

A CENSUS OF STYANS

## ALL ABOUT THE UK CENSUS

UK readers of these "Chronicles" will know that 1991 was a Census Year. If they had also read and remembered the small print they may recall that a census has been taken every decade since 1801, except for 1941.

What they may not know is that the information collected becomes public 100 years after the census in question is taken, and that this is very useful to Family Historians. That is the good news. The less good news is that only statistical information is available for the first 4 censuses and it is not until the 1841 Census that names and details of individuals are listed.

Although people are then listed in households no relationships between them are recorded for 1841 nor peoples' place of birth - although it states if they were born in the county in which they were listed in the census. Also adults ages are rounded down to the nearest 5 years below.

For the 1851, 1861, 1871 and 1881 Censuses the person's relationship to the head of the household is given together with place of birth (usually the Parish) as well as exact age. People who normally belong to the household but were absent on Census Night are not listed.

Information from the 1891 Census becomes available in 1992 but this Part of Ye Chronicles has to manage without that. Your Chronicler (YC) does not know what sort of data it will contain. He only knows that information in the census just taken (1991) will be of less value to the Family Historian than the early ones because place of birth is not recorded. But then the census is not taken for his benefit.

## STYANS IN THE CENSUS

There is no comprehensive names index to our National Census so to find a particular person you usually have to search through the place where he or she is thought to be at the time. YC has collected a fair amount on Styans over the years but there are gaps. He thought it may be interesting to record just what it says about certain individuals from what he has on file, and that is what this part of 'Ye Chronicles' is all about. Where YC has entered 'not found' below it is usually because the person was not where he/she was expected to be. There are also some cases where YC has not searched the Census Returns because it would not add materially to knowledge already obtained from other sources.

He has tried to pick a direct ancestor for each family group of readers in the hope that there would be something for everybody - but not a lot. He has briefly tried to identify the groups but they may have to deduce for themselves from earlier correspondence who relates to whom.

There is one casualty to this approach: one reader descends through the female line and hence ceased to be a Styan before 1841. YC knows that she has done plenty of research of her own though. Now lets get on with it.

ISABELLA STYAN (1772-1866) (YC's gtgt grandmother and mother of William Styan of the Life Guards).  
 1841 Whixley Aged 65, born Yorks. In husband's household (with 2 believed grandchildren).  
 1851 Whixley Aged 76 Widow. Head of household. Annuitant. Born Whixley. Household consists of 1 son (Richard), 1 daughter, 1 grandchild.  
 1861 Whixley Aged 85. In son Richard's household. 'Fund Holder'. Born Whixley.

SETH STYAN (1829-?) (Newton/Beningboro Styans)

1841 Not found in father's household (age 12).  
 1851 Not found.  
 1861 Newton-on-Ouse Aged 32, Head (of household), M(arried), Postmaster B. Newton-on-Ouse. Present: Wife, 2 D(aughters), 2 S(ons), Childrens age range - 10 to 1. 1 nephew, 1 Serv(ant).  
 1871 Not found (possibly dead).

ROBERT STYAN (1832 - ?) (Benningboro/Illinois Styans) (Brother of Seth above)

1841 Newton-on-Ouse. Aged 8. B Yorks. In household of Seth (father) Farmer also present 4 older brothers.  
 1851 Newton-on-Ouse. Aged 18. Unmar. Farmer's son. In household of widowed mother. B Newton-on-Ouse. Also present: 1 older bro, 1 F(emale), 2 M(ale) Servs.  
 1861 Park House, Benningboro. Aged 28. Head, Widowed, Farmer. B Newton-on-Ouse. Present: 1 S (age 3), 2 F, 3 M Servs.  
 1871 Benningboro. Aged 38. Head, Mar, Farmer, 144 acres employs 4 lab. B Newton-on-Ouse. Present: Wife, 1 S, 2 D (ages 7 - 3), 1 visitor, 1 F, 3 M Servs.  
 1881 Farm House, Benningboro. Aged 48. Head, Mar. Farmer 145 acres. B Newton-on-Ouse. Present: Wife, 3 S, 3 D (ages 15 - 5mo), 2 Servs.

(In 1881 he is listed as Census Enumerator covering his own address. This would not be permitted in 1991 as enumerators are not allowed to cover districts where they know many people. YC knows as he has just performed this thankless task).

WILLIAM STYAN (1790-1872) (Magog Styans & Charlie)

1841 Whixley Aged 51. Farmer. B Yorks. Present: Wife, 4 S, 4 D (ages 21-2), 1 F Serv.  
 1851 Whixley Aged 61. Head, Mar, Farmer 61 acres, no labourers. B Whixley. Present: Wife, 4 S, 4 D (ages 31 - 8), 1 F Serv.  
 1861 Whixley Aged 70. Head, Mar, Farmer 120 acres. B Minskip. Present 3 S, 3 D (ages 36 - 17), 1 Granddau.  
 1871 Whixley Aged 81, Head, Mar, Farmer 198 acres. B Minskip. Present: Wife, 2 S, 1 D (ages 50-38), 1 M, 1 F Serv.  
 There seems to be inconsistency in place of birth 1851/1861

(His grandson Rev Mark Styan (1854-1917) emigrated to USA c1883 and later to Canada c1907. A photo with his wife & 7 children in New York in the mid-1890s is attached).

JOHN STYAN (1850-1920) ("Dyke Bottom" Styans).

- 1851 Spofforth Aged 5mo. In household of father George (Mar. Age 29 Ag Lab).  
B Spofforth. Also present: Mother, 1 Sister, 1 Brother (ages 5&3)
- 1861 Not found.
- 1871 Bilton (Harrogate) Walkers Road. Aged 20, Labourer, in household of stepfather.  
B Spofforth. Also present: Mother, 1 S, 2 B (ages 9 - 4).
- 1881 Killinghall, Dike Bottom. Aged 30, Head, Mar. Farmer employs 1 lab.  
B Spofforth. Present: Wife, 4 S, 2 D (ages 12 - 1).  
NB. Where was 12 yr old in 1871?

JOHN WRAY STYAN (1819-1907) ("Cold Bed" Styans)

- 1841 Spofforth Aged 21, (listed as John) in household of Thomas (father).  
B Yorks. Also present: 4 Bro, 1 Sis (ages 17 - 2).
- 1851 Cold Bed, Spofforth. Aged 31, Head, Mar, Occupier of farm, 18 acres employs 2.  
B Spofforth. Present: Wife, 1D (5 mo), 2 M Servs
- 1861 Cold Bed, Spofforth. Aged 41, Head, Mar, Farmer 122 acres, 2 lab.  
B Spofforth. Present: Wife, 3 S, 1 D (ages 10-6), 2 M Servs
- 1871, 1881 Not found.

WILLIAM STYAN (1785-1856) ("Leyburn" Styans)

- 1841 Spennithorne Aged 65, Farmer.  
B Yorks. Present: 3 D (ages 25-20), 2 M Servs.
- 1851 East Witton (Coverbridge). Aged 64, Head, Mar, Victualler & Farmer of 28 acres.  
B WIXLEY. Present: Wife, 1 F, 1 M servs.  
(That misspelt birthplace was the vital clue to the origins of this group of families).

A photograph of his grandson Alfred (1840-1902) (the developer of Whitley Bay, Northumberland) - taken not later than 1890 - with his wife and 8 surviving children, is attached.

ABEL STYAN (1782-1863) (Kendalls)

- 1841 Whixley. Aged 50. Farmer.  
B Yorks. Present: Wife, D (age 15).
- 1851 Whixley, Park House. Aged 63, Head, Mar, Farmer of 27 acres.  
B Whixley. Present: Wife.  
(His age in 1841 & 1851 seems to be wrong).
- 1861 Whixley, Aged 78, Head, Widower, Farmer of 27 acres.  
B Whixley. Present: Son-in-law, Wife, 1 D, 2 S (ages 10 -4).  
(Although he is listed as Head of household, the wife and children are clearly those of his son-in-law).

FRANCIS STYAN (1820 - ?1891) ("Harrogate" Styans)

- 1841 ?Thornville House, Bilton (Harrogate). Aged 15, Butcher J(?) B. Yorks. In household of Wm (?)Lawn Butcher.
- 1851 Tower Street, Bilton, Harrogate. Aged 30, Head, Mar, Groom/Jockey  
B Kirby Overblow. Present: Wife, 15, 1 D (ages 3, 11mo)  
1 visitor.
- 1861 6 Tower Street, Bilton, Harrogate. Aged 40, Head, Mar, Groom  
B Kirby Overblow. Present: Wife, 2 S, 1 D (ages 13 - 6).
- 1871 Tower Street, Bilton, Harrogate. Aged 50. Head, Mar, Labourer  
B Kirby Overblow. Present: Wife, 3 S 2 D (ages 23 - 4mo)  
(From the wife's age this is a second marriage).
- 1881 Not found.

ABEL STYAN (1816 - 1903) ("Little Ouseburn/Minskip" Styans)

- 1841 Little Ouseburn. Thorp Green. Aged 20. B Yorks. In household of James Styan (Father) Farmer. Also present: Mother, 1 Bro, 3 Sis.
- 1851 Low Dunsforth. Aged 29. Head, Mar, Farm Bailiff, 50 acres.  
B Little Ouseburn. Present: Wife, 1 D (age 6mo).
- 1861 Little Ouseburn. Aged 39. Head, Mar, Ag Labourer.  
B Thorp Underwoods. Present: Wife, 4 S, 1 D (ages 10 - 2).
- 1871 Little Ouseburn. Aged 53. Head, Mar, Ag Labourer.  
B Thorp Underwoods. Present: Wife, 4 S (ages 12 - 1).
- 1881 Little Ouseburn. Aged 62. Head, Mar, Ag Lab.  
B Thorp Underwoods. Present: Wife, 2 S, 1 D (ages 11 - 7),  
1 sister.  
(The ages, particularly in 1851 and 1861, seem to be wrong).

WILLIAM STYAN (1841 - 1921) ("Ripon/Ontario" Styans)

- 1851 Upper Dunsforth. Aged 9. In household of Elizabeth Styan, Wid (29), pauper.  
B Upper Dunsforth (Yorks).
- 1861 Ellingthorpe, Aldboro. Aged 19, unmar, Ploughman, in household of ?? Clark.  
B Dunsforth.
- 1871 Main Street, Marton-le-Moor, Dishforth. Aged 29, Head, Mar. Ag Lab  
B Aldboro. Present: Wife, 1 D, 3 S (ages 3 - 8mo).
- 1881 Village Street, Marton-le-Moor. Aged 39. Head, Mar. Farm Lab.  
B High Lunsforth. Present: Wife, 1 D, 3 S (ages 10 - 9mo).

WILLIAM STYAN (1819 - 1878) ("Sheffield Bakers")

- 1841, 1851, 1861 not found.
- 1871 North Deighton. Aged 51. Late Admiralty Messenger. In household of Thomas Styan (Father, Gardener aged 77).  
B North Deighton. Also present: William's 3 D (ages 19 - 12),  
and bro-in-law.



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THE FAMILY OF ALFRED STYAN (1840-1902)



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THE FAMILY OF MARK STYAN (1854-1917)

