

Staplehurst 1881 Census About the Data

Data Source

The original data is in the custody of the National Archives in the UK. The enumerator books have been filmed and can be found in some local archives, libraries and Family History Centres. Dependent on the area of interest, there are some surname indexes available and I would recommend you contact the Family History Society for the county of interest. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints produced a transcription of the 1881 census for England and it is available on their website and in many local archives.

Data Reference : TNA(PRO) RG11 /925

TNA is The National Archives which was previously known as the Public Records Office (PRO). RG11 is the reference for the 1881 census while 925 is the piece which includes Staplehurst.

Census Date: 03 April 1881.

Quality of Data

I have transcribed this data from a copy of the film. Like all transcriptions, there will be errors which I will apologize for in advance although the use of this data is at your own risk. If you do find errors in the transcription, please notify me and I will correct. You will find my contact information from the home page.

Some pages are extremely difficult to read due to fading of the writing. Other pages are difficult to read due to the quality of the original writing. I have done the best I can.

You need to also note that the spelling of names is transcribed as written and this may well differ to what you expect.

Regional Description

County of Kent

Registration District: Maidstone

Registration Sub-District: Marden

Ecclesiastical Parish: Staplehurst

Number of Enumeration Districts 6, 7, 8.

District

The first column contains the District. Staplehurst was divided into 3 enumeration districts (6, 7, and 8) for this census. The description of the districts is copied from the census book as follows.

District 6

Enumerator: Mr. Alfred Taylor

The whole of the village of Staplehurst including The Rectory, The Cottages, Bly Court to Plank Field Cottage, Mr. Butcher's Farm, cottages in Bell Lane, Loddenden, Board Schools, North & South Villas, Fuller House and Staplehurst Quarter.

District 7

Enumerator: Mr. William Oliver

Part of the parish of Staplehurst, comprising all the houses and cottages on the west side of the Turnpike Road leading from Maidstone to Cranbrook (except the village) including Great Pagehurst, Little Pagehurst, Little Dourn, Great Dourn, Brick Kiln Farm, Staplehurst Plain, Little Hartsheath, Great Hartsheath, Bowns End, Knoxbridge Cottage, West Toll House, Cuckold's Corner, Railway Station Cottages, Wards Cottages, Hartleys and Waghornes Cottages.

District 8

Enumerator: Mr. Frederick Watson

Part of the Parish of Staplehurst comprising all the houses and cottages on the Eastside of the Turnpike road leading from Maidstone to Cranbrook (except the village) including Lowdwells Farm, Cross at Hand Cottages, Newsted Farm, Chickenden, Slaney Place, Milking Pail Farm, Turleys Farm, Exhurst, Cradocks Cottage, Maplehurst, Old House Cottages, Great & Little Wadd, East Iden, Staplehurst House, all Lodges, Knoxbridge, Knoxbridge Cottages, South Eastern Hotel and Cottages.

Folio

The second column holds the folio number as defined by the TNA with the addition of the character followed by a page number. This forms part of the reference number for the data.

Household

In the column marked 'HH', the enumerator recorded a number against each household. For each district the number restarts at 1.

Address

The address column includes the address as recorded by the enumerator. Many of the houses in the village are just recorded as High Street but most of the farms and bigger houses are identified.

Names

The first name and surname are included in separate columns. These can be difficult to read at times and when in doubt, I have indicated so with a '?'. Spelling is transcribed as written in the original.

Relationship to Head

The relationship column records an individual's relationship to the Head of the household.

Marital Status (M/S)

In this column is recorded for all adults their marital status. The abbreviations used are: M = married, U = unmarried, W = widow or widower.

Ages

Ages are in 2 columns, 'M' for male and 'F' for female. The enumerator recorded the actual age of the person in years except those children under 1 and then it includes the number of months.

Occupations

The occupations are recorded. The term Ag. Lab. stands for Agricultural Labourer and covers many trades in farming. In some cases, the data has been modified when the enumerator was summarising the data. Generally it is 'domestic' added to servant. For farmers there is generally included the number of acres which I have abbreviated to 'a' and the number employed which again has been abbreviated to 'emp'.

Where Born

The persons place of birth is generally given as parish and county.