

Census 1871 – Sub District Lyme

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Superintendent Registrar's District – Axminster, Devon and Dorset
Registrar's Sub-District – Lyme in the Counties of Devon and Dorset

The Registrar has to submit a proposed Plan of Division of his Sub-District Lyme into Enumeration Districts. This plan must be forwarded by the Registrar to the Superintendent Registrar before February 11th, 1871, and by the Superintendent Registrar to the Census Office before February 21st, for the approval of the Registrar General.

Sub-District Lyme is divided into 5 Enumeration Districts, each of which has its own enumerator.
(see Appendix A)

1. Charmouth Parish

The whole of the Parish of Charmouth including all the houses on each side of the Turnpike road which runs through the village, the three Leaze's, Yendover Meadow, Higherfields, the Preventive Station and manor coast land and stone quarries bounded by the Sea to the junction of the Old and New roads, Lilly Farm, Westfield, Langmoor House, and Plantations, Fernhill, Langmoor Mead, Goyle Wood, 4 Acres Batch Mead, Charmouth Mead, Middle Mead, Mill Fields and the Flour Mills.

Estimated number of inhabited houses – 140
Estimated number of separate families - 160

Enumerator: Daniel Board (55), assistant overseer and tax collector, lives in Lower Sea Lane, Charmouth.

2. Lyme Parish

Part of the Parish of Lyme comprising all the houses from the Assembly Rooms bounded by the sea along the Marine Parade, the Houses at the Cobb to the Devonshire Hedge Parish boundary taking in Holm Bush Cottage, the houses in the New road, Home Leigh, Cambrian Villas, Stile Lane, Pound Street to the Vicarage up the Sidmouth road, Keble Cottage, High Cliff and Lodge, Gates Hill Cottage, High Cliff Cottage, Alfred place to Mr *Read's* House near the Devonshire Hedge boundary, High Knap, Portland Lodge, Clapentail, Colway Villa, Mr Marquis' Lodging House in the Axminster Road, Spring Cottage, to the 1 mile Stone Parish boundary, Great Hay and Little Hay Farm, Little Park Cottage, Capt Benett's House and orchard, Springfield Villa, Belle Vue House, the Roman Catholic Chapel, and Priest's House, the houses on each side of Silver Street, Sherborne Lane and Broad Street.

Estimated number of inhabited houses - 255
Estimated number of separate families - 280

Enumerator: Edward G Thornton (26), chemist and deputy registrar, lives in Broad Street, Lyme Regis.

3. Lyme Parish

All the remainder part of the Parish of Lyme from and including Bank House bounded by the sea, both sides of Bridge Street, Coombe Street, Horse Street, the Lynch, Town Mills and Cottages near, Monmouth Street, Buttermarket taking in the Hot baths and Cottages on the East Cliffs, the Gas works and Cottages near, the houses on each side of Church Street, Charmouth Lane up to Charmouth Road, Summerhill House, Cumberland Cottage, the Cemetery and Lodge, Fairfield and Cottages near, the Turnpike Gate House, across to Hole Farm, Gamekeeper Cottage, Hole Common, Sleech Wood Copse, Middle Mill Farm, Colway Horn, the Rope Cottage, Flour Mills, Jericho, the Silk Factory, British School House, Millgreen, Pickle Square to the bridge at the bottom of Sherborne Lane.

Estimated number of inhabited houses - 274

Estimated number of separate families - 320

Enumerator: Henry Radford (49), house agent and master plasterer, lives in Broad Street, Lyme Regis

4. Uplyme Parish

Part of the Parish of Uplyme from including all the houses and Cottages on the Northside of the Turnpike road, the Black Dog Inn near the 1 Mile stone parish boundary to the Hunters' Lodge Inn beyond the 3 mile stone on the Axminster & Crewkerne Roads. Uplyme Rectory, a part of the village of Uplyme, the Cloth Factory and Cottages, the Grist Mill, Rhode Valley, Rhode Hill House, Rocombe Bottom, Cottages near Wesleyan chapel, Harcombe Bottom & cottage to the Parish boundary near Penn Inn from thence to Hunter's Lodge Inn.

Estimated number of inhabited houses - 120

Estimated number of separate families - 140

Enumerator: Thomas Pitfield (50), assistant overseer, lives at Rhode Cottage, Uplyme.

5. Uplyme Parish

All the remainder part of the Parish of Uplyme comprising all the Houses and Cottages on the Southside of the Turnpike Road from and including Burrowshot Farm, Plantations and Fields opposite the Hunters Lodge Inn to the Black Dog Inn near the 1 mile stone parish boundary, St Marys Lodge, Yawl Bottom, Yawl its Cottages and Houses, the Cottages on Woodhouse Hill, Woodhouse part of Trinity Hill to a Cottage near the parish boundary on the South West, Holcombe, Westhill Farm, Cannington Farm, Hill Farm, Gore Lane Turnpike gate, Ware House, Ware Farm, Ware Cottages, the Dairy House bounded by the sea the Cottage at the entrance of the Pinhay Cliffs through the Ware Cliffs to Devonshire Hedge Boundary taking in the other part of the Village of Uplyme on the Southside of the Turnpike Road and including the newly built Cottages at Venlake, and the cottages in Happy Valley and the Buildings.

Estimated number of inhabited houses - 109

Estimated number of separate families - 120

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| Harcombe Bottom hamlet transferred to Monkton Wylde District for Ecclesiastical purposes only |
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Enumerator: Job Hezekiah Fowler (53), grocer and postmaster, lives at the post office, Uplyme.

The enumerator has to deliver and collect the Household schedules, copy them correctly into the Enumeration Book, and perform his other duties in taking the Census. For this, he is paid a fixed fee, to which is added two shillings and sixpence for every 100 persons duly enumerated over and above the first 400 in his District, and sixpence per mile, above 5 miles, incurred during the delivery and collection of schedules.

Appendix A

**CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES,
1871.**

Superintendent Registrar's District of *Hamminster in the Counties of Devon and Dorset*
 Registrar's Sub-District of *Lyme Devon and Dorset*

ENUMERATORS' AGREEMENT.

We, the undersigned, hereby agree to act as Enumerators for the purpose of taking the Census in the above-named Registrar's Sub-District, on the terms of remuneration calculated according to the Scale of Allowances printed hereon; and we further agree to perform the duties in person and in all respects to conform to the "INSTRUCTIONS TO ENUMERATORS" issued by the Registrar General under the direction of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Note.—This agreement should be signed as soon as may be convenient by the Enumerators when they have been duly appointed by the Superintendent Registrar and approved by the Registrar General, and should be retained by the Registrar. The signatures of the Resident Officers of Public Institutions who will act as Enumerators under Section 10 of the Census Act will not be required.

SIGNATURES OF ENUMERATORS.

| NAMES | No of Enumeration District | NAMES | No. of Enumeration District |
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| <i>Daniel Board</i> | 1 | | |
| <i>Edw. G. Thurston</i> | 2 | | |
| <i>Henry Radford</i> | 3 | | |
| <i>Thomas Pettifor</i> | 4 | | |
| <i>Job Hezekiah Fowler</i> | 5 | | |

Reference

The authors were given access to documentation (private collection) relating to the Census administration in 1861 and 1871. Comparison of the signatures in Appendix A with the handwriting of the census records for Charmouth, Lyme Regis and Uplyme in 1871 (Ancestry.co.uk) indicates that the online records are copies of the original Enumeration Books.