

## FULFORD AND THE CENSUS OF 1881

When the 1881 census was conducted on Sunday and Monday, 3rd and 4th April, Fulford consisted of some 60 households of various types, 2 of which were uninhabited and 58 of which housed Fulfords 266 residents. Of the neighbouring villages and hamlets Hilderstone was slightly larger than Fulford with 66 households and 324 residents, whilst Saverley Green with 24 households and 98 residents, and Cross Gate, Meir Heath and Stallington with 10, 11 and 12 households housing 42, 65 and 78 residents respectively were smaller.

Fifty-four different surnames were recorded in Fulford in 1881, twenty of them (marked \*) also being recorded in the surrounding villages and hamlets. The surnames recorded in Fulford were:-

Abberley *	Davis	Mayer *
Adams *	Emery	Patrick
Adderley	England	Porter *
Armishaw	Fairbanks *	Rhodes
Ash	Fenton *	Rogers
Bagnall *	Frost	Sargent *
Batkin	Gilford	Shaw *
Beard	Gimbert	Simcock
Bostock *	Harrison *	Smith *
Boulton *	Hall *	Talbot
Bradley *	Horton	Titley
Brain *	Jenkinson *	Upton
Brandrick	Leese	Wetton
Byatt	Love	Wilmer
Cope *	Lowe *	Windsor
Cotton *	Maple	Winfield
Dale	Marson	Wooton
Davall	Martin	

Unfortunately, apart from Stallington Hall, Hilderstone Hall, and the various inns in the area, the census doesn't identify any of the households either by road, number or name. However it may still be possible to get some idea of where the various households were located by following the enumerator's progress from property to property as he made his way through the village. He entered Fulford from Fulford Dale and made his way up through the village and on to Meir Heath. From there he went back to Stallington, then round to Saverley Green, and from there he returned to Fulford and made his way through the village, detouring briefly to Rushlade, and then went on to Hilderstone.

Fulford also had a Hall, Fulford Hall, the 18th century brick country house next to St.Nicholas Church. Four other 'large' buildings in the village were Fulford Manor Farm, also by the church, Ivy House Farm, Fulford Farm (now called Rocklands), and Olde House Farm. Fulford also had a pub, the 'Shoulder of Mutton', which was run by James Beard.

Being a small and isolated village one would expect to find the usual 'country' occupations represented amongst the inhabitants, and indeed the 1881 census did record the occupations of agricultural labourer, nurseryman's labourer, general labourer, dairy maid, farm servant, farmer, cowkeeper, gamekeeper, blacksmith, wheelwright, domestic servant, school master, wood ranger, innkeeper and stonemason. However in addition to these 'country' occupations there were also other occupations such as bootmaker, shoemaker, dressmaker, laundress, charwoman, nurse, butcher, provisions dealer, joiner and teacher. There were also three widows and two annuitants living in the village. Surprisingly there is no record of a vicar living in the Vicarage in Fulford, even though St.Nicholas Church had been consecrated in 1827. Similarly the school, which had been founded on the village green in 1785, is not mentioned, although three of the staff were living in the village. Sarah Windsor the schoolmistress, Annie Armishaw the pupil teacher, and Mary Porter the monitoress.

After 1881 the population of Fulford continued to grow and on 31st March 1897 Fulford became a Civil Parish. A summary of the 1881 census returns for Fulford is:-

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	AGE	BORN	HEAD'S OCCUPATION	WIFE	IN HOUSE
coming into Fulford from Fulford Dale.....					
1 - Lockett, William	52	Biddulph	farmer - 200 acres	Hannah	7
2 - Smith, John	46	Ireland	agricultural labourer	Mary	5
3 - Rhodes, William	53	Woolstanton	farmer - 240 acres	Sarah	8
4 - Cotton, Thomas	32	Stone	joiner	-	2
5 - uninhabited			-	-	-
6 - Davall, Catherine	80	Stone	annuitant	-	2
7 - Jenkinson, Joseph	51	Stone	shoemaker	Mary	8
8 - Ash, John	42	Stone	wheelwright	Sarah	8
9 - Jenkinson, Emma	55	Stone	farmer	-	4
10 - Patrick, William	41	Shrops.	farmer - 65 acres	Mary	7
11 - Sargent, Thomas	43	Sandon	butcher	Edith	8
12 - Armishaw, Thomas	54	Stone	gamekeeper	Eliza	3
13 - Boulton, Elizabeth	43	Stone	widow / labourer	-	5
14 - Bostock, John	67	Cheadle	agricultural labourer	Elizabeth	6
15 - Beard, John	42	Stone	agricultural labourer	-	1
16 - Beard, James	34	Stone	innkeeper ( <i>Shoulder of Mutton</i> )	Emma	5
17 - Lowe, John	56	Cheadle	agricultural labourer	Mary	4
18 - Bostock, John	24	Stone	agricultural labourer	Harriet	3
19 - Horton, Louisa	32	Cheshire	laundress	-	2
20 - Cope, Sarah	58	Abb.Brom.	widow	-	1
21 - Hall, Charles	68	Stone	agricultural labourer	-	1
22 - Davis, John	44	Stone	shoemaker	-	2
23 - England, John	55	Stone	farmer - 105 acres ( <i>maybe Manor Farm</i> )	Olive	6
24 - Jenkinson, William	36	Fradwell	bootmaker	Julia	4
25 - Branderick, Charles	59	Uttoxeter	general labourer	Elizabeth	5
26 - Titley, James	40	Stone	agricultural labourer	Ann	3
27 - Fenton, Edwin	52	Stone	blacksmith ( <i>maybe Post Office Terrace</i> )	-	4
28 - Windsor, Thomas	64	Lapley	agricultural labourer	-	3
29 - Batkin, Enoch	57	Stone	provisions dealer ( <i>maybe Fulford House</i> )	Emily	5
30 - Cotton, Samson	64	Stone	wheelwright	Elizabeth	3
31 - Frost, Edwin	30	Shrops.	agricultural labourer	Elizabeth	4
32 - Beard, Richard	47	Stone	farmer - 82 acres	Elizabeth	6
33 - Dale, Thomas	35	Stone	agricultural labourer	Ann	7
34 - Gimbert, William	45	Teau	wood ranger	Emma	7
35 - Harrison, James	53	Stone	general labourer	Sarah	3
36 - Wooton, George	29	Stone	general labourer	Eliza	4
.....then to Meir Heath, Stallington and Saverley Green, and back to Fulford.....					
37 - Smith, Ann	48	Ireland	char woman	-	1
38 - Winfield, William	37	Stone	blacksmith (Crossgate)	Ann	4
39 - Winfield, John	39	Stone	agricultural labourer	Elizabeth	7
40 - Adderley, Thomas	51	Stone	shoemaker	-	2
41 - Maple, George	50	Bucks.	agricultural labourer	Eliza	2
42 - Martin, William	21	Burslem	butcher	Fanny	5
43 - Rushton, George	54	Stone	shoemaker	Ann	7
44 - Brain, James	47	Stone	agricultural labourer	-	1
45 - Jenkinson, Thomas	52	Stone	shoemaker ( <i>Mossgate</i> )	Elizabeth	4
46 - Leese, James	36	Stone	nurseryman's labourer	Mary	8
47 - Cotton, Mary	69	Stone	widow	-	2
48 - Brain, Samuel	32	Stone	agricultural labourer ( <i>Crossgate</i> )	Jane	5
49 - Love, William	46	Stone	shoemaker ( <i>Mossgate</i> )	Anne	4
50 - Mayer, James	26	Stone	butcher ( <i>Mossgate</i> )	Ann	6
51 - Wetton, John	54	Stone	agricultural labourer ( <i>Crossgate</i> )	Elizabeth	4
52 - Jenkinson, John	38	Stone	farmer ( <i>Crossgate - maybe Brooms</i> )	Mary	13
53 - uninhabited			-	-	-
54 - Upton, Thomas	58	Burton	agricultural labourer	Mary	4
55 - Brain, John	58	Trentham	shoemaker	Ellen	4
56 - Batkin, Arthur	53	Stone	cowkeeper ( <i>Moss Lane</i> )	Ann	5
.....and then going to Rushlade and back to Fulford.....					
57 - Cotton, Thomas	58	Stone	agricultural labourer	-	5
58 - Emery, William	26	Shallowf d.	agricultural labourer	Mary	3
59 - Abberley, George	68	Cheadle	annuitant ( <i>Crossgate</i> )	-	1
60 - Leese, Alfred	51	Stone	nurseryman's labourer ( <i>Mossgate</i> )	Jane	9
.....and then going to Hilderstone.					

Note - (place name in brackets identifies where the person is thought to have been living)