

Pre-1841 Censuses and Lists of Inhabitants

The Census was taken every 10 years starting in 1801, but the 1841 Census returns are the first surviving lists to include all the members of each household by name. Before 1841 the Census returns, which survive in the parish records, are mostly statistical, but some list the main householder.

Also included on this information sheet are parish lists of ratepayers and householders, and volunteers for military service, where addresses are given. See the catalogues of Parish Records and Rate Books for fuller details.



Taking the census under the arches at Charing Cross

Westminster Parishes

		Volume Ref	M/F Box No
St Anne, Soho	1811 specimen form showing method of completion	A2308	166
St James, Piccadilly	1801 Great Marlborough ward, <i>type 2</i>	D1742	855
St Margaret	1801, 1811, 1821, 1831, <i>type 1</i>	E3311	1431-1433
	1801, 1811, <i>mostly type 1, some type 2</i>	E2867	1306-1307
	1821, Absey and Grand wards, <i>type 2</i>	E2865	1306
St Mary le Strand	1801, <i>type 2</i>	G1050	1957
	1811, <i>type 2</i>	G1051	1957
	1821, <i>type 2</i>	G1052	1957
Liberty of the Rolls	1801, Householders' Census	K432	2084

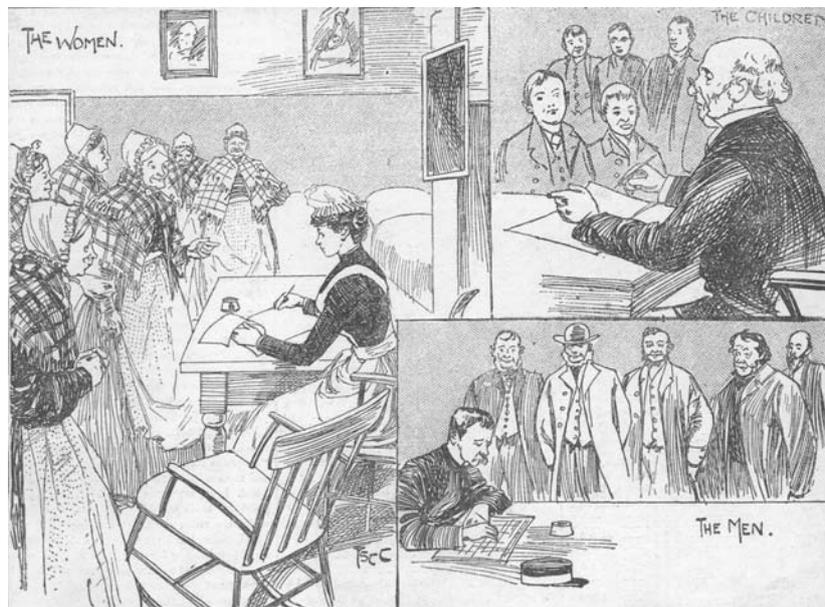
Key

Type 1 Purely statistical.

Type 2 Statistical, but giving names of householders, with numbers of males and females in each household.

St George Hanover Square

There is a census for St George's parish taken around 1790 at **London Metropolitan Archives**, in two volumes, ref TC/STG/1-2 (on microfilm, ref X045/001). It is a list of inhabitants of the parish, arranged by street and giving information under the following headings: house number, inhabitant's name, furnished houses; empty houses; inmates ground floor; pay no rates; Roman Catholics; widows and spinsters; peers and members of parliament; army, navy, place men etc; occupants, observations and remarks (eg nationality, name of employer etc, sign of licensed premises).

St Marylebone

Taking the census at St Marylebone Workhouse

1821 complete census on microfilm, indexed on microfiche, *type 2*

1831 complete census on microfilm, indexed on microfiche, *type 2*

Paddington

No censuses surviving.

Key

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Rate Books and Lists of Householders

Rate Books list householders by ward, then by street, geographically rather than alphabetically, but no other members of families or other personal details are shown. They are not indexed by name, and street numbers are not included on early registers. The following list gives the earliest date for which the rate books for the Westminster parishes survive and other lists of householders.

St Anne, Soho	Volume Ref	M/F Box No
Rate Books from 1691		
St Clement Danes		
Rate Books from 1557		
St George, Hanover Square		
Rate books from 1725		
St James, Piccadilly		
Rate Books from 1686		
St Margaret, Westminster		
Rates included in Churchwardens' Accounts from 1561	E144 onwards	
Rate Books from 1666		
St Martin-in-the-Fields		
Rate Books from 1599		
Lists of householders and lodgers in Bailey's Alley, High Street, Mariegold Alley, Bennet's Alley, White Hart Yard, Dunghill Alley and Durham Yard, 1659	F1088	1551
Poll Tax returns, 1664. Give names and occupations of house-holders, family, lodgers and servants.		
Drury Lane ward	F4535	1554, 1852
High Street (ward of Thomas Woodcock)	F4534	1554, 1854
High Street (ward of William Boddington)	F4533	1554, 1852
Long Acre ward	F4536	1554, 1853
Neate House, Ebury Farm, St James's and Tennis Court	F4538	(not on film)
Part of Long Acre and Drury Lane	F4537	1554, 1853
List of householders and lodgers in New Street division, 1689	F1147	1558
Constable's list of householders in part of Spur Alley ward with a summary of houses occupied and vacant, and a list of watchmen, 1690	F6020	2148
List of ratepayers, arranged by wards, streets and houses, with the rateable values of their houses, 1786	F2512	1778+1779
List of houses and occupiers, 1835	F3230	1815

Rate Books and Lists of Householders (continued)

St Mary le Strand	Volume Ref	M/F Box No
Rate Books from 1621		
St Paul, Covent Garden		
Rate Books from 1684		
List of householders, 1836	H912	2031
Register of property owners and proxies, 1840, indexed 1846	H867 H868	2026 2026
Precinct of the Savoy		
Rate Books from 1745		
Liberty of the Rolls		
Rate Books from 1750		
List of property owners, 1836	K338	2069
List of ratepayers of one year or more's standing, 1836	K431	2084
Paddington		
Rate books from 1721		
National Registration Act Returns, 1915 Although somewhat later than other information included here, the returns give name, age, address, occupation, marital status and numbers of children at the time of WW1. Males and females collected separately but alphabetically. The sequence is incomplete - the boxes contain:	P sequence, 9 boxes	<i>(located at 1/328/6 and 1/329/1)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Males, Coa- to Day- 2 Males, Daw- to Dye-, K and P 3 Males, Q to R 4 Females, Col- to Cut- 5 Females, Jor- to Laz- 6 Females, Min- to Nor- 7 Females, Wat- to Wil- 8 Males & females, Scotland & IOM, Ada- to You- 9 Cancelled forms, males (incomplete) & females 		
St Marylebone		
Rate books from 1683		
Rating appeals, 1779-1827	TVII/3	<i>(located at 1/95/3)</i>
Rating appeals, 1827-1857	TI/276-280	<i>(located at 1/92/4)</i>

Lists of Householders Liable for Military Service and Volunteers

St Clement Danes	Volume Ref	M/F Box No
Names and addresses of principals and their substitutes enrolled in the supplementary militia etc, 1797-1798	B1330	423
Names of militia substitutes' wives with particulars of their families, addresses etc, 1797-1810 <i>Also includes:</i> index of wives paid directly by the parish; index of wives in respect of whom the parish had accounts with the county treasurer and other parishes	B1312	422
Rough list of subscribers to the fund for finding substitutes in the army of reserve, with their addresses, occupations, etc, 1803	B1328	423
Alphabetical list of subscribers to the fund for finding substitutes in the army of reserve, with their addresses, occupations, etc, 1803	B1329	423
Names of persons balloted for the militia, arranged under the wards, with addresses, 1803	B1331	423
List of persons in Royal ward willing to be enrolled as volunteers, arranged under streets, 1803	B1336	424
List (partly in signatures) of persons offering to be enrolled under the Defence Act, with their addresses and ages, 1803	B1340	424
Alphabetical list of volunteers with their addresses, etc, 1803	B1341	(not on film)
Lists of householders in the wards, arranged under streets, with the number of persons liable to entry in the Militia, entered or aged under thirty etc, Church Ward, 1803 Drury Lane Ward, 1803 Middle Ward, 1803 Shire Lane Ward, 1803 (<i>not very legible</i>)	B1337 B1366 (<i>sic</i>) B1338 B1339	424 424 424 424
Alphabetical list of persons, with addresses, offering to be volunteers, 1803	B1367	425
Volunteers: list of men proposed with their addresses, 1803	B1373	426
Alphabetical list of volunteers, with their addresses, 1803-1804	B1359	2100
Names of militia substitutes' wives with particulars of their families, addresses, etc, indexed, 1810-1816	B1313	422

Lists of Householders Liable for Military Service and Volunteers (continued)



St George's Volunteers by Gillray

St George, Hanover Square**Volume Ref****M/F Box no**

Defence – subscription roll, containing an alphabetical list of names and addresses of subscribers, 1745

C1131

2104

Subscription roll - "List of subscribers towards defraying the cost of raising land forces for service against the pretender", 1745

C765a

*(not on film,
located at
2/299/3)***Liberty of the Rolls**

Names, addresses, occupations, etc ... in case of being drawn in the militia, 1780-1783

K395

2080

Documents for persons chosen by ballot for service in the militia, or providing substitutes, 1783

K437

2085

Names, addresses, occupations, ages, etc ... in case of being drawn in the militia (after some pages of accounts), 1793-1799

K396

2080

Signatures, ages, addresses ... of substitutes, 1797

K402

2081

Names and addresses of principals and substitutes in the supplementary militia, etc, 1797

K397

2080

Constable's return of male inhabitants with ages and occupation, arranged under streets etc, 1803

K393

2080

Returns of persons in the liberty and the extra-parochial part of Lincoln's Inn liable to serve in the militia, and notices of meetings to hear appeals, 1807, 1808, 1810

K436

2085