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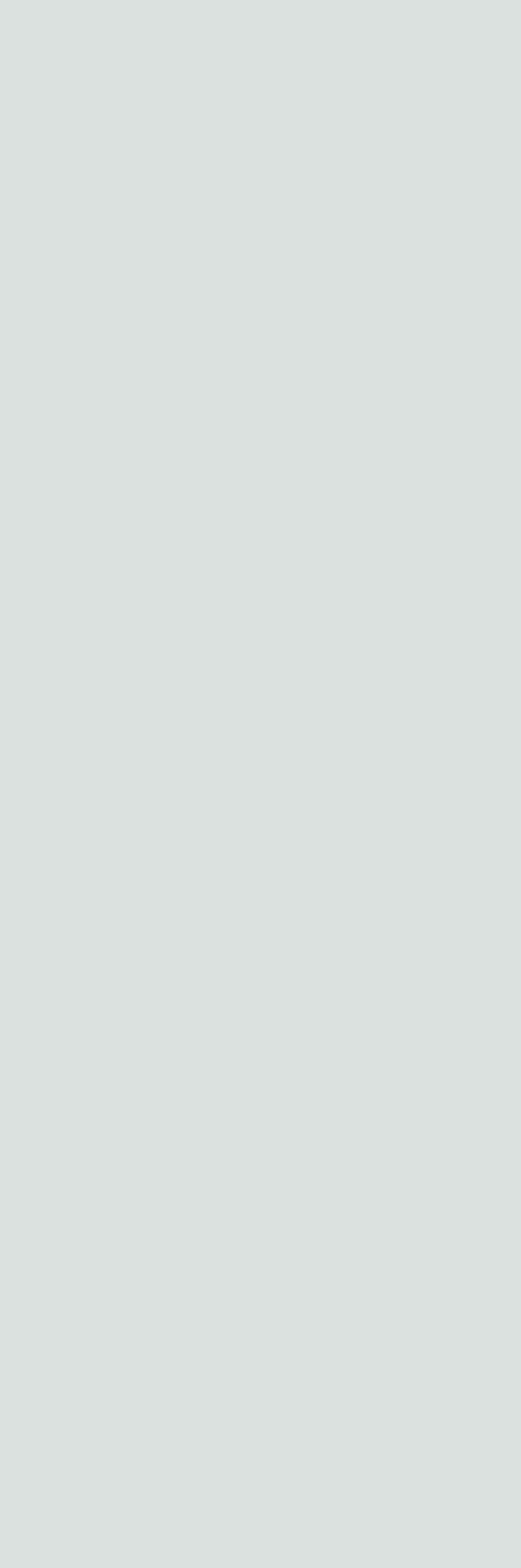


# Aslockton Census Analysis 1881

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## **THE UK CENSUS**

The first 'official' national Census was held in 1801 and every year thereafter (with the exception of 1941). It was not until 1841 that personal details were included, although that information was somewhat limited. The 1851 Census contained fuller details such as occupation, parish and county of birth etc. Personal information is held 'secret' for one hundred years so the latest available year is 1901.



## **PREFACE**

The transcription used for this analysis contained the name PAULING and CHITTLE, reviewing the 1871 and 1891 Census, together with other documentation indicate that both names were transcribed incorrectly and should be PAYLING and CHETTLE. The latter versions have been used in this document.

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## OVERVIEW

The total population of the Village of Aslockton, according to the 1881 Census amounted to some 335 people; this appears to be slightly light given that the 1851 estimate was in the region of 360. This may be due to the original enumerator missing families, to the transcription that has been used to produce this analysis or it may be a correct representation of the numbers on the date of the Census. Whichever the case, there is sufficient data to be able to form a reasonable view of the structure of the village. Another shortcoming of the census (for Aslockton) was the complete absence of addresses (other than Aslockton).

The population breaks down in seventy separate households, with 83 unique surnames, there were sixty-seven married couples, six widowers, thirteen widows and the balance (182) were unmarried, eighty-two of which were under the age of 10 years. Whilst there was a great age range (from 1 month to 84 years), 55% of the population were less than 29 years of age.

Only 45% (152 people) of the population were actually recorded as being born in the village, a further 29 people were born in the neighbouring village of Whatton (20) and Scarrington (9). Some ninety-one of the immigrants were women.

Unsurprisingly, the principle employment was that of agriculture (see Agriculture), sixty-nine of the population were involved to some extent in farming. Six Aslockton farmers farmed some 620 acres and employed sixteen people between them. The village also seemed to be self-sufficient in local services (see Food and Drink Sellers), with two grocers (one also doubled as a draper), a butcher, a baker, two public houses, a Chimney Sweep (see Chimney Sweep) and a Coal Merchant (see Carriers and Coal Merchants). There were also, two carriers (see Carriers and Coal Merchants), three Wheelwrights and two Blacksmiths (see Wheelwrights and Blacksmiths). Other businesses operating from the village appear to be, Builders, Tailors, Insurance Agency, Hawkers, General Dealers, Corn and Cake Merchant and a Veterinary Surgeon (see Occupations). In the case of women, Domestic Service (see Domestic Service) accounted for eighteen occupations, Dressmaking (see Dressmakers), six and the Lace Industry (see Lace Industry) a further thirteen. The Railway employed some six people in the village. The principle households (i.e. those employing live-in servants) were primarily Farmers (see Households).

## POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS

### *Overview*

The 1881 Census records 77 separate households and a total of 335 people, 163 (49%) of which were women, 23% (38) of the women were listed as having an occupation. 134 (67 couples) were married, 6 men were widowers and 13 women, widows.

### *Population*

Ages ranged from 1 month to 84 years of age. 55% of the population was under the age of 29 years of age. Only three people were described as Annuitants (pensioners) in the Census. A breakdown of the age groups is given in Table 1 Population Age Range below.

**Table 1 Population Age Range**

Age Range	Number	%
70 years +	19	6%
60 years to 69 years	23	7%
50 years to 59 years	49	15%
40 years to 49 years	39	12%
30 years to 39 years	16	5%
20 years to 29 years	48	14%
10 years to 19 years	59	15%
0 to 9 years	82	26%
TOTAL	335	100%

Only 45% of the total population was actually born in Aslockton (see Table 2 Birth Places).

**Table 2 Birth Places**

<b>Place Born</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Place Born</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Place Born</b>	<b>No</b>
Allington, Lincoln	1	Fluidothorpe, Lincolnshire	1	Scothorn	1
Alnwick, Northumberland	2	Goulleby, Lincolnshire	1	Sebthope	1
Ashfordby, Leicestershire	1	Granby, Nottinghamshire	3	Shelford	1
Aslockton, Nottinghamshire	152	Halaugh, Yorkshire	1	Shelton	1
Barkstone, Leicestershire	1	Harby, Leicester	1	Sibthorpe	1
Billing, Lincolnshire	1	Hawkesworth, Nottinghamshire	5	Siyzah Ashwell, Norfolk	1
Bingham	18	Heapham, Nottinghamshire	1	Sneinton	2
Birchfield, Leicester	2	Hickinton, Lincolnshire	1	Southwell	2
Boston, Lincolnshire	2	Hickling, Nottinghamshire	1	Sutton	5
Bottesford, Leicestershire	1	Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham	1	Sutton Bridge, Lincs	1
Bradmore, Nottinghamshire	1	Hose, Nottinghamshire	1	Swinderby, Lincs	1
Car Colston, Nottinghamshire	1	Kensington, Middlesex	1	Syerston, Notts	1
Claypole, Lincolnshire	2	Kneeton, Nottinghamshire	1	Thoroton, Nottinghamshire	4
Condor Park, Derbyshire	1	Lamley, Nottinghamshire	1	Ufford Loop, Nottinghamshire	1
Cotgrave, Nottinghamshire	2	Langar, Nottinghamshire	2	Whatton, Nottinghamshire	20
Cropwell Bishop, Nottinghamshire	1	Lenford	3	Wheldrake, Yorkshire	2
Cropwell Butler, Nottinghamshire	1	Littlethorpe, Nottinghamshire	1	Wimerwold, Leicestershire	1
Dry Doddington, Nottinghamshire	1	Liverpool	1	Wragby, Lincolnshire	3
East Bridgford, Nottinghamshire	3	Long Bennington, Nottingham	2	?, Hampshire	1
East Stroke, Nottinghamshire	2	Markham Clinton, Nottingham	1	Nottingham	7
Eaton, Leicestershire	1	Mount Sorrel, Leicestershire	1		3
Elston, Nottinghamshire	1	Newark, Nottinghamshire	1		
Elton, Nottinghamshire	1	Normanton, Nottinghamshire	1		
Grantham, Lincolnshire	2	North Witham, Lincolnshire	1		
Great Gonerby, Lincolnshire	4	Orston	6		
Gunthorpe, Nottinghamshire	2	Plungar, Leicestershire	3		
Halham, Derbyshire	1	Ratcliffe, Nottinghamshire	2		
Falkinham, Lincolnshire	1	Salton, Nottinghamshire	1		
Flawbro, Nottinghamshire	3	Scarrington	9		
		Liverpool	1		

## Households

The enumerator did not provide details of the actual addresses, thus it is difficult to establish who lived where. We can, however look at households (those with servants) to gauge those which could be considered substantive.

### *The Household of Samuel W. CHETTLE*

Samual W. CHETTLE (57 born in Bingham, Notts) was a farmer of some 190 acres and employed 4 labourers and 2 boys on the farm. He lived with his wife Elizabeth (58, also born in Bingham). In addition the Census lists twolive-in General Servants, Fanny LITTLEWOOD (15, born in Ashfordby, Leicestershire) and Elizabeth SPENCER (24, born in Cropwell Bishop, Nottinghamshire).

### *The Household of John CHETTLE*

John CHETTLE (54, born in Aslockton) farmed 200 Acres and employed 4 Men (Labourers) and 2 Boys. He lived with his wife Malinda (38, born in Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire) and his daughter Clara J. (8, born in Aslockton, Nottinghamshire). He employed three live-in servants, namely Jane A. STAFFORD (16, born in Sibthorpe, Nottinghamshire) he occupation was listed as a Domestic Servant, Matthew MILLORS (17, Hawkesworth, Nottinghamshire) and Edward MORLEY (13, Thoroton, Nottinghamshire) both described as Farm Servants Indoor

### *The Household of Thomas STOKES*

Thomas STOKES (49, Bingham Nottinghamshire) farmed 103 acres and employed 2 labourers and 2 boys. He lived with his wife Sarah (44, Condor Park, Derby), his sons Frederic (5, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire) and George Browne (2, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire). He employed Charlotte RAWLINGS (16, Barkstone, Leicester) as a domestic servant and Henry SIMPSON (16, Granby, Nottinghamshire) as a farm servant.

### *The Household of Frank W TALBOT*

Frank W. TALBOT was a Corn and Cake Merchant (40, Whatton, Nottinghamshire) and lived with his wife Mary (43, Whitney, Oxfordshire). He employed Sarah J STAFFORD (20, Ratcliffe, Nottinghamshire) as a General Servant and John ATHER (12, Scarrington, Nottinghamshire) as a Corn Merchants Boy .

### *The Household of Henry Mons. MILLOR*

Henry Mons. MILLOR (43, Sneinton, Nottingham) was said to be a Hosiery Machine Maker employing 2 W Hands , lived with his wife Elizabeth A. (39, Nottingham), his son Henry J M (16 Nottingham) said to be a Sp Mach Maker . He employed Ann GRIMSON (29, Normanton, Nottinghamshire) and Annie MORLEY (15, Scarrington, Nottinghamshire) as General Servants.

### *The Household of William MEE*

William MEE (48, Whatton) was said to be a Coal Merchant and Publican, he lived with his wife Ann (38, Plungar, Leicestershire), his sons John (12), Walter (6) and his daughters Frances (13), Lois Ann (9) and Clara (7), all were born in Aslockton, Nottinghamshire and all were said to be scholars, except Frances who was described as a barmaid. He employed Eliza PRITCHETT (13, Plungar, Leicestershire) as a General Servant.

### *The Household of Robert KEYWORTH*

Robert KEYWORTH (52, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire) farmed 60 acres; he did not employ any labourers, but presumably was assisted by his wife and elder daughter and son. He lived with his wife Ann (51, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire), his sons Robert Edwin (18) and Frederick William (10) and his daughter Mary Lizzie (20) and Charlotte Riben (15); all the children were born in Aslockton, Nottinghamshire. He employed Elizabeth DAWN (19, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire) as a General Servant.

## Surnames

Table 3 Surnames in the 1881 Aslockton Census

ATHER  
BAGUALEY  
BARRATT  
BATES  
BAXTER  
BEEWIN  
BLACKENWIK  
BRANSBY  
BRANTBY  
BROMLEY  
BROWN  
BULLOCK  
BURROWS  
BUTTRESS  
CAMELL  
CALILE  
CAUNT  
CHALLAND  
CHETTLE  
CHETTLE  
CLARKE  
COLSTON  
COWDELL  
COY  
DAWN  
EYRE  
FOSTER  
FRANKS  
GAMBLE  
GLEAN  
GODARD  
GOODBAND  
GOODWIN  
GRIMSON  
HOWETT  
HOYTE  
JOHNSON  
JONES  
KEYWORTH  
LANE

LITTLEWOOD  
MARRIOTT  
MEE  
MELLORS  
MILLOR  
MONKS  
MORLEY  
NOBLE  
PAYLING  
REDFORD  
RHODLELY  
RICHARDS  
RICKETT  
SCARBORO  
SCREETON  
SELBY  
SHARP  
SIMPSON  
SMITH  
SPENCER  
STAFFORD  
STEVENS  
STOKES  
TALBOT  
THACKER  
THORNTON  
TOMLINSON  
TOWERS  
TUTBERY  
TYLER  
VARNEY  
VICKERS  
WALKER  
WARD  
WHILES  
WIDDOWSON  
WIDNAE  
WILKINSON  
WILLIAMS  
WOOD  
WORLEY

## OCCUPATIONS

### Overview

152 people were record as having occupations; this represented 45% of the total population, 60% of the population over the age of 10 years. Of the total employed, 42 (28%) were women. Not unsurprisingly, land was the major employer, accounting for 69 (45%) of the reported occupations.

**Table 4 Occupations**

Occupation	No Employed	Occupation	No Employed
Agricultural Engine Drive	1	Railway Labourer	2
Agricultural Laborer	55	Sempstress	2
Agricultural Servant	2	Shepherd	1
Baker & Cottager	1	Shoe Maker	1
Barkers Servant	1	Sp Mach Maker	1
Bar Maid	1	Station Master Northern Rly	1
Blacksmith	2	Tailor	1
Bricklayer	2	Veterinary Surgeon	1
Bricklayers Laborer	1	Wheelwright	3
Butcher	1	Railway Labourer	2
Carrier	2	Sempstress	2
Coal Merchant and Publican	1	Shepherd	1
Com and Cake Merchant	1	Shoe Maker	1
Com and Cake Merchants Boy	1	Sp Mach Maker	1
Cottager	2	Station Master Northern Rly	1
Domestic Gardiner	1		
Domestic Servant	5		
Dressmaker	6		
Farm Laborer	1		
Farm Servant	3		
Farm Servant (Indoor)	2		
Farmer	6		
General Dealer	1		
General Laborer	1		
General Servant	10		
Grocer	1		
Hawker	2		
Hosiery Machine Maker	1		
Housekeeper	1		
Insurance Agent	1		
Joiner	1		
Joiners Apprentice	1		
Lace Clipper	2		
Lace Worker	11		
Nth Rly Signalman G N R	2		
Nurse S M S	1		
Platelayer	2		
Plumber	1		
Plumber and Painter	1		
Publican	1		

## **Agriculture**

### **Farmers**

As was noted in the Occupations section, the principal employment was that of agriculture, some 69 people being involved at some level in farming. The Census does not give any indication as to the landowners. We can, however determine the Farmers in Aslockton (see Table 5 Farmers in Aslockton). Aslockton based farmers, farmed some 620 acres and employed 10 Labourers (Men) and six boys, whether these employees were domiciled in Aslockton cannot be determined from the Census.

**Table 5 Farmers in Aslockton**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Acres Farmed</b>	<b>Men Employed</b>	<b>Boys Employed</b>
Thomas STOKES	103	2	2
William BRANTBY	14	-	-
Samual W CHETTLE	190	4	2
John CHETTLE	200	4	2
George BARRATT	53		
Robert KEYWORD	60		

### **Cottagers**

Three people were listed as being Cottagers, one Henry HOYTE was also the village Baker.

### **Agriculture Related**

Frank W TALBOT was a Corn & Cake merchant and carried on business in

Aslockton. Henry W TALBOT was a Veterinary Surgeon.

### **Boot and Shoe Makers**

William SMITH (58, Sneinton, Nottingham) was described as a boot maker and John FRANKS (55, Aslockton, Notts) occupation was listed as Shoe Maker. It is not clear in either case as to whether they were in business on their own account or worked in the village.

### **Builders**

Henry STEVENS was a builder, his 22-year-old son George H. was described as a joiner and included in the household was George Herbert WARD from Plungar who relationship to Henry was described as Apprentice and whose occupation was that of Apprentice Joiner. It is fair to assume that Henry STEVENS carried out his family business from Aslockton.

Thomas BATES who boarded with the Henry PORTER household was a plumber. James BATES and Henry PARNHAM were both bricklayers and Robert FRANKS was described as a Bricklayers Labourer



## **Carriers and Coal Merchants**

Joseph BRANSBY and James CHALLAND were both listed as carriers.

In addition to being a Publican William MEE was also described as a Coal Merchant.

## **Chimney Sweep**

Thomas VARNEY(52, Nottingham) was described as being a Chimney Sweep.

## **Dressmakers**

Rosa Jane BEEWIN a visitor to the village, Ellen PORTER(23, Aslockton, Notts), Mary PORTER(44, Barnstone, Notts) and Hannah SMITH(42, Aslockton, Notts) were all described as Dressmakers. Ann TOWERS (59, Bingham, Notts) and Eliza WHILES (50, Ratcliffe, Notts) were both described as being a Sempstress (Seamstress).

## **Domestic Service**

Those people *In Service* were variously described as Domestic Servants (5), Farm Servant (Indoor) (2), Housekeeper (1), Charwoman (3) and General Servants (10). In total therefore there were some 21 people involved in domestic service. 3 males and 18 females, the oldest being 42, the Housekeeper and the youngest 13 years of age. Sixteen of the individuals lived-in .

## **Food and Drink Sellers**

Two people in the village list their occupation as Publicans. William MEE lists his occupation as Coal Merchant and Publican, his 13-year-old daughter Frances was described as a Bar Maid. John TOMLINSON is said to be a Publican. As the census does not include any detailed addresses, we cannot determine from the Census as to where the two individual drinking places were located.

Henry HOYTE, a Baker and Cottager appeared to carry on business as a Baker in the village; Frank NOBLE (13 years of age) is listed as being a Bakers Servant.

Elizabeth BROWN (a widow) as said to be a

Grocer. Robert Allatt PAYLING was a butcher.

Richard LENNEY (56, Manchester) was described as a Grocer and Draper, his son Richard s (16, Newark, Nottinghamshire) occupation was listed as a Grocers Assistant.

## **General Dealers**

Thomas BUTTRESS was described as a General Dealer.

## **Hawkers**

Thomas BULLOCK and George MONKS were both listed as Hawkerc

## **Hosiery Machine Maker**

Henry Mons.MILLOR was described as a Hosiery Machine Maker employing two W Hands . Henry was 43 and was born in Sneinton, Nottingham. It is not clear as to whether he carried on trade in Aslockton.

## ***Insurance***

Thomas CHALLAND (the son of the carrier James CHALLAND) was described as Insurance.

## ***Lace Industry***

Some thirteen women were involved in the Lace Industry, they were described as Lace Clipper (2) and Lace Worker(11). Presumably, they were outworkers (i.e. working at home), as was common in the county. Those involved in the lace industry were Phoebe FOSTER (57, hose, Nottinghamshire) and Elizabeth PARNHAM(25, Whatton, Nottinghamshire) was both described as Lace Clipper. Elizabeth BLACKENWIK(41, Scarrington, Notts), Emma CARLILE(13, Aslockton, Notts), Harriet CARLILE (55, Orston, Notts), Eliza FRANKS (23, Retford, Notts), Jane Alice GAMBLE (25, Gt. Gonerby, Lincs), Ann Webster MORLEY (17, Aslockton, Notts), Eliza PARNHAM(23, Aslockton, Notts), Harriett RETFORD (19, Aslockton, Notts), Elizabeth RICHARDS (22, Bingham, Notts), Mary SMITH (22, Aslockton) and Mary TUTBERY (21, Aslockton) were all described as Lace Worker.

## ***Railway***

The Railway had influenced employment and migration into the village. John Geo. EYRE the Station Master came from Alnwick in Northumberland, George WALKER a signalman hailed from Hampshire, Edward GAMBLE and his son William H, both Railway labourers were from Great Gonerby (Lincolnshire). One of the platelayers John SHARPE was comparatively local coming from Thoroton, whilst the second William PORTER was said to come from Nottingham. The second signalman in the village, William GOULTY came from Siyzah Ashwell in Norfolk

## ***Tailor***

Henry MORLEY(63, Orston, Notts) was listed as being a tailor, whether he carried on business in Aslockton or was employed elsewhere is unknown.

## ***Wheelwrights and Blacksmiths***

George BROWN (born in Bingham) and George MORLEY both listed their occupation as Blacksmiths. As George Morley was only 16 years of age, it is reasonable to assume the George BROWN was the actual blacksmith and George MORLEY my have been his apprentice.

William TYLER and his two sons Edwin (23) and Henry (18) were all Wheel Wrights presumably in business on their own account.

