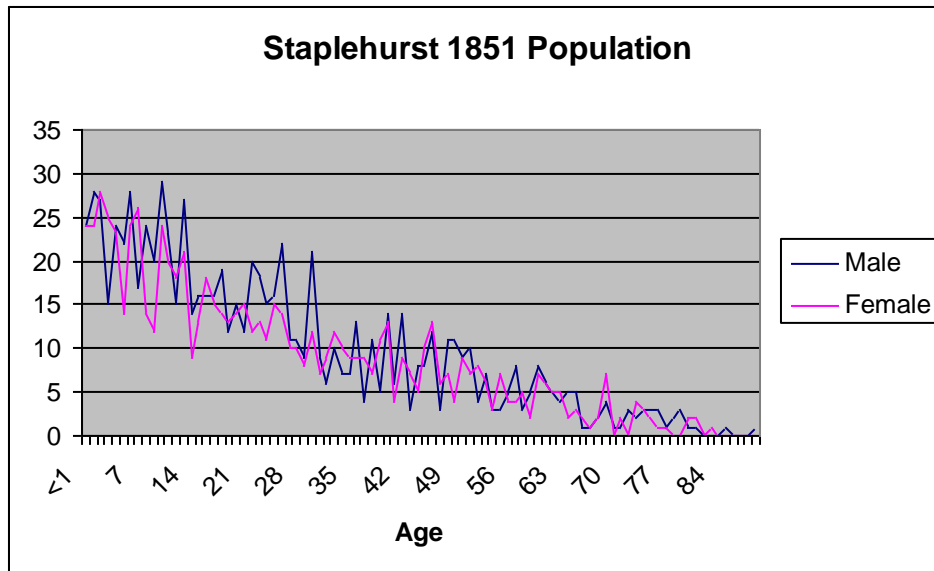


Staplehurst Population 1851

The total population of Staplehurst in the 1851 census was **1659** of which:

| | | | | Percent |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Males | Females | Total | of Total |
| Under 1 year old | 24 | 24 | 48 | 2.9% |
| 1 to 5 years of age | 116 | 114 | 230 | 13.9% |
| 6 to 12 years of age | 156 | 138 | 294 | 17.7% |
| 13 to 20 years of age | 135 | 117 | 252 | 15.2% |
| 21 to 30 years of age | 155 | 120 | 275 | 16.6% |
| 31 to 40 years of age | 86 | 96 | 182 | 11.0% |
| 41 to 50 years of age | 85 | 74 | 159 | 9.6% |
| 51 to 60 years of age | 56 | 53 | 109 | 6.6% |
| 61 to 70 years of age | 34 | 33 | 67 | 4.0% |
| 71 to 80 years of age | 22 | 15 | 37 | 2.2% |
| Over 80 years of age | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0.4% |
| Total | 872 | 787 | 1659 | 100.0% |



Marital Status

| | | Percent of Total |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| Number of married people | 573 | 34.5% |
| Number of widows/widowers | 81 | 4.9% |
| Single people over 18 years | 264 | 15.9% |
| of which single over 25 years | 96 | 5.8% |
| (or 13.9% of people over 25) | | |

Normal marriage age appears to be 25 for women and 28 for men.

The youngest married man was 19 years old while there were two 18 year old woman married.

Place of Birth

| | | |
|------------------------------|------|-------|
| Born in Kent | 1494 | 90.1% |
| of which: | | |
| Born Staplehurst | 938 | 56.5% |
| Born neighbouring villages * | 236 | 14.2% |
| Born rest of Kent | 320 | 19.3% |
| Born rest of Britain | 158 | 9.5% |
| of which Sussex | 102 | 6.1% |

* (Cranbrook, Marden, Frittenden, Headcorn and Goudhurst)

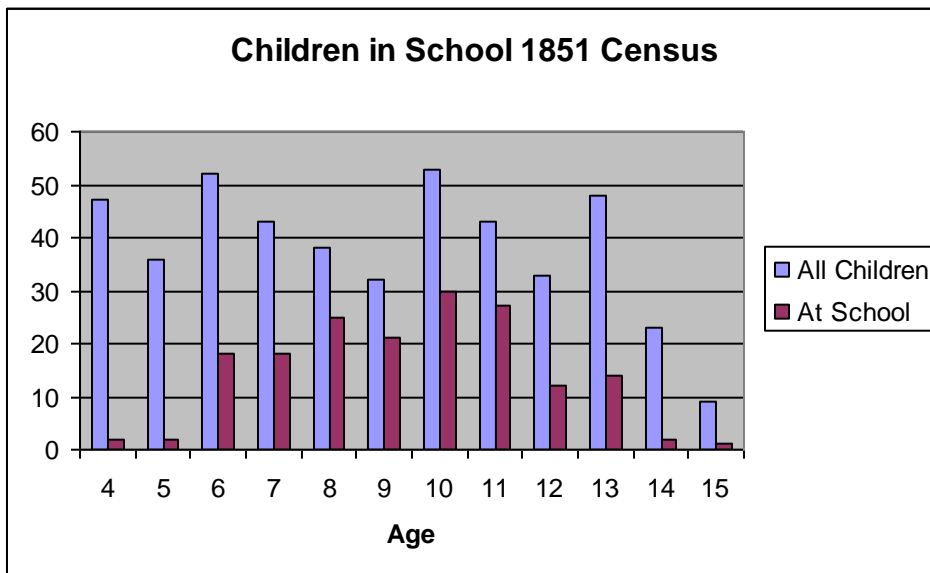
There is one person born in Australia, one in Morocco and three from Ireland.

Education

There are 172 children between the ages of 4 and 15 classified as 'Scholars'. This represents 37.6% of all children in this age range.

The majority of children attend school from 8 to 11 years old and when these ages alone are examined there are 62.0% of the children in this age range at school.

Of the 8 to 11 year olds, 62.5% of boys attend school and 61.4% of girls.



Occupations

Female Occupations

In the 1851 census for Staplehurst, there are 125 women recorded with an occupation. The largest proportion (32.8%) is the young, unmarried women working in domestic service.

| | Total | Married | Widowed | Unmarried | % of Total |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Employed at home | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2.4 |
| Farmer | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4.8 |
| Farmer's Daughter / Wife | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 4.8 |
| Bailiff's Daughter / Wife | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1.6 |
| Fund Holder / Annuitant | 6 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4.8 |
| Land Proprietor | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2.4 |
| Farm Servant | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3.2 |
| General & House Servant | 41 | | 2 | 39 | 32.8 |
| Housekeeper | 11 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 8.8 |
| Laundress | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.6 |
| Needlewoman | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.8 |
| Nurse | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 1.6 |
| Teacher / Governess | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4.8 |
| Grocer / Draper & Grocer | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1.6 |
| Tailor & Tailor's Wife | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.6 |
| Bonnet Maker | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.8 |
| Barmaid | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.8 |
| Dressmaker | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 10.4 |
| Parish Relief / Pauper | 13 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 10.4 |
| | 125 | 18 | 29 | 78 | 100.0 |

This represents 41.5% of the female population over 12 years of age. There is one 11 year old shown as 'Farmer's Daughter', presumably helping on the farm. One 12 year old is employed at home and another is a nurse maid. The majority of working single women are 16 years or older. The oldest woman with an occupation (excluding the 83 year old pauper) is an 81 year old widow classed as a farmer.

Male Occupations

There are 524 men recorded with an occupation in the 1851 Staplehurst Census. The youngest 'man' recorded with an occupation is David Berrabah, 11 years old. David, along with his father (who was born in Morocco), are staying at the Kings Head and are not full time residents of Staplehurst. There are three 12 year olds and five 13 year olds

employed.

The oldest employee, ignoring the 89 year old on parochial relief, is a farmer, William Beflin. However there is a 77 year old Agricultural Labourer and a 79 year old gardener. Generally, retirement was a luxury for the very few.

Agriculture

Agriculture is by far the largest category of occupation reported in Staplehurst in 1851. The 43 farmers employed a total of 197 agricultural labourers which is 37.6% of the male working population. With the other occupations I have grouped under agriculture, the total comes to 345 or 65.8% of the population.

It is also worth noting that just under 70% of the unmarried males work as agriculture labourers or farm servants / labourers.

| | Total | % of Total | Married | Widower | Unmarried |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Agriculture | | | | | |
| Agricultural Labourers | 197 | 37.6 | 116 | 12 | 69 |
| Farmers | 43 | | 37 | 2 | 4 |
| Farmer's Sons | 7 | | | | 7 |
| Farm Servants / Labourers | 79 | | 19 | 5 | 55 |
| Bailiff / Bailiff's son | 6 | | 5 | | 1 |
| Carter & Carter's Mate | 6 | | | | 6 |
| Hay Baler | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Shepherd | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Waggoner | 5 | | 2 | | 3 |
| Total Agriculture | 345 | 65.8 | 180 | 19 | 146 |

Trades

Staplehurst is also well served by tradesmen which is the second largest category of employment. Just about all your needs, from making shoes for you or your to thatching your house, can be met locally

| | Total | % of Total | Married | Widower | Unmarried |
|--|--------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Trades | | | | | |
| Blacksmith | 8 | | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Wheelwright | 3 | | 2 | | 1 |
| Boot & Shoemaker / Cordwainer | 12 | | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Basket Maker | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Guana Merchant & Appraiser, Draper & Undertaker | 1 | | 1 | | |
| General Dealer | 3 | | 2 | | 1 |
| Coal Merchant | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Foreign Timber Agent | 1 | | 1 | | |

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Brick Maker | 3 | | 3 | | |
| Brick Layer | 8 | | 7 | 1 | |
| Builder | 3 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Carpenter | 10 | | 9 | | 1 |
| Thatcher | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Wood Dealer | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Timber Hewer Carrier | 4 | | 2 | | 2 |
| Labourer | 2 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Plumber & Painter | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Sawyer | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Sadler | 2 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Toll Gate Keeper/Collector | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Apprentice | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Total Trades | 73 | 13.9 | 50 | 3 | 20 |

Retail

Retailers in the village cover groceries, bakery, butcher, confectioner, drapers and, of course, the beer shop.

| Retail & Services | Total | % of Total | Married | Widower | Unmarried |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Beer Shop Keeper | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Baker | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Grocer & Baker | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Grocer & Draper | 3 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Butcher | 5 | | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Confectioner | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Errand Boy | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Draper | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Hairdresser | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Innkeeper | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Victular | 3 | | 3 | | |
| Miller | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Tailor | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Hawker | 3 | | 2 | | 1 |
| Total Retail | 30 | 5.7 | 17 | 3 | 10 |

Other Categories

The railway and post office provided some local employment and there were the few professionals such as the GP, the Rector, a Solicitor and the Relieving Officer. While small in overall percentages, they provided important services.

Railway &

| Post Office Workers | Total | % of Total | Married | Widower | Unmarried |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Station & Post Master | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Goods Clerk | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Railway Porter | 5 | | 5 | | |
| Cab? Maker S.E. Railway | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Iron Plate Worker | 1 | | | | 1 |

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|----------|----------|
| Rail Inspector | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Letter Carrier / Messenger | 2 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Mail Driver | 3 | | 3 | | |
| Post Boy / Post Office Clerk | 3 | | 2 | | 1 |
| Total Railway & Post | 18 | 3.4 | 15 | 0 | 3 |

Professional

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----|----------|----------|----------|
| Independent Minister | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Royal Navy | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Parish Clerk & Sexton | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Rector of Staplehurst | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Relieving Officer | 1 | | 1 | | |
| School Master | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Solicitor & His Clerks | 3 | | | 1 | 2 |
| Surgeon, General Practitioner | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Road Surveyor | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Total Professional | 12 | 2.3 | 8 | 1 | 3 |

The In Service group are those employed as servants. Generally it is the young unmarried man except for the more specialist jobs such as gardener.

| In Service | Total | % of Total | Married | Widower | Unmarried |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| House & General Servant | 18 | | 1 | | 17 |
| Gardener | 6 | | 5 | 1 | |
| Groom & Footman | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Stable Men | 3 | | 2 | 1 | |
| Total in Service | 28 | 5.3 | 8 | 2 | 18 |

The last group here includes the 'non working' population. There are relatively few classed as Paupers or Parochial Relief and these are almost all very elderly gentlemen, probably no longer able to work.

| Other | Total | % of Total | Married | Widower | Unmarried |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Independent | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Annuitant | 3 | | | 2 | 1 |
| Working at home | 3 | | | | 3 |
| Out of Business/No profession | 4 | | 3 | | 1 |
| Parochial Relief / Pauper | 7 | | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Total Other | 18 | 3.4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Summary

| Category | Employed | % of Total |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Agriculture | 345 | 65.8 |
| Trades | 73 | 13.9 |
| Retail & Services | 30 | 5.7 |
| In Service | 28 | 5.3 |
| Railway & Post Office | 18 | 3.4 |
| Professional | 12 | 2.3 |
| Other | 18 | 3.4 |
| Total | 524 | 100.0 |