

THE 1831 CENSUS

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The first national census was taken in 1801 in an attempt to find out how many people lived where in Great Britain. It was simply a head count which was repeated every ten years until 1841, when names were listed.

The Census taker for 1831 in the parish of Friern Barnet was Richard Attfield, the parish clerk. He was meticulous in his recording and in order to show that nobody was omitted, he wrote down the names of everyone whom he had counted.

The number of names recorded is 119 and this represents the Heads of Household. To arrive at a population figure it is probably fair to assume three persons per household, so the population of the parish of Friern Barnet could have been around 357.

This is not an official document, merely Attfield's working papers. The results are shown below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Notes (by John Heathfield)</u>
John Turner	Lab & Pauper	
Edward Whitehead	Lab & Pauper	
Jos Graves	Gentleman	Friern Park
Wm Morgan	Gentleman	
Rev Mr Greys	Gentleman	
Mr Taff	Publican	Orange Tree, Friern Barnet
Geo Smith	Gentleman	Colney Hatch, now Holly Park Estate
Rose Dawn	Lady	Porch House in Oakleigh Road
Larki Eli (<i>sic</i>)	Carpenter	
John Coppt (Copps)	Lab	
Elizabeth Cox	Lab	
John Goodbrow	Gen gardener	
Edward Whybrow	Farmer & chandler	Land behind what is now Friern Barnet Library
John Wood	Gent	
Wm Allcock	Farmer	
John Smeaton	Farmer	
Wm Lombas	Lab	
Geo Draton	Lab	
Jos Powell	Farmer	Described as Colney Hatch, now Beaconsfield Road
Jno Burkley	Sawyer	
Wm Ellis	Lab	
John Endersley	Grocer	
Wm Cox	Lab	

Shambrook	Lab	
Jas Evans	Lab	
Stephen Rudd	Lab	
Austin	Plasterer	
B Holman	Small farmer	
Thos Fisher	Lab	
Austin	Lab	
Jos Cox	Lab	
John Barratt	Lab	
Jos Dennis	Lab	
Bullock	Lab	
Jane Wilde	Independent means	
William Wiseman	Beer seller	
James Fowler	Beer seller & grocer	
Jno Smith	Small gardener	Rathbone Terrace in Oakleigh Road
Wm Liberty	Small gardener	
Geo Howell	Small gardener	
Pennyfeather	Small gardener	
Jos Smith	Small gardener	
Jas Anderson	Small gardener	
John Easthope	Esquire	
Wm Robinson	Lab	
Mrs Robinson	Governess	
W Sherton	Pauper	Alms houses
D Freeman	Pauper	
W Ansele	Pauper	
W Horsell	Pauper	
Jas Butt	Collar maker	Alms houses
Mrs Gaywood	Widow Pauper	Alms houses
Clapham	Lab	
John Gibbs	Gent	
John Harvey	Gent	
Wm Bass	Blacksmith	Stables behind Three Horseshoes Friern Barnet Lane
John Attfield	Surveyor	Smiths Cottages, Whetstone
Wm Blackbrow	Lab	
Warren	Shoemaker	
Geo Howell	Lab	
Thrail (Thrale)	Lab	Junction Oakleigh Road and High Road, south side
Judd	Shoemaker	
Swann	Lab	
Wing	Horse keeper	
Thos Clifton	Horse keeper	
Sabini	Shopkeeper	

Mills	Horse Keeper	
Plaisted	Coachman	
Mrs Smith	Independent means	Smiths Cottages, Whetstone
Reynolds	Grocer	
John Andsley	Shoemaker	
Watkins	Publican	Griffin Inn
Kimble	Linen draper	
Cooper	Harness maker	
Avenall	Shopkeeper	
Hicks	Publican	
Wm White	Butcher	
Cooke	Lab	
Pope	Carter for hire	
Fitzwater	Lab	
Thos Blackbrow	Lab	
Henry Blackbrow	Lab	
Jas Smith	Independent means	Smiths Cottages, Whetstone
Shillinglaw	Shoemaker	Near Ivy House, High Road
<i>empty</i>		
Ayton	Baker	
Hicks	Indep	
Lines	Indep	
Martyn Fordham	Innkeeper	Green Man, High Road
John Miller	Bakers man	
Emily Field	Beer seller	
Thomas	Cooper	
Camp	Horse keeper	
Wm Hammond	Doctor	High Road, near Chandos Avenue
John Horn	Carpenter	
Jerm Stevens	Blacksmith	
Fowler	Indep	
Thomas Bentley	Wheeler	
John Stovel	Bricklayer	
Flint	Lab	
Harrod	Lab	
Haynes	Horse keeper	
Willis	Lab	
Wm Baker	Lab	
Musgrove	Shopkeeper	
Wm Bentley	Lab	
Peter Naden	Taylor (sic)	
<i>2 empty</i>		
Hawas	Horse keeper	
Deamer	Horse keeper	
Elbourn	Lab	
Isaac Taylor	Publican	Blue Anchor

Westwood	Blacksmith	
Solomons	Horse keeper	
John Constable	Shopkeeper	
Wm Pitt	Watch maker	
Jno Lockwood	Horse keeper	
Wm Moulton	Publican	Black Bull
Mountain	Stage master	
Mowbray	Gent	
Wm Tombs	Gent	
R Chattaw	Farmer	
<i>Empty</i>		
<i>2 building</i>		
Total	120 names	

The breakdown by occupation is as follows:

Labourers	31
Gentlemen	9
Horse keepers	9
Publican/beer seller	9
Gardeners	7
Farmers	6
Shoemaker	4
Shopkeeper	4
Blacksmith	3
Baker/Bakers man	2
Grocer	2
Bricklayer	1
Butcher	1
Carpenter	1
Carter	1
Coachman	1
Collar maker	1
Cooper	1
Doctor	1
Governess	1
Harness maker	1
Linen draper	1
Plasterer	1
Sawyer	1
Stage master	1
Surveyor	1
Tailor	1
Watchmaker	1

Wheeler	1
Esquire	1
Lady	1
Paupers	7
Independent means	6