

BASWICH LOCK HOUSE

CENSUS RECORDS: 1821-1961

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INTRODUCTION

The Stafford Branch Canal / River Sow Navigation opened on 19 February 1816.

The Navigation was initially leased from Lord Stafford by Messers Fereday & Company of Gornal Colliery. The Moat Colliery Company held the lease from about 1830 until 1838 when it passed to the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Company who held the lease until 1927.

In July 1816 Fereday was asked to build a house by the lock, and stop planks were stored there in case of accidents; someone was also needed to take care of the paddles.

In all probability there was a resident Lock Keeper from then until the 1890s, but after that it seems likely that the Canal Company did not employ the inhabitants of the Lock House.

The Lock House continued to be occupied until it was condemned in 1956 and the inhabitants left in the September. The House was demolished soon after, probably sometime in 1957.

Census Records can be used to find out who lived in the Lock House. Censuses are taken every ten years in the United Kingdom; the first Census in England was in 1801.

Pre-1841 Censuses have limitations as they did not record named individuals but grouped people together in age bands. However, no records survive from the 1821 and 1831 Censuses which specifically identify the Lock House – the original returns were destroyed in 1904.

Information about who lived in the Lock House was collected in the later Census returns (1841-1951) and in the 1939 National Registration. The Census Records from 1841 to 1911 are already in the public domain, and those for 1921 and 1951 are yet to be released; Census Records are now released after 100 years. The 1931 Census Records were destroyed by fire during the Second World War and there was no Census in 1941 because of the War.

1841 CENSUS

This Census was taken on the night of Sunday 6 June 1841 and records who was at that address over the Sunday night to Monday morning.

The information included name, age & sex, occupation (Profession, Trade, Employment or whether of Independent Means) and whether the person was born in the same county (or in Scotland, Ireland or Foreign Parts).

Although ages were given, individuals older than 15 were usually rounded down in 5 year bands. So 16-19 year olds were recorded as 15; 20-24 year olds as 20; and so on.

The following is a transcript of the information about the Lock House:

Address: Lock House, Baswich.

Name	Gender	Age	Born	Occupation	Where born
John Gallimore	M	33 years	~1808	Ag Lab ^a	Staffordshire
Mary Gallimore	F	28 years	~1813		Staffordshire
John Gallimore	M	4 years	~1837		Staffordshire
Thomas Gallimore	M	7 months	~1840		Staffordshire

Note: (a) Ag Lab = Agricultural Labourer

Reference: 1841 Census: HO 107 / Piece Number 973 / Book 2 / Page 1.

1851 CENSUS

This Census was taken on the night of Sunday 30 March 1851. The Census records who was at that address over the Sunday night to Monday morning.

The information included name, relationship to the Head of the Family, Condition (marital status), age & sex, occupation (Rank, Profession or Occupation), where born and whether the person was Blind or Deaf-and-Dumb.

The *actual* ages were recorded but they should always be treated with caution.

The following is a transcript of the information about the Lock House:

Address: Baswich. The property was listed as number 5 on the Schedule.

Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Born	Occupation	Where born
Willm Sambrook	Head	married	M	45	~1806	Lockkeeper	Hatherton; Stafford
Diana Sambrook	Wife	married	F	38	~1813		Cordway; Salop
Willm Sambrook	Son		M	12	~1839	Scholar	Gailey; Stafford
Edwin Sambrook	Son		M	10	~1841	Scholar	Water Eaton; Stafford
Fredrick Sambrook	Son		M	8	~1843	Scholar	Water Eaton; Stafford
George Sambrook	Son		M	7	~1844	Scholar	Tixall; Stafford
John Sambrook	Son		M	5	~1846	Scholar	Tixall; Stafford
Diana Sambrook	dau ^r		F	2	~1849	At home	Baswich; Stafford

None of the Family was listed as Blind or Deaf-and-Dumb.

Reference: 1851 Census: HO 107 / Piece Number 1999 / Folio 577 / Page 2.

1861 CENSUS

This Census was taken on the night of Sunday 7 April 1861. The Census records who was at that address over the Sunday night to Monday morning.

The information included name, relationship to the Head of the Family, Condition (marital status), age & sex, occupation (Rank, Profession or Occupation), where born and whether the person was Blind or Deaf-and-Dumb.

The following is a transcript of the information about the Lock House:

Address: Lock House, Baswich. The property was listed as number 139 on the Schedule.

Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Born	Occupation	Where born
William Sambrook	Head	Mar	M	54	~1807	Canal Labourer	Penkridge, Staffs
Diana Sambrook	Wife	Mar	F	48	~1813		Alberbury, Salop
Richard Sambrook	Son	Un	M	19	~1842	Canal Labourer	Penkridge, Staffs
John Sambrook	Son		M	14	~1847	Scholar	Tixall, Staffs
Diana Sambrook	Daur		F	11	~1850	Scholar	Baswich, Staffs

None of the Family was listed as Blind or Deaf-and-Dumb.

Reference: 1861 Census: RG9 / Piece Number 1908 / Folio 16 / Page 26.

1871 CENSUS

This Census was taken on the night of Sunday 2 April 1871. The Census records who was at that address over the Sunday night to Monday morning.

The information included name, relationship to the Head of the Family, Condition (marital status), age & sex, occupation (Rank, Profession or Occupation), where born and whether the person was Deaf-and-Dumb, Blind, Imbecile, Idiot or Lunatic.

The following is a transcript of the information about the Lock House:

Address: Lock House, Baswich. The property was listed as number 107 on the Schedule.

Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Born	Occupation	Where born
William Sambrook	Head	Mar	M	64	~1807	Lock Keeper	Hatherton, Staffs
Diana Sambrook	Wife	Mar	F	57	~1814	Housewife	Allenary, Salop
Diana Sambrook	Daur.	Unmar	F	21	~1850	-	Baswich, Staffs
William Sambrook	Gr ^d .Son	-	M	10	~1861	Scholar	Leighton Buzzard, Bedford ^e

None of the Family was listed as Deaf-and-Dumb, Blind, Imbecile, Idiot or Lunatic.

Reference: 1871 Census: RG10 / Piece Number 2819 / Folio 13 / Page 19.

1881 CENSUS

This Census was taken on the night of Sunday 3 April 1881. The Census records who was at that address over the Sunday night to Monday morning.

The information included name, relationship to the Head of the Family, Condition (marital status), age & sex, occupation (Rank, Profession or Occupation), where born and whether the person was Deaf-and-Dumb, Blind, Imbecile, Idiot or Lunatic.

The following is a transcript of the information about the Lock House:

Address: Lock House, St Thomas. The property was listed as number 108 on the Schedule.

Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Born	Occupation	Where born
Edwin Wall	Head	Mar	M	32	~1849	Canal Lab	Penkridge, Staffs
Clara E Wall	wife	Mar	F	38	~1843		Bradley, Staffs
Charles J Wall	son		M	16	~1865	Farmers Boy	Penkridge, Staffs
William E Wall	son		M	11	~1870	Scholar	Cannock, Staffs
Fredrick G Wall	son		M	8	~1873	Scholar	Cannock, Staffs
Edwin F Wall	son		M	3	~1878		Berkswich, Staffs

None of the Family was listed as Deaf-and-Dumb, Blind, Imbecile, Idiot or Lunatic.

Reference: 1881 Census: RG11 / Piece Number 2686 / Folio 118 / Page 20.

1891 CENSUS

This Census was taken on the night of Sunday 5 April 1891. The Census records who was at that address over the Sunday night to Monday morning.

The information included name, relationship to the Head of the Family, Condition (marital status), age & sex, occupation (Profession or Occupation), whether an employer, employed or neither; where born and whether the person was Deaf-and-Dumb, Blind, an Imbecile, an Idiot or a Lunatic.

The following is a transcript of the information about the Lock House:

Address: Berkswich. The property was listed as number 24 on the Schedule.

Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Born	Occupation	Where born
Alfred Hall	Head	M	M	32	~1859	Pointsman LNWR ^b (Employed)	Hopton, Staffordshire
Emma Louisa Hall	Wife	M	F	30	~1861		Milford, Staffordshire
Edith Annie Hall	Daur	S	F	8	~1883		Queensville, Staffordshire
William James Hall	Son	S	M	6	~1885		Queensville, Staffordshire
Emily Louisa Hall	Daur	S	F	4	~1887		Queensville, Staffordshire
Alice Maria Hall	Daur	S	F	2	~1889		Queensville, Staffordshire
Lucy Ellen Hall	Daur	S	F	5 mo	~1890		Berkswich, Staffordshire

None of the Family was listed as Deaf-and-Dumb, Blind, Imbecile, Idiot or Lunatic.

Note: (b) LNWR = London and North West Railway

Reference: 1891 Census: RG12 / Piece Number 2137 / Folio 99 / Page 5.

1901 CENSUS

This Census was taken on the night of Sunday 31 March 1901. The Census records who was at that address over the Sunday night to Monday morning.

The information included name, relationship to the Head of the Family, Condition (marital status), age & sex, occupation (Profession or Occupation), whether an employer, employed or own account, or whether working at home; where born and whether the person was Deaf-and-Dumb, Blind, Lunatic, Imbecile or feeble-minded.

The following is a transcript of the information about the Lock House:

Address: Lock House, Berkswich. The property was listed as number 32 on the Schedule.

Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Born	Occupation	Where born
Harry Holloway	Head	M	M	33	~1868	Foreman Platelayer (Worker)	Stafford, Staffs
Martha Holloway	Wife	M	F	33	~1868		Montgomery
John Holloway	Son	S	M	10	~1891		Stafford, Staffs
Clara Holloway	dau ^r	S	F	8	~1893		Stafford, Staffs
Ethel Holloway	dau ^r	S	F	4	~1897		Stafford, Staffs

None of the Family was listed as Deaf-and-Dumb, Blind, Lunatic, Imbecile or feeble-minded.

Reference: 1901 Census: RG13 / Piece Number 2569 / Folio 107 / Page 6.

1911 CENSUS

This Census was taken on the night of Sunday 2 April 1911. The Census records who was at that address over the Sunday night to Monday morning. It was the first Census where the Head of the Household completed the household return.

The information included name, relationship to the Head of the Family, Condition (marital status) and years married (with number of children born alive, children still living and children who had died), age & sex, occupation (Profession or Occupation of persons aged 10 years and upwards), whether an employer, worker or working on own account, or whether working at home; where born and whether the person was Deaf-and-Dumb, Blind, Lunatic, Imbecile or feeble-minded.

The following is a transcript of the information about the Lock House:

Address: Lock House, Baswich, Stafford. The property was listed as number 37 on the Schedule.

Name	Relation	Sex	Age	Born	Condition	Occupation	Where born
Harry Holloway	Head	M	44	~1867	Married	Ganger Platelayer (Railway Company)	Yarlet, Stafford
Martha Holloway	Wife	F	44	~1867	Married 21 years		Wales, Western
John Holloway	Son	M	20	~1891	Single	Labourer (Gas Works)	Stafford, Staffs
Ethel Holloway	Daughter	F	14	~1897	-		Stafford
Tom Holloway	Son	M	9	~1902	-		Baswich, Stafford
Edith Holloway	Daughter	D	7	~1904	-		Baswich, Stafford
Gertrude Holloway	Daughter	D	3	~1908	-		Baswich. Stafford

In addition, it was recorded that Harry and Martha Holloway had been married for 21 years and had 7 children born alive, of whom 1 had died and the other 6 were living.

This Census also confirmed that the Lock House consisted of 4 rooms. A kitchen was to be counted as a room but a “scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; warehouse, office or shop” were not.

Reference: 1911 Census: RG14 / PN16334 / RG78PN1013 / RD357 / SD1 / ED1 / SN37.

RG14 = Registrar General and the 14 identifies the record as a household schedule.

PN = Piece Number

RG78 = Registrar General and 78 is the Enumerator’s Summary Book code.

RD = Registration District

SD = Registration Sub-District

ED = Enumeration District

SN = Schedule Number within the Household Schedules

1921 CENSUS

This Census was taken on the night of Sunday 19 June 1921. The Census recorded who was at that address over the Sunday night to Monday morning. The information is scheduled for release in 2022.

There were some changes compared with the 1911 Census. The question about the number of children was dropped, as was that relating to being blind or deaf-and-dumb. Additional questions concerned where a person worked (and the nature of the work) and whether a person was divorced. There were also some questions about educational qualifications.

I expect this Census to include the following information:

Address: Lock House, Baswich, Stafford.

Harry Holloway (Head) aged 54 and Martha Holloway (Wife) aged 54,

and possibly:

John Holloway (Son) aged 30, Tom Holloway (Son) aged 19, and Edith Holloway (Daughter) aged 17.

Note

The Census should have been on 24 April 1921 but was postponed until 19 June because of threatened industrial action by rail and transport workers in support of the coal miners.

1931 CENSUS

This Census was taken on the night of Sunday 26 April 1931.

There was an additional question asking about a person's usual place of residence as opposed to where they actually stayed that night.

The information would have been released in 2032.

However, all the 1931 census records for England & Wales were destroyed by fire at a warehouse where they were stored in Hayes (Middlesex) on the night of Saturday 19 December 1942 during the Second World War – not as a result of enemy action but most likely due to a discarded cigarette.

I suspect this Census would have included the following information:

Address: The Lock House, Baswich, Stafford.

Leslie Shaw (Head) aged 27, Isabella Shaw (Wife) aged 25 and their children.*

* = Privacy respected.

1939 NATIONAL REGISTRATION

This Wartime Registration took place on Friday 29 September 1939 for the civilian population of England & Wales for the issuing of National Identity Cards. The information included name, sex, address, date of birth, marital status and occupation, and whether they were a member of the armed forces or reserves.

I expect this Registration includes the following information:

Address: The Lock House, Baswich, Stafford.

Name	Sex	Date of birth	Marital Status	Occupation
Leslie Leonard Shaw	M	17 February 1904	Married	Iron Moulder
Isabella Shaw	F	6 April 1906	Married	
<i>children*</i>	*	*	All Single	

* = Privacy respected.

Note

Although Parliament announced the abolition of National Identity Cards on 21 February 1952, the 1939 National Registration Data had been used to form the basis of the NHS Central Register when the National Health Service was established on 5 July 1948.

Since January 2010, data about deceased individuals named in the Register has been available for a fee from the NHS Health & Social Care Information Centre [www.ic.nhs.uk/register-service].

1941 CENSUS

This Census did not take place because of the Second World War.

1951 CENSUS

This Census was taken on the night of Sunday 8 April 1951. The Census recorded who was at that address over the Sunday night to Monday morning. The information is scheduled for release in 2052.

The Census asked about household amenities including outside toilets, and reinstated questions about marriage and number of children.

I expect this Census will include the following information about the Lock House:

Address: The Old Lock House, Baswich, Stafford.

Leslie Shaw (Head) aged 47, Isabella Shaw (Wife) aged 44 and their children.*

* = Privacy respected.

1961 CENSUS

This Census was taken on the night of Sunday 23 April 1961. The Census recorded who was at that address over the Sunday night to Monday morning. The information is scheduled for release in 2062.

The results should confirm that there is no entry for the Old Lock House because it no longer existed.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- (a) Census Records 1841-1911, and other documents including
 - (b) Electoral Registers 1918-1956 (Staffordshire Record Office).
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