

SWANBOURNE HISTORY GROUP

**INTERPRETATION OF THE SWANBOURNE
CENSUSES
1801 TO 1911**

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What is a Census?

Definition from the Office of National Statistics:

- Every ten years since 1801 the nation has set aside one day for the census - a count of all people and households. It is the most complete source of information about the population that we have. The latest census was held on Sunday 27 March 2011.
- Every effort is made to include everyone, and that is why the census is so important. It is the only survey which provides a detailed picture of the entire population, and is unique because it covers everyone at the same time and asks the same core questions everywhere. This makes it easy to compare different parts of the country.
- The information the census provides allows central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to target their resources more effectively and to plan housing, education, health and transport services for years to come.
- In England and Wales, the census is planned and carried out by the Office for National Statistics. Elsewhere in the UK, responsibility lies with the National Records of Scotland and the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency.

John Marius Wilson – Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales 1870-1872

SWANBOURNE is described as:

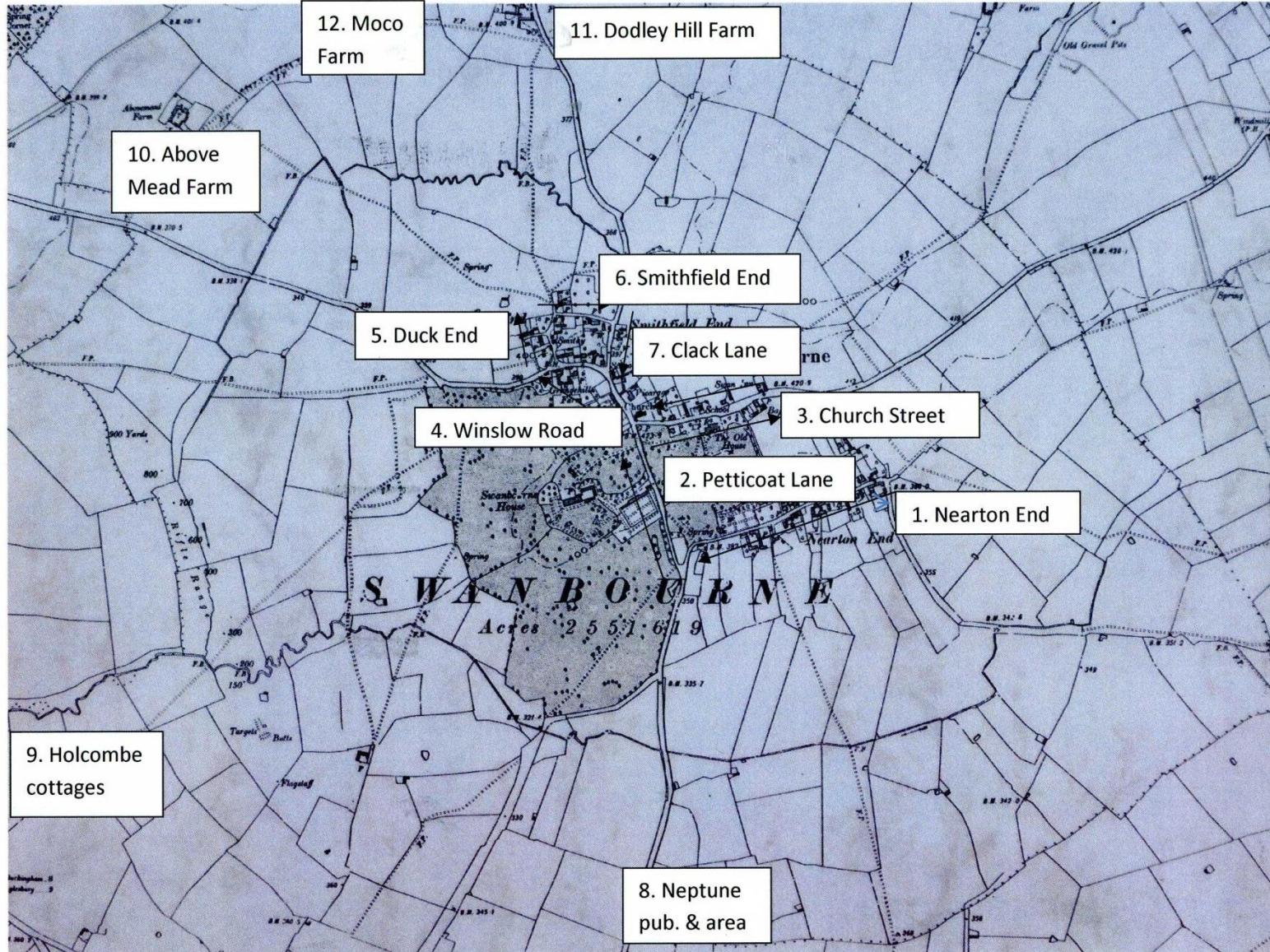
a parish, with a village, in Winslow district, Bucks; near the Oxford and Bletchley railway, 2 miles E by S of Winslow. It has a station on the railway, and a post-office under Winslow. Acres, 2,510. Real property, £5,034. Pop., 603. Houses, 139. The property is subdivided. The manor, with S. House, belongs to Sir T. F. Fremantle, Bart. The living is a vicarage in the diocese of Oxford. Value, £158. Patron, Sir T. F. Fremantle, Bart. The church is ancient. There are a Baptist chapel, a national school with £15 a year from endowment, a straw-plaiting school, and charities £28.*

Records of individual names were made from 1841 onwards.
 The Enumerator walks past the farms and in to the village, asking
 the inhabitants questions door to door and recording their
 answers.

City or Borough of Parish or Township of Swantonmore		Enumeration Schedule													
PLACE	HOUSES Uninhabited or Vacant Inhabited	NAMES of each Person who shode therein the preceding Night.		AGE SEX	PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born		PLACE	HOUSES Uninhabited or Vacant Inhabited	NAMES of each Person who shode therein the preceding Night.		AGE SEX	PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
		Male	Female			In same County	Outside County but within Province			In same Province	Outside Province or Foreign Parts			Male	Female
		1 Daniel Mathew	50	Ag. Lab.	4			William Miller	16			4			
		Mary	do	50			Henry	do	13			4			
		Maria	20		4			Catharine	do	10		4			
		Elizabeth	do	3			Sophia	do	6			4			
		James Survey	30	Ag. Lab.	4			William Lewington	50	W. T. +		4 ✓			
		John	do	30			William Knight	60	Petitioner			4 ✓			
		Elizabeth	do	16			John Potts	30	Petitioner			4 ✓			
		William	do	16	Ag. Lab.	4	Charlotte	do	30			4 ✓			
		Charles	do	18			Sarah	do	5			4 ✓			
		Elijah	do	9			Alfred	do	3			4 ✓			
		John	7		4		William	do	1			4 ✓			
		Emma	do	3			William Baile	25	Farmer			4 ✓			
		James Roots	50	Ag. Lab.	4			Frith	do	30		4 ✓			
		Ruth	do	35			John	do	2			4 ✓			
		William	do	10			Emma	da	1			4 ✓			
		Robert	do	42			Joseph Small	20	W. T. +			4 ✓			
		George	2		4		Ann Denby	20	W. T. +			4 ✓			
		Mathilda Rogan	30	Carrier	4		Thomas Spurley	70	Farmer			4 ✓			
		Sarah	do	7			Elizabeth	do	70			4 ✓			
		William	do	5			Joseph	do	25	She. Inv.		4 ✓			
		Elizabeth George	3		4		William	do	23	She. Inv.		4 ✓			
		William Miller	50	Farmer	4		John Bacchus	30	Ag. Lab.			4 ✓			
		Sophia	do	45			Mary	do	28			4 ✓			
		Mary	do	20			Sarah Hobbs	do	15			4 ✓			
		Pane	do	10			Aspus Alderman	25	Ag. Lab.			4 ✓			
		TOTAL in 1	5	14	5		TOTAL in 2	6	14	5	5	5	4 ✓		

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RECORDED
BY
SINGLE RECORD OFFICE
HOUSE NUMBERED
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

Map of Swanbourne showing the route taken by the Enumerator for the 1851 Census



NOTES:- PETTICOAT LANE = CEMETERY HILL; CLACK LANE = STATION ROAD; CHURCH STREET = MURSLEY ROAD

The 1851 Census gives us more information than 1841

Parish or Township of Swanbourne		Religious District of		City or Borough of		Town of		Village of Swanbourne	
No.	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851		Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of Male Female	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Born Abroad or Overseas
		House	Age						
100	Duck End	William Grantham	Head	Mrs	Ag-Lab.	Bucks Swanbourne			
		Sarah do.	Wife	Mrs	66	do. Chipping			
		Caroline Lord	Daughter	Mrs	31	Straw Plaster	do. Swanbourne		
		John Grantham	Son	Mrs	26	Ag-Lab.	do. do.		
		Elizabeth do.	Grandma	Mrs	11	Scholar	East Greenwich		
101	do.	David Smith	Head	Mrs	40	Bricklayer	Bucks Hornborough		
		Frances do.	Wife	Mrs	40		do. do.		
		William Smith	Son	Mrs	11	Scholar	do. do.		
		Isaac D. Smith	Daughter	Mrs	3		do. Swanbourne		
		David do.	Son	Mrs	2		do. do. Swanbourne		
		Lucy do.	Daughter	Mrs	1		do. do.		
102	do.	Lucy Cheney	Head	Mrs	50	Carpenter, Turnmaker	do. do.		
		Eliza do.	Son	Mrs	26	Groom	Tottenham		
103	do.	Ann Crook	Head	Mrs	76	Carpenter, Turnmaker, Widow	North Paddington		
104	do.	William Phillips	Head	Mrs	31	Ag-Lab.	Bucks Hatch Bottom		
		Amy do.	Wife	Mrs	31		do. Windsor		
		Ann do.	Daughter	Mrs	8	Lacemaker	do. Swanbourne		
		William do.	Son	Mrs	3		do. do.		
		Elizabeth do.	Daughter	Mrs	1		do. do.		
105	do.	John Phillips	Head	Mrs	56	Ag-Lab.	do. do.		
Total	1 House	I 6 U - B -			Total of Persons ...	9 11			

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1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	1	2		

Reference — H.O. 107 1722

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What does the 1911 Census tell us?

The most detail is on the 1911 return. For each individual you can find out:

- Name
- Relationship to head of family
- Age last birthday
- Address (can be a little vague)
- Marital status, and number of years married
- Number of children and whether alive or dead
- Occupation
- Place of birth
- Number of rooms in house

Hart House - details 1911

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.																	
<p>Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.</p> <p>The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.</p>																	
NAME AND SURNAME		RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.				PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.				BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.			
of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who—				State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of:—				Personal Occupation.				Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account.	Whether Working at Home.	(1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County, and Town or Parish.	State whether—	If any person included in this Schedule is—	
(1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)		State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or other Relative, "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant."	For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," etc.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," opposite the names of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.	Completed years the present Marriage has lasted.	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7).	Total Children Born Alive.	Children still Living.	Children who have Died.							(1) "British subject by parentage," (2) "Naturalised British subject," giving year of naturalisation.	(1) "Totally Deaf," or "Deaf and Dumb," (2) "Totally Blind," (3) "Lunatic," or "Imbecile," or "Feeble-minded"
1 Newman - Ash -	Head.	55	Married							Groom (domestic)				worker	Swanbourne Bucks	NOTE.—In the case of persons born elsewhere than in England or Wales, state whether "Resident" or "Visitor" in this Country.	
2 Annie - Ash -	Wife	55	Married	30	8	8	7			Labourer. Cowman 120				worker	Mursey	"	
3 William Ash -	Son	30	Single							On farm				worker	Mursey	"	
4 Edward - Ash -	Son	27	Single							Wire-Worker 166				worker	Mursey	"	
5 Caroline Wootton -	Daughter	26	Married	one	1	1	0			Horticulturalist				worker	Swanbourne	"	
6 Rose - Ash -	Daughter	21	Single							General Servant (domestic) 110				worker	Swanbourne	"	
7 Newman Ash -	Son	17	Single							Farm Labourer 140				worker	Swanbourne	"	
8 Stanley Wootton -	Grandson	3 months													Swanbourne	"	
9																	
10																	
11																	
12																	
13																	
14																	
15																	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

Total.		
Male.	Females.	Persons.
5	3	8

- I certify that—
 (1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns.
 (2) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have computed the sum of the total number of persons.
 (3) After making the necessary inquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Initials of Enumerator *J.W.*

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the Kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.
Seven

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *Newman - Ash.*

Postal Address *Hart House - Swanbourne Windsor*

Number of Schedule 621
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

Pitkin Family - details 1911

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1. Alfred Pitkin	Head	75	75	47	11	9	2	140				Swanbourne Bucks		
2. Susanna Pitkin	Wife	70	70	47	11	9	2	140				Swanbourne Bucks		
3. William Pitkin	Son, 35			Single								Swanbourne Bucks		
4. Emily Eliza Henson	Daughter, 31.			Married 10. none								Swanbourne Bucks		
5. Frederic Pitkin	Son, 28			Single								Swanbourne Bucks		
6. Grace Pitkin	Granddaughter, 11.											London 000		
7.														
8.														
9.														
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Initials of Enumerator

Male.	Female.	Persons.
3	3	6

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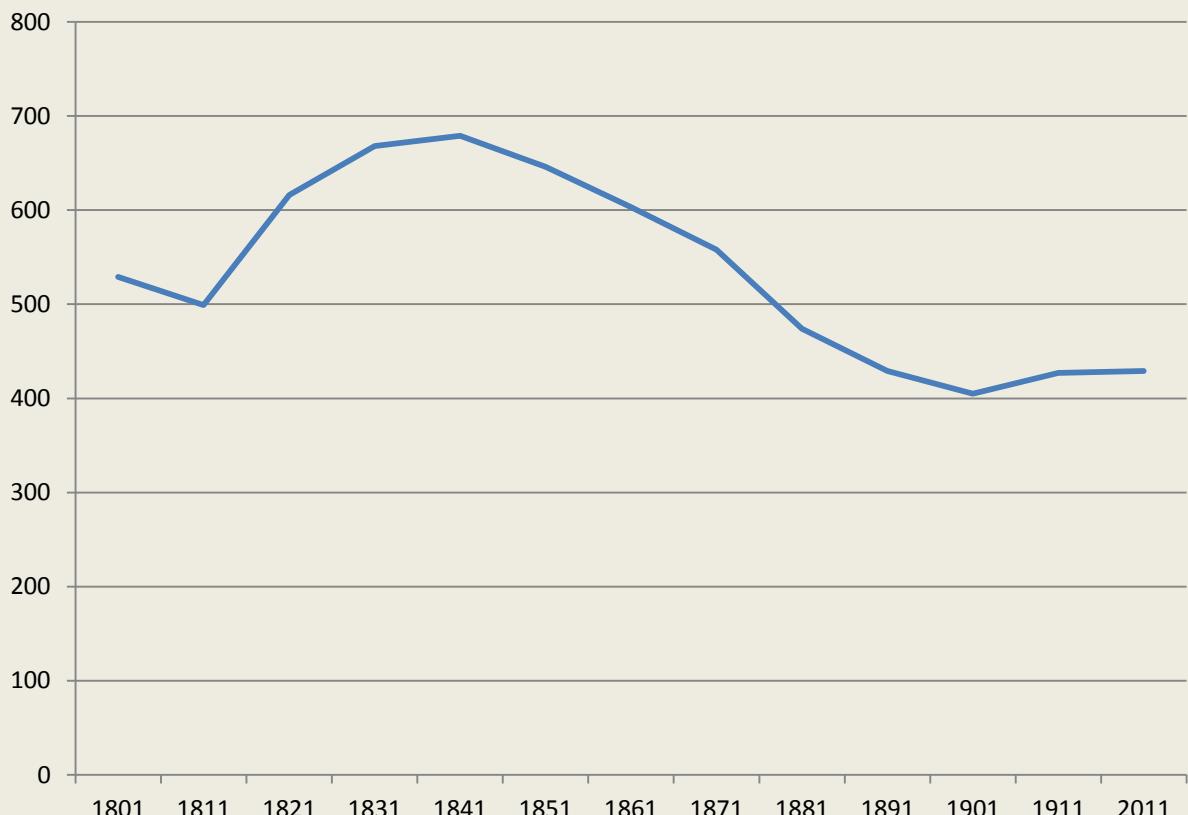
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Signature Susanna Pitkin

Postal Address Swanbourne Winslow Bucks

Population of Swanbourne

- 1801 529
- 1811 499
- 1821 616
- 1831 668
- 1841 679
- 1851 646
- 1861 603
- 1871 558
- 1881 474
- 1891 429
- 1901 405
- 1911 427
- 2011 429



Swanbourne Census 1841 to 1911 - Surnames

1841		1851		1861		1871		1881		1891		1901		1911		
Most common Surnames																
	No															
Alderman	47	Alderman	72	Alderman	70	Alderman	81	Alderman	60	Alderman	45	Alderman	44	Alderman	41	
Ash	45	Pitkin	27	Turvey	25	Turvey	24	Ash	23	Ash	26	Gurnett	19	Gurnett	22	
Pitkin	27	Anstee	24	Brooks	23	Ash	22	Phillips	20	Turvey	20	Ash	17	Harding	15	
Anstee	24	Ash	23	Phillips	19	Brooks	18	Turvey	19	Gurnett	18	Turvey	11	Ash	14	
Walker	18	Walker	18	Pitkin	19	Phillips	18	Pitkin	18	Harding	17	Colgrove	10	Turvey	11	
Gates	16	Yates	18	Ash	18	Harding	17	Roads	17	Colgrove	14	Harding	10	Tofield	10	
Bowden	15	Phillips	17	Anstee	15	Gurnett	16	Gurnett	15	Roads	14	Brooks	9	Colgrove	9	
Gurnett	15	Colgrove	16	North	14	Pitkin	13	Belgrave	12	North	11	Hurst	9	Dancer	9	
Turvey	15	North	16	Lee	13	Baseley	12	Brooks	12	Brooks	10	North	9	Rowe	9	
Colgrove	14	Smith	13	Yates	13	Bowler	12	Harding	11	Phillips	10	Phillips	9	Brigginshaw	8	
Cook	14	Turvey	13	Currell	12	Gates	12	Bates	10	Boughton	9	Pitkin	9	Fremantle	8	
Brise	13	Willis	13	Gurnett	12	Lee	12	Boughton	10	Currell	9	Roads	9	Grainge	8	
Phillips	12	Brooks	12	Willis	12	Claridge	11	Jordan	10	Pitkin	9	Currell	8	Hurst	8	
Feasey	11	Friday	12	Bowler	10	White	10	North	10	Sheffield	9	Dancer	8	Willis	8	
Ridgeway	11	Cook	11	Bowden	9	Anstee	9	Walters	10	Campbell	8	Grainge	8	Brooks	7	
Spratley	11	Currell	11	Claridge	9	Currell	9	Fairman	9	Price	8	Price	8	Currell	7	

15 names
in ALL
Censuses

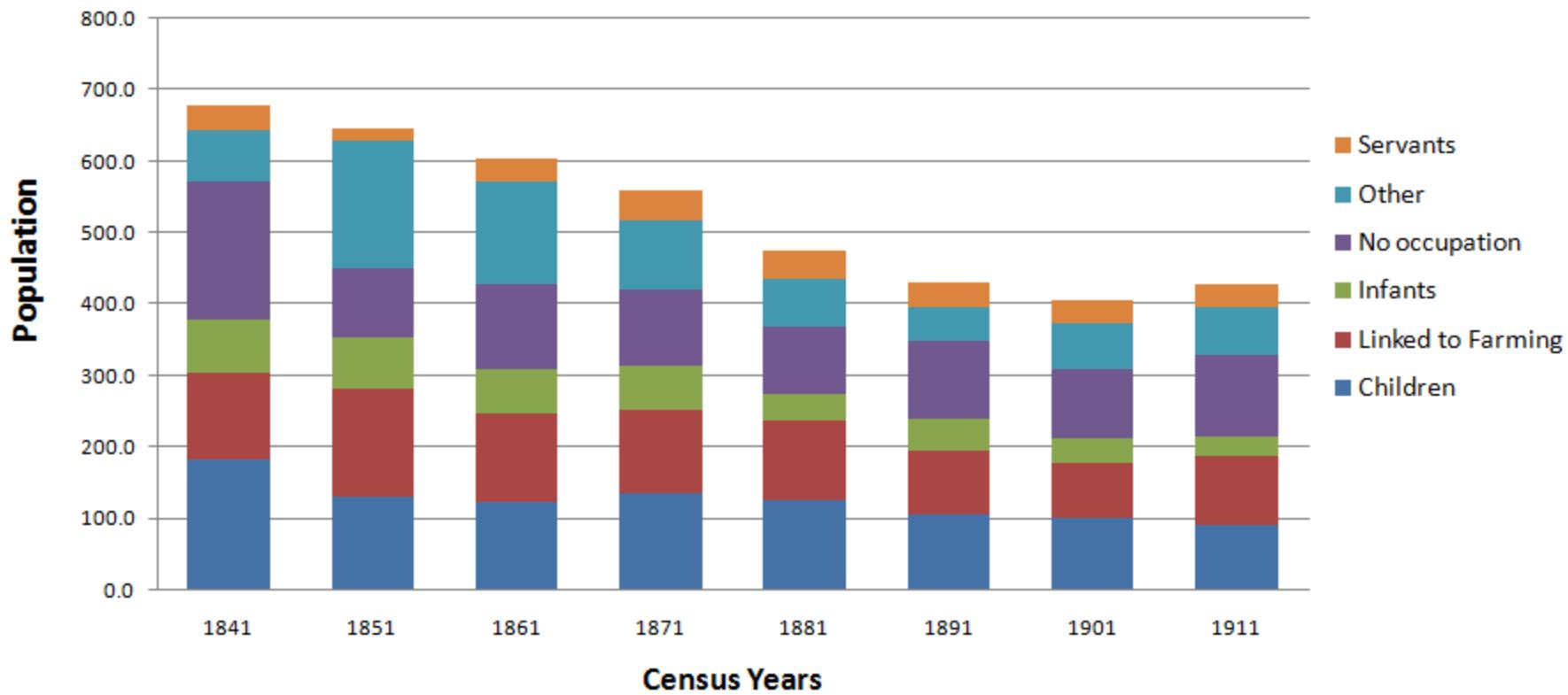
Alderman
Ash
Brooks
Campbell
Colgrove
Currell
Gurnett
Hinton
Morris
Phillips
Pitkin
Roads
Turvey
Walker
Willis

Analysis of Census information

Things to note:

- Occupational terms are subject to interpretation, but mean either source of income or social status
- Ages in school – usually between 4 and 15
- Who doesn't work?
- Adult ages over the age of 15 usually rounded down to the nearest 5 on the 1841 Census

Swanbourne - Occupations by Type



Other Occupations

SEE EXCEL FILE

Victorian Straw Plaiters



Luton was the centre for straw plaiting in Victorian times

Straw hats today are mostly made in....China!



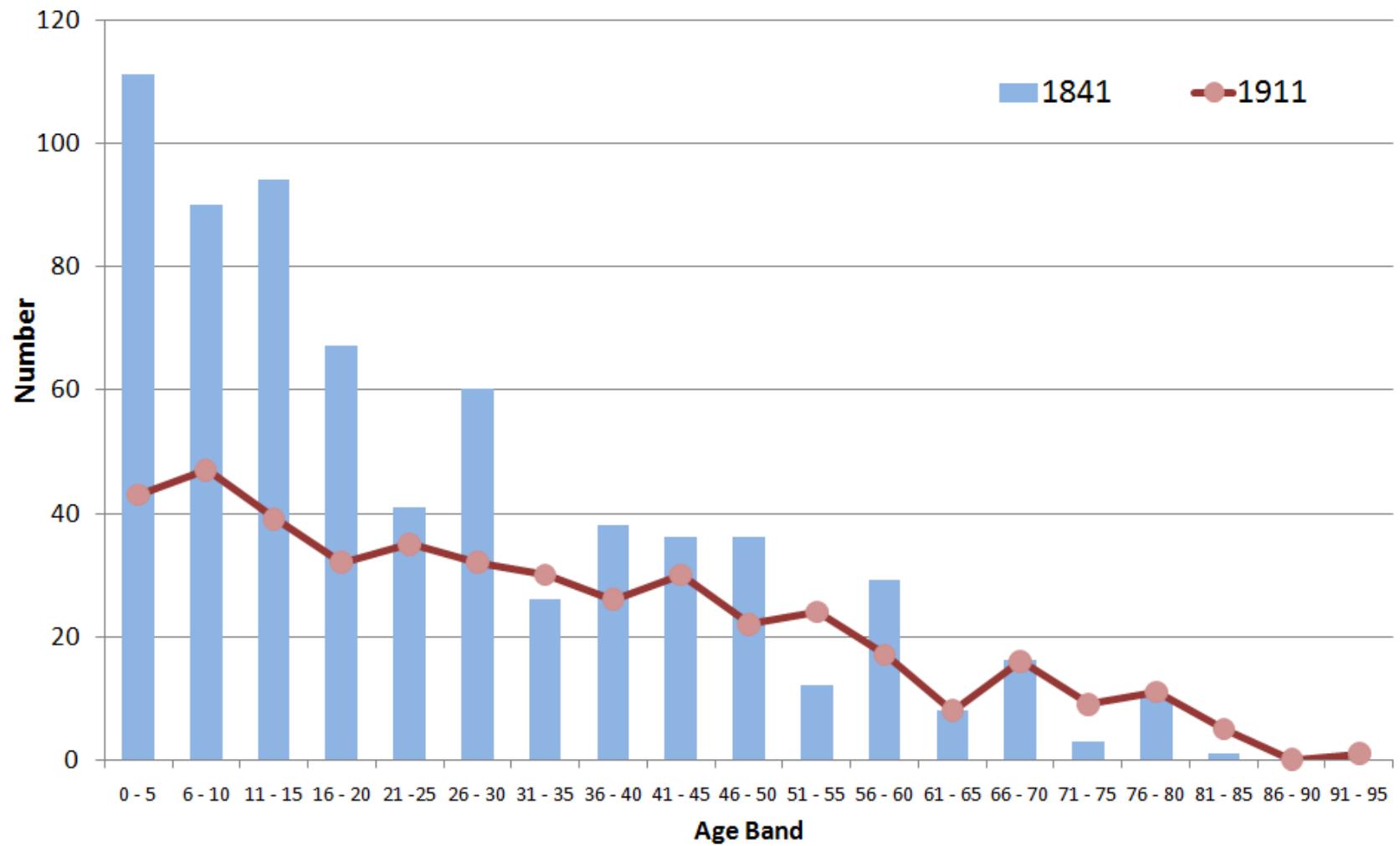
Swanbourne Census 1841 to 1911 - Number of Houses in the village

1841		1851		1861		1871		1881		1891		1901		1911	
Houses	No														
Inhabited	148	Inhabited	144	Inhabited	139	Inhabited	124	Inhabited	119	Inhabited	97	Inhabited	93	Inhabited	100
Uninhabited	6	Uninhabited	7	Uninhabited	10	Uninhabited	8	Uninhabited	8	Uninhabited	14	Uninhabited	11	Uninhabited	3
	154	-3	151	-2	149	-17	132	-5	127	-16	111	-7	104	-1	103

Number of houses:

in 1841	154	-51	103	in 1911	+46	149	in 2011
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Swanbourne - Age of individuals in population



[Swanbourne Census 1841 to 1911 - Places of Birth](#)

1841		1851		1861		1871		1881		1891		1901		1911		
Place of birth	No	Place of Birth	No	Place of Birth	No	Place of Birth	No	Place of Birth	No	Place of Birth	No	Place of Birth	No	Place of Birth	No	
Bucks	614	Swanbourne	402	Swanbourne	375	Swanbourne	335	Swanbourne	282	Swanbourne	239	Swanbourne	210	Swanbourne	221	
England - Not Bucks	62	Bucks	176	Bucks	140	Bucks	133	Bucks	123	Bucks	117	Bucks	132	Bucks	116	
Scot, Ire, Foreign	2	England - Other	61	England - Other	80	England - Other	88	England - Other	67	England - Other	73	England - Other	61	England - Other	86	
		Scotland	5	Scotland	2	Scotland	1	Scotland	0	Scotland	0	Scotland	1	Scotland	1	
		Ireland	0	Ireland	1	Ireland	0	Ireland	2	Ireland	0	Ireland	0	Ireland	1	
		Wales	0	Wales	0	Wales	0	Wales	0	Wales	0	Wales	1	France	1	
		Ceylon	1	Jamaica	1	Jamaica	1							China	1	
		Switzerland	1	Australia	2											
			Germany	2												
	678		646		603		558		474		429		405		427	

Births in Swanbourne as a percentage of total:

What next?

- You can view the transcript of all of the Swanbourne Censuses on our new Website
- You can use this information as a useful tool to develop your personal family history

The End