

# CENSUS

OF THE

ISLAND OF ST. HELENA,



1871.

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Colonial Secretary's Office.  
St. Helena, 20th May, 1871.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit to your Excellency the returns of the Census of the population of this Island, taken on the 7th April 1871, in obedience to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1, of 1871.

Twenty-six enumerators were employed in securing the returns of families on the day appointed, and after examination of the Schedules, I have every reason to believe that the duty has been carefully and accurately performed.

On the last occasion the printed tables of the population contained two divisions only, viz:—Town and Country, but in the present Tables care has been taken to distinguish the different subdivisions of each Parish, as it may frequently be important to know the proportion of the population in each locality.

The Returns show—

1096 Families numbering.....	5838
Garrison .....	302
Shipping.....	101
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	6241
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this is a *decrease* of 619, as compared with 1861, caused by the reduction in the numbers of Garrison and Shipping, but omitting the Garrison and Shipping the Inhabitants are increased from 5496 in 1861 to 5838 in 1871.

I find that the increase in the population through the excess of Births over the number of Deaths should amount to 1045, viz:—

Children living in 1871 under ten.....	1876
Children born since 1861 but who had died before 1871.....	391
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Total Births since 1861.....	2267
Deduct Deaths since 1861.....	1222
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Excess of Births over Deaths.....	1045
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From this must be deducted the number of Emigrants, which average about 60 or 70 persons annually; so that the actual increase

in the number of Inhabitants since 1861 would not exceed the number shewn in the present returns. viz:—342.

It is to be observed that the population of James Town has remained nearly stationary, 3268 in 1861, 3224 in 1871.

This may be attributed to the destruction of a number of tenements by White Ants, which have not been rebuilt, so that the surplus population of the Town have been obliged to move out of Town to the villages at Half Tree Hollow and the Briars.

It is difficult to ascertain the increase in the African portion of the population, because the returns in 1861 made no distinction between the children of Liberated Africans born in the Island, and the native population. There are now 362 of African parentage, and the number of Liberated Africans remaining is 203 giving a total of 565 Africans

The number of houses remain nearly the same as at the last return 390; the few additional buildings in the last ten years being hardly more than equivalent to the number now in ruins from White Ant devastation.

Returns of deaths from 1860 to 1870, classified both according to age and disease are appended. The remarkably healthy character of the last year 1870 deserves attention, only 75 deaths being recorded, the other nine years ranging from 103 to 163 deaths in the year. The total number of deaths during the ten years being 1222, of which 483 were children, chiefly Infants. The high proportion of mortality amongst Infants in a mild and genial climate like St. Helena can only be attributed to the neglect which usually prevails where a large proportion of the children are illegitimate.

The School returns shew 1151 scholars, a large number compared to the total population.

The Gaol returns shew about the same proportion as in 1861. There were only ten prisoners in Gaol on the 7th April, two of them for petty larceny and the others for police offences.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant,

H. R. JANISCH,  
Colonial Secretary.

His Excellency

Admiral PATEY,  
Governor,

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TABLE NO. 1.

RETURN showing the total population of the Island of St. Helena including Inhabitants, Garrison and Shipping on the night of the 7th April, 1871.

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Remarks.
<b>JAMES TOWN PARISH.</b>				<b>Town.</b>
James Town ...	1341	1622	2963	} In 1861 ..... 3268
Ruperts Valley ...	44	55	99	
Briars Village ...	71	91	162	} In 1871 ..... 3224
				Decrease ..... 44
<b>COUNTRY.</b>				
St. Matthew's Parish .....	265	302	567	} <b>Country.</b>
<b>ST. PAUL'S PARISH.</b>				
Half Tree Hollow Village	172	265	437	
Lemon Valley ..	19	19	38	
Sandy Bay ..	246	254	500	
Central ..	291	307	598	} In 1871 ..... 2614
West of Casons Gate } and Bluemans Hill }	232	242	474	
				Increase .... 386
				<b>Total.</b>
Total ...	2681	3157	5838	} In 1861 ..... 5496
				In 1871 ..... 5838
				Increase ..... 342
Garrison ...	217	85	302	
Shipping ...	101		101	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2999</b>	<b>3242</b>	<b>6241</b>	

TABLE No. 2.

## AGES.

Population classified according to Ages.

MALES.	10 & under	20 & under	30 & under	40 & under	50 & under	60 & under	70 & under	80 & under	90 & under	100 & under	Total.
<b>JAMES' TOWN PARISH</b>											
James' Town....	424	335	194	163	118	61	30	15	1	0	1341
Ruperts Valley..	17	8	4	6	5	4	0	0	0	0	44
Briars Village....	20	15	10	11	10	4	1	0	0	0	71
<b>ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH</b>	99	65	32	25	15	17	8	3	1	0	265
<b>ST. PAUL'S PARISH.</b>											
Half Tree-Hollow											
Village.....	64	43	26	10	12	13	3	1	0	0	172
Lemon Valley...	9	2	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	19
Sandy Bay. ....	103	49	28	27	16	12	6	4	1	0	246
Central. ....	110	69	30	21	30	16	8	7	0	0	291
West of Casons											
Gate. ....	78	59	29	32	15	9	4	6	0	0	232
<b>Total Males..</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2681</b>
<b>FEMALES.</b>											
<b>JAMES' TOWN PARISH.</b>											
James' Town....	452	400	276	196	143	87	41	20	5	2	1622
Ruperts Valley...	11	23	7	9	2	2	1	0	0	0	55
Briars Village....	30	21	16	10	7	6	1	0	0	0	91
<b>ST. MATTHEWS PARISH</b>	92	78	53	32	17	19	7	3	1	0	302
<b>ST. PAUL'S PARISH.</b>											
Half-Tree-Hollow											
Village.....	87	63	53	23	20	16	0	2	1	0	265
Lemon Valley...	6	6	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	19
Sandy Bay.....	78	63	45	27	10	13	11	6	1	0	254
Central... ..	91	75	57	29	34	16	2	2	1	0	307
West of Casons											
Gate....	105	40	42	25	15	9	3	6	0	0	242
<b>Total Females...</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3157</b>
<b>Total Males and Females. ....</b>	<b>1876</b>	<b>1414</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5838</b>

TABLE No. 3.

Shewing the proportion of the Native to the whole population—  
Garrison and Shipping not included.

	PLACES OF BIRTH						Total.
	United Kingdom.	British Colonies.	St. Helena.	Offspring Children of Liberated Africans born in St. Helena.	Liberated Africans.	Foreign.	
<b>JAMES TOWN PARISH.</b>							
James Town.....	79	15	2589	155	100	25	2963
Ruperts Valley.....	1	0	60	23	13	2	99
Briars Village.....	8	1	118	22	13	0	162
<b>ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH.</b>	19	2	480	41	18	7	567
<b>ST. PAUL'S PARISH.</b>							
Half-Tree-Hollow Village	2	0	401	24	10	0	437
Lemon Valley.....	1	0	37	0	0	0	38
Sandy Bay.....	6	0	476	13	5	0	500
Central.....	30	9	486	49	22	2	598
West of Casons Gate....	4	0	413	35	22	0	474
<b>Total 1871...</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5060</b>	<b>*362</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5838</b>
<b>Nos. in last Census 1861....</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4844</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>5496</b>

\* Children of Liberated Africans born in St. Helena are not distinguished in the Census for 1861, but included under the head of St. Helena.

TABLE No. 4

Return of Deaths during the last Ten years classified according to diseases.  
(Seamen and Passengers not included).

DISEASES,	1861	1862	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868	1869	1870	Total.
Abscess - - -	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	2	1	9
Accidental - - -	9	3	5	5	1	0	2	3	5	5	38
Apoplexy - - -	3	3	0	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	15
Asthma - - -	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	5
Brain - - -	1	3	2	4	3	4	4	1	4	7	33
Bronchitis - - -	2	5	1	5	6	3	9	2	6	1	50
Cancer - - -	1	2	1	2	1	5	0	1	0	1	14
Consumption - - -	18	14	12	13	23	15	21	14	13	14	157
Croup - - -	5	0	2	0	17	9	1	0	0	0	34
Debility (infants)	9	9	5	8	4	12	9	9	7	4	76
Diarrhoea - - -	2	2	1	0	2	3	2	9	19	4	44
Delirium Tremens	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
Dropsy - - -	5	2	1	3	2	1	2	2	0	0	18
Diphtheria - - -	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	7
Dysentery - - -	6	9	9	2	7	10	9	7	6	4	69
Epilepsy - - -	3	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	11
Fever - - -	12	15	8	7	17	4	0	3	5	4	75
Heart - - -	1	4	2	7	4	3	8	3	7	2	41
Hooping Cough - - -	0	0	0	10	17	0	0	0	0	0	27
Inflam: Bowels - - -	4	7	2	2	4	4	9	3	5	6	46
Inflam: Lungs - - -	13	6	8	1	9	5	16	2	1	3	64
Influenza - - -	0	0	21	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	23
Leprosy - - -	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Liver - - -	0	1	4	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	10
Natural Decay - - -	18	12	15	10	9	4	23	13	6	6	116
Premature Birth - - -	2	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	9
Paralysis - - -	1	2	0	0	4	3	2	6	5	3	26
Sore Throat - - -	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Syphilis - - -	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	3	2	14
Tetanus - - -	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	7
Teething and Con- vulsions - - - }	10	15	9	6	15	4	4	3	2	2	70
Various - - -	17	14	10	13	10	15	10	4	7	4	104
Total - - -	152	135	125	106	163	115	141	103	107	75	1222

TABLE No. 5

Return of Deaths during the last Ten years classified according to Ages, (Seamen and Passengers, not included.

AGES.			1861	1862	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868	1869	1870	Total
10	&	under	46	62	38	49	91	51	39	37	47	23	483
20	&	"	10	10	8	8	12	6	8	6	7	6	81
30	&	"	23	19	15	14	22	8	11	14	16	6	148
40	&	"	20	10	16	9	10	11	18	6	7	7	114
50	&	"	10	5	10	5	7	11	13	11	4	13	89
60	&	"	10	8	9	5	11	9	11	7	10	9	89
70	&	"	13	9	9	4	5	8	19	9	5	5	86
80	&	"	10	7	13	9	4	7	16	7	8	5	86
Above 80 yrs.			10	5	7	3	1	4	6	6	3	1	46
Totals..			152	135	125	106	163	115	141	103	107	75	1222

TABLE No. 6.

TABLE shewing the number of Schools and Scholars 1870.

Schools.						Scholars					
Government	Benevolent Society.	Hussey Charity.	Baptist.	Others.	Total.	Government	Benevolent Society	Hussey Charity	Baptists	Others	Total
5	3	2	4	4	18	442	256	101	233	119	1151

TABLE NO. 7.

TABLE shewing the accommodation in the Places of Public Worship.

Number of Places of Worship.						Total.		Number of Sitzings.			
Church of England.		Protestant Dissenters.		Roman Catholic.							
Separate Buildings,	Others.	Separate Buildings.	Others.	Separate Buildings.	Others.	Separate Buildings.	Others.	Church of England.	Protestant Dissenters.	Roman Catholic	Total.
4	2	3	1	0	1	7	4	1340	540	200	2080

TABLE NO. 8

TABLE shewing the number of Convictions for Criminal Offences during 1870.

Supreme Court.	Summary Police Convictions.									
	Inhabitants.						Seamen.			
	Inhabitants.	Inhabitants.					Seamen.			
Larceny.	Drunk and Disorderly.	Assault.	Petty Theft.	Vagrants.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Drunk and Disorderly	Refusal of Duty.	Others.	Total
6	144	36	46	2	156	384	27	7	15	49

TABLE No. 9.

Table shewing the numbers of the several classes and conditions.

MALES.	
No....	Government Officers.
24	Professions.
13	Merchants and Shopkeepers.
37	Farmers and Gardeners.
94	Tradesmen and Apprentices.
194	Mercantile Clerks.
17	Boatmen and Fishermen.
196	Domestics.
163	Laborers.
650	Pensioners & Houseproprietors.
22	Schoolmasters and Teachers.
9	Police.
11	Mariners.
36	Disabled and Infirm.
17	Lunatics.
638	Occupation not stated.
1154	Children.
2681	Total.
639	Married.
59	Widowers.

FEMALES.	
No....	Annuitants and House Proprietors.
85	Seamstresses.
175	Domestics.
361	Laundresses.
407	Laborers.
100	Shopkeepers.
16	Schoolmistresses and Teachers.
17	Nurses and Midwives.
35	Disabled and Infirm.
48	Lunatics.
4	Occupation not stated.
672	Children.
1285	Total.
3157	Married.
663	Widows.
206	