

The census taken in 1841 is the first surviving detailed record of the population of the country. It was arranged by household, although the relationship of each member to the head of the family was not recorded. The ages of people over 15 were recorded down to the nearest five, so that the population could be classified in age bands. Thus, someone whose age was recorded as 40 could have been 41, 42, 43 or 44 (assuming, of course, that they knew their correct date of birth). Many people could not read nor write and, if their parents were no longer alive, their ages were, in many cases, a best estimate. The occupation of each person was noted, in succinct form, which took no account of dual occupation. The final column did not record place of birth, but merely noted whether the person was born in the same county as their then residence. In this respect it should be remembered that at the time of the census Wambrook formed part of the County of Dorset, as the transfer to Somerset did not occur until 1896.

Because the 1841 census was taken on 6th June, some itinerant harvest workers were sleeping rough and were not recorded. It was decided that all subsequent ten year censuses would be held on a Sunday in late March or early April.

An analysis of the recordings for Wambrook are tabled below:

Age Group	No. of persons	Percentage
Under 10	41	18.4
10 to 19	52	23.3
20 to 29	42	18.8
30 to 39	27	12.1
40 to 49	20	9.0
50 to 59	26	11.7
60 to 69	9	4.0
70 to 79	6	2.7
Over 80	Nil	Nil
Total	223	

The census recorded 129 males (57.8% of total) and 94 females (42.2%)

There were 46 occupied dwellings, which produced an average of 4.8 persons per dwelling and one uninhabited dwelling.

A full analysis of the censuses for 1841 to 1911 appears in the introduction to the 1911 census.

89 people were recorded as having an occupation. Totals for each occupation are recorded below:

Ag Lab	Agricultural Labourer	34
F S	Female Servant	17
	Farmers	16
MS	Male Servant	15
	Carpenter	2
	Shoe Maker	2
	Blacksmith	1
	Mason	1
	Thatcher	1

The transcript was made by members of CHRG from copies of the original documents. When extracting information from this transcript, the following points should be noted:

Abbreviations are used for occupations as follows:

Ag Lab	Agricultural Labourer: usually a married man who was paid a daily or weekly wage for the work undertaken, sometimes living in a tied cottage
F S	Female Servant: usually a person who entered domestic service as a young teenager and continued in such employment until marriage. On farms some female servants may have been employed as dairymaids.
Ind	A person living by independent means
MS	Male Servant: normally an adolescent boy or unmarried man who was hired for a year and lived on the premises of his master.

Shortening of Christian names has been avoided wherever possible with full names being given in the transcription. Also, full stops have not been used in names, thus Wm. C. Larcombe in the census return appears as William C Larcombe.

Parish of Wambrook

Address (if given)	Forename	Surname	Age	Occupation	Born in County	
Higher Wambrook	Robert	SPILLER	70	Farmer	No	
	Elizabeth	SPILLER	70		Yes	
	Benjamin	SPILLER	25		No	
	John	BROOMFIELD	20	M S	No	
	Jane	FOWLER	25	F S	Yes	
	John	HUNT	12	M S	Yes	
Higher Wambrook	Dinah	BEVISS	60	Ind	Yes	
	Ann	BEVISS	31		Yes	
	Mary	BEVISS	30		Yes	
	Abraham	BEVISS	28	Farmer	Yes	
	Jane	BEVISS	23	Ind	Yes	
	Benjamin	BEVISS	24	Farmer	Yes	
	Thomas	BEVISS	22	Ind	Yes	
	Margaret	BEVISS	18	Ind	Yes	
	Emma	BEVISS	14	Ind	Yes	
	Mary	PARSONS	21	F S	No	
	William	HORNER	21	M S	Yes	
Higher Wambrook	Mary	HUETT	72	Labourer's Widow	Yes	
	William	HUETT	40	Ag Lab	Yes	
	James	HUETT	36	Ag Lab	Yes	
	Samuel	HUETT	33	Ag Lab	Yes	
Bartletts	John	SYMONDS	46	Ag Lab	No	
	Sarah	SYMONDS	48		No	
One dwelling uninhabited						
Not recorded	Bartholemew	LONG	66	Farmer	No	
	Betty	LONG	67		No	
	Edward	LONG	30		No	
	Thomas	LONG	25		Yes	
	John	SIMMS	15	M S	Yes	
	Alexander	EVANS	15	M S	Yes	
	Catherine	SNELL	15	F S	No	
Rectory House	Henry	EDWARDS	45	Clerk [in Holy Orders]	No	
	Mary Ann	EDWARDS	16		No	
	Sophia	TRIM	15	F S	Yes	
	Ann	EVANS	15	F S	Yes	
Broom Close Cottage	Robert	LEGG	40	Carpenter	No	
	Mary	LEGG	35		No	
	Robert	LEGG	11		Yes	
	Mary	LEGG	10		Yes	
	Hannah	LEGG	9		Yes	
	Martha	LEGG	8		Yes	
	James	LEGG	6		Yes	
	Sarah	LEGG	4		Yes	
	Charles	DAVEY	60	Ag Lab	Yes	
	Mary	DAVEY	70		No	
	William	EVANS	55	Ag Lab	Yes	
	Thomas	BOARD	25	Ag Lab	Yes	
	Lower Wambrook	William	SPILLER	55	Ag Lab	No
		Honor	SPILLER	40		Yes
John		SPILLER	15		Yes	
Henry		SPILLER	13		Yes	
Amos		SPILLER	11		Yes	

	Andrew	SPILLER	9		Yes
	Hester	SPILLER	7		Yes
	George	SPILLER	2		Yes
Lower Wambrook	John	HORNER	52	Ag Lab	Yes
	Mary	HORNER	50		Yes
	Mary	HORNER	25		Yes
	George	HORNER	11		Yes
	John	EVANS	20	Ag Lab	Yes
Not recorded	James	PIDGEON	35	Ag Lab	Yes
	Amelia	PIDGEON	33		Yes
	William	PIDGEON	14		Yes
	Eleazer	PIDGEON	11		Yes
	Elizabeth	PIDGEON	10		Yes
	John	PIDGEON	8		Yes
	Reuben	PIDGEON	6		Yes
	Mary	PIDGEON	3		Yes
	Sarah	PIDGEON	3 mths		Yes
Lower Wambrook	William	SATURDAY	30	Ag Lab	No
	Mary	SATURDAY	30		No
	John	SATURDAY	6		Yes
	George	SATURDAY	1		Yes
Lower Wambrook	Alexander	EVANS	52	Farmer	Yes
	Betty	EVANS	37		No
	William	EVANS	18		Yes
	Joseph	EVANS	16		Yes
	Alexander	EVANS	7		Yes
	Ann	MARSHALL	21	F S	No
	Mary	COOMBS	20	F S	No
	Joel	EVANS	18	M S	No
Lower Wambrook	James	LOVERIDGE	35	Blacksmith	No
	Hannah	LOVERIDGE	30		No
	Joel	LOVERIDGE	4		Yes
	John	LOVERIDGE	2		Yes
	Isaac	TURNER	30	Ag Lab	Yes
Not recorded	William	CRANDON	55	Farmer	No
	Mary	CRANDON	50		No
	Richard	CRANDON	20		No
	Sarah	CRANDON	14		Yes
	Henry	BARMAN	25	M S	No
	Ann	DUMMETT	24	F S	No
	Caroline	LOCOCK	12	F S	No
	Henry	SPILLER	10	M S	Yes
Lower Wambrook	John	LAWRANCE	60	Ag Lab	Yes
	Elizabeth	LAWRANCE	60		Yes
	Charles	LAWRANCE	30		Yes
	Joseph	BOON	30	Ag Lab	No
Not recorded	George	ABBOTT	35	Thatcher	No
	Sarah	ABBOTT	30		Yes
	John	ABBOTT	9		Yes
	James	ABBOTT	8		Yes
	Jane	ABBOTT	5		Yes
	George	ABBOTT	3		Yes
	Abraham	ABBOTT	1		Yes
Lower Wambrook	John	WALDRON	45	Ag Lab	No
	Jane	WALDRON	45		No
	William	WALDRON	25		No

	Mary	WALDRON	20		Yes
	James	WALDRON	9		Yes
	Sarah	WALDRON	6		Yes
Not recorded	John	LAWRANCE	32	Shoe Maker	Yes
	Ann	LAWRANCE	33		No
	William	LAWRANCE	9		Yes
	Elizabeth	LAWRANCE	6		Yes
	John	LAWRANCE	4		Yes
	Charles	LAWRANCE	3		Yes
	Jemima	LAWRANCE	1		Yes
	William	DENSELOW	21	Ag Lab	Yes
Castle Wood	William	TANNER	55	Farmer	No
	Elizabeth	TANNER	55		No
	Elizabeth	TANNER	18		Yes
	William	TANNER	17		Yes
	Catharine	TANNER	15		Yes
	Maryann	TANNER	13		Yes
	William	HARIN	20	M S	Yes
	Mary	FRY	15	F S	No
	Samuel	KNIGHT	11	Ag Lab	Yes
Not recorded	William	LARCOMBE	40	Ag Lab	Yes
	Rachel	LARCOMBE	40		No
	Richard	LARCOMBE	12		Yes
	William	LARCOMBE	10		Yes
	Mary	LARCOMBE	7		Yes
	John	LARCOMBE	3 mths		Yes
Shags Blade	Francis	SMITH	28	Farmer	No
	Eliza	SMITH	29		No
	Sarah	PICKFORD	16	F S	No
	Isaac	HORNER	16	M S	Yes
Box	Robert	DAVEY	50	Ag Lab	Yes
	Hannah	DAVEY	55		Yes
	Elizabeth	DAVEY	26		Yes
	Ann	DAVEY	20		Yes
Not recorded	Matthew	WHISCOMBE	30	Ag Lab	Yes
	Jemima	WHISCOMBE	25		Yes
	John	WHISCOMBE	1		Yes
Not recorded	John	BROOMFIELD	66	Ag Lab	No
	Sarah	BROOMFIELD	55		No
Lillington	Isaac	ABBOTT	52	Shoe Maker	Yes
	Lucy	ABBOTT	48		No
	Isaac	ABBOTT	10		Yes
	Richard	SPARKS	26	Ag Lab	No
Lillington	Isaac	DEANE	35	Farmer	No
	William	DEANE	30	Farmer	No
	Jemima	BRAGG	40	F S	No
	Ann	HARRIS	10	F S	Yes
	John	LARCOMBE	20	M S	Yes
	William	KNIGHT	15	M S	Yes
Lanesham	John	WILMONT	35	Ag Lab	No
	Betty	WILMONT	40		Yes
	Abraham	WILMONT	10		Yes
	Mary	WILMONT	2		Yes

Lanesham	Joseph	FRY	25	Ag Lab	Yes
	Mary	FRY	40		Yes
Oatlands Farm	James	PAULL	50	Farmer	No
	Maria	PAULL	20		No
	James	PAULL	17		No
	William	PAULL	13		No
Deerham	John	MALLOCK	20	Carpenter	No
	Charlotte	MALLOCK	20		Yes
	Samuel	MALLOCK	2		Yes
Deerham	Robert	SPILLER	25	Farmer	No
	Jane	SPILLER	20		No
	Robert	SPILLER	6 mths		Yes
Downlands	James	WYATT	59	Farmer	No
	Elizabeth	WYATT	28		No
	Ann	COATE	24	F S	No
	Mary	HOCKEY	14	F S	No
Not recorded	Thomas	MITCHAM	75	Mason	No
	Hannah	MITCHAM	70		No
	Thomas	MITCHAM	50		No
Not recorded	William	MILHUIISH [MELHUIISH]	63	Ag Lab	No
Not recorded	Edward	DENSELOW	60	Ag Lab	No
	Joanna	DENSELOW	52		Yes
	Benjamin	DENSELOW	25		Yes
Not recorded	Thomas	PETTON	45	Ag Lab	Yes
	Susan	PETTON	47		Yes
	Elizabeth	PETTON	10		Yes
	Sarah	PETTON	8		Yes
	James	PETTON	6		Yes
	William	PETTON	4		Yes
Not recorded	Mary	MITCHAM	30	Ag Lab wife	No
	Elizabeth	MITCHAM	10		Yes
	Ann	MITCHAM	5		No
	Louisa	MITCHAM	5		No
	Thomas	PLYER	40	Ag Lab	Yes
Not recorded	John	GOODLAND	43	Ag Lab	No
	Lucy	GOODLAND	50		No
	John	GOODLAND	21		Yes
	Elizabeth	GOODLAND	14		Yes
	Benjamin	GOODLAND	5		Yes
Myrtle Cottage	Joel	DAMPIER	56	Farmer	Yes
	Mary	DAMPIER	48		No
	James	BREWER	31	M S	No
	Thomas	GILLETT	13	M S	No
	Elizabeth	DENSELOW	26	F S	Yes
Not recorded	Robert	LARCOMBE	55	Ag Lab	No
	William	LARCOMBE	15		Yes
	Fanny	LARCOMBE	20		Yes
Worthill	William	WELCH	50	Farmer	No
	John	STOCKER	15	M S	No
	Sarah	TRENCHARD	30	F S	No

Worthill	John	WELCH	53	Farmer	No
	Martha	WELCH	51		No
	Joan	WELCH	14		No
	Joseph	WELCH	13		Yes
Worthill	Thomas	DAVEY	50	Ag Lab	No
	Mary	DAVEY	50		No
	John	DAVEY	20		Yes
	Francis	DAVEY	10		Yes
Worthill	Henry	GILLETT	55	Ag Lab	Yes
	Sarah	GILLETT	6		Yes
	Thomas	SPARKS	25		No
	Elizabeth	SPARKS	20		Yes
Worthill	William	GILLETT	45	Ag Lab	Yes