**Garsington 1841 Census Summary**

This is a summary of the 1841 census. Despite my best efforts there will still be several transcription errors. Garsington had 593 inhabitants (296 Males; 295 Females) residing in 135 houses with the minimum being 1 and maximum 11 per household. 538 people were born in Oxfordshire, with only 55 from outside Oxfordshire.

**Frequency of people per household**

**No/household Frequency**

1. 15
2. 20
3. 24
4. 18
5. 15
6. 15
7. 9
8. 8
9. 5
10. 4
11. 2

Somewhat surprisingly, it was most common to have 1-6 people per household. Few households contained large numbers.

It appears that 26 households had lodgers (widows, grandchildren, orphans, apprentices, workers), and 10 had servants. Thus over a quarter of households contained people other than the nuclear family.

**Frequency of Female names**

Alice (1), Amelia (4), Amey (1), Angelina (1), Ann/Anne (24), Caroline (4), Catherine (2), Charlotte (5), Damaris (1), Drusilla (1), Elenor/Elinor/Ellenor (3), Eliza (10), Elizabeth (34), Ellen (1), Emily (1), Emma (9), Ester (2), Fanny (1), Hannah (8), Harriet (9), Isabella (1), Jane (16), Jemima (1), Joan (1), Kesia/Kezia (4), Leah (1), Louisa (3), Lucy (1), Lydia/Lydia Ann (2), Margaret (3), Maria (9), Martha (9), Mary (39), Mary Agnes (1), Mary Ann/e (7), Mary Jane (1), Matilda (2), Miriam (1), Patience (1), Penelope (1), Phoebe (2), Pricilla (3), Rachel (3), Rebecca (5), Rosetta (3), Sarah (33), Sophia (2), Susan (12), Susanna (3)

By far the most popular names are Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Ann/e, Jane and Susan. These account for 167 /295. Thus from the 46 names present, 57% of the female inhabitants have one of 6 names.

**Frequency of Male Names**

Abel (2), Abraham (2), Alexander (1), Alfred (3), Andrew (1) ,Benjamin (3), Charles (9), Daniel (1), Ebenezer (1), Ed/Edward (10), Eli (2), Elias (1), Francis (2), George (5), Giles (1), Henry (10), Howard (1), James (30), Jas (2), Joab (1), John (38), Jonathon (4), Joseph (26), Josh (2), Josiah (1), Levi (1) Lionel (1), Moses (2), Reuben (1), Richard (19), Robert (5), Samuel (2), Stephen (6), Theophilus (1), Thomas (36), Vincent (3), William/ William Bourne (61)

By far the most popular names are William, John/Jonathon, Thomas, James, Joseph and Richard. These account for 214 /296. Thus from the 37 names present, 72% of the male inhabitants have one of 6 names.

**Frequency of Surnames**

94 surnames in Garsington.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Aldworth | 8 |
| Allen | 4 |
| Allnut/Alnut | 2 |
| Ashby | 4 |
| Barker | 1 |
| Baynes | 1 |
| Belling | 2 |
| Betts | 1 |
| Boswell | 1 |
| Bowden | 1 |
| Brigdon | 1 |
| Brooks | 1 |
| Brown | 1 |
| Bull | 1 |
| Busby | 1 |
| Buttler | 1 |
| Castle | 7 |
| Chapman | 1 |
| Cherrey | 8 |
| Clarke | 36 |
| Clinkard | 11 |
| Cooper | 1 |
| Costar | 5 |
| Currell | 3 |
| Currill | 7 |
| Dowman | 4 |
| Druce | 17 |
| Edes | 1 |
| Elliot | 1 |
| Fletcher | 1 |
| Fruin | 3 |
| Gardner | 2 |
| Gibbons | 1 |
| Glanville | 2 |
| Godfrey | 26 |
| Goodey | 22 |
| Green | 6 |
| Greenwood | 7 |
| Gymer | 1 |
| Hall | 2 |
| Hampshire | 1 |
| Harper | 35 |
| Heborn | 3 |
| Hedges | 2 |
| Helling | 3 |
| Hillsdon | 40 |
| Holloway | 8 |
| Humpfries | 19 |
| Jacks | 1 |
| Janaway | 7 |
| Kimber | 2 |
| Lixpond | 4 |
| Merriot | 2 |
| Messenger | 8 |
| Mitchel | 1 |
| Molineux | 2 |
| Mortimore | 2 |
| Neale | 1 |
| Osborne | 3 |
| Parsons | 1 |
| Phipps | 6 |
| Pike | 1 |
| Poulton/Poullon | 2 |
| Pusey | 5 |
| Pym | 9 |
| Quatermain | 39 |
| Radford | 18 |
| Rodgers | 5 |
| Rogers | 1 |
| Rossitor | 1 |
| Ruffels | 1 |
| Ryman | 1 |
| Salmons | 6 |
| Sanders | 8 |
| Sellar | 6 |
| Shalkell | 1 |
| Shepherd | 4 |
| Simpson | 3 |
| Slade | 1 |
| Slatter | 1 |
| Smith | 19 |
| Sparrow | 4 |
| Stone | 5 |
| Surman | 8 |
| Townshend | 14 |
| Turrill | 24 |
| Waite | 4 |
| West | 4 |
| Wheeler | 6 |
| Wiggins | 1 |
| Wilkinson | 1 |
| Witts | 2 |
| Woodwards | 20 |
| Yates | 16 |

The most common surnames are: Hillsdon, Quatermain, Clarke, Harper, Godfrey, Turrill, and Goodey. These 8 names account for 222/593 people or 37.4%. With the addition of Humpfries, Smith, Radford, Druce, Yates, Townhend and Clinkard (114/593 or 19.2%), 56.6% of the village can be accounted for by 15 surnames.

**Occupations**

37 occupations were noted, although this does include widow and pauper. By far the most common occupation was agricultural labourer followed by labourer, farmer and servant.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Ag Lab | 129 |
| Aged Lab | 1 |
| Baker | 2 |
| Beerseller | 1 |
| Butcher | 3 |
| Carpenter | 6 |
| Cordwinder | 1 |
| Dealer | 2 |
| Farmer | 21 |
| Housekeeper | 1 |
| Hurdlemaker | 1 |
| in Holy Orders | 1 |
| Ind | 6 |
| Lab | 53 |
| Mason | 3 |
| Musician | 1 |
| Ochreman | 1 |
| Officer in Court of Exchequer | 1 |
| Pauper | 1 |
| Publican | 2 |
| Sawer | 2 |
| Sawer Agd | 1 |
| Schoolmaster | 1 |
| Schoolmistress | 1 |
| Seamstress | 1 |
| Servant F | 16 |
| Servant M | 8 |
| Shoemaker | 4 |
| Shoemaker's App | 2 |
| Shopkeeper | 2 |
| Smith | 5 |
| Tailor | 3 |
| Thatcher | 2 |
| Wheelwright | 3 |
| Widow | 7 |
| Widow Agd | 2 |
| Widow Lab | 1 |
| No occupation given (includes children) | 295 |

Many children, even as young as 5, had occupations.

**Age distribution Frequency**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 0-12 m | 25 |
| 1-5 | 72 |
| 5-10 | 72 |
| 11-15 | 67 |
| 16-20 | 73 |
| 21-30 | 81 |
| 31-40 | 66 |
| 41-50 | 53 |
| 51-60 | 37 |
| 61-70 | 25 |
| 71-80 | 17 |
| 81-85 | 5 |

**Summary of ages**

0-15 years 236/593 39.8%

16-60 years 310/593 52.3%

61-85 years 47/593 7.9%

Although it was common for children and those over 60 to continue working, it can be seen that just over 50% were of general working age. It can also be noted that it was a young village with 40% being under 16 years.

**Summary of Heads of Households**

Of the 136 houses, only 19 had a female as the head of the household and 20 were not from Oxfordshire. The ages ranged from 20-85 years with a breakdown as follows:

**Age Frequency**

20-30 27

31-40 31

41-50 29

51-60 18

61-70 15

71-85 15

The occupations were as follows:

Ag Lab 57

Aged Lab 1

Baker 1

Beerseller 1

Butcher 2

Carpenter 4

Dealer 2

Farmer 13

Hurdlemaker 1

In Holy Orders 1

Independent 3

Labourers 16

Mason 3

Ochreman 1

Officer in Court of Exchequer 1

Publican 2

Sawer 1

Sawer Aged 1

Schoolmaster 1

Shoemaker 4

Smith 3

Tailor 1

Thatcher 1

Wheelwright 1

Widow 4

Widow Aged 2

Widow Labourer 1

Finally the surname frequency for the heads of households was as follows:

Aldsworth 2

Allen 1

Belling 1

Boswell 1

Buttler 1

Castle 1

Cherrey 1

Clarke 8

Clinkard 3

Costar 2

Currell 1

Currill 2

Dowman 1

Druce 5

Elliot 1

Fruin 1

Godfrey 5

Goodey 5

Green 1

Hall 2

Harper 7

Heborn 1

Hedges 1

Hellings 1

Hillsdon 7

Holloway 1

Humphries 3

Janaway 1

Lixpond 1

Merriot 2

Messenger 1

Mollineux 1

Mortimor 1

Phipps 2

Pike 1

Poullon 1

Poulton 1

Pusey 1

Pym 1

Quartermain 12

Radford 2

Rodgers 1

Rossitor 1

Ruffels 1

Salmon 1

Sanders 4

Sellar 1

Shepherd 1

Simpson 1

Smith 6

Sparrow 1

Stone 1

Surman 1

Townshend 3

Turrill 5

West 1

Wheeler 1

Wilkinson 1

Witts 1

Woodwards 5

Yates 3

Thus 12 households had a Quartermain as the head. Other common surnames were Clarke, Harper, Hillsdon and Smith.

As I stated at the beginning, there will still be many transcription errors. None of the houses are identified so apart from the school master, the curate and the publicans it is not possible to link a house to a household. This is true even for the Manor which may have had tenant farmers living there in 1841.