

**C E N S U S**

OF THE

*ISLAND OF ST. HELENA*

IN

**1931.**

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ST. HELENA.

B. E. GRANT, GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

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1931

Longwood Villa,  
22nd May, 1931.

His Excellency  
Sir Charles H. Harper, K.B.E., C.M.G.,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour of submitting my Report on the Censuses of this Island and Ascension which were taken on the night of April 26th.

I desire to point out to Your Excellency that the figures in the accompanying tables are abstracted from the information supplied in answer to the questions on the schedule only.

This is the first occasion on which a Census of Ascension has been taken and, therefore, the details, as compared with those of St. Helena, would appear to be incomplete. I have, however, endeavoured to make them as complete as possible.

(1) After the 20 persons named on the attached list had accepted the invitation of the Hon'ble Govt. Secretary to act as Enumerators they were requested to attend a meeting at the Castle on April 18th to discuss and thereby make themselves familiar with the details of the Census Schedule.

All the Enumerators, Mr. Cullen, and myself attended the meeting.

At the end of the meeting the Schedules were distributed to the Enumerators in order that they might have ample time in which to deliver them and, also, that the recipients might have good time in which to study them.

(2) The completed Schedules finally reached me on the evening of May 4th and in this connection I may mention that the Enumerators, in order to assure as much accuracy as possible, were themselves obliged to fill in a large proportion of the Schedules. Generally they did their work satisfactorily.

(3) There was no Shipping in the Port on the night of the Census.

(4) Regarding Table 5, 872 Schedules were actually issued 851 of which may be taken as a fair estimate of the number of "Occupied" houses. The Census Schedule, however, calls for no return of 'Unoccupied' houses. The number under the latter heading may reasonably be taken as negligible. Under a dozen suitable for occupation by Europeans would be a fair estimate.

(5) The return of Live Stock (Table II) whilst not entirely inaccurate must necessarily be regarded as being only approximate.

The psychological outlook of many of the small Live Stock owners is that a true return would make them appear too affluent and possibly be the means of the levying of a tax.

(6) Regarding Table 5, I would respectfully submit that if figures may be taken as an indication there would appear to be some improvement in the housing conditions inasmuch that there are fewer people living in houses of one room and upwards since the 1921 Census. A close scrutiny of the individual schedules, however, somewhat contradicts the foregoing evidence and indicates overcrowding.

The acreage of land returned as being in the possession of Householders amounts to 6892 acres made up as follows:—

Smallholders	(Under 100 acres)	1752
Messrs Solomon & Co.	(Approx.)	2000
Messrs Deason Bros.	"	2200
Messrs Thorpe & Sons	"	940

	6892
Acreage in possession of Householders in 1921 Census—	7221

Decrease— 329

These figures indicate a decrease of 329 acres over the 1921 Census. As, however, many of the Smallholders failed to give this information the above figures may be regarded as being approximate.

In conclusion I wish to record my thanks to the Hon. Govt. Secretary, Mr Cullen, and Mr. W. H. Augustus, for the assistance they rendered me.

I have the honour to remain

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

W. E. JACKSON.

LIST OF ENUMERATORS AND NUMBER OF SCHEDULES  
ISSUED IN EACH DISTRICT.

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District	No. of Reg- istration & Enumera- tion.	Enumerator.	No. of Schedules issued.
Half Tree Hollow	1	W Augustus, P C Johnson	93
Ruperts	2	R. Bizaare	9
Jamestown	3	A Young, W Corker, S Peters, P C Stevens	320
Hutt's Gate to Longwood	4	A Fowler, H Williams	83
Hutt's Gate to Reck Rose	5	P C Scipio	43
Briars Village -Hutt's Gate	6	B E Grant, M Young	50
Sandy Bay	7	Ed. Constantine, P Isaac	61
Blue Hill	8	Caleb John. F Graham	55
High Point, Rosemary, Farm Lodge.	9	A Broadway	33
St. Paul's	10	C George, O Duncan	73
Cleugh's Plain	11	W L Sim	35
Garrison	—	—	17
Total...			872

TABLE No. I.

The total population of St. Helena (including the Garrison) on the Census night amounted to 3995 made up as follows:—

Inhabitants	Persons	Male	Female
85 to Sq. Mile	3995	1904	2091

TABLE No. II.

The following is a Comparative Table of the Population, including the Garrison, for the Censuses of 1921-1931.

Inhabitants	Year	Persons	Male	Female
{	1921	3747	1756	1991
	1931	3995	1904	2091
Increase		248	148	100

TABLE No. III.

The following gives the conditions of Marriage etc., including the Garrison.

	Married	Widowed	Single
1921	1122	163	2463
1931	1351	150	2492
Increase	229	—	30
Decrease	—	13	—

TABLE No. IV.

The following deals with the "Religions" of the Population.

Church of England	3589	} Total 3995.
Baptist	360	
Salvation Army	73	
Roman Catholic	13	
Wesleyan	4	
Church of Scotland	2	
Unitarian	2	
Plymouth Brethren	1	
Dutch Reformed Church	1	

TABLE No. V.

The following Table gives the figures relating to the housing accommodation of the population for the Censuses 1921-1931, excluding the Garrison and E. T. C.

Census	Persons living in 1 room	do in 2 rooms	do in 3 rooms	do in 4 rooms	do in 5 rooms & over.
1921	506	996	941	471	754
1931	402	1102	984	616	812

The number of families to whom Schedules were issued	851
Garrison	17
Poor House	3
E. T. C.	1
	(1931) 872
	(1921) 840

TABLE NO. VII.

Table shewing conditions of Marriage with Ages.

Age Period	Married.			Widowed.			Single.		
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females
0...9	---	---	---	---	---	---	983	472	511
10...19	10	1	9	---	---	---	810	427	383
20...29	337	144	193	1	1	---	382	217	165
30...39	371	174	197	10	4	6	123	59	64
40...49	306	162	144	26	5	21	81	23	58
50...59	175	92	83	34	9	25	60	21	39
60...69	108	60	48	42	12	30	34	8	26
70...79	41	23	18	27	7	20	19	5	14
80...89	3	3	---	10	4	6	2	---	2
90...99	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTALS	1351	659	692	150	42	108	2494	1232	1262
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GRAND TOTAL...3995.									

TABLE NO. VI.

Table shewing the proportion of the Native to the whole Population.

	Males			Females		
	1895	1904		1895	1904	
St. Helena,	3351	106	106	46	16	16
United K.	31	1	1	1	1	1
Br. Colonies	1	1	1	1	1	1
Port. E. A.	1	1	1	1	1	1
W. Africa	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ireland,	3	3	3	3	3	3
U. S. A.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Brazil	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	Total Population—3995			1904	2091	

TABLE No. VIII,

Table shewing the Population in Districts, and Religions.

District.	Inhabitants			Religions.								Totals	
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Ch. of England.	Baptist	Salvationist	Roman Catholic	Wesleyan	Ch. of Scotland	Unitarian	Plymouth Brethren		Dutch Reformed
Jamestown ... ..	640	741	1381	1266	74	33	7					1	1381
Briars Village (including E. T. C.) ...	43	53	96	87	3	5	1						96
Ruperts ... ..	23	29	52	51			1						52
Hutt's Gate to Longwood ... ..	225	221	446	433	11		1		1				446
Hutt's Gate to Rock Rose ... ..	107	113	220	168	52								220
Hutt's Gate to Two Gun Saddle ... ..	59	73	132	123	8					1			132
Sandy Bay ... ..	143	146	289	183	106								289
Blue Hill ... ..	140	124	264	206	56	2							264
High Point, Farm Lodge, and Rosemary ..	64	66	130	117	12				1				130
St. Paul's ... ..	157	173	330	307	10	11	1			1			330
Cleugh's Plain ... ..	76	89	165	151	10	2	2						165
Garrison ... ..	25	23	48	39	4			4			1		48
Half Tree Hollow ... ..	202	240	442	408	14	20							442
Totals—	1904	2091	3995	3539	360	73	13	4	2	2	1	1	3995

TABLE No. IX.

Table shewing the MALE population classified to occupation, ages, and conditions.

District	Colonial Officials	Professions	Merchants and Shopkeepers	Farmers and Gardeners	Mechanics and Apprentices	Maritime Clerks	Clerks	Boatmen and Fishermen	Domestic	Killed and other labourers	Pensioners	Schoolmasters and Teachers	Police	Deaf and Dumb	Imbecile or Idiot	Lunatic	Paupers	Cripples	No occupation	Children 14 and under	E. T. C.	Military	Blind	Butchers	Masons	Blacksmiths	Tailors	Chauffeurs	Carpenters	Caretakers	Plumbers	Shoemakers	Printers	Total
Jamestown	3	238	7	15	9	658	11	183	5	4	3	3	7	2				1	11	236	4		1	1	5	4	1	5	15	4	2	1	640	
Half Tree Hollow		3	3			1	7	2	97									13	72						3								202	
Ruperts									8										12														23	
Cleugh's Plain			1	3	1			2	4	27	1	2						10	24						1								76	
Hutt's Gate to Two Gun Saddle	2		1	3	3	1		2	22									1	4	19						1							59	
Hutt's Gate to Longwood		1	1	9	5	1		3	108				1					1	1	88					1	3			1	1			225	
High Pt., Farm Ldge, Rosemary			2	1					30		2							1	24			2	1					1					64	
Briars Village, including E.T.C.			3				1	1	9		1		1					2	16	5			1					1			1	1	43	
Garrison																			10		15												25	
Sardy Bay			9	1					83		1							1	45														143	
St. Paul's	5	1	5	4	2	10	1	5	62	1	1	1						3	47				1		1				3	1	3		157	
Blue Hill			15				1	1	66		1							3	51						1								140	
Hutt's Gate to Rock Rose			3	1					59									1	42									1					167	

GRAND TOTAL—1904





# ASCENSION.

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Total Population	188	St. Helena Men:—			
E. T. C. (Executive Staff)	31	Married	—	—	36
(I Doctor)	1	Single	—	—	74
St. Helena Development Co.	4	Widowers	—	—	1
(Executive Staff)					—
				Total—III	
St. Helenians:—		E. T. C. Men:—			
Male III		Married	—	—	13
Female 8		Single	—	—	18
Children 7	126	Widowers	—	—	1
Other Females (E. C. T. etc.)	12				—
Other Children (E. T. C.)	14			Total—32	

Total—188

St Helena Development Company	
(Executive Staff Men).	
Married	— 1
Single	— 3
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Total—4	

\*Includes 6 St. Helena Males  
2 „ Females  
4 „ Children

At English Bay with the St. Helena Development Company.

\* 12 Male 9 Female.

Religion of the population of 188		Horses	...	...	3
Church of England	169	Mules	...	...	8
Baptist	6	Asses	...	...	11
Roman Catholic	8	Cattle	...	...	23
Church of Scotland	5	Sheep	...	...	460
	—	Pigs	...	...	38
	188				

## LIVE STOCK RETURN.