantysilio	3,948
Denbighshire	1871	RG10_5684A	Corwen	Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog, Llangollen, Llansanffraid Glyn Ceiriog	1,131
Derbyshire	1891	RG12_3844A	Beighton	Beighton, Birley, Hackenthorpe, Sothal	2,869
Devon	1871	RG10_2404A	Combe St Nicholas	Yarcombe, (Marsh)	762
Devon	1881	RG11_2385A	Combe St Nicholas	Yarcombe	701
Dorset	1871	RG10_2404B	Combe St Nicholas	Wambrook	292
Dorset	1881	RG11_2385B	Combe St Nicholas	Wambrook	264
Essex	1851	HO107_1781C	Colechester St Mary	Colchester St Mary at the Wall, Colchester St Peter, Lexden, Mile End	4,754
Essex	1861	RG9_1057	West Ham	West Ham, (Church Street;Forest Gate;Plaistow)	9,402
Glamorganshire	1871	RG10_5401	Upper Merthyr Tydfil	Merthyr Tydfil	3,434
Hertfordshire	1861	RG9_813	Royston	Barkway, Reed, Royston, Therfield	3,066

Hertfordshire	1891	RG12_1099	Braughing	Albury, Braughing, Brent Pelham, Furneux Pelham, Puckeridge, Stocking Pelham	2,490
Hertfordshire	1891	RG12_1100	Buntingford	Anstey, Ardeley, Aspenden, Broadfield, Buckland, Chipping, Cottered, Cromer, Great Hornead, Hare Street, Layston, Little Hornead, Meesden, Moor Green, Roe Green, Rushden, Sandon(Roe Green), Throcking, Wallington, Westmill, Wood End, Wyddial	5,777
Lancashire	1891	RG12_3372	Burnley	Briercliffe with Extwistle, Burnley, Burwains, Filly Close, Habergham Eaves, Holme, Mereclough, New Laund Booth, Reedley Hallows, Whalley, Worsthorn with Hurstwood	5,363
Lancashire	1891	RG12_3385	Slaidburn	Newton, Slaidburn	1,489
Lincolnshire	1861	RG9_3527A	Swinefleet	Luddington, (Adlingfleet;Eastoft;Garthorpe;Haldenby;Luddington)	1,756
Merionethshire	1871	RG10_5684	Corwen	Corwen, Llansanffraid Glyn Dyfrdwy	2,705
Norfolk	1871	RG10_1618A	Terrington St Clement	Clenchwarton, Terrington(St Clement), Terrington St John, Tilney All Saints, Tilney St Lawrence, Tilney cum Islington	5,413
Northumberland	1851	HO107_2407	All Saints	All Saints, (All Saints)	23,513
Royal Navy	1861	RG9_4434	Royal Navy at sea and in ports abroad	Royal Navy at sea and in ports abroad	3,131
Royal Navy	1861	RG9_4435	Royal Navy at sea and in ports abroad	Royal Navy at sea and in ports abroad	3,542
Somerset	1911	RG14_14272	North Petherton	North Petherton	323
Staffordshire	1891	RG12_2161	Burslem	Burslem	5,933
Suffolk	1861	RG9_1031A	Cheveley	Newmarket All Saints	1,704
Suffolk	1881	RG11_1679A	Gazeley	Dalham, Dunstall Green, Gazeley, Lidgate, Moulton, Ousden	2,515
Surrey	1871	RG10_809	Ripley	Ockham, Send(Ripley), Wisley	2,647

Warwickshire	1871	RG10_3192	Warwick	Barford, Budbrooke, Haseley, Hatton (Beausall; Shrewley), Norton Lindsey, Rowington (Pinley), Sherbourne, Wasperton, Wroxall	4,459
Worcestershire	1861	RG9_2096	Hanley	Great Malvern, (Great Malvern), Hanley Castle (Malvern Wells), Little Malvern, Welland	6,665
Worcestershire	1861	RG9_2097	Hanley	Great Malvern, (Great Malvern; Newland), Madresfield, Powick	4,289
Worcestershire	1861	RG9_2099	Kempsey	Croome Dabitot, Earls Croome, Hill Croome, Kempsey, Ripple, Severn Stoke	3,541
Yorkshire - East Riding	1871	RG10_4736A	Riccall	Hemingbrough, (Barlby; Cliffe cum Lund; Osgodby, South Duffield), Kelfield, North Duffield, Riccall, Skipwith	3,548
Yorkshire - North Riding	1871	RG10_4279A	Wath	East Tanfield, Howgrave, Hutton Conyers, Melmerby, Middleton Quernhow, Norton Conyers, Nunwick with Howgrave in Kirklingham, Nunwick with Howgrave in Ripon, Sutton Howgrave, Wath, West Tanfield (Nosterfield; Thornborough)	1,536
Yorkshire - North Riding	1871	RG10_4280A	Dishforth	Asenby, Baldersby, Dishforth, Marton le Moor in Kirby Hill, Marton le Moor in Topcliffe, Rainton (Newby)	1,451
Yorkshire - North Riding	1871	RG10_4281A	Boroughbridge	Ellenthorpe, Helperby, Humberton in Aldborough, Humberton in Kirkby Hill, Kirby Hill, Langthorpe, Milby in Aldborough, Milby in Kirby Hill, Norton le Clay, Thornton Bridge	1,520
Yorkshire - West Riding	1891	RG12_3372A	Burnley		1,927
Yorkshire - West Riding	1891	RG12_3385A	Slaidburn	Bowland Forest High, Bowland Forest Low, Easington	758

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