

## Extracts from 1881 Census. (taken on Sunday April 3rd)

Think of Lymm in the 1880s and we perhaps think first of gentry and servants, of fustian cutters and farmers. But there was another community who made their home in Lymm and district or were frequent village visitors -boatmen and their families.

There is a commonly held misconception that boatmen always lived on their boats with their families. This was certainly not so in the early days but gradually families were forced to onto their boats in the late 1800s as competition from railways drove down rates of pay.

There are around fifty families listed here. Sixteen of them include a boat name and are at canal side locations. It is likely that these people were counted on their boat. It shows just how busy the canal was at Lymm and how many used it as a stopping place. Another 34 families though appear to be permanent addresses in the village.

### at Agden Bridge,

Thomas FLITCROFT /M/27/(Master of Boat "MALTA" (Leigh,Lancs) with wife & 2 sons.

William BOLTON /M/42/Captain of the Boat "CLARA" (Warrington,Lancs) with ---

William WALKER /M/36/Mate,serv.

George SIDDALE /M/55/Master of the Boat "BLACK ROCK" (Middlewich,Cheshire) with wife & serv--- John METCALF /W/38/Mate (Salford,Lancs)

Robert BRAMHALL /M/31/Master of Boat "OCTOBER" (Wigan,Lancs) with-- Joseph DISLEY /U/19/Mate,Serv.(Leigh,Lancs)

### at Boat Stage,Lymm East,

William COAKLER /M/38/Master of Boats "USK & AYR" (Barge) (Wolverhampton) with wife & 3 step ch.

John HEATHCOTE /M/39/Master of Boat "TRENT" (Crumfoot,Derby (Cromford ??)) with son & George WILLIAMS /M/30/Mate of the "TRENT"

### at Boat Stage, Lymm West,

James CULCLOUGH /M/29/Master of Boat "HANE & RACHAEL" (Tipton,Sts) with wife & 2 daus &---- William FORSTER /U/38/Mate,Serv (Birkhampstead,Herts)

Thomas CHAPMAN /M/60/Master of Boat "THE SISTERS" (Salford,Lancs) with wife & dau.

### at Burford Lane,

Edward DERBY /U/21/Master of Boat "FORTY NINE" (Manchester,Lancs) alone

### at Burford Lane Coal Wharf,

Henry PENDLEBURY /M/50/Master of Boat "ALERT" (Worsley,Lancs)—alone



### at Camsley Bridge,

Thomas ADDERLEY /M/21/Master of Boat "LEONARD" (Macclesfield,Cheshire) with Eli PAUL /U/19/Mate,serv.(Haydock,Lancs)

Henry GASKILL /M/23/Master of Boat "ALICE" (Wigan,Lancs) with wife & dau &--- George GOFF /13/Mate,Serv (Runcorn,Cheshire)

John HUNT /M/28/Master of Boat "FRANK" (Liverpool,Lancs) with wife,

Robert STROWEL /M/24/Mate,serv (Leigh,Lancs) with wife & 2 daus.

### at Canal Bank,

William /M/47/Water Man (Worsley,Lancs) with wife.

John Holt GUEST /M/35/Water Man.(Preston Brook,Cheshire) with wife & 2 ch.

William PHILIPS /M/24/Water Man (Glasgow) with



wife , 2 ch & stepson.

George HEMMING /M/22/Water Man (Wordsley,Sts) with wife & dau

Jonathan HOLT /M/60/Water Man (Preston Brook,Cheshire ) with wife.

Ann JOHNSON /M/53/Water Man's wife (Prescott,Lancs) with dau.

#### **at Dam Side,**

James CHEETHAM /M/49/Water Man (Lymm,CHeshire) with wife 3 daus & sister.

#### **at Dog Bridge,**

Samuel FORSTER/ M/36/Master of Boat "THE WILLIAM HENRY" (Tipton Sts) with

Thomas FORSTER /U/18/ Mate,son.(Tipton,Sts) and David FORSTER /`13/Mate.son

(Tipron,Sts) & another son 11.

#### **at Henry St,**

Job HOWCROFT /M/60/Waterman (Lymm,CHeshire) with wife.

George LEWIS /M/33/Water Man )Capt) (Runcorn,Cheshire) with wife & 3 ch.

Charles LEWIS /M/25/Waterman (Runcorn,Cheshire) with wife & lodger.

#### **at Leigh St,**

John GUEST /M/26/Boatman (Lymm,Cheshire ) with wife & son

John HADDEN /M/30/Boatman (Nottingham( with wife & dau.

John HOLT /M/31/Water Man (Lymm,Cheshire) with wife & 4 ch.

#### **at Lymm Bridge,**

Abraham OGDEN /M/52/ Water Man (Lymm,CHeshire) with wife, 3ch & boarder----

David WARDLE /U/19/Water Man (Latchford,Cheshire)

**at Lymm Stables,**

Benjamin FORSTER /  
M/56/ Mate of the  
"SAFETY", (Womburn, Sts)  
alone.



**at New Road,**

John HOWCROFT /  
M/30/Water Man  
(Lymm, Cheshire) with wife, son & stepson.

**at Newfield Cottages,**

Sarah PARR /M/48/Water Man's wife (Lymm, Cheshire) with 2 ch.

at Newfield Cottages, Emma WALKER/M/26/Boatman's wife (Lymm, Cheshire)

**at Oughtrington.**

Joseph HORSEFIELD /M/43/Water Man (Hyde, Cheshire ) with wife 3 ch, stepson & serv. incl---- Jonathan HORSFIELD /U/17/Water Man s/o Joseph (Hulme, Lancs) and Joseph KAY /U/17/Water Man, Stepson, (Runcorn, Cheshire) William HORSEFIELD /14/Water Man son, (Runcorn, Cheshire) and James COOK /U/38/Water Man, Serv (Hulme, Lancs)

**at Oughtrington Bridge,**

William WOOD /M/42/Master of Boat "JOHN & N" (Bilston, Sts ) with 2 daus & serv--  
William DUTTON /U/19/Mate (...) Serv.

**at Pepper St,**

George HAMPSON /M/37/Boat Man (Barge) (Lymm, Cheshire) with wife & 5 ch.

**at Pingott,**

James HARRISON /M/48/Capt of a Canal Boat (Barge) (Burscough,Lancs) with wife & serv--- Thomas POSTLE /15/Driver & Asst. (Tipton,Sts)

**at Rookery,**

William GUEST /U/29/Waterman (Lymm,Cheshire) alone.

**at Rush Green,**

James GILBERT /M/39/Waterman (Lymm,Cheshire)with wife & 5 ch.

Thomas BANNER /M/37/Water Man (Runcorn,Cheshire) with wife

John GUEST /M/56/Water Man,(Lymm,Cheshire) with wife & son

**at Sandy Lane,**

Job MARSDEN /M/23/Waterman (Grappenhall,Cheshire) with wife & in laws Whitehead)

Thomas BELL /M/24/Water Man (Lymm,Cheshire) with wife

**at The Square,**

Oliver GUEST /M/60/Water Man (Statham,Cheshire) with wife, 2 ch & Gr.son.

**at Whitbarrow,**

James WINSTANLEY /U/24/Boatman (Lymm,Cheshire) with Elizabeth Fletcher,mother.