

C E N S U S

OF THE

ISLAND OF ST. HELENA

IN

1911.



ST. HELENA.

Printed at the Government Printing Office by B. E. GRANT.

1911.

The Castle,
St. Helena,
30th June, 1911.

Sir,

YOUR Excellency having been pleased to direct, by Proclamation dated 25th March last, that the decennial Census of the Colony should be taken on the 9th April, and that we should supervise the work; and acting under Government Notification dated 20th March, 1911, issued in terms with Ordinance No. 6 of 1906, which provided for collecting information regarding livestock within the Colony on Census Night; we now beg to inform you that we have completed our tabulation, and have the honour to submit the result, embodied in the ten Tables annexed hereto.

2. The Island was divided for this work into fourteen districts, Jamestown being sub-divided into seven divisions. This was done to make it possible for each Enumerator to collect all returns on the day following Census Night. Each district was clearly defined on a map, also in a book, issued to each Enumerator, the contents of which were carefully explained to each one at the same time that detailed instructions were given them on all matters connected with their duties. All the Enumerators appointed were men of intelligence, and we note with pleasure that their work was most efficiently performed.

3. In the householders' Schedules the following additional information, which was not called for in the 1901 Census, was provided for, viz:—

- (a) Condition as to marriage.
- (b) Religions.

4. In all 796 Schedules were received and tabulated. This is the first time in the history of St. Helena, as a British Possession, from 1673 downwards, that there has been no Garrison to record.

5. From the returns it will be seen that the total population on Census Night of each sex was as follows :—

	Persons.	Males.	Females.
Inhabitants.	3443	1581	1862
E.T.C. Staff.	34	34	—
Shipping	43	43	
	<u>3520</u>	<u>1658</u>	<u>1862</u>

This figure, 3520, nearly agrees with the estimated population on the 31st December, 1910, as given in the Colony's Blue Book for that year.

6. The following summary shows a comparison with the civil population enumerated at the previous Census, the Garrison, Prisoners, Shipping, and E.T.C. Staff being excluded :—

	Persons.	Males.	Females.
Inhabitants, 1901.	3342	1534	1808
„ 1911.	3443	1581	1862
Increase—	<u>101</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>54</u>

showing a total increase in ten years of 101 persons, due partly to the excess of births over deaths, and to a lesser number of inhabitants emigrating to South Africa during the past decade. The females exceeded the males by 17·77 per cent., as compared with 17·86 in 1901. The density of the population including all heads, with the exception of the Shipping, being 74 persons to the square mile, as compared with 227·6 in 1901, when a large Garrison and Boer prisoners of war, interned here, were included in the population.

7. It will be observed from Table VII that the increase in the population, caused by the excess of Births over Deaths during the interval of ten years, was 460; whilst the excess of Emigrants over Immigrants for the same period was 529; thereby giving the number of inhabitants as 3273, a discrepancy of 170 persons as compared with the actual number returned. This discrepancy indicates that the records of arrivals and departures were not accurately kept.

There were still 9 of the original Liberated West African Settlers living at the taking of the present Census. These Africans were brought here during the period 1841 to 1851, when the number was 652.

8. The school returns show a total of 675 scholars, an increase of 61 as compared with 1901. Table X to this report gives additional information as regards degrees of elementary education. The figures against the Baptist Sunday School being excluded, as secular tuition is not given at that School.

9. In Table V under the column "Condition as to Marriage" at each quinquennial period, the following information is given:—

935 of both sexes and all ages were returned as "Married", 175 as "Widowed", and 2367 as "Single". The married male population was 437, and the female 498; a preponderance of 61 females, which preponderance is accounted for by the fact that a large number of husbands are employed in South Africa, and in vessels at sea. As this information is given for the first time no comparison under this head can be drawn.

10. Under the head "Religions", the Church of England group forms a far larger proportion (nearly 86 per cent.) than the whole of the other denominations put together. The "Baptist" comes next with 9.72.

The following table shows the proportion per cent. to population (excluding shipping) under this head:—

Religion.	No.	Proportion per cent. to total population.
Church of England.	2988	85.93
Baptist.	338	9.72
Salvation Army.	108	3.11
Roman Catholic.	31	0.90
Presbyterian & Wesleyan.	11	0.32
Not stated.	1	0.02
	<hr/> 3477 <hr/>	<hr/> 100.00 <hr/>

This information has not been collected on former occasions.

11. There were 574 houses returned as inhabited, and 82 as uninhabited. At the time the Census was taken no houses were being built. Churches, Store-rooms, and Schools are not included in the above totals.

12. The following figures show a comparison of accommodation of the population with the figures given in the 1891 Census Report. No comparison can be given for 1901 as this information was not collated, at that period, from the Householders' Schedules, viz:—

Census.	Persons living in 1 Room.	do. in 2 Rooms.	do. in 3 Rooms.	do. in 4 Rooms.	do. in 5 Rooms & over.
1891.	824.	1135.	670.	233.	1015.
1911.	560.	915.	634.	372.	996.

When it is borne in mind that the majority of dwellings occupied by the poor are very small, with an average cubical space of 1110 feet, the statistics point to a state of overcrowding. The figures, however, for 1911 show an improvement as compared with similar information collected in 1891.

13. The Livestock returns shew an increase under all heads, with the exception of Mules. The decrease in the number of mules is accounted for by the fact that in 1901 the Imperial Government imported a large number, for use in connection with the Boer prisoners. On the repatriation of those prisoners most of the Government mules were sent to South Africa.

The following figures give a comparison of Livestock for the years 1901 and 1911:—

	1901.	1911.
Horses	120.	152.
Mules...	119.	36.
Cattle...	1014.	1271.
Sheep...	2094.	4446.
Goats'...	1011.	1138.
Swine...	280.	282.
Asses...	774.	1149.

The above comparison is unfortunately very inaccurate, as in 1901 there was no law to compel stock owners to make a return of their livestock, with the result that one of the largest owners of stock declined to make any return that year.

The number of goats reported can only be taken as a mere approximation, it being almost impossible for the owners to know exactly their stock. These animals are not regularly impounded as is done in the case of sheep. Again there are a large number of goats at large on Government waste lands. To the above number five hundred head may be added.

14. The number of acres of land returned by Householders as being in their possession on Census Night was 7220.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servants,

ROBT. R. BRUCE, } Supervisors.
A. HANDS, }

To

His Excellency,

Sir H. L. GALLWEY, K.C.M.G., D.S.O.,

Governor & Commander-in-Chief.

St. Helena.

TABLE NO 1.

Table showing Total Population including Shipping and Garrison on the night of April 9th, 1911, as compared with 1901.

1901.

DISTRICT.	Area Square Miles.	POPULATION.															
		Inhabitants.			Garrison.				Shipping.			Boer Prisoners of War.			TOTAL.		
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Children.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	Censors.	M.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Jamestown ... }	6	635	804	1439	1428	35	69	1532	320	1	321	5	4650	4655	7038	909	7947
Ruperts and Briars ... }		52	77	129											52	77	129
Longwood to Rock Rose... }	16½	212	221	433											212	221	433
Half-Tree Hollow and Lemon Valley }		158	226	384											158	226	384
Sandy Bay ... }	24½	119	130	249											119	130	249
Central ... }		171	174	345											171	174	345
West of Cason's Gate ... }		187	176	363											187	176	363
	47	1534	1808	3342	1428	35	69	1532	320	1	321	5	4650	4655	7937	1913	9850

TABLE No. 1, (Continued).

Census, 1911.

District.	Area Square Miles.	Inhabitants.			E.T.C. Staff.	Shipping.			Total.		
		M.	F.	Total.	Total M.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Jamestown ...	6	603	768	1371	243			43	648	768	1416
Ruperts ...		19	22	41					19	22	41
Briars ...		56	61	117	26				82	61	143
Longwood to Rock-Rose ...	16½	178	179	357	1				179	179	358
Half-Tree Hollow and Lemon Valley...	24½	354	431	785	1				355	431	786
Sandy Bay ...		103	105	208					103	105	208
Central ...		171	200	371	4				175	200	375
West of Cason's Gate ...		97	96	193					97	96	193
	47	1581	1862	3443	34	43		43	1658	1862	3520

Table No. 2.

Showing the Male Population, classified to Occupation, Ages, and Conditions.

DISTRICT.				Colonial Officials	Professions	Merchants & Shopkeepers	Farmers & Gardeners	Mechanics & Apprentices	Mercantile Clerks	Boatmen & Fishermen	Domestics	Labourers	Pensioners	Schoolmasters & Teachers	Police	Mariners	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Imbecile or Idiot	Lunatic	Cripple	No occupation	Children under 14 years	Paupers	East'n. Tel. Coy.	Total
Town...	...	...	...	8	5	21	4	29	2	63	21	152	8	1	3	26		1	2	4	1	7	234	11	2	605
Briars	...	...	...	2		1	1	5		3	6	4					1		1			6	26	26		82
Ruperts	...	...	...							3	1	8											7			19
Longwood	...	...	...	1	2	2	11	6			8	58							1		1	7	81	1		179
Half-Tree Hollow	...	...	...	6	2	4	16	6		18	19	106	5	3	1							12	156	1		355
Central	...	...	...	5	3	1	11	2	2		4	66		1					1			2	73	4		175
Casons	...	...	...				14				1	48		1			1						32			97
Sandy Bay	...	...	...			1	11	2		4		41		1							1	2	40			103
				22	12	30	68	50	4	91	60	483	13	7	4	26		2	1	5	4	336	649	11	34	1615

TABLE No. 2 (Continued.)

District.	Ages.											Total	Single	Married	Widowers	Total
	Under 10	Under 14	Under 20	Under 30	Under 40	Under 50	Under 60	Under 70	Under 80	Under 90						
Town	175	61	105	88	48	43	30	38	11	6	605	425	150	30	605	
Briars	21	6	7	25	9	7	2	1	3	1	82	60	20	2	82	
Ruperts... ..	4	3	5	2		3	1		1		19	14	3	2	19	
Longwood	65	15	23	30	15	12	6	6	6	1	179	127	47	5	179	
Half-Tree Hollow	121	37	38	41	36	27	22	22	8	3	355	237	103	15	355	
Central	52	20	23	24	25	12	8	7	3	1	175	123	49	3	175	
Casons	26	7	12	23	8	4	7	6	4		97	68	28	1	97	
Sandy Bay	33	7	11	18	9	13	1	8	1	2	103	63	37	3	103	
	497	156	224	251	150	121	77	88	37	14	1615	1117	437	61	1615	

Table No. 3.

Showing Female Population classified to Occupation, Ages, and Conditions.

DISTRICT				Seamstresses	Domestics	Laundresses	Lace Makers	Merchants and Shopkeepers	Schoolmistresses and Teachers	Nurses and Midwives	Disabled and Infirm	Occupation not stated	Colonial Officials	Children under 14	Paupers	Deaf and Dumb	Blind	Imbecile or Idiot	Lunatic	Cripple	Total.
Town...	...	...	...	26	139	141	19	14	14	7	12	115	5	249	12	4	1	3	3	4	768
Briars	...	...	...		11	2						29		19							61
Raperts	...	...	...		2	6		1				5		8							22
Longwood to Rock Rose	...	...	...		37	14	2			1	6	47		70				1		1	179
Half-Tree Hollow	...	...	...	20	44	72	15	1	3	3	17	97		156						3	431
Central	...	...	...	8	29	17	1		2	1	4	61		75				1		1	200
Casons	...	...	...		3	5	6				2	53		26						1	96
Sandy Bay	...	...	...	3	10	30	15				2	9		35						1	103
				57	275	287	58	16	19	12	43	416	5	638	12	4	1	5	3	11	1862

Table No. 4.

Showing the proportion of the Native to the whole Population.

					St. Helena—Native	United Kingdom	British Colonies	Switzerland	West Coast of Africa	United States of America	Austria	France	Germany	Spain and Portugal	Chili	South America	India	Total	12.
Females	...	....	....	....	1800	26	24	1	5			3	2				1	1862	
Males	...	...	...	...	1518	55	24		4	2	1	4		3	1	1	2	1615	
					3318	81	48	1	9	2	1	7	2	3	1	1	3	3477	

Table No. 5.

Table showing Dwellings, No. of Persons, Males and Females of the different Religions in detail, and different degrees of conjugal condition at each decennial age period.

DISTRICT	Area Square Miles	Houses		Religions								Age Period	Condition as to Marriage in combination with Ages.									Total
		Occupied	Unoccupied	Building	Church of England	Roman Catholic	Weslyan	Baptist	Salvation Army	Not stated	Presbyterian		Married			Widowed			Single			
													Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	
Town, Briars, Ruperts ...	6	215	47	1352	15	1	138	45	1	5	0—9							200	199			
											10—19			2				187	168			
											20—29	34	49			1		83	82			
											30—39	43	59		1	4		12	37			
											40—49	40	46		6	13		8	43			
											50—59	22	24		7	14		4	26			
											60—69	23	17		9	13		4	14			
											70—79	8	9		8	11		1	6			
											80—89	3	2		3	7			3			
											90—99					2						
											381	173	208	99	34	65	1077	499	578			
Longwood to Rock Rose ...	16½	61	4	343	10		3	1	1	0—9							61	52				
										10—19	1						39	42				
										20—29	13	13					18	19				
										30—39	10	11		1			4	12				
										40—49	10	9			3		3	1				
										50—59	5	5					1	1				
										60—69	4	2		1	2		1					
										70—79	3	4		3	1			1				
										80—89	1				1							
																					91	47	44	12	5	7	255	127	128
Half-Tree-Hollow & Lemon Valley... Sandy Bay, Central ...	24½	298	31	1293	6	19	7	62	4	0—9							225	218				
										10—19			4				160	181				
										20—29	40	58					72	73				
										30—39	61	79			1		14	20				
										40—49	43	44		1			12	22				
										50—59	28	32		2	12		6	8				
										60—69	34	19		10	14		2	6				
										70—79	8	8		6	10			5				
										80—89	3	2		3	3			2				
										90—99					2							
											463	217	246	64	22	42	1035	491	544			
Grand Totals...											935	437	498	175	61	114	2367	1117	1250	3477		

Table No. 6.

Table showing the Population of the Colony, at each of the stated periods; distinguishing Sex, and exhibiting the decrease or increase as compared with the previous Census since 1851.

Census.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Difference from previous Census.		No. of Females to 100 Males.	Remarks.
Years				Decrease.	Increase.		
1851	2973	2517	5490		1285	84.6	Exclusive of Garrison 704
1861	2610	2886	5496		6	110.5	{ „ Shipping 416
1871	2681	3157	5838		342	117.7	{ „ Garrison 302 „ Shipping 101
1881	2069	2442	4511	1327		117.9	{ „ Garrison 238 „ Shipping 310
1891	1775	2102	3877	634		118.4	{ „ Garrison 179 „ Shipping 60
1901	1531	1808	3342	535		117.8	{ „ Garrison 1532 „ Prisoners of War 4655 „ Shipping 321
1911	1581	1862	3443		101	117.7	{ „ Shipping 43 „ E.T.C. Staff 34

Table No. 7.

Showing the number of Births and Deaths at different age periods, registered from April, 1901, to April, 1911.
Also Emigrants and Immigrants for the same period.

Period.	Births.	Deaths.									Total.	Excess of Births over Deaths.	Excess of Deaths over Births.	Emigrants.	Immigrants.	Remarks.
		Under 10	Under 20	Under 30	Under 40	Under 50	Under 60	Under 70	Under 80	Under 90						
8th April to 31st December, 1901.	102	16	8	19	27	28	13	19	9	3	142*		40	48	56	* Prisoners of War included.
Year—1902 ...	165	47	24	34	30	21	27	28	16	8	235*		70	72	56	do. do. do.
„ 1903 ...	146	28	4	6	9	5	5	4	7	8	76	70		129	66	
„ 1904 ...	122	13	2	4	2	3	6	3	12	7	52	70		83	81	
„ 1905 ...	136	15	3	6	2		10	7	7	6	56	80		85	69	
„ 1906 ...	118	14	3	5	1	3	3	6	9	2	46	72		97	38	
„ 1907 ...	134	11	2	6			1	1	7	8	36	98		183	72	
„ 1908 ...	84	9	3	2	4	1	2	3	4	9	37	47		72	55	
„ 1909 ...	96	9		3	2	3	1	3	1	5	27	69		79	43	
„ 1910 ...	87	7		6	1	2	8	7	7	2	40	47		203	27	
1st January to 9th April, 1911...	25				1	1		2	3	1	8	17		49	14	
	1215	169	49	91	79	67	76	83	82	59	755	570	110	1109	571	

Table No. 8.

Table showing Accommodation of Population.

1 Room.			2 Rooms.			3 Rooms.			4 Rooms.		
No. of Families.	Family of	Total No. of Persons.	No. of Families.	Family of	Total No. of Persons.	No. of Families.	Family of	Total No. of Persons.	No. of Families.	Family of	Total No. of Persons.
47	1	47	19	1	19	11	1	11	3	1	3
44	2	88	41	2	82	22	2	44	10	2	20
38	3	114	28	3	84	17	3	51	8	3	24
22	4	88	43	4	172	23	4	92	7	4	28
21	5	105	24	5	120	14	5	70	10	5	50
11	6	66	27	6	162	25	6	150	8	6	48
5	7	35	13	7	91	13	7	91	7	7	49
1	8	8	16	8	128	6	8	48	6	8	48
1	9	9	1	9	9	4	9	36	3	9	27
			2	10	20	3	10	30	3	10	30
			1	13	13	1	11	11	3	11	33
			1	15	15				1	12	12
190		560	216		915	139		634	69		372

Families.	Persons.
1 Room — 190	560
2 Rooms — 216	915
3 „ — 139	634
4 „ — 69	372
Over 5 Rooms — 182	996
796	3177

Table No. 9.
LIVE STOCK.

—0—

Table showing number of Live Stock in each of the periods stated.

		1901.	1911.	Remarks.
Horses ...	...	120	152	139
Cattle ...	...	1014	1271	1100
Sheep ...	...	2094	4446	4000
Goats ...	...	1011	1138	1100
Swine ...	...	280	282	260
Asses ...	...	774	1149	* Property of Imperial Govern- ment.
Mules ...	...	* 119	+ 36	+ Owned by Colonial Government and private Individuals.

Table No. 10.

Showing the number of Schools, and Scholars on the Rolls on 9th April, 1911, showing also degrees of Elementary Education.

Schools.	Total Scholars on the Rolls.	How maintained.
GOVERNMENT—3 Schools	No.	Colonial Government.
	Standard I 103	
	„ II 100	
	„ III 52	
	„ IV 30	
	„ V 33	
	„ VI 8	
	„ VII 5	
	331	
HUSSEY CHARITY—4 Schools	Standard I 85	By a bequest of Miss Rebecca Hussey.
	„ II 36	
	„ III 48	
	„ IV 31	
	„ V 29	
	„ VI 10	
	„ VII 3	
	242	
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY—1 School	Standard I 56	By voluntary contributions and income from investments.
	„ II 25	
	„ III 9	
	„ IV 6	
	„ V 6	
	102	
Total Schools—8	Grand total—675	