

CENSUS  
OF  
POPULATION  
OF  
ST. HELENA ISLAND  
AND  
ASCENSION ISLAND  
1946.

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Your Excellency,

Re Census, 1946.

I have the honour to submit herewith my Report on the Census of this Island which was taken on the night of 27th October, 1946.

2. It is regretted that I was unable to call a meeting of the Enumerators before setting out on this task, as I was only informed of my appointment as supervisor six days before the actual day appointed for the taking of the Census.

3. However, as soon as I obtained the Schedules, I delivered them personally to the Enumerators with full instructions on how to carry on, and I now feel certain that all persons who should have received the schedules did so, and that all were returned. The figures in the accompanying tables are abstracted from the information supplied on the schedules only.

4. This must be the first time for many years that no Garrison has been included in the Census.

5. The oldest person in the Island is a Mr. Daniel Crowie who states his age is 91 years, and who has a wife aged 86 years. This couple live at Creeper Hill in the Longwood District. The oldest female is one Agnes Peters who states her age is 90 years. She resides in Jamestown.

6. It will be noted in Table II that the increase in the population since the last Census is only 753, and it is also found from records that 651 more persons emigrated than immigrated during the same period, and many of these should now be at Ascension.

7. It will also be noted in Table V that the figures relating to housing accommodation (although the population has increased by 753 since 1931, and taking into consideration that a good number of cottages containing three living rooms have been built), show an increase in the number of persons living in 1 room by 206, in 2 rooms by 496, in 3 rooms by 485, but show a decrease of persons living in 4 rooms by 270, and of 5 rooms and over by 238.

8. In Tables IX and X children between the ages of 5 years and 15 years (assumed to be school years) are shown separately. The figures show males 555 and females 618, totalling 1,173 children.

9. In conclusion I wish to thank the Enumerators, although only having a very short time in which to deliver the Schedules, and in a lot of cases having to fill them in themselves, they were all returned in a very short time, which enabled me to get to work on abstracting the attached information.

I have the honour to be,  
Your Excellency,  
Your obedient servant.

W. HURN,  
Acting Superintendent of Police.

His Excellency,  
Lieut-Colonel F. E. GILPIN, R.A.,  
Acting Governor and Commander-in Chief,  
St. Helena.

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

:o:

No. of Registra- tion and Enumera- tion.	District.	Name of Enumerator.	No. of Schedules Issued.
1.	Half Tree Hollow	<i>P.C.</i> T. John	122
2.	New Ground, Young's Valley, Cleugh's Plain, Guinea Grass to High Point	Mr. D. Sim	102
3.	St. Paul's	Mr. A. Broadway	61
4.	Blue Hill—Area (a) " " " (b)	Mr. W. Hicks } <i>P.C.</i> O. George }	78
5.	Sandy Bay—Area (a) " " " (b)	Mr. E. Constantine } <i>P.C.</i> O. George }	62
6.	Rock Rose to Hutt's Gate	Mr. L. Timm	78
7.	Hutt's Gate to Longwood	<i>P.C.</i> J. C. George	131
8.	Hutt's Gate to Briars Village	<i>P.C.</i> L. Clifford	65
9.	Jamestown to Chubb's Spring (a) " " (b) " " (c) " " (d)	Mr. J. LeBreton <i>P.C.</i> C. Augustus <i>P.C.</i> E. Cranfield Mr. H. G. Richards	144 62 85 79
10.	Mundens to Rupert's Bay	<i>P.C.</i> C. Yon	12
Total—			<u>1,076</u>

TABLE No. I.

The total population of St. Helena on the Census night amounted to 4,748, made up as follows:—

Inhabitants.	Male.	Female.	Total Persons.
101 to Sq. Mile	2,181	2,567	4,748.

TABLE No. II.

The following is a comparative table of the population for the Censuses of 1931–1946.

Inhabitants	Year	Male.	Female.	Total Persons.
	1931	1,904	2,091	3,995
	1946	2,181	2,567	4,748
Increase		277	476	753

TABLE No. III.

The following gives the conditions of Marriage, etc.

Year.	Married.	Widowed.	Single.	Total Persons.
1931	1,351	150	2,494	3,995
1946	1,552	214	*2,982	4,748
	201	64	488	753

\* Includes the following—

Divorced.	Ages 0 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 and over.	Total.
17	769	1,173	1,023	2,982.

TABLE No. IV.

The following deals with the “Religions” of the Population.

Church of England	4,414
Baptist	197
Salvation Army	109
Roman Catholic	6
Presbyterian Church	1
Church of Ireland	1
Persons showing no Religion but following the Sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses	20
Total	4,748

TABLE No. V.

The following Table gives the figures relating to the housing accommodation of the population for the Censuses 1931-1946, showing Patients in Hospital and other institutions separately.

Census	Persons living in 1 Room.	Persons living in 2 Rooms.	Persons living in 3 Rooms.	Persons living in 4 Rooms.	Persons living in 5 Rooms and over.
1931	402	1,102	984	616	812
1946	608	1,598	1,469	446	574
		Patients in Hospital			20
		Inmates in Poor House			21
		Inmates in Asylum			8
		Inmates in Leper Hospital			4
					<hr/> 627

The number of Families to whom Schedules were issued—

1931 — 872  
1946 — 1,076

TABLE No. VI.

Table showing the proportion of the native to the whole population by birthplace.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
St. Helena	2,154	2,546	4,700
England	14	12	26
Scotland	1	1	2
Wales	1	—	1
Ireland	1	2	3
South Africa	4	3	7
India	2	—	2
Australia	1	1	2
United States of America	1	1	2
West Africa	1	—	1
East Africa	1	—	1
Isle of Rodriguez	—	1	1
	<hr/> 2,181	<hr/> 2,567	<hr/> 4,748

TABLE NO. VII.  
Table showing conditions of Marriage with ages.

Age Period Years.	Married (a)			Widowed (b).			Single (c).		
	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.
0 to 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	375	387	762
5 to 9	—	—	—	—	—	—	317	328	645
10 to 14	—	—	—	—	—	—	238	295	533
15 to 19	1	19	20	—	—	—	184	230	414
20 to 24	31	83	114	—	1	1	87	94	181
25 to 29	66	102	168	—	—	—	56	43	99
30 to 34	90	125	215	—	2	2	28	28	56
35 to 39	103	117	220	3	7	10	28	34	62
40 to 44	114	97	211	4	12	16	28	29	57
45 to 49	84	80	164	4	17	21	17	28	45
50 to 54	67	79	146	7	15	22	13	17	30
55 to 59	65	45	110	8	21	29	7	15	22
60 to 64	39	38	77	4	19	23	7	18	25
65 to 69	32	18	50	10	26	36	8	14	22
70 to 74	14	18	32	7	13	20	4	10	14
75 to 79	8	3	11	6	10	16	3	7	10
80 to 84	5	4	9	5	11	16	1	3	4
85 to 89	2	2	4	—	1	1	—	1	1
90 to 94	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—
95 to 99	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	722	830	1,552 (a)	58	156	214 (b)	1,401	1,581	2,982 (c)

Total (a) 1,552

„ (b) 214

„ (c) 2,982

Grand Total 4,748

TABLE NO. VIII.

Table showing the Population in Districts and Religions.

District Number.	District.	Inhabitants.			Religions.							
		Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	Church of England.	Baptist.	Salvation Army.	Roman Catholic.	Presbyterian.	Church of Ireland	Persons showing no religion but followers of a Sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses.	Total Persons.
1	Half Tree Hollow	231	300	531	498	—	33	—	—	—	—	531
2	New Ground to High Point	240	266	506	475	21	9	1	—	—	—	506
3	St. Paul's	125	135	260	244	8	7	1	—	—	—	260
4	Blue Hill Area	154	161	315	264	49	2	—	—	—	—	315
5	Sandy Bay Area	142	155	297	227	70	—	—	—	—	—	297
6	Rock Rose to Hutt's Gate	166	183	349	346	3	—	—	—	—	—	349
7	Hutt's Gate to Longwood	298	327	625	612	—	3	—	—	—	10	625
8	Hutt's Gate to Briars Village	121	146	267	265	1	—	—	—	1	—	267
9	Jamestown	676	871	1,547	1,436	45	52	3	1	—	10	1,547
10	Mundens to Rupert's Bay	28	23	51	47	—	3	1	—	—	—	51
	Totals—	2,181	2,567	4,748	4,414	197	109	6	1	1	20	4,748

TABLE No. IX.

Table showing the MALE Population classified by Occupations, Ages, &amp; Conditions.

	District.										Total.
	Half Tree Hollow	New Ground to High Point	St. Paul's	Blue Hill Area	Sandy Bay Area	Rock Rose to Hutt's Gate	Hutt's Gate to Longwood	Hutt's Gate to Briars Village	Jamestown	Mundens to Rupert's Bay	
Animal Vehicle Drivers	2	1	2	2	6	1	2	1	-	-	17
Bakers and Cooks	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	15	-	21
Barmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Blacksmiths and Tinsmiths	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	5
Boatmen or Fishermen	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	51
Cable and Wireless Engineer and Operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	6
Caretakers	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	3	7
Carpenters and Apprentice Carpenters	1	3	6	-	-	-	3	4	20	-	37
Clerks	2	5	4	-	-	-	2	-	17	-	30
Cobblers	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	4
Concrete Block Makers and Layers	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	9
Farmers or Market Gardeners	2	8	10	10	12	6	11	11	10	-	80
Farm Labourers	2	11	3	13	3	13	32	5	2	-	84
Flax Mill Owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Flax Mill Workers	5	13	9	27	47	42	28	4	2	-	177
Garage Hands	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	4
Skilled and General Labourers	68	50	20	25	12	21	37	23	80	8	344
General Labourers unemployed	4	4	3	5	1	1	8	1	16	3	46
Government Officials	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	9
Hawkers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Hospital Nursing Staff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Hotel Keepers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Masons and Apprentice Masons	8	6	1	2	2	-	3	1	11	-	34
Mechanics, Engineers and Engine Drivers	3	1	1	1	2	1	5	1	11	-	26
Merchants, Shop Owners and Keepers	3	2	4	2	-	-	3	1	16	-	31
Motor Vehicle Drivers	7	2	3	-	2	2	6	1	22	-	45
Professions	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	5
Painters	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
Paupers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8
Pensioners	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	5	-	9
Plumbers and Plumber Apprentices	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7
Policemen and Warders	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	4	-	9
Printers	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5
Registered Medical Practitioners	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	2	4	-	12
Storekeepers	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	6
Not gainfully employed	11	10	8	10	1	1	8	4	33	1	87
Children 5 years to 15 years	55	66	27	28	31	50	80	32	180	6	555
Children under 5 years	42	48	17	27	20	26	63	15	127	7	392
Lepers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Mentally Infirm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Total Males	231	240	125	154	142	166	298	121	676	28	2181

TABLE No. X.

Table showing the FEMALE Population classified by Occupations, Ages, and Conditions.

District.	District.										
	Half Tree Hollow	New Ground to High Point	St. Paul's	Blue Hill Area	Sandy Bay Area	Rock Rose to Hutt's Gate	Hutt's Gate to Longwood	Hutt's Gate to Briars Village	Jamestown	Mundens and Rupert's Bay	Total.
Caretakers	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	5
Clerks	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	6	-	10
Domestics	25	5	10	2	3	2	10	10	42	1	110
Farm Labourers	1	1	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	10
Flax Mill Workers	6	3	5	2	7	19	28	-	1	-	71
General Labourers	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	5
Government Officials	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hospital Nursing Sisters	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Hospital Nurses	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	4
Hawkers	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	1	17
Lace Workers	-	-	-	16	25	6	1	1	6	-	55
Laundresses	8	2	1	3	-	1	3	4	25	1	48
Maternity Nurses	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4
Needlewomen	13	3	6	3	4	1	4	2	37	-	73
Paupers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	12
Pensioners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Shop Owners and Shop Keepers	3	-	1	-	2	-	1	2	19	-	28
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	2	2	4	6	1	3	2	3	14	1	38
Telephonists	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3
Not gainfully employed	11	42	17	16	4	18	19	10	62	-	199
Housewives	75	83	43	47	46	49	74	37	197	10	661
Housekeepers	33	17	5	9	13	11	25	13	80	2	208
Children 5 to 15 years	72	63	24	35	31	47	85	41	219	1	618
Children under 5 years	47	42	15	22	19	26	62	18	120	6	377
Lepers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Mentally Infirm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
Totals	300	266	135	161	155	183	327	146	871	23	2567

# ASCENSION.

Census taken on the night of Sunday, 27th October, 1946.

TABLE No. I.

Total Population excluding U.S.A. Troops but including 8 U.S.A. civilians:—

Inhabitants. 7 to sq. mile	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.
	242	50	292

TABLE No. II.

Conditions of Marriage.

Year.	Married.	Widowed	Divorced.	Single.	Total Persons.
1931	50	2	—	136	188
1946	115	5	4	168	292
Increase	65	3	4	32	104

TABLE No. III.

Religions.

Church of England	273
Baptist	8
Roman Catholic	3
Presbyterian	2
Non-Conformist	2
Congregationalist	1
Lutheran	1
Persons showing no religion	2
Total	292

TABLE No. IV.

Showing Population and Race classified by occupations.

European British Subjects.

Males.		Females.	
Colonial Officer	1	Housewives	15
Cable and Wireless Officers	25	Nurse	1
Doctor	1	Children	5
Children	8		
	35		21

Total Europeans 56

St. Helenians.

Males		Females	
Cable and Wireless Employees	100	Housewives	12
Government Labourers	98	Domestic Servant	1
St. Helena Police	3	(Private)	
Domestic Servants (Private)	1	Children	10
Children	3		
	205		23

Total St. Helenians 228

P.T.O.

FOR RECORD ONLY.

On the night of the Census the following United States Army  
Air Force Personnel were in Ascension.

Officers  
20

Enlisted Men  
77

Total 97.