

Staplehurst 1891 Census

About the Data

Source of Data

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.

Data Reference

TNA(PRO) RG12 /684

TNA is The National Archives which was previously known as the Public Records Office (PRO). RG12 is the reference for the 1891 census while 684 is the piece which includes Staplehurst.

Census Date: 05 April 1891.

Quality of Data

I have transcribed this data from a copy of the film held at the Kent History and Library Centre in Maidstone. Like all transcriptions, there will be errors which I will apologize for in advance while 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.

Description

County of Kent

Registration District: Maidstone

Registration Sub-District: Yalding

Rural Sanitary District: Maidstone

Parliamentary Borough: Ashford

Ecclesiastical Parish: Staplehurst

No. of Enumeration Districts 11, 12, 13

District

The first column contains the District. Staplehurst was divided into 3 enumeration districts (11, 12, and 13) for this census. The description of the districts is copied from the census book as are as follows.

District 11 - Being that part bounded on the North by the Board Schools and North & South Villas inclusive. On the East by a circle described from the Board Schools to the Rectory. On the South by the Rectory and Fullers House inclusive. On the West by a described circle from Fuller House to North & South Villas inclusive.

Contents: The whole of the Village of Staplehurst including the Rectory, the Cottage Bly Court, Mr Butcher's Farm from Windmill Cottages, Cottages in Bell Lane, Loddenden, Board Schools, North & South Villas, Fuller House and Staplehurst Quarter.

District 12 – Being that Part Bounded on the North by the Parishes of Sutton and Boughton, on the East by the turnpike road from Maidstone to Cranbrook, on the South by the Parish of Cranbrook, in the West by the Parish of Marden.

Contents: 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 Doorn, Great Doorn, Brick Kiln Farm, Staplehurst Plain, Little Heartsheath, Great Heartsheath, Bowns End, Knoxbridge Cottage, West Soll House, Cuckold's Corner, Railway Station and Cottages, Wards Cottages, Hartleys, and Waghorns Cottages. The whole in the Parliamentary Division of Ashford.

Also Wards Cottages, Ashurst Cottages, Aydhurst Farm, Thompson Farm, Chickenhurst, Buckwood (new), New Town (new), Rabbitt Farm, Bletchingly Cottages, Clark Farm, Brattle Farm, all far in fields from the highway.

District 13 – Being that part Bounded on the North by the Parish of Sutton, on the East by the Parishes of Headcorn & Frittenden, on the South by the Parish of Cranbrook, on the West by the Turnpike road leading from Maidstone to Cranbrook.

Contents: Comprising all the Houses and Cottages on the East side of the turnpike road leading from Maidstone to Cranbrook (except the Village) including Lowdwells Farm, Cross in Hand Cottages, Newstead Farm, Chickenden, Thorp Farm, Slaney Place, Milking Pail Farm, Curley Farm, Exhurst, Craddwells Cottage, Maplehurst, Old House Farm, Great and Little Wadd, East Iden, Staplehurst House, and all lodges, Knowbridge, Knowbridge Cottages, South Eastern Hotel and Cottages.

Folio

The second column holds the folio (page) number as defined by the TNA.

Household Number (HH)

In this column the enumerator recorded a number against each household within the District.

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.

Condition as to Marriage (M/S)

In this column is recorded for all adults their marital status. The abbreviations used are: s = single, m = married, 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 (m).

Occupations

The occupations are recorded. The term 'Agricultural Labourer' cover many trades in farming. In some cases, the data has been modified for summary purposes and these modifications have been included with ().

Where Born

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