

Northwood Census 1881

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1881 was just six years before the opening of Northwood Station and shortly afterwards the first sale of land leading to the development which in a few years changed to area from rural to suburban. The population had increased to 538 in 1891 and by 1901 it was 2500 with 496 houses.

Population and households.

On census night of 1881 there were 257 in Northwood comprising 142 males and 155 females. As in 1851 the largest age group were children aged 0-13 where there were 87 in all, the youngest being 2 month old Edwin Ive at Ashby Farm. There was nobody aged 76 and over. The eldest men were Thomas King at Kewferry Farm and William Clarke, both 74, a boarder with Mary Ann Kirby, a teacher. The eldest woman 75 year old Ann Tyler, wife of a retired policeman.

It is interesting to note the wide age gap between some couples. Ann, the wife of Thomas Norton at Park Farm in Ducks Hill Road was 26 years younger than her husband. Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Sands the Vicar was 73. 17 years his elder.

The largest households were Northwood Park where there were sixteen living. Daniel Norton had seven children and six servants of which there were two governesses. The butler and cook were husband and wife. In sandpit Lane there were 10 in the Prince household including two boarders who worked in the brickfield. Next door Ambrose Biswill, a widower, had eight children at home.

There were just three single person households. Jane Craft in Ducks Hill Road, John Hopgood, 70, a gardener and Samuel Matheson, 31, a hay dealer at Lodge Farm.

There were ten lodgers or boarders, six being ag. labs, in eight households.

William Clarke, Jesse Tobbutt, William and Harriet Kirby, Samuel Woodward and Joseph Field were some of the few people still living in Northwood since 1851.

Where Born

Of the 257 people in Northwood, 116 were born in Ruislip /Northwood, down from 160 in 1851. 26 came from the rest of Middlesex, 35 from Hertfordshire, 15 from Bucks and 19 from central London. The biggest difference in 1881 is that 46 came from elsewhere, all over the country, compared to just 8 in 1851. Here is a breakdown of where they came from. Essex 3, Suffolk 2, Norfolk 6, Kent 4, Sussex 3, Beds. 2, Hunts. 2, Berks 5. Hants 1. Wilts 2, Warks, 1 Northants 1, Staffs. 2, Lincs 2, Lancaster 2, Yorks. 2 Flint 2, Monmouth 1, Scotland 1 France 1 and Germany 1, the wife of Edward Kirby.

Looking at the census it is noticeable that many wives came from another part of the country, some a long way from their husbands or Northwood. To name a few, Edmund Ive was born locally, Octavia his wife was from Ludham in Norfolk. Frederick Tyler a coachman was born in Ealing, his wife in Tadcaster in Yorkshire. Henry Sands the vicar came from Scotland and his much older wife was from Borden in Kent. Joseph Churchill of Greenhill Farm, born locally, his wife in Harwarden North Wales. There are many more.

Also of note is how much some families moved before coming to Northwood. Daniel Norton of Northwood Park was born in Finsbury, London. When married he was in Islington then Wanstead Essex, Beckenham Kent then Northwood. Arthur Byes a gardener was born in W. Harling Norfolk. When married he was down in Wadhurst Sussex then South Norwood in London. John Brownhill, licensee of the True Lovers Knot born in St Neots, lived in Windsor then Northfleet Kent before coming to Northwood.

The above shows just how much more mobile the population was compared to 30 years earlier.

Occupations

In 1881 there were just three households employing domestic servants. The largest was Northwood Park where Daniel Norton had four servants and two governesses. The vicarage had a cook and a parlourmaid and in the Grange there was a governess, four servants and a gardener. The owners were away on census night. The number in domestic service had increased from 15 in 1851 to 26 in 1881.

There were several young teenagers in employment. Henry Hill in Jackets Lane and Joseph Field both aged 13 were ag.labs. In the Grange there was Alice Mockford a 14 year old housemaid. One of the eldest was 73 year old William Kirby from Rose Cottage in the Rickmansworth Road, as labourer in woodyard. There was also Thomas King, 74 at Kewferry Farm.

The number of people in agriculture had fallen from 55 in 1851 to 49. The 1881 census does not list so many occupations but one new one was a traction engine driver showing farming was becoming more mechanised. Haymaking, sand mining / brick making were still the main occupations followed now by domestic service.

Here is a list of all the occupations mentioned.

Agriculture/farming.

Farmers 10, Agric. Labourers 30, Game keeper 1, Cowmen 2, Farmers sons/daughters 5
Traction engine driver 1. Total 49

Dealers and Merchants

Timber merchant 1, Clerk 1 Sand merchant 1, Hay dealer 3, Agent 1. Total 7

Domestic service

Governess 3, Butler 1, Cook 3, Housemaid/parlourmaid/dom.serv. 5, Nurse 2, Coachmen 2, Gardeners 7 (a big increase from 1851) Groom 1, Laundress 1, Needlewoman 2 Total 26

Manufacturing

Labourer in woodyard 1, lab. In brickfield (including Foreman) 6, strawplatter 2, Blacksmith 1
Total 10

Professions

Church 1, Police 1, Publicans 2, Grocer/shopkeeper 2, Teacher 2. Total 8

NORTHWOOD 1881 CENSUS

Youngwood Farm. Ducks Hill Road

Jesse Churchill	head	28	Farmer	Ruislip
Annie	wife	33	farmers wife	Harefield
Annie G	dau	2		Ruislip
Louisa M	"	1		"

Ashby Farm

Edmund Ive	head	30	Farmer 124 acres	Ruislip
Octavia	wife	35		Norfolk,Ludham
Edmund	son	5		Ruislip
Montague	"	2		"
Edwin	"	2 m		"

Ducks Hill Farm

Jessie Tobbutt	head	39	Farmer,222 acres,empl 5 men 2 boys	Ruislip
Leonora	sister	48		"
Elizabeth M	"	46		"
Sarah	"	47		"
Belinda	"	37		"

Jackets Lane

Daniel Hill	head	46	Game keeper	Ruislip
Annie	wife	46		"
George	son	17	ag.lab.	"
John	"	15	gardener	"
Henry	"	13	ag.lab	"
Thomas	"	12		"
Ellen	dau	10		"
Arthur	son	7		"

Northwood Park

Daniel Norton	head	38	Timber merchant	Ldn. Finsbury
Mary Ann	wife	38		" Bermondsey
Daniel	son	12		" Islington
Edith L	dau	11		Essex. Wansread
Lilian M	"	9		"
Belinda G	"	6		"
Kathleen	"	4		Kent, Beckenham
Mildred H	"	1		Ruislip
John H	son	4m		
Alfred Pinnington	visitor	18	Clerk to timber merchant	Ldn. Bermondsey
Martha M Thomas	Governess	23	Governess	Mon. Newport
Mary E.Ekins	"	28	Governess	Hunts
Frederick Noble	serv.	31	Butler	Suffolk, Ipswich
Mary Noble	"	24	Cook	Yorks. Leeds
Emily E. Sheether	"	33	Housemaid	Middx.Enfield
Rosa L. Bird	"	17	Nurse	" Harrow

Jane Craft	head	58	wid.	Ruislip	3
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Frederick J. Tyler	head	33	Coachman	Mx. Ealing
Harriett "	wife	30		Yorks. Tadcaster
Frederick W "	son	3		Ldn. Brompton
Ernest Henry "	"	1		Ruislip
Florence A "	dau	4m		"
Arthur Byes	head	34	Gardener	Norf. W. Harling
Jane E. "	wife	35		Herts. N. Mimms
Arthur E. "	son	11		Sussex. Wadhurst
Robert E "	"			Ldn. S. Norwood
Mary Ann Kirby	head	17	Teacher	Ruislip
William Clarke	boarder	74		Herts. Chipperfield
Henry Martin	head	57	ag. lab	Ruislip
Elizabeth "	wife	60		"
Arthur Worman	head	30	ag. lab	Ruislip
Jane "	wife	28		"
William "	son	6		"
Walter "	"	4		"
Edward "	"	2		"
Park Farm Ducks Hill Rd				
Thomas Norton	head	68	Agent	Mx. Uxbridge
Ann "	wife	42		Bucks. Gt. Missenden
David "	son	23		Mx. Uxbridge
Grace "	dau	20		"
Richard Tinson	head	70	ag. lab	Berks. Sutton
Mary Ann "	wife	62		Suffk. Newton
James Bone	head	35	ag. lab.	Herts. Hemel Hempstead
Mary Ann "	wife	33		Beds. Riseley
Joeseeph "	son	12		Herts. Hemel Hempstead
John J "	"	10		" "
Edward "	"	6		" St Albans
Thomas H "	"	2		" "
Grocers Shop. Rickmansworth Rd.				
Edward Nichols	head	38	grocer	Mx. Harefield
Mary Ann "	wife	35		Ruislip
Annie "	dau	12		"
Arthur "	son	10		"
Rose "	dau	7		"
Minnie "	"	5		"
Herbert "	son	3		"
Alfred Nichols	son	1		Ruislip

Kiln Farm. Rickmansworth Rd.

Edawrd Kirby head 26 Farmer 60 acres
 Franziska " wife 30
 Frederick S. Woodman stepson 6
 William G " " 4
 Franziska " stepdau 3
 Violet W Kirby dau 1

Ruislip
 Germany, Frankfurt
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John Field head 69 widw. Ag.lab
 Jane " dau 28

Herts.Hatfield
 Ruislip

Vicarage

Henry Sands head 56 Vicar of Northwood
 Elizabeth " wife 73
 Marianne Curtis serv 54 Cook. Dom. Serv
 Harriet Clarkson " 27 Parlourmaid

Scotland
 Kent.Borden
 Norf. Necton
 Herts. Aldenham

School House Rickmansworth Rd.

Charlotte Sheldon head 38 National Schoolmistress
 Elizabeth " sister 39 formerly teacher
 Jessie Lidiard boarder 10

Lancaster
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 Hants. Waterloo

Rose Cottage

William Kirby head 73 lab. In wood yard
 Hannah " wife 63
 Herbert H " gr.son 5

Herts. Batchworth Hth.
 " Watford
 Ldn. Soho

George Neale head 48 Police constable
 Emily " wife 45
 George T " son 16 gardener
 William A " " 7

Wilts. Grittleton
 " W.Lavington
 Ldn.Paddington
 Ruislip

Kewferry Farm

Thomas King head 74 Farmer 80 acres
 Hannah Wheeler sister 72 wid.

Herts.Croxley Green
 Mx. Harefield

The Grange.

Ada Kennard head 24 Governess
 Mary Clark serv 20 parlourmaid
 Elizabeth Kirby " 50 cook
 Alice Mockford " 14 housemaid
 Jeanne Robin " 20 nurse
 Thomas Wright " 42 gardener

Sussex, Hartfield
 Herts.Whitfield
 Mx.Harefield
 Sussex. Rottingdean
 France
 Herts.Rickmanswort

Joseph Field head 55 Gardener
 Caroline " wife 53 garden woman
 Joseph " son 13 ag.lab
 Henry " " 10

Ruislip
 Herts, Rickmansworth
 Ruislip
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Green Lane, Knowles Farm

Edward Woodman	head	61	Farmer 80 acres	Ruislip	6
Ann	wife	56		"	
Martha	dau	28	farmers dau	"	
George	son	24	" son	"	
Alice	dau	19	" dau	"	
Walter	son	15	" son	"	

Grenhill Farm

Joseph H Churchill	head	40	Farmer	Ruislip	
Christiana	wife	41		Flint, Harwarden	
Christiana	dau	19		Ruislip	
Joseph H	son	18	farmers son	"	
George J	"	9		"	
Alfred	"	5		"	
George Peers	visitor	34	Grocer	Flint, Harwarden	

Henry Cooper	head	52	widw ag lab	Ruislip	
Sarah	dau	25	needlewoman	"	
Fanny	"	22	dom. Serv.	"	

William Branch	head	29	Groom / gardener	Mddx. Harefield	
Clara	wife	25		Ruislip	

Susannah Wright	head	41	laundress	Herts. Rickmansworth	
John	son	19	Cowman	"	
Eliza J	dau	12		"	
Alice	"	13		"	
Thomas	son	1		"	

George Roberts	head	48	Coachman	Norf. Retteringham	
Mary Ann	wife	48		Bucks, Chenies	

William Woodward	head	41	Sand merchant	Ruislip	
Beatrice	wife	42		Bucks	
Edward	son	16	ag. Lab	Ruislip	
William	"	12		"	
Florence	dau	8		"	
Susan	"	6		"	
Christmas	"	4		"	

James Kentish	head	44	Blacksmith	Herts. Sarratt	
Mary	wife	47		Lincs, Shubby	
Jesse	son	11		Ruislip	
Thomas Kentish	son	9		Ruislip	

Frederick Tyler	head	67	retd. Police Constable	Ldn. Barnes	
Ann	wife	75		Middx. Hanwell	

Rickmansworth Rd. True Lovers Knot P.H.

John Brownhill	head	34	Lic. Victualler
Jane	wife	32	
John	son	6	
Bertha J	dau	4	
William H	son	1	

Thomas Crawley	head	60	Cowman
Elizabeth	wife	68	

Ann Collier	head	63	wid
Joseph	son	23	ag.lab.
James	"	20	
Ellen	gr. Dau	6	
William Lavender	lodger	21	ag.lab.

Martha Taylor	head	56	
George	son	20	ag.lab.
George Perrin	lodger	25	" "

Edward Brill	head	27	ag.lab
Amy	wife	24	
Arthur	son	1	

Geoge Oates	head	31	traction eng. Diver
Mary	wife	23	

Thomas Evans	head	55	ag. Lab
Rebecca	wife	53	
James	son	19	ag. Lab

James Birch	head	38	ag.lab.
Esther	wife	36	
John	son	4	
James	"	10	
Samuel Woodward	boarder	56	ag. Lab

Thomas Townsend	head	66	
Mary	wife	63	
David	son	23	
Annie	dau	19	
Alfred Woodward	boarder	18	
Thomas Mason	"	15	

Rickmansworth Rd. Kirby Hall

Sarah Passmore	head	66	wid. (age should read 70)
Harriett Kirby	sister	70	" 68
William	nephew	54	ag.lab

Hunts. St. Neots

Warks. Luddington

Berks. Windsor

Kent, Northfleet

Ruislip

Mx. Pinnerwood

Lincs, Swaby

Herts, Tring

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Rickmansworth

Ruislip

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Herts

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Northampton

Ruislip

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Berks. Brimpton

Kent, Rochester

Bucks, Denton

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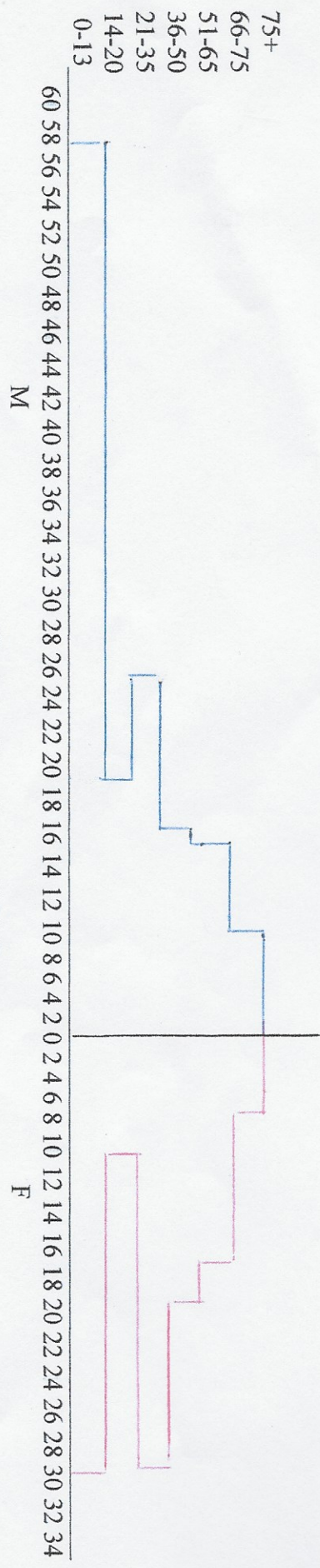
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Henry Puddefoot	head	35	work in brickfield	Bucks, Chesham
Sarah	wife	35		" "
Henry	son	14		" "
George	"	8		Herts, Watford
Charles	"	2		Ruislip
Daniel Walden	head	55	widw. Ag.lab,	Bucks, Chalfont St.Peter
Daniel	son	14		Mddx. Harefield
James	"	12		" "
Florence	dau	8		Herts.Rickmansworth
John Hopgood	head	70	gardener	Ldn.Paddington
William Warner	head	27	lab. In brickfield	Ldn.Islington
Sarah	wife	26		Middx. Uxbridge
William	son	6		Herts. Rickmansworth
Ellen	dau	3		" "
Jane Lawrence	head	58	wid	Ruislip
Minnie Warman	gr.dau	10		"
Thomas	gr.son	9		"
Mary E.	gr.dau	6		"
Pinner Rd. Hundred Acre Farm				
Benjamin Golding	head	58	Farmer 126 acres empl. 1	Berks. Whitewaltham
Sarah	wife	53		Middx.Hayes
Sarah	dau	20		" Pinner
George	son	12		" "
Northwood Farm (should read New Farm)				
Stephen Cooper	head	54	Farmer 90 acres empl.3	Beds. Pound Green
Elizabeth	wife	42		Stafford
Ellen	cousin	38	wid	Ldn.City Rd.
William	"	15		" Blackfriars
George Watson	"	10		" St.Pancras
Edwin	"	7		" "
Minnie	visitor	12		" "
Balding Meadem				
Isabel	head	41	widw ag.lab	Bucks, Chesham
Emma	dau	25	straw platt maker	" "
Arthur	"	23	"	" "
	gr. son	2		" "
Edward Lawrence	head	61	ag.lab	Ruislip
Elizabeth	wife	56		"
Lizzie	dau	19		"
Joseph Birch	boarder	39	ag.lab	"

Mary Ann Craft	head	31	wid. Needlewoman	Staffs. Stourbridge
Arthur W " (Walter Arthur)	son	3		Middx. Ruislip
George J Ive	head	27	Hay dealer	Middx. Harefield
Kate "	wife	21		Berks. Slough
Northwood Farm				
Daniel Matheson	head	67	Farmer 140 acres empl. 4	Ruislip
Charlotte "	wife	67		Mddx Harefield
Mary Ann "	dau	33 u		Ruislip
Lodge Farm				
Samuel Matheson	head	31	Hay dealer	Ruislip
Sandpit Lane				
William Prince	head	46	Foreman in brickfield	Ldn, Paddington
Elizabeth "	wife	42		Herts, Rickmansworth
William J "	son	18	Brickfield lab.	Ldn. Hammersmith
John A "	"	11		Mddx, Harrow
Charles F "	"	8		"
Cecil R "	"	5		Ruislip
Alice E "	dau	3		"
Albert E "	son	1		"
William White	boarder	31	lab. in brickfield	Mddx. Harrow
William Wilden	"	21	"	Bucks, Chalfont St Giles
Ambrose Biswill	head	42	widw. Ag. lab.	Bucks. Waddesdon
William "	son	16	"	Ruislip
Thomas "	"	15	"	"
Caroline "	dau	13		"
Arthur "	son	11		"
Emily "	dau	8		"
Francis "	son	3)		"
James "	"	3)		"
Frederick "	"	2		"
William Pearson	head	59	ag. lab.	Norfolk, Suffield
Mary Ann "	wife	58		" Alby
The Gate P.H				
Ann Bourne	head	60	wid. Beer retailer	Herts, Rickmansworth
Job W. Kimpton	son	39	Farmer, Hay dealer	Ldn. Paddington
Mary Ann "	dau	31		Middx. Harefield
Henry Gates	head	56	ag. lab	Bucks. Denham
Sarah "	wife	53		Mddx. Harefield



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M	F	M	F	M	F	M
57	30	19	11	25	30	16
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						17
						10
						7
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142 males 115 females. Total 257